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### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The unexpected happened on Sat. last upon our visit to Wakefield Trinity where we were deservedly beaten by a better team on the day's play. We fully expected a hard game, but defeat was the furthest thought in the minds of our team or officials. These variations of football form puzzle our supporters. How are they to be explained, or more important, avoided? As sportsmen, we can accept defeat and acknowledge the skill of our victors, there is bound to be some measure of bitterness in our disappointment, if defeat is due to bad play. We are concerned that our team should lose two valuable points, and we are

greatly concerned if they play bad football. How is it that a whole team, or a section of a team are under a blight together? How is it that a pack of forwards who under ordinary circumstances, play a bright, exhilarating game, and on another day a dull and sluggish one? The same query applies to the backs. It requires a lot of explaining the fact that the team can play poor football against opponents showing no outstanding power, but there it is, we retired losers, and much wiser after the event, and hope that the lesson will correct these slips of the future.

### BRIEFS

Hard luck on Terry O'Grady on his withdrawal from the Lincs. County Team last Wednesday through a wrist injury. We hope for an early recovery to see him in action once again.

Our visits to Wakefield have been far between, and the ground has been an unlucky one from a winning point of view. The last victory recorded there was on May 2nd, 1936, the result being 20 points to 13 in our favour. As a matter of interest, the team that played that day was: Rees; Taylor, Bardsley,

Davies, Fairburn; Matthews, Greenall; Rees, Howard, Garnett, Ambler, Cattlin and Givvons.

A whole team was sent off the field at Watersheddings after playing for 10 minutes owing to wearing dangerous equipment. They had the old type cricket belt with the metal buckle to hold up their pants. The team was Barrow, the year 1911. The team was allowed to return after removing the offending belts.

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	11 WINSLADE, C. 1		11 ROBSON
	12 LITTLE, S. D.		12 ROGERS or WHALLEY
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	Reserves:		Reserves:
	Platt, L., Tomlinson, A.		
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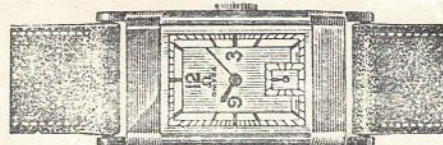
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## OUR VISITORS

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**SMITH, Full Back**—Secured this season from Rylands Recs., Warrington, a good capture for Salford, much more will be heard of him.

**BAINES, Wing**—Signed from Bedford Recs., Leigh, this season, at 18 years of age, he is a natural footballer.

**DANBY, Centre**—Ex Harlequin player, a Tourist and Test player who is very strong and determined.

**FINNAN, Centre**—Secured on transfer from St. Helens, a solid club man, a forceful and strong runner who knows the way to the line.

**HARTLEY, Wing**—A local player in his third season with the club, played for Lanes. County last Wednesday as deputy for our own player, O'Grady.

**HALTON, Out Half**—In his first season with the club and is developing into a first-class player. A native of St. Helens, he joined Salford on expiration of Army service.

**HARRISON, Scrum Half**—A native of Wigan and the 'brains' behind the pack. He knows all the moves and he is a dangerous man when in possession.

**MOSES, Forward**—Ex Maesteg R.U. Previously he was at loose forward, but now playing front row.

**BOARDMAN, Hooker**—A local player who is deputising for McKinney—called for duty in the Other Nationalities match in France tomorrow.

**GRAINGER, Forward**—Secured on transfer from Barrow and is proving to be a good investment.

**ROBSON, Forward**—A Scot, secured from Huddersfield, a big, roving forward.

**ROGERS, Forward**—Signed by Salford from a Leeds Junior Club, as full back. He has developed into a second row man and is a good goal kicker.

**WHALLEY, Forward**—Another player secured from the Leigh nursery, Bedford Recs. He is improving with every game played.

**EASTERBROOK, Loose Forward**—Came to Salford as a winger, from Maryport in Cumberland, but is settling down as loose forward.

## HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

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