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OFFICIAL NOTES

In writing the notes for this last of the present season's issue of our official journal, we are indebted once more to our old friend 'A Fartown Enthusiast' for a welcome contribution, very suitable for the occasion.

He has reviewed the second half of the season and furnished interesting statistics, etc., as usual. There must, of course, be some reference here to the course of events in the first half of the season in order to link up with the review referred to. At the same time there is no need to enter into a detailed account of gains and losses, victories and defeats, or even individual performances. These are all set forth now and have formed a permanent feature of our Programme for many years.

Of the first half of the season, this can be said, briefly. The 'high spot,' of course, was the winning of the Yorkshire Challenge Cup, the leading up to which success our team played some fine

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football, particularly in the second round v. Leeds, and the semi-final v. Wakefield—both at Fartown; while in the final itself against Hull at Odsal Stadium, Hull were beaten by a great exhibition by our team, in which our forwards gained the upper hand of the powerful Hull pack.

Our early hopes in the direction of the League 'first four' became dimmed all too soon. Matches which were expected to produce points were unaccountably lost, and so, by the end of December—which month embraced a couple of defeats at the hands of Halifax—and a crowning blow in the shape of a disastrous defeat at the hands of Dewsbury, bottom of the Leaguers, on our own ground. It just looked as though the future could contain little or no possibility of our staging such a second half of the season rally, as would, at the close, carry us into the 'first four.'

How this has been accomplished as the result of a sweeping run of League victories, commencing with the New Year, and continuing without defeat until Castleford, last week-end, caused us to meet our Waterloo, is now a matter of football history. We must admit, of course, that our task could have been more difficult of ac-

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complishment had we been called upon to meet stiffer opposition in our League programme. Yet, in our run of success, we have been able to claim victories over Bradford Northern and Leeds (both away), and against Hull, at Fartown.

THE CASTLEFORD MATCH.

Last week-end we had a great opportunity of gaining the second place in the top four, with Castleford (themselves occupying second place) coming to Fartown for the return League match. For some unaccountable reason, the day found our team in very poor form. Hardly a player in the side enhanced his reputation, while the team as a whole seemed a bundle of nerves, prone to numerous faults and failings, and to make matters worse, after an early opening which promised a half time lead, tactics were changed, and we played into Castleford's hands.

We were behind at the interval (0-5), but the position was really worse than the figures indicate, because we had failed to use the strong wind as we ought, and our forwards were already playing second fiddle to the Castleford six.

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It was from an ill conceived pass near our line that enabled Croston to intercept and score near the post, himself converting, for his sides five clear points lead.

Our second half fears were only too well founded. Castleford held us in a vice, and profiting by our continued mistakes, they increased their score to a total of 19 points, without reply. Thus did a match which was expected to set the seal upon our long run of successes turn out to be a big disappointment for all Fartown followers. Castleford were undoubtedly the better side and we take this opportunity of congratulating them upon their well-won victory.

This defeat opened out possibilities of our being pushed out of the 'top four' by Leeds. Fortunately for us, the Headingley team in spite of a wonderfully fine attempt to beat Salford at Weaste, had to acknowledge defeat on Wednesday evening last. Now, they are two points behind us, or they were, prior to Saturday last. Doubtless they will have defeated Hull Kingston at Headingley in this last match of their programme.

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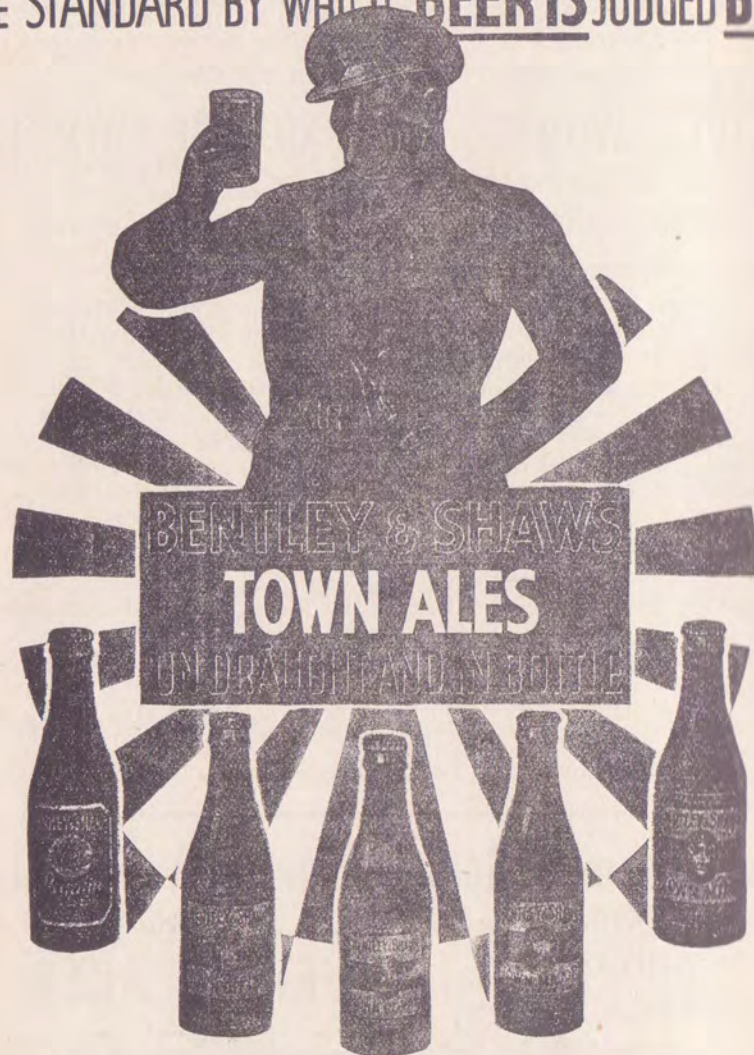
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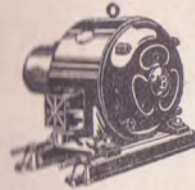


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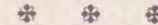
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evening's match with Keighley, to make sure of taking part in the League Semi-finals next Saturday. Success this evening will probably find us facing Salford at Weaste, while the other Semi-final looks like a Castleford v. Halifax match at Wheldon Road.

If our team touches the form that has gained its greatest victories of the present season, who knows but what the Rugby League Championship may come to Fartown. It seems a tall order, especially in the light of that woeful exhibition against Castleford, but we know everything went wrong that day. We wish our players the best of luck to-night, and also in the anticipated League Semi-final.

The attendance at the Castleford match was 13,500, and the receipts £739.

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Again, the best of luck,

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In the event of the final being played in Yorkshire, Odsal Stadium, Bradford, will be the venue.

These decisions were arrived at by the Management Committee of the Rugby League at their meeting at Manchester on Wednesday last.

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SEASON 1938-39—LOOKING BACKWARD.

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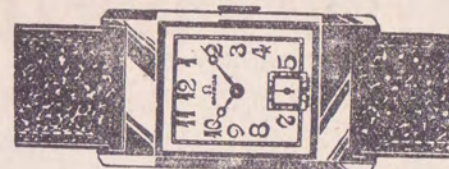
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1934-35-48	27	17	4	102	143	633	..	77	93	433
1935-36-45	28	17	0	103	161	689	...	86	77	403
1936-37-45	25	19	1	118	173	755	...	98	92	472
1937-38-44	20	23	1	97	134	596	...	105	119	567
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(Up to and including Castleford match)

Since the year 1939 came in, out of 17 matches 15 have been won and 1 drawn in the league tournament. The club had a similar run during season 1930-31, when, of the last 18 games, 16 were won, 1 lost and 1 drawn. On that occasion, the team finished 5th in the table, owing to a bad period earlier in the season.

The most prolific try-scoring feat was Markham's five v. Leigh, last October. The three he got against Hull, at Odsal, will be remembered longer, however, by reason of their greater merit.

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Alban Davies, whose goal-kicking has caused much discussion recently, has the best record for one match with eight v. Rochdale. He has registered no fewer than 12 goal hat-tricks in 18 matches. Next season should find him among the leading full backs of the Rugby League.

Huddersfield have performed the league 'double' over ten clubs this season. Only Castleford and Halifax have won both their matches with us. Keighley also have a chance, as they won the league game at Lawkholme Lane in October.

The last league victory over Leeds at Headingley, was as far back as season 1931-32, when Huddersfield won by 12 points to 10, on October 24th, 1931.

There have been ten first team debuts this season, as compared with twelve during 1937-38.

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9 lost and 2 drawn. The points record 'for' total 330, and 224 have been scored 'against.' These figures compare very favourably with those of recent years.

'Bill' Mawtus reached his 'century' with 6 tries, 44 goals (106 points). His best feat was 7 goals v. Wakefield 'A,' and altogether he has kicked 3 or more goals on 7 occasions.

So far, Inglesfield has missed only one match with the reserves, and that was the occasion of his debut for Cumberland, in County football. The principal 'A' team appearances prior to the home game with Castleford 'A' were:—Inglesfield 24, Booth 23, Swallow 22, Mawtus 21, Lockwood, Smith and Townend 18 each, Royal 15, Simpson 14 and K. Gronow 13.

Rugby League.

Up to and including Saturday, April 22nd

	P	W	L	D	Points
6 Salford.....	39	30	7	2	62
7 Castleford	40	29	8	3	61
14 Halifax	39	27	9	3	57
23 HUDDERSFIELD ..	39	27	10	2	56
2 Leeds	40	25	11	4	54
4 Barrow	40	24	13	3	51
3 Swinton	39	25	13	1	51
5 Warrington	39	25	14	0	50
8 Widnes	40	22	15	3	47
9 Wigan	38	23	15	0	46
13 Hull	39	21	15	3	45
10 Wakefield Trinity..	40	20	15	5	45
11 Oldham	39	20	17	2	42
16 Keighley	38	20	17	1	41
1 Hunslet	39	18	17	4	40
18 York	40	18	20	2	38
12 Bradford Northern	38	18	19	1	37
24 Hull K. R.	39	17	19	3	37
17 Liverpool Stanley..	39	17	21	1	35
19 Broughton Rangers	38	17	21	0	34
21 St. Helens	38	16	22	0	32
26 Featherstone Rov.	39	13	24	2	28
15 Batley	39	11	27	1	23
22 St. Helens Rec	38	11	27	0	22
29 Bramley	40	8	27	5	21
27 Leigh	39	7	29	3	17
20 Dewsbury	39	5	32	2	12
25 Rochdale Hornets..	39	4	35	0	8

Yorkshire League.

Up to and including Sat., April 22nd

	P	W	L	D	Pts
4 Castleford	26	21	3	2	44
1 Leeds	26	18	5	3	40
3 Wakefield Trinity	26	15	7	4	34
6 Hull	26	16	8	2	34
10 HUDDERSFIELD ..	25	16	8	1	30
5 Bradford North'n.	26	14	11	1	30
2 Hunslet	25	13	9	3	29
8 Keighley	25	13	11	1	37
11 Hull Kingston Rov.	26	10	13	3	30
9 York	26	8	16	2	19
7 Batley	25	8	16	1	17
13 Featherstone R..	26	8	17	1	17
14 Bramley	26	2	20	4	8
12 Dewsbury	26	3	21	2	8

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Idris Towill, popular ex-Fartown centre who is now helping Keighley in their bid for Rugby League honours, is having his best season, as regards try-scoring, since he came north in January, 1931. He is well up the try list with 17 to his credit. In 94 matches with the Fartown first team he scored 20 tries, and since his transfer he has scored 29 for Keighley.

The two most experienced hookers in the Rugby League have played for both Huddersfield and Keighley. Reference is to Halliday, who entered the game with Halifax in 1923, and Watson, a Keighley 'local,' who started his career during season 1924-25. Both

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Huddersfield	20	12	6	2	50	63	289	27	35	159
Halifax	20	12	8	0	46	61	275	31	45	197
Hull K.R.	21	11	8	2	31	44	194	38	40	196
Bradford.....	15	11	4	0	33	38	180	20	26	118
Leeds.....	21	10	9	2	36	50	222	33	32	162
Wakefield	20	9	11	0	29	37	169	37	53	233
York.....	19	7	12	0	32	41	187	48	60	276
Hunslet	22	6	16	0	36	32	168	51	68	306
Keighley.....	18	4	12	2	20	25	115	42	54	246
Dewsbury	19	3	15	1	24	14	90	42	66	282

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FIDDES	9	30	INGLESFIELD	13	1
JOHNSON	27	...	ARUNDEL	7	...
PEPPERELL	10	15	ROYAL	6	1
DAVIES, W. T.	9	6	SWALLOW	3	4
GRAHAME	11	1	GRONOW, K.	5	1
BAILEY	10	...	WOODHOUSE	4	...
GRONOW, K.	3	7	LOCKWOOD	3	...
HUGHES	5	...	SCOURFIELD	3
MOUNTAIN	3	...	SMITH	2	...
SHAW	3	...	BOOTH	2	...
EVANS	2	...	TOWNEND	2	...
SWALLOW	1	...	GRONOW, G.	1	...
ROWLAND	1	...	OUGHTON	1	...
MORGAN	1	...	GLYNN	1	...
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.						
RUGBY LEAGUE.						
Date	Opponents	Grnd	Time	For	Ag't	
Aug. 20	*Halifax (Charity Cp)	away	3-30	15	16	
27	Leeds	home	"	9	31	
Mon. 29	York	home	6-30	39	12	
Sept. 3	Batley	away	3-30	26	5	
10	*DEWSBURY 1 R Yks C	home	"	32	8	
17	Hull K.R.	away	"	9	7	
21	Leeds 2 R Yks C	home	5-45	8	6	
24	Wakefield	away	3-30	5	23	
Wed. 28	York	away	6-0	8	0	
Oct. 1	Bradford N	home	3-30	21	13	
Wed. 5	*Wakefield S-F Yks C	home	4-0	6	2	
8	Keighley	away	3-30	5	6	
15	Leigh	home	"	41	7	
22	Hull Final Yks Cup	B dfd	"	18	10	
29	Hunslet	home	3-0	19	10	
Nov. 5	Featherstone Rov.	away	"	19	10	
12	Liverpool St.	home	"	18	8	
19	Leigh	away	2-45	5	5	
26	Wakefield	home	"	9	5	
Dec. 3	St. Helens	away	"	10	3	
Thur. 8	Hull	away	2-30	5	16	
10	Hull K.R.	home	"	31	12	
17	Hunslet	away	"	5	8	
24	Castleford	away	"	0	22	
B.D. 26	Halifax	home	"	2	11	
Tue. 27	Halifax	away	"	3	10	
31	Dewsbury	home	"	5	14	
Jan. 2	Rochdale	away	"	25	2	
21	Featherstone	home	2-45	22	3	
28	St. Helens	home	3-0	33	5	
Feb. 4	*LEEDS R.L.C 1st Rd	away	3-30	2	9	
11	Bramley	away	"	5	5	
18	Liverpool Stanley	away	"	9	7	
25	Bramley	home	"	26	2	
Mar. 4	Broughton Rangers	away	"	3	2	
11	Broughton R.	home	"	17	2	
18	Dewsbury	away	"	26	0	
25	Hull	home	"	18	9	
Wed. 29	Bradford N	away	5-15	5	0	
Apl. 1	Rochdale	home	3-30	62	5	
G.F. 7	St. Helens Rec.	away	"	17	10	
8	Batley	home	"	9	8	
E.M. 10	St. Helens Rec	home	"	38	12	
E.T. 11	Leeds	away	"	15	7	
15	Castleford	home	"	0	19	
Mon. 24	Keighley	home	6-30	
May 6	*R.L. Cup Final	Wbly	3-30	

* ALL PAY.

"A" TEAM FIXTURES.						
Date	Opponents	Grnd	Time	For	Ag't	
1938						
Aug. 27	†Leeds	away	3-30	10	14	
Sept. 3	†Halifax	home	"	21	10	
10	§Swinton	away	"	8	14	
17	†Hull K.R.	home	"	10	8	
24	†Wakefield	home	"	35	8	
Oct. 1	†Bradford N	away	"	7	11	
8	†Keighley	home	"	21	9	
15	†Halifax	away	"	10	11	
22	†Hull	home	"	16	24	
29	†Hunslet	away	3-0	10	10	
Nov. 5	†Leeds	home	"	7	18	
12	§Liverpool Stanley	away	"	11	8	
19	§Wigan	away	2-45	14	20	
26	†Wakefield	away	"	13	6	
Dec. 3	†York	home	"	31	8	
10	†Hull K.R.	away	2-30	0	0	
17	†Hunslet	home	"	17	0	
24						
31	†Dewsbury	away	"	5	0	
1939						
Jan. 7						
14						
21						
28	†Keighley	away	3-0	5	0	
Feb. 4						
11	†Dewsbury	home	3-30	17	0	
18	§Liverpool St.	home	"	14	8	
25						
Mar. 4	§Swinton	home	"	10	21	
11						
18	§Wigan	home	"	7	8	
25	†Hull	away	"	8	15	
Apl. 1						
8						
15	†Castleford	away	"	12	27	
22	†Castleford	home	"	
	†Bradford N	home	"	
	†York	away	"	

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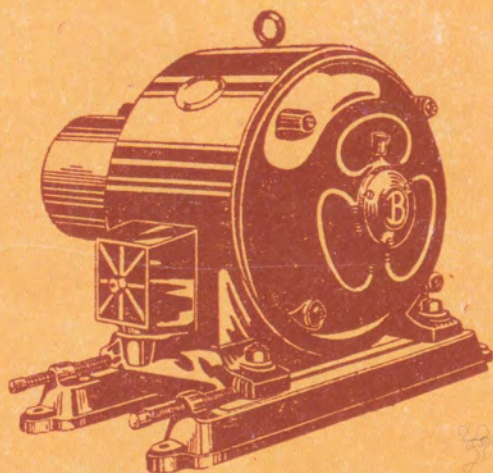
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