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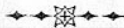
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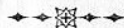
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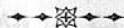


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AT WATERSHEDDINGS

Saturday, February 11th, 1922.

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

#### A Temporary Check.

After our brilliant run of success since the middle of November, we received a temporary check at Barrow last Saturday. We say temporary advisedly, because writing before the result of Wednesday's game at Bradford we are certainly anticipating getting off our mark again pretty quickly, and shall look forward with a fair amount of confidence to chalking up a fair number of League points in the near future. We are not worrying over our defeat at Barrow because it was only a check which was bound to come sooner or later, and we are only expecting that check being of a temporary character.

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#### Football Under Difficulties.

It would scarce be possible to imagine more uncongenial conditions than those which prevailed at Barrow last Saturday. The cold was intense. To make matters worse, on an already sodden ground, snow fell for the whole of the game. The weather was simply vile, and no wonder that the somewhat small attendance of spectators were glad to huddle together for warmth. It was just one of those days which brings all

teams to a level, and in what play took place we had none the best of luck. We had to face the elements in the first half and that undoubtedly took a lot out of our team, but still when Farrar had scored his try early in the second half we thought that the game was ours. Whether we were the victims of circumstances or not, we would rather not say, but there was certainly a very great element of doubt as to the try which was allowed to Barnett. To the ordinary observer, Barnett who was actually behind Knapman, was yards offside, but the referee ruled that he wasn't. On the other hand, Collins dashed over — at least we thought he did, and Collins said he did, and certain of the Barrow players verified that opinion after the game—but the referee ruled that he had been held just outside. As the position was only about half-a-dozen yards wide of the posts one can readily understand the chagrin of our players and followers. Still, Referee Denham said it was no try, so "Nuff said!" It was rather cruel luck on the Barrow club that such an important and interesting fixture should have been spoiled by the weather. They had long been looking forward to reaping a good financial harvest when Oldham paid them a visit, but the weather practically ruined the "gate."

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" Alf." Wood's Benefit.

Our Visitors.

Our members and supporters will have already probably learned through the medium of our excellent local Press that " Alf." Wood is to take a benefit at watersheddings on Monday evening, April 11th. Gwynn Thomas, the international full back, and the general Secretary of the Players' Union, has kindly offered to bring to Watersheddings the team which beat the Aussies in the final test game at Salford. They will be opposed by our League team, so that there is every promise of a most interesting game. We feel sure that " Alf." Wood needs little recommendation to our members and supporters. For a long number of years Wood filled the full back position in a manner as very few have equalled, and none excelled. During his period with the first team he attained all the honours that the Northern Union could bestow, and twice he has been honoured by being selected for the N. R. U. teams who have travelled Australasia. In the English Rugby Union, prior to joining our club, he also secured International honours. It will thus be seen at a glance that the genial " Alf." has been a powerful factor on the football field. A strong, energetic Sub-committee has been formed to make all necessary arrangements for the game, with Mr. A. J. Swann officiating as Secretary. Subscription books will shortly be issued, and tickets placed on sale. We confidently look forward to our members and followers supporting our appeal in as generous a manner as their means will allow.

We welcome to-day at Watersheddings old friends in the shape of St. Helens. One of the original twenty-two founders of the N. R. U., the Saints and ourselves have been in continuous opposition since that period, whilst prior to that time the two teams had many stout battles, both at St. Helens and at Oldham. We have twice met our to-day's opponents previously this season. They were our opponents in the opening game of the season at Knowsley Road, whilst we also had to pay them a visit to St. Helens on the occasion of the second round of the Lancashire Cup. As we succeeded in winning both of these games, we may be pardoned if we look forward to winning again this afternoon. Our visiting friends were somewhat badly beaten by Huddersfield last Saturday at St. Helens, but still, seeing that they were capable of beating Widnes the previous week, we should have a good game.

**Bradford Match.**

We had another disappointment on Tuesday in trying to bring off our postponed game with Bradford Northern at Bradford. The ground was again frost-bound and also covered with snow. It would appear that the Bradford club is being dogged with bad luck. It is no joke to twice advertise a game and to suffer disappointment on both occasions. We are expecting that another date will be speedily fixed up.

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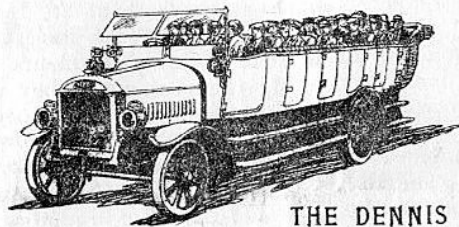


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## PAVILION GOSSIP.

By "Pussyfoot."

Some joker has been wicked enough to suggest that the Furnessmen fairly had Oldham "in the cart" last Saturday. We should say that is scarcely true; in fact, we do not see how anyone can say we were "in the cart," when as a matter of fact we were merely in Barrow!

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By jove! but wasn't it cold at Barrow? It was cold on the outward journey, cold during our stay there, and a lot colder on the return journey. A victory generally appears to warm the saloon, but a defeat on such a day as last Saturday makes the return journey somewhat cheerless. Under such conditions it makes it difficult to sing "Ours is a nice home, ours is!"

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Dewsbury have recently signed on a couple of players both named Stocks. Very probably, after their recent fall from grace, they are laying in stocks, with a view to re-arranging their team next season.

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We have seen it stated that Hull's "clockwork passing" was the cause of Halifax's defeat at Hull recently. Just for the "moment," that suggests to us the reason why Halifax had to take "second" place.

Halifax have now lost three games in succession—Hull, Oldham and Wigan. The "Colliers" from the famous Lancashire "seaport" fairly knocked the stuffing out of the "Blue and Whites." Judging from the reports of Shea's play, it must have been "Jerry" of that ilk who administered the knock-out blow.

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For two Saturday's in succession Halifax have been troubled with "Jerry's." First we had "Jerry" Donovan knocking spots off them, and then the following Saturday "Jerry" Shea followed up the annoying work. We wonder that when the Halifax players were walking home after last week's game they were heard to be humming that well-known good old music-hall ditty "Oh Jerryusalem, Jerryusalem!"

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A Bradford scribe recently stated in the local Press that the fault of the Bradford Northern was that "they fail to stay." One of the club's supporters has promptly chewed that Pressman's ear. He has written the Editor a letter in which he states: "I don't agree with your reporter saying that the Bradford Northern fail to stay. Me and my pals think they have stayed long enough—at the bottom of the League ladder!"

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Monday evening, April the 11th is the date set apart for "Alf." Wood's benefit. Just keep your eye and mind on that date and let us see if we cannot give "Timber" a right bumping benefit.

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We are pleased to know that our popular Captain, Herman Hilton, has now fully recovered from his recent indisposition. We have not had the pleasure of seeing Herman perform at Watersheddings since his famous display in the last Test game against the Aussies at Salford. In the mean time, his deputy, Reggie Farrar, has not done at all bad wulst in charge of the team.

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Sloman is taking advantage of the enforced holiday granted him by the N. R. U. Council, and

left Oldham last Saturday for a sojourn in the county of his birth—Devonshire. Very probably it will have been a little milder down Plymouth way than up here. Anyhow, we know a person who has often said he "would sooner be a crow in Devonshire than at Watersheddings." Supposing Rees had been going home with Sloman, wouldn't it have suggested a lengthy visit?

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Next week we entertain Featherstone Rovers. This will be their first appearance at Oldham in a League match, but they have visited Watersheddings previously in a Combination engagement. They are known as the "Babes" of the League. That is probably the reason why they "howled" when they beat Dewsbury recently. Still they were only getting their just "Dews." They are no light-weights, those "Featherstone" chaps!



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