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Watersheddings News and Views.

It is not to be our Wembley Year as events have turned out, but we went down fighting against Leeds at Watersheddings on the 17th of February last in the second leg of the Cup. To face an eighteen points deficit from the first leg of the round was a little bit too much to rub off, but our team made a gallant effort, but that effort was not good enough and although we won the match on the day we must admit that we were beaten by a better team. Our consolation is that we won the second match, which must be an achievement in itself, when one looks up the League record of the Leeds club of having played 33 matches and only lost 5. The victory recorded must have been an incentive to our team, after having lost the previous six matches, to continue the winning sequence the following Saturday against Rochdale Hornets at Rochdale, but again disappointment was to be the lot of our large contingent of supporters who follow our team in away matches. It was obvious to all who saw the match at Rochdale that the better team lost, but again, a team that does not take its chances when presented deserves whatever comes to it, and we had to return with an unexpected defeat. Certain sections of our team played good football, but others played an indifferent game and did not fit in with the smooth running of moves and passing movements that one expects from a team playing as a unit. It is one of the problems of football to get a correct blend or what one may call a balanced side to work as a unit. It was with this end in view that the Committee made changes in the side for to-day's match, although Stirrup is a forced change through injury, and it is hoped that the side representing the club will do its duty in a more able manner than last Saturday. To have players talks on moves at the weekly meeting that is held for the players is a wonderful thing, but to put them into operation on the field of play is far more important. To get a team to play well together, to be consistent, to get the balanced side is a great achievement ; it is only by playing the same team, if possible together, that players understand one another's moves and act accordingly on the field of play ; then, and then only, can success come. Players may be told what it is right to do, we may see how things

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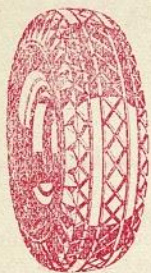
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Our Visitors.

To-day we entertain Liverpool Stanley, being a re-arranged match from one postponed on 16th December, 1950. Although Stanley are the bottom club in the N.R.F.L., we must expect a hard game and cannot take anything for granted. Their League record to date is : Played 22, won 2, lost 20. Points for 113. Points against 447. Highest scorer, Powell 20 goals.

Incidentally.

The injury to Frank Stirrup received at Rochdale on Saturday last has turned out more serious than we anticipated. An X-Ray examination shows a cracked ankle bone, and the limb has now been put in plaster. A few weeks must elapse before we see this clever little player in action once again.

Congratulations to our young "starlett" Alan Davies upon his selection as reserve to the under 21 years of age International match to take place at Wigan against France on Saturday, March 10th, 1951. Of the fifteen players chosen to travel, Davies is the youngest. It is not often that we give players ages, but to settle a lot of arguments and discussions, Alan was 18 years of age on the 4th February, 1951.

Please make a note of re-arranged matches at Watersheddings :

Good Friday, 23rd March, Oldham "A" v. Widnes "A", kick-off 11 a.m.

Easter Saturday, 24th March, Oldham v. Whitehaven, kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, 7th April, Oldham "A" v. Warrington "A", kick-off 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th April, Oldham v. Wigan. Evening kick-off, time later.

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