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Watersheddings News and Views.

At Salford on Saturday last we had to submit to an unexpected reverse by twelve points to nine in a game in which we were definitely the better team. This defeat was a severe blow to our first-four aspirations in the R.L. table and may have serious effect on the season's final results. It was obvious that our team adopted the wrong tactics after leading, and too much boot was put to the ball when a passing movement or to keep possession of the ball would have been the correct thing to do. For a team to lose possession of the ball by putting it into the hands of their opponents is a very dangerous thing to do, instead of an attacking position they must play the part of a defensive one. This kicking of the ball by our team must be stopped; it is the handling game the spectators want to see—the more they see of it the more they enjoy it. It is the spectators who keep the game going, they pay to see the best that is in Rugby League football, and they should have value for money. We are not discounting the merits of our team, but there are little faults that can easily be corrected, and when this is done we can expect a continued improvement in the play of our team as a team and not as individuals. There is no doubt that the improvement in the play of our team is a considerable advance upon our results of twelve months ago, and the road we have to travel is going to be a hard one, but with unity and team spirit we hope that the results will secure a position high up in the final League Table to enable us to take part in the first-four play-offs.

Injured Players.

The injury sustained by our second row forward T. Leyland after five minutes' play at Salford will keep him out of the game for at least a fortnight. He is suffering from a badly sprained ankle, and was very plucky to continue in the game with this painful injury. J. Sugden enters a private nursing home next week for the removal of a cartilage, and a period of three months must elapse before we can see this player ready for action again.

New Player.

To-day we welcome the latest acquisition to our playing strength, Frank Stirrup, who has been transferred from Salford F.C. Stirrup is a great utility player and is equally at home in playing scrum half, centre, wing or full back. To-day his position is scrum half, and we hope that his playing career with us will be one of success. Stirrup is a native of Leigh and is resident in that town.

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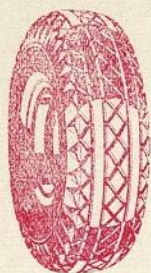
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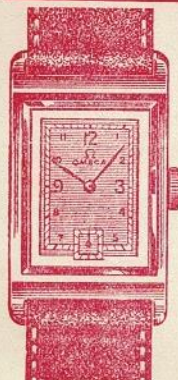
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v.  
LIVERPOOL STANLEY

**B** BELLE VUE  
v.  
WIDNES

**E** HUDDERSFIELD  
v.  
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### Our Visitors.

To-day our opponents are Keighley, who are enjoying a successful season and are just above us in the Rugby League table, being the sixth club and a point ahead of us. Keighley have won all their eight matches at home, and of seven matches played away have won two and lost five. We expect a dour game to-day and a win would place us a point in front of our opponents.

The Keighley team consists of some experienced players, mixed with some promising youngsters. Their half-backs are blending well, and are players of ability. The scrum half, D. Jenkins, has had experience with Leeds, and the out half, M. de Lloyd, previously played with Warrington; these two players are the danger men of the team and always require watching. Another notable player is Mills, the full back, who has rendered the club great service, a good goal kicker who has previously had service with Halifax. Ramsden, the hooker, joined the club this season from Hull Kingston Rovers, and Flanagan, forward, has returned to the club after playing for Leeds and Whitehaven. May to-day's match be entertaining.

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