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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once more we had to admit defeat at the hands of St. Helens by Twenty-one points to nine points, and we must say that we were beaten by a better team.

Our team put up a good show, playing better than they have done for some weeks. The forwards put more life into the game, and were up to meet the opponents instead of waiting for the opponents to come to them, this extra life and edge on the pack appears to give the backs more confidence, and gives them that extra incentive and stamina to attack.

Alan Davies had hard luck in not touching down after being over the St. Helens line, and only a player with the experience and ability of Greenall, the St. Helens centre, could prevent a try being scored. As Davies was in the act of touching down, a hand touch down, not a dive, Greenall tapped Davies' foot and in this movement threw Davies off his balance, with the result that Davies did not touch down. In fact the incident was so quick that the referee pointed for a try thinking that a try was certain, then ruled no try. Such is the luck of the game.

Cautions in the game were necessary, much to our regret, but the game produced some splendid moves. One noticed that the stiff arm tackle was introduced on one occasion by each side. This form of tackling we deplore, and very severe and strict instructions have been issued from the Rugby League Management Committee on this, but referees appear to have their own interpretation on this instruction.

We must compliment our scrum half, Pitchford, on the improvement he is showing, his opportunity having come along through the injury to Stirrup. We trust that he will keep his good form, as our attack must come from him when in possession of the ball.

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OUR VISITORS

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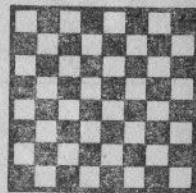
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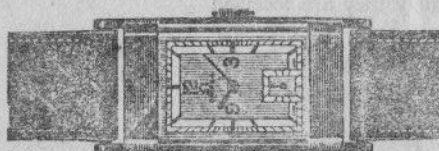
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BRIEFS

Frank Stirrup entered Ashton Infirmary this week, and was operated upon for cartilage trouble on Thursday last. He hopes to have the usual Christmas leave from hospital to spend at home with his wife and son, then return to hospital for further treatment. We hope to have his services in readiness for the cup-ties.

On Friday next, Christmas Day, we welcome the annual visit of Swinton, and are looking forward to a large "gate" and the usual festive victory against our old rivals.

Holiday matches at Christmas are a players nightmare, they cannot indulge in any of the season's festivities, and some make long and tiresome journeys.

We are due to play at Workington on Boxing Day, and to keep our team together we travel after the match against Swinton on Christmas Day to Lancaster, where the team will stay overnight, and proceed to Workington on the Saturday morning, returning the same night to Oldham.

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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