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Watersheddings News and Views.

Once again after expecting a victory at Widnes our team flattered to deceive and we were beaten by the lowly placed Widnes team by thirteen points to eight. The match was of the uninteresting variety and the forwards decided it was a hurly-burly test of strength. The half-time score was three points each and the result looked a good thing set for victory, but we were unfortunate in having Ted Ward dismissed from the field, ordered off in one of the many incidents between the forwards, and from then on our forwards were second best to the Widnes pack, who drove their advantage home and secured their sixth victory out of twenty-six matches played. Thus our appearance in the Northern Rugby League does not look so promising, after a start to the season which looked likely to take us amongst the leading clubs.

Prior to to-day's match our position in the League Table is No. 11, having played twenty-seven matches, won twelve, lost thirteen, and drawn two, points for 274, against 261, which we may say is level going. Our opponents to-day, Workington, in twenty-six matches have scored 527 points, against 275, which proves them an attacking force. An old saying that attack is the best defence, but strength in defence is as necessary as strength in attack. There is a tendency by some players and some teams to underrate defence. We naturally rate more highly the man who does things than the man who prevents them from being done. The aim of the footballer is to score. The desire of the crowd is to see scores. The attacking player—the man who gets tries and kicks goals—is a public hero, on a very different level in popular estimation from the defensive player who prevents scores; and the player who is as great in defence as he is in attack is only given full credit for his defensive qualities by the discriminating few. Defence is as important as attack and should be carefully studied and developed.

Our Visitors.

To-day we have attractive visitors in Workington, a club to which we at Watersheddings say welcome. In their short career as a first class club they have proved an acquisition to the Rugby League and have been very fortunate in the first place in securing the services of such a capable player-manager as Gus Risman, whose able judgment and command of the game and the club, has gained them respect as opponents worthy to play against. Their success in so short a career—and one must consider that they started from scratch in securing a team for their first season—their advancement in securing players capable of building a side which hold the third position in the Northern Rugby League at the present time must rank as a splendid achievement and good management, and an example for other clubs that form the Rugby League.

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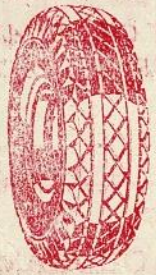
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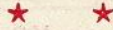
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Who is Who.

RISMAN, full back. Requires no introduction, has secured all honours in the game; one of the late Lance Todd's pupils. The oldest player, in years, playing the game.

LAWRENSON, wing. Previously with Wigan and still a good player.

PASKINS, centre. An Australian, who has now settled down to one of the best centres playing, big and strong, has scored eighteen tries this season.

GIBSON, centre. A Cumbrian, ex-Keswick Rugby Union, commenced as an out half; has played for England in this position, now developed into a centre who knows the way to the line. Scored 32 tries this season.

WILSON, wing. A Scot from over the Border, originally signed for Huddersfield before being transferred to his present club. Plenty of pace and knows the way to the line; has scored 27 tries this season.

THOMAS, out half. No. 2 Welshman in the team, joined the club as a centre but has fitted in the scheme of the game in his present position.

PEPPERELL, scrum half. One of the famous Pepperell brothers of Huddersfield fame; a Cumbrian, who joined his present club via Huddersfield. Was in the last Touring team to Australia and New Zealand.

The pack consists of all Cumbrians in Hayton, McKeating, Wareing, Thurlow, Wilson, Ivison. All are of the heavily built type but are fast and mobile. All joined the club from local teams with the exception of McKeating, who has had a period of service with Dewsbury, and was transferred to Workington at a record fee at the time of transfer.

Coming Attractions at Watersheddings.

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

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

Easter Monday, 26th March. Kick-off 3 p.m. Oldham v. St. Helens.

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