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WELCOME ORRELL

Today we are more than pleased to welcome our visitors from Orrell to take part in the Fourth Round of the Lancashire County Cup. They are of course currently riding high in the exalted position of the leaders of the Northern Merit Table, where they are undefeated, having dented Fylde's unbeaten status a couple of weeks ago.

It is a pleasure for us to be able to entertain the many talented players in the Orrell team, some of whom are mentioned in more detail later in this programme. We no longer have a regular fixture at 1st XV level with Orrell and that is one of the

unfortunate aspects of their rise to wider acclaim in the past decade, although we do realise that it is a natural consequence which we at Warrington are trying to achieve over the long term by strengthening our fixture list.

Whatever one might feel about the merits of Cup Competitions in Rugby Union, it must be said that it provides a marvellous opportunity for Junior Clubs to meet, and hopefully, beat a senior club. This certainly acts as a challenge for the players who raise their commitment in training and effort in the game itself. That can surely not be a bad thing for Rugby in England – The Welsh have shown us what benefits can come from a consistent level of hard, competitive matches and it looks as though we English Clubs might at last be catching up.

It is, therefore, a big game for the Warrington players but it is not one which holds too many fears for them. While any Rugby fan must be only too well aware of the calibre of the Orrell players – many County class and, in John Carelton's case, International class – each season seems to throw up at least one shock in the National and County Cup Competitions. This season we have seen Wigton defeat Sale in the John Player Cup but, at the time of writing these notes, we have yet to have a major upset in the Lancashire Cup. The Warrington 1st XV Squad feel that it is about time they had the luck in this competition after narrow defeats last year, at home to Liverpool and the year before away at Broughton Park. We wonder whether we can follow those other Gladiators in Red, White and Green Hoops, Leicester, to victory in this season's Cup Competitions over Orrell. We are encouraged too by the memory of our last encounter with Orrell several years ago, under the lights at Edge Lane, when Barry Fishwick's try in the left hand corner late in second half enabled Orrell to squeeze home 7 – 3. Our present Coach, Brian McLoughlin, remembers that game well for, playing Fly Half, he had to leave the field with a bad mouth injury. No doubt he will be urging his players to pull out all the stops to avenge that defeat.

THE ORRELL PLAYERS

As we have said before the Orrell Club bristles with well known personalities both on and off the field. Their Coach is, of course, Des Seabrook who was an outstanding Forward and Captain of Orrell and Lancashire and who has gone on to achieve even more renown for his Coaching of his Club and County. Off the field Orrell are lucky to have many willing workers and one wonders whether this was not one of the most important factors in putting the Club where it is now. It is ironic for Warrington that one of that number, their Secretary, Norman Fairclough, should live within a mile of Bridge Lane.

On the field, it is difficult to know where to start and so to avoid argument we will start from the back. At Full Back, Gerry Prior has now established himself after Dave Gullick's departure and his place kicking has been a notable factor in Orrell's unbeaten Merit Table achievement. On the Wings there are two fliers in John Carleton, who needs little said about him following his England Caps, and Barry Fishwick who has made a most successful return to the try scoring business after a premature retirement. The Inside Backs who put away John and Barry were all involved in Lancashire's County Championship success with Peter Williams at Stand Off Half and Peter Phillips at Centre, both playing major parts in the win, while Centre John Heaton, who we remember from his days at Douglas Valley, Wigan, had to be content with a place on the replacement's bench. Making up the Back Division is old campaigner Jimmy Waring at Scrum Half, of whom Orrell think highly, bringing him back after a lengthy injury lay off straight into the team against Leicester.

In the Pack Orrell have a more than useful blend of youth and experience. The Front Row Union is Sid Leigh and Ken Fletcher at Prop with Dick Fisher in the striking role. At Second Row is Cheshire skipper Mich Dearman, who taught for some time at Appleton Hall Grammar School, and tall Lock Forward Steve Bainbridge who joined Orrell this season from the North East. The Back Row trio of Mike Webster (ex. West Park) Dave Balmer (ex Widnes) and Peter Turner completes a formidable pack.

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N. Wright

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ORRELL

15 G. Prior
14 J. Carleton †
13 P. Phillips (Captain) *
12 J. Heaton
11 B. Fishwick
10 P. Williams *
9 J. Waring

1 S. Leigh
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Not only must we mention our Advertisers, we would also like to place on record our appreciation for the services of the St John's Ambulance Brigade and the Ladies who work in the kitchen to provide after match refreshments. Not only do they work on Glory Days such as today but on the normal match days. Although we might not always express our gratitude, it is there all the same.

APOLOGIES!

After the thanks, we, must unfortunately tender our apologies to those members and visiting members of Orrell who will not be able to gain admittance to the Clubhouse both before and after the game. We have had to anticipate a large crowd and our Clubhouse is not of a size to hold everyone. Entrance is therefore restricted to those with Official Passes issued by the Warrington Club.

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200 CLUB

Members of the 200 Club are reminded that the yearly subscription is now due and should be paid, preferably in one lump sum, to your agent.

There are a number of vacancies in the 200 Club and anyone interested in joining should see Fred Winstanley or one of the agents. The cost is £10.00 per year and there are monthly draws for £50, £25, £10 and £5.

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CLUB

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to update members on the programme for development at the Club. Now that the Lounge Bar has been completed, future efforts are being directed to the playing side in an attempt to obtain a better class of fixtures. An extension to the changing rooms is therefore planned to provide 4 further rooms. Planning permission has already been obtained and, if the finance can be arranged, it is hoped that an early start can be made in the close season. If any member has any Fund Raising ideas or, better still, wishes to organise the Fund Raising, he/she should speak to any member of the Committee.

The longer term wish of the Committee is to concentrate on the pitches and car park. Your support and cash will be needed for some time to come!

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