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Watersheddings News and Views.

Saturday last was a humiliating day at Watersheddings when we were certainly second best to Workington, and were beaten by twenty-one points. The Workington team showed us how football should be played under the conditions that prevailed and there is no doubt that victory went to the team that had speed, weight and ability to drive home the advantages that came their way by good football. Our visitors played football that warrants them being in the first four of the Rugby League, and we must label them as one of our bogey teams that visit Watersheddings. Did they not come to Watersheddings last April and beat us by over thirty points, and the previous season knock us out of the Lancashire Cup, also at home. We have also had our "moments" at Workington, and have given them some anxious matches on the enclosure in Cumberland. Our victory in the Lancashire Cup this season has not been so easily forgotten, but there it is, the luck of the game. Conditions, ability and all that goes into football that makes it a game, surprises come along and some are foregone conclusions. And then come suggestions and remedy around the board table, with the hope of better things to come, all endeavouring to give of their best with the hope of turning the tide.

Our "A" team secured a victory over Workington "A" at Workington on Saturday last. This was most unexpected, insomuch as the team that travelled was considerably changed from the original selection, players being put out of position, through necessity; and one may remark here, that it is one of the tragedies of Club football that players are often put out of position for the sake of the Club. The team as a team went into the game with the will to win, and this, added to enthusiasm, won the day against a team consisting of more experienced opponents.

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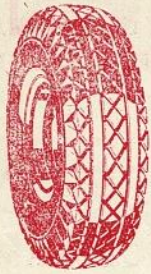
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