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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

It was with mixed feelings that we received the result of our match at Batley on Saturday last, after expectations of another victory, but this was not to be, even allowing for the forced changes in the team, the whole side had an off day, the forwards in particular being ineffective, and unable to get the passing machinery in action, which we know the team is capable of. This variation of form is a puzzle; a team will play badly when they are expected to perform brilliantly, and the same team will show great form one day and poor form another. How is this to be explained, and more important still, how is it to be avoided? It is natural that the team which we follow, and which one is associated with, want them to win, and however much we pride ourselves upon sportsmanship which accepts defeat, and to acknowledge the skill of the victors there is bound to be some measure of disappointment if defeat has been due to bad play. How are we to avoid bad play, for the sting is in that and not in the defeat itself? We are not so much concerned that the team should lose a match—even the best of teams are defeated—but we are greatly concerned if they play poor football. And so we try to find an explanation of these unexpected reverses—these surprising falls from excellence to badness, from brilliance to blundering. To avoid these disconcerting variations from greatness to mediocrity we must seek the causes and remedy them. One wonders if too many matches are arranged in the early part of the season. We have played eight matches in the first four weeks of the season. Is there a danger of staleness affecting individual players by taking part in too many matches?

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Good news was received at Watersheddings on Wednesday morning from our player Harry Ogden, who has been working in Ghent, Belgium, to the effect that he was returning to this country. Harry reported for training on Thursday last, and we shall soon see this excellent forward in action again.

AFTER THE MATCH VISIT THE

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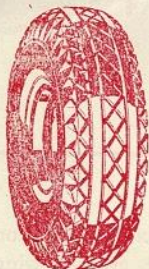
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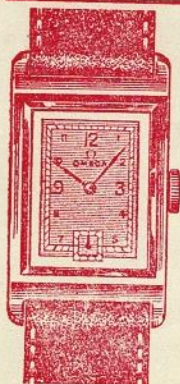
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Ken Ward has now left the nursing home and is making satisfactory progress after his operation for cartilage trouble. Time is a factor in the case of Albert Fearnley, with torn ligaments of the leg. Although the season is only just on the way we have more than had our share of injuries, the latest being the serious injury to W. Wood whilst playing in the "A" team at Watersheddings on Saturday last, having the misfortune to break a leg. Wood was acting reserve for the "A" team and was called for service half-an-hour before the kick-off owing to the indisposition of C. Winslade.

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The official guide of The Rugby Football League for Season 1950-51, is now on sale at 1s. 0d. and can be purchased in the pavilion. All Rugby League followers should secure this guide, which contains a mass of information and is of much interest. There are only a limited number on sale, and early application is requested.

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Reference to our "A" team fixtures show that we have no match on Saturday, 30th September, 1950, but we have arranged to bring a match forward from 7th April, 1951, and to play Leigh "A" at Watersheddings on Saturday next. Please make a note of this, and the kick-off is 3 p.m.

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It is regretted by the Committee that our "A" team should have vacant Saturdays during the football season, but this is no fault of ours. Strenuous efforts have been made by this club for the resumption of The Rugby League Combination which functioned before the war and which, for some reason, has not been resumed. In this league we had fixtures with three Yorkshire clubs, home and away, which provided us with six extra matches. The danger of inactivity of an "A" team is greater than having too many matches.

However, we hope to renew our activities for the Rugby League Combination to be revived in Season 1951-52.

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It may be of interest to readers to know the cost of equipping a team that steps on the field. For every player of the Oldham Club you see on the field today, the cost of his football garb, covered and uncovered, averages the sum of £9 per man.

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