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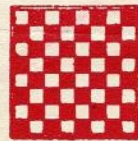
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Watersheddings News and Views.

Once again within fourteen days we entertain St. Helens', to-day's match being the replay from the abandoned match at half-time from Easter Monday. We are hoping that the weather will be a little more kinder to us than on our last meeting. Given a dry day we should be in for a feast of good football.

The attendance at the match on Easter Monday was 8,365, the receipts amounting to £570. This was an excellent return in view of the atrocious conditions that prevailed. The match on Easter Monday, with an uncompleted result, ranks as a friendly match. The receipts will be divided between the two Clubs, as on cup-tie terms. To-day's match is a competitive Northern Rugby League match, the receipts will go to the home Club.

It was unfortunate that our match against Rochdale Hornets on Saturday last had to be postponed on account of the waterlogged condition of the ground, as we were expecting a good gate in this "derby match." This match has now been fixed to be played at Watersheddings on Monday, April 30th, and will be an evening kick-off. Another evening match we are due to play at Watersheddings is against Wigan on Monday, April 23rd.

Chief interest in to-day's match will be the appearance of Stanley McCormick, an Oldham born player, now resident in St. Helens. It was in 1939, at the age of sixteen, that McCormick played his first game for a professional side—and that Club was our own. He had a long period of service in H.M. Forces, and guested with Huddersfield and Dewsbury during the War. Because of his keen eye for attack, many critics might argue that McCormick has tendency to ignore his defence, but whether this opinion is justified or not, his potentialities as a match winner have been proved on numerous occasions. His qualities as a wing man, however, might have never come to light had not Belle Vue Rangers been quick to sense his capabilities and given him a chance on the flanks. From that day Stan was a great success, and rose to such heights that in 1948 he commanded a record fee of £4,000 when St. Helens secured his transfer.

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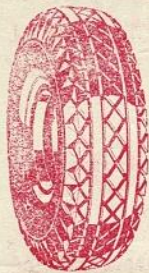
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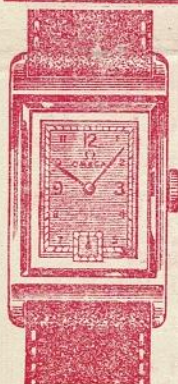
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W. S. Mitchell Benefit Match.

This benefit match will be played at Watersheddings on Tuesday, May 8th, and will be an evening kick-off. Our team will play a team of International stars, or efforts will be made to bring a famous Yorkshire team—strangers, but welcome visitors to Watersheddings.

Injured Players.

We have three players still on the injured list in Sugden, Wood and Stirrup.

Sugden was injured on August 12th against Rochdale Hornets in the Annual Charity Match, and after prolonged treatment it was found necessary to have an operation for cartilage trouble. Progress has been very slow. However, we hope to have this promising player in action for the season 1951-52.

Wood was injured playing against Swinton "A" on September 16th, the injury being a broken leg. Complications in the injury has prolonged recovery, and a Specialists advice has been received, and the injury we hope will continue to progress with a view to complete recovery.

Stirrup, who received a fractured ankle whilst playing at Rochdale on February 24th expects to have the "plaster" removed this week-end, when treatment will be given for an early return of this player.

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