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AT WATERSHEDDINGS,

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## Editorial Notes.

### The Downward Grade.

We have done nothing to enthuse about since the issue of our last programme. We have been twice defeated; once at home and once away. Of course defeats never are palatable, though sometimes the sting varies. We remarked a month ago that we had struck a bad patch; but then we suddenly came again and beat Widnes and St. Helens in successive Saturdays. We were just commencing, figuratively speaking, to shake hands with ourselves and imagining that we had got on the right road to success when we came an awful cropper on our own ground and conceded both points to Salford! And still such things make the game all the better; only sometimes it hurts one to have to think so. It is quite evident after this last two games that we are not what we ought to be. Of course we have known teams have a far worse run of luck than even what we have experienced this season; but still we want to see this downward grade checked, and the team once more displaying that bright football which we are confident they are capable of doing.

### The Revolutary Reds.

We have had some surprises at Watersheddings in times gone by; but no doubt a good many seasons will pass by before we witness such a start and finish to a game as the one we had with

Salford. We were well aware of the improvement which the Salford team had shown in their games immediately preceding the one with us; but we never anticipated them putting up such a fight as they did. They scored in the first minute of play, and they won the game in the very last minute. The general play of Salford came as a great revelation to the Oldham followers; in fact, even the Salford supporters were taken aback at their team's display. It was stated to have been far superior to anything they had shown this season, either at home or away. Their backs flung the ball about in really delightful fashion, and in that respect they were far in advance of our own rear division. They were speedy and evidently well trained. We naturally thought that we had the game won when Knapman kicked the second goal; a view which the Salford players did not evidently agree with. They hurried to the centre to kick off, with such a determination as has rarely been witnessed at Watersheddings. Only about four minutes remained for play, and in the very last few seconds, they scored their try and added their goal points! Hundreds of people had left the ground thinking that Oldham had won, only to receive the shock of their lives when told that Salford had won by three points. Well, we have no doubt that the victory will do Salford a lot of good.

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### No Luck at Barrow.

Whilst conceding that Barrow were perhaps the smartest team taken all round; we would claim that we were most unfortunate to be beaten at Little Park, Roose, last Saturday. In the first half of the game, Tighe was a certain scorer had he not come into contact with the part of one of the goal posts. And still Maurice had only himself to blame, because had he not looked round, he would certainly have been well over the line before the Barrow full back could have reached him. Then Beynon had a drop at goal in the second half which was only inches outside; and still on another occasion Spencer only just managed to kick dead with Rix just about to drop on the ball over the line. On the other hand Barrow were given any number of penalty kicks, and three of them being successful, enabled the Furness men to win by three points. We do not care to question the rulings of Mr. Referee Enion; but there were several penalties given against Oldham for alleged offences which, when they occurred on the Barrow side, somehow or other failed to attract the attention of the gentleman with the whistle. Still, we suppose that is all in the game; and it may be our good fortune some day to enjoy such good luck as our Barrow friends did last Saturday. When that does arrive we shall know how to appreciate it. We were badly handicapped in the second half through Bates' leg again giving way. He limped badly in the first half and exchanged places with Tighe. In

the whole of the second half he was no good whatever, and it would perhaps have been far better had he never resumed after half time. It was very plucky on Bates' part, because he was evidently labouring under great pain. One of our failings last Saturday was the persistency with which our backs kicked when the open passing game would certainly have been more profitable. We should have thought that our players have seen the futility of such tactics; anyhow it is high time they were altered.

### The Juniors.

That was a real good game which the Oldham Junior League representatives gave us when opposed to the Rochdale Junior League last Saturday at Watersheddings. There was not so large a crowd present as we could have desired, but those who did patronise the fixture had good value for their money. There were a few very promising youngsters amongst the twenty six artistes, and a continuation in such football will soon develop prowess which is already seen on the surface. Oldham won; but it was only after a magnificent struggle, and the Rochdale youths can comfort themselves on the fact that they played really good football, and were only beaten after a ding-dong struggle.

### The Lost Shall Be Found.

We mentioned in our last issue that we had unfortunately misplaced a receipt book containing the duplicates of members cards numbered from Centre Stand 421 to 430. We have not yet heard from all those members who hold those cards, but we should be much obliged if they would kindly forward their addresses to

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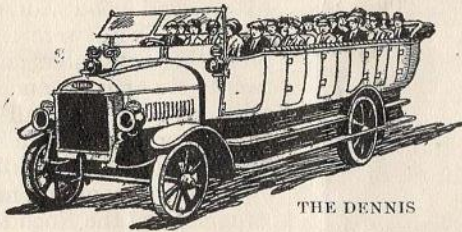
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our secretary without delay, or otherwise, as previously stated, they cannot be written to when the balance sheet and ballot papers have to be sent out.

### Our Visitors.

To-day we have a treat in store for our visitors are no less renowned than the Hull team. We are fully aware that we have generally got the better of our Humber friends when they have visited Water-sheddings; but we are also aware of the fact that on this occasion we are up against a very stiff proposition. Our Hull friends have won their last ten League games right off the reel, and included in their victims are the redoubtable Wigan team who last Saturday won the Lancashire Cup. They even had the audacity to win at Wigan! We have been somewhat shaky lately, but still we are far from having lost hope, and, seeing that Hull beat us by ten points on the banks of the Humber in September, we have a little score to wipe off. We can promise our friends a good game; and we are positive in any case that they will receive a very hearty welcome.

### PAVILION GOSSIP.

By "PUSSYFOOT."

Salford made us see red the other Saturday. Wish they'd change their colour; makes things look so very revolutionary!

Wonder what Jimmy Lomas would have thought had he witnessed our game with Salford?

We remember some years ago playing in a final tie at Salford, and on that occasion Oldham sported red jerseys. The wife of one of our players took exception

to that colour evidently, for when the player in question returned home after the game, his wife had added a little *White*, just to make matters right. Is not that true, Tom? And "both were doing well."

In Oldham match immediately after the Salford team had scored the winning point: No. 1 spectator (who has just hurried off the ground) to No. 2 (who has been rehearsing for a bar "rester" for some time.) "Owdham's four points, and —. No. 2, "That's four two then; what ta goin ta have?" "I'm having a gill; but it is'n't four-two; tha didn't let me finish; it's seven-four, Salford scored it' last minute!" No. 2, "Well I'll be d—. Did tha say thine wor a gill?"

Wonder how the big whist drive went on last evening at Green-acres Hall? We shall have to have a look round this afternoon and see if there are any cases of "every picture tells a story." We do know a few old "throstles," who could more easily do the bar than the barn dance.

What a cold journey that was to Barrow last Saturday. The saloon was at the tail of a very lengthy train, and either there was not sufficient steam to spare, or not sufficient pressure to force it to the saloon from the engine. Anyhow, the saloon was something akin to a cold store room until Carnforth was reached.

That hot luncheon that was put in at Carnforth made amends for the lack of steam. It was top hole, and at the conclusion everyone looked as though his "relations with foreign powers continued to

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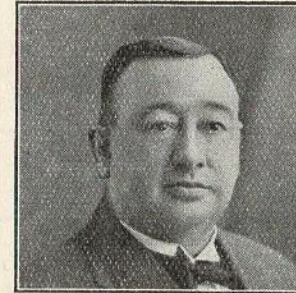
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One of the first persons that was encountered when the team arrived at Roose was "Andy" Hogg, the old Broughton Ranger's wing three-quarter. Wonder what Broughton Rangers would give for a Bob Wilson and "Andy" Hogg combination at the present time? By the way, "Andy" was looking quite well.

Wonder what Beynon said when that drop at goal just failed? One of the Oldham supporters on the stand was heard to mutter something like "Eh, by d— whatever!"

There is an awful slope from touch to touch line on the Barrow ground, and the home forwards appear to have quite a knack of wheeling the scrumage round before the ball is put in, so that they shall be pushing "dahn t' broo." It took Oldham a few minutes to tumble to this business last Saturday.

What a lot of sports are the Barrow officials! Naturally they were delighted to have won another game; but their success did not in any way make them

sweld headed. They entertained the visiting officials in a right royal manner after the game.

It is not often that there is any speech making in the Committee rooms after a game; but at Barrow on Saturday, the Chairman of the Barrow club, and Mr. Stables, a former secretary of the club, each made a short speech, and both of them expressed the admiration and respect which Barrowians generally have for the Oldham Football Club. They were both neat little speeches, and very neatly replied to by our popular president, Mr. Harry Langton, whose oratorical prowess is becoming delightful.

Last year one of our biggest victories gained at Watersheddings over any club in the "top half," was against our opponents of to-day. If we repeat that performance to-day, one enthusiast has promised himself an extra gill of — milk for supper!

Hull have won ten League games off the reel. Are they after beating Tommy Newman's big break?

A Yorkshire paper recently stated that Johnny Rodgers must certainly be a family man, because he is such an adept at giving the "dummy"! That's not so bad for a Tyke.

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