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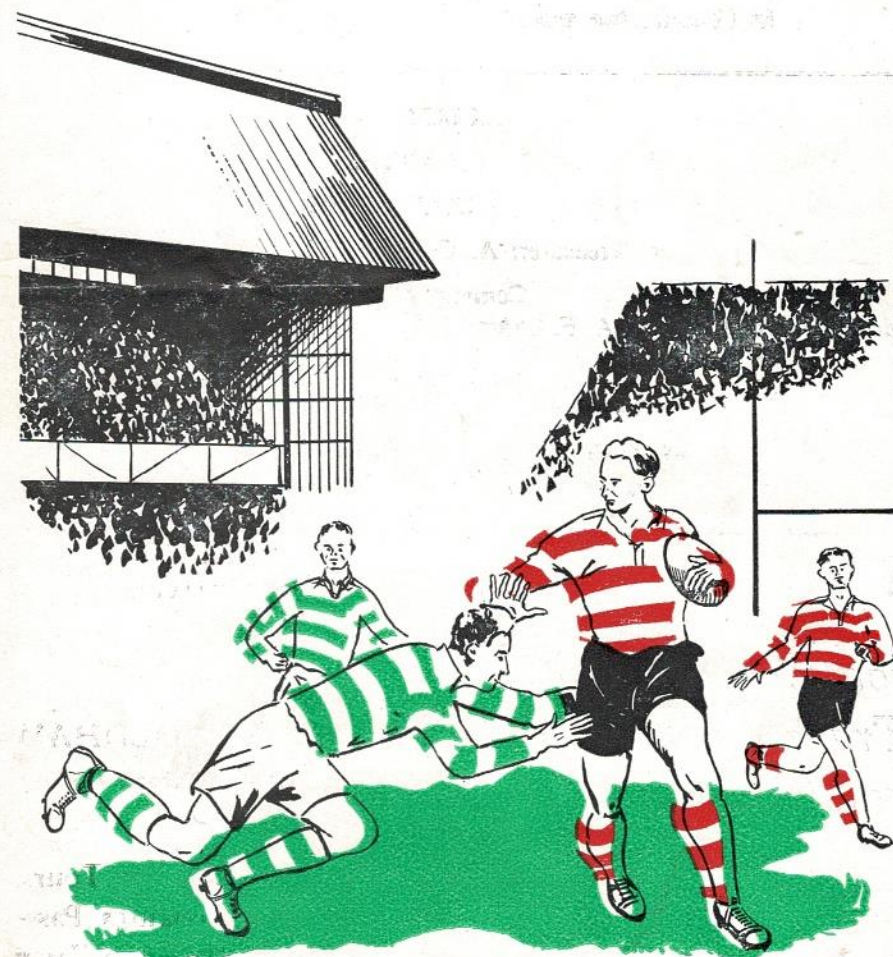
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

To-day is our final league match at Watersheddings for season 1952-53, and it is with pleasure that we welcome St. Helens, this year's Wembley finalists and Number One team in the League table. The St. Helens Club have had a wonderful season, both from a playing point of view and financially. They have the unique distinction of having played seventeen league matches on their opponents' grounds without suffering defeat, to-day's match, being their last away game, will they meet their 'Waterloo' at the final hurdle? As a wind-up we may expect a terrific and fast moving game, a game that should be worthy of the name of Rugby League. Our players realise the great task they have, and I am sure that, given a little luck in the game, we shall finish on the right side and be able to spoil the away record of our visitors.



ENTERTAINMENT TAX

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has decreed that the Entertainment Tax on professional sport must remain as last season. Thus our sporting public must pay the tax.

Why one section of sport should be allowed exemption requires some explanation. As a matter of interest, in season

1951-52, our Entertainment Tax Duty amounted to approximately £1,200, and in season 1952-3, the sum of £5,800 was paid. Had the increase of Entertainment Tax not taken place, the possibility that our admission charges would have remained at 1s. 3d. and not 1s. 6d. as is now charged as a minimum.

We bear no malice to amateur sport in their exemption from tax, but we would like to know the clear definition of an amateur.



DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Disciplinary Committee of the Northern Rugby Football League mean to carry out their punishment to 'regular customers' in a very severe way, and several players have had warning notices to this effect.

We agree with the Committee in an effort to clean the game, but, a great deal depends upon the Clubs themselves with regard to its players. A friendly word of advice from Club managements to their players would go a long way in relieving and lightening the duties of the Disciplinary Committee. The players so warned cannot complain of the most severe action should they come under the ban of the referee.

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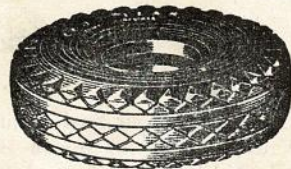
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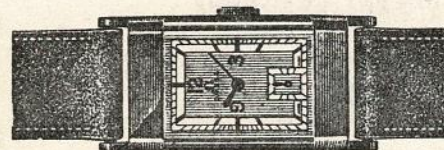
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BRIEFS

We had hopes of our players having a French Tour during the close season (the French R.L. Season extends a little longer than ours), but the French R.L. have informed our Headquarters that they do not intend to extend an invitation to any English Rugby League Club this season—so we shall have to wait for another twelve months.

Jack Keith was operated upon last Thursday for a cartilage removal from the left knee, this following a successful operation six weeks ago for a cartilage removal from his right knee. Jack hopes to be fit and sound for the opening of next season.

Congratulations to Stirrup, Daley, and O'Grady, in being selected to play for Lancashire, at Hull on Tuesday, 28th April, against Yorkshire, also A. Davies who travels as reserve. This will be the first appearance of Daly for Lancashire.

The Rugby League are holding an Athletic Meeting at Manchester Athletic Grounds, Fallowfield, Manchester, on Saturday, 6th June.

This will be looked upon as one of the sporting high-lights of Coronation Week. Messrs. Manson (Swinton) and Hesketh (Wigan) are the appointed officials to stage manage this super event.

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

Congratulations to Bernard Ganley in scoring most goals in League matches

GOALS

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Bath, Warrington	98	36	6	140
Devery, Huddersfield	104	30	6	140
Ganley, Oldham	119	14	2	135
Ledgard, Leigh	84	32	7	123
Phillips, Brad. N.	95	18	3	116

HALF-TIME SCORES

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