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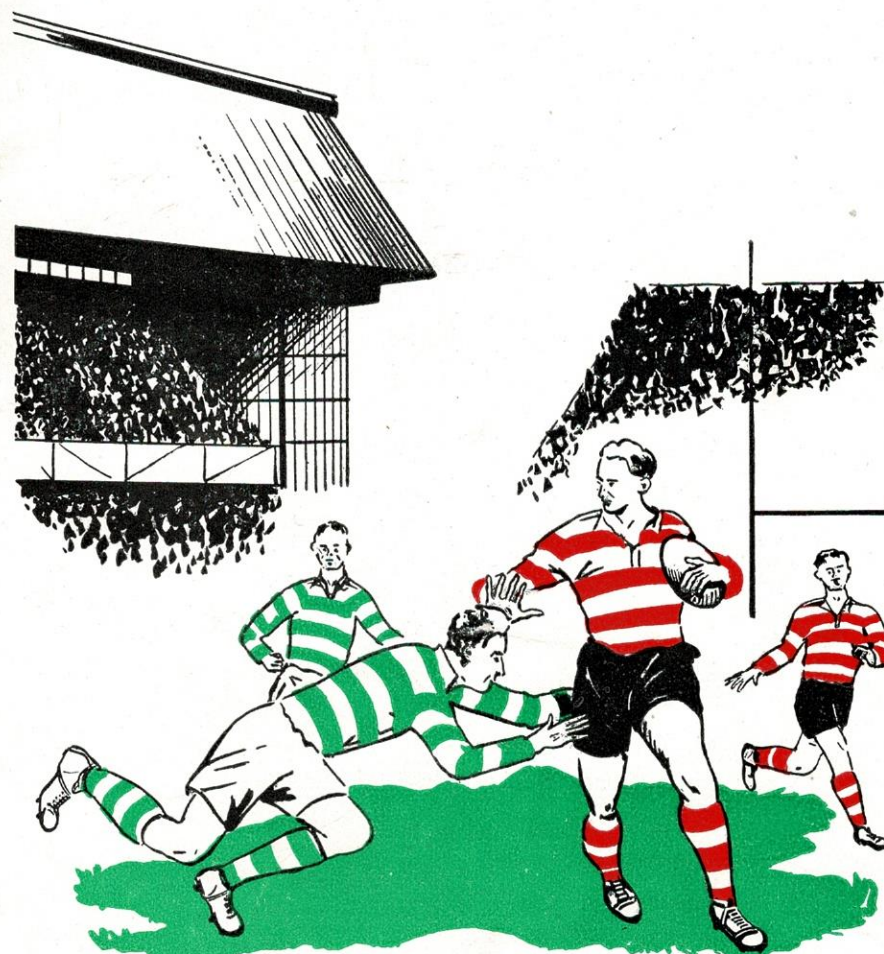
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again we must say good-bye to any ambition we had of winning the Lancashire Senior Cup by our narrow defeat at Warrington in the second round. We lost the match by 12 points to 11, and although we consider ourselves very unlucky, excuses there must be none. We had opportunities to win, but failed to take advantage of them. Just how narrow our defeat was is seen in the fact that our full-back hit the upright on two occasions and the ball came back on the wrong side of the post, but never-the-less, our display in general was not up to the standard we expect.

This also applies to the humiliating defeat we received at the hands of Leeds on Saturday last. In our last two matches too many mistakes have been made in handling and also in losing the ball on on being tackled. Any back who knocks-on or sends out a bad pass does an injustice to the forwards and the team, just as a forward does who fails to do his job properly in the scrum or lose play.

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Most matches are won or lost through mistakes. The team making the least number of them invariably wins its matches. Mistakes in handling often lead to tries, but often a mistake indirectly leads to points being scored. In other words, mistakes often lead to points being scored long after the initial mistake was made.

It is true that we shall always be human and that players will always make mistakes, but only too often do we drive that adage too far. A player must concentrate on his job and know more or less when to concentrate. In Rugby League there are so many spells in which

certain players are left out of the play and they forget that Rugby fluctuates so often and so unexpectedly that they can easily be caught napping, and they must expect anything that comes to them at all times.

OUR VISITORS

Today, we entertain, in the return match, our welcome visitors from Widnes.

In the match at Widnes on September 2nd of this year, we lost the match 11 points (4 goals, 1 try) to 9 points (3 tries), and on that occasion we lacked the services of our full-back goal-kicker, B. Ganley. Had Ganley played, we are of the opinion that success would have been ours, but unfortunately, injury kept him out of the game. Other players in this game made good attempts, but failed.

The Widnes Club was founded in 1875, and they are Founder-members of the Northern Rugby Football Union. At Wembley on May 3rd, 1930, they defeated the greatly fancied St. Helens side with a wholly local team, except for the veteran South African forward, G. Van Rooyen whom they had received on a free transfer from Wigan. Against Hunslet in the 1934 final, they did battle with a complete team of Widnes-born players, and again in 1937, all but one of their players was a 'local.' In season 1932-33, J. Hoey played and scored in every one of his club's matches, a feat unparalleled in Rugby League Football.

And so in Widnes, we welcome a team that to a very great extent fosters local talent. Their team today looks a little strange without a Hoey or a Higgins—names to be remembered in past seasons.

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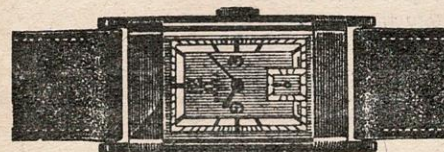
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BRIEFS

Alan Davies has once again been selected to play for Lancashire against Yorkshire at Leigh under floodlight on Wednesday, 14th October. We wish him every success.

B. V. Goldswain and C. Winslade have once again been chosen to play for Wales against other Nationalities at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, on Wednesday, 7th October, under floodlight conditions. Success to both.

An important step towards the forthcoming tour of New Zealand and Australia takes place next week in the appointment of the two managers of the team.

Frank Daley is making good progress from the broken forearm he received in the Bramley match September 26th, also Harry Ogden with a broken bone in the foot. Both are still in plaster. We hope for an early resumption to football duty.

The contract for the erection of six out of ten bays for the new "C" Stand (Penny Rush) has been given, and good progress is now being made by the steel contractors for the erection of same, which, we hope, with weather permitting, to have up before Christmas.

The search for new players of repute still goes on and members and patrons can rest assured that strenuous efforts will not be relaxed for the strengthening of the team.

Congratulations and much happiness to Alan Jones, our young out-half (still in the R.A.F.) who got married last Saturday.

To play with a white ball or not has caused much controversy amongst clubs, but the R.L. ruling is that the use of a white ball should be encouraged and where the club or League responsible for supplying the white ball for a particular match, then there is no grounds for objecting to its use.



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