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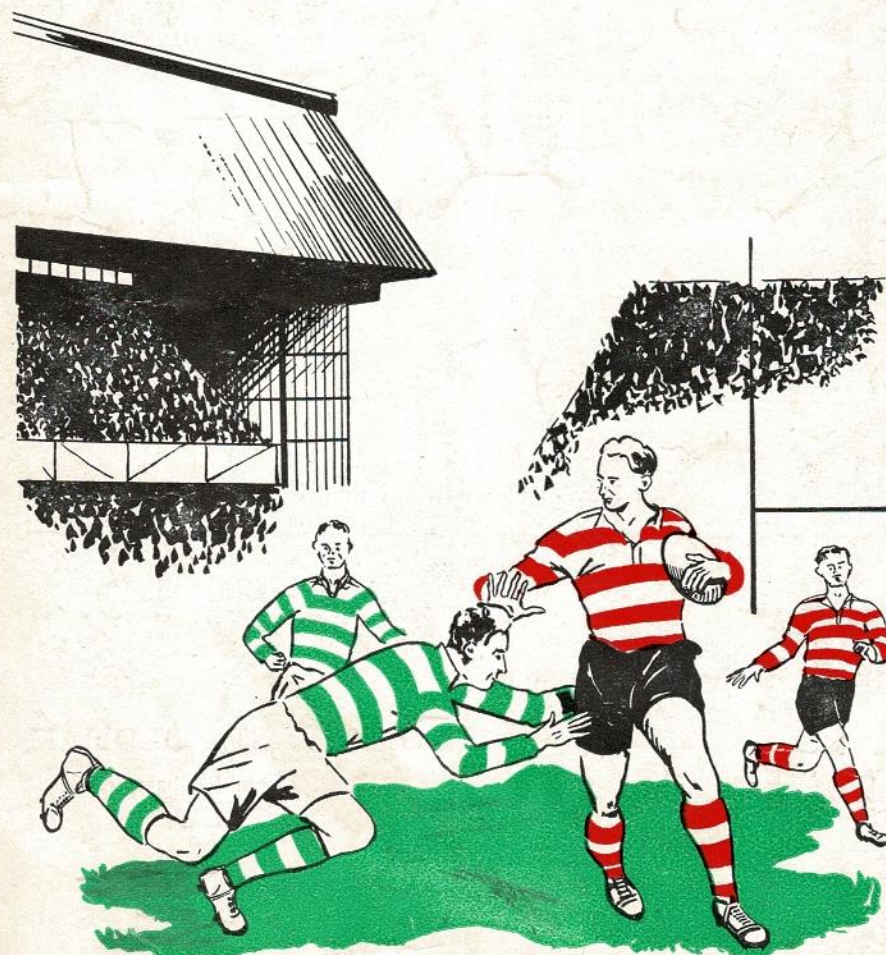
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Since our cup-tie against St. Helens on February 14th, and including the cup-tie, we have had the unique experience—and unique in Rugby League—of making three consecutive drawn games, one being at home the other two away. Considering the number of players we have had out of the game through injury, we consider the results quite satisfactory. A little bit of luck in each game and a victory would have been recorded, but the satisfaction is that with each game played, our team has improved their form, and showing football something like we expect.

Although the journey looked a rough one in our attempt to reach the first four in the R.L. Table, hope must not be given up, as the clubs who are in the exalted positions above us may run into lean times, but then again, it is poor consolation having to wait for the downfall of your competitors. However, we toil on knowing that our players will give of their best in an effort to retrieve some of the misfortunes that have come our way this last two months.

Since the year 1953 arrived it has been an unlucky period for this Club, and the main misfortune has been the large number of injuries that have come

to the players, especially of first team ability, another great disappointment has been the early dismissal from the R.L. Challenge Cup competition when all was set fair and a wave of optimism was prevalent in the ability of our full personnel of players to make a real show in an effort to reach Wembley. This was not to be, and another year of Cup chasing, ending premature, must be a disappointment to our members and the supporters. The cost of victory—and even the matches we have lost—during the advent of 1953, has been paid for heavily by the injuries received. Even with all this, there is always a silver lining, and today we introduce a new-comer—a local boy—Alan Jones, at out half. After three games with our "A" team, he has earned rapid promotion, and is up against a good team in Bradford Northern. We have confidence in this player. An old saying, 'opportunity makes the man,' so here it is today. We have promoted youngsters before, in the case of another Alan, Alan Davies and also Terry O'Grady, so, good luck to the boys.

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 - 2 EMMITT, L.
 - 3 MITCHELL, W. S.
 - 4 DAVIES, A.
 - 5 O'GRADY, T.
 - 6 JONES, A.
 - 7 STIRRUP, F., Captain
 - 8 OGDEN, H.
 - 9 MUNDY, J.
 - 10 ANTHONY, L.
 - 11 WINSLADE, C.
 - 12 LITTLE, S. D.
 - 13 DALEY, F.
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- 1 PHILLIPS, J.
 - 2 HAWES, R.
 - 3 HASTINGS, N. or
JENKINS, W.
 - 4 WARD, E.
 - 5 McLEAN, J.
 - 6 HALEY, L.
 - 7 JONES, G.
 - 8 SHREEVE, W.
 - 9 HALEY, N.
 - 10 GREAVES, R.
 - 11 FOSTER, T.
 - 12 TYLER, B. or
RADFORD, B.
 - 14 TRAIL, K.

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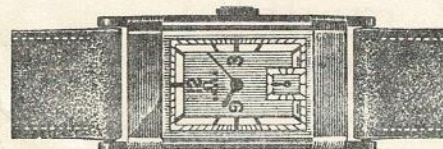
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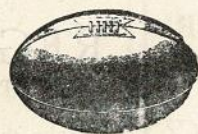
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B WARRINGTON
ROCHDALE

C HUNSLET
HUDDERSFIELD

D ST. HELENS
WAKEFIELD

E BARROW
WIDNES

F HARTLEPOOLS
OLDHAM A.

BULLETIN OF INJURED PLAYERS

Goldswain, B.V.—Broken forearm. Arm has had to be re-set, and we may possibly see this player in action just before the close of the season.

Keith, J.—Torn ligaments of the left knee, had cartilage removed from the right knee. Will not play again this season.

Platt, L.—Broken bone in wrist, had an operation for bone graft from elbow to wrist. Another player out for the season.

Tomlinson, A.—A chipped wrist bone, expects to be ready for action in two weeks.

Warham, J.—Strained ankle ligaments, making slow progress but hopes to be certified fit shortly.

Feather, J.—Septic bone behind bridge of the nose—caused through a blow—successfully operated upon, and now awaiting fitness clearance from specialist.

Murray, A.—Dislocated thumb and chipped bone, will be out of game for three or four weeks.

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