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- 7—OLIVER
- 8—ETTY
- 9—FRYER
- 10—SHARP
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

In our opening match at Watersheddings on Tuesday evening last against Leigh, we must say that the exhibition of what Rugby League Football should be was sadly missing. Nobody wants to see forwards dominating the game and showing what strength they have, by pounding at one another. Spectators pay their money to be entertained at our game, and not a game of bumping and boring and seeing who can hang on to the ball the longest, the spectators pay to see the ball in flight and not a hide and seek game of where is the ball. We must say that Tuesday night's game was one of the duller we have seen at Watersheddings for some time. We are not used to this sort of football and things will have to be altered. Spotting tactics and persistent infringement of rules will have to be stopped, and the only man to do this is the referee. Nobody likes to see a player dismissed from the field, but referees will have to be firm and realise that people pay to watch something entertaining. This season is just over a week old, and even so early players are being dismissed from the field. It is hoped that the Disciplinary Committee will take a firm stand and issue suspensions that fit the crime, so that it will be a warning to others. Let us keep our game clean, let the players play the game and cut out those petty fogging infringements.

REFEREES' SIGNAL

Referees' signals were introduced to inform players and spectators of referees' decisions. A new law was introduced last season compelling the hooker to strike with the "far foot". If you see the referee point to a hooker, penalise him and then point to his raised leg then the hooker has possibly used his wrong foot to strike for the ball. The same signal is of course used for a hooker striking prematurely. This is an old offence.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

Your club committee wishes to warn supporters that they should make sure of getting their Cup Final tickets if they have not already done so. The League Secretary reports that ticket sales are well in advance of last year's already. The top price tickets at 30/- each have all been sold and the tickets at 20/-, 15/- and 10/- are 20% up on last year's sales at the beginning of the season.

Seating tickets at 20/-, 15/- and 10/- can be obtained in advance from the Rugby League Offices, as also can Standing Enclosure tickets at 4/- each. Avoid disappointment and apply now.

The ticket sales for the 1964 Cup Final at the end of August already amounted to £19,000.

OUR VISITORS

Today we entertain very infrequent visitors to Watersheddings in the Batley Club and to them we extend a welcome. Older patrons of our Club will remember the stirring games we have had with the Gallant Youths as the Batley team are known, especially in Cup-ties. Saturday last they received a home defeat at the hands of Blackpool, but we cannot take anything for granted and our team will have to show different form from last Tuesday evening to get in the good books of our patrons.

PEN PICTURES OF THE BATLEY TEAM

Lawton—Previously an out half and a former Huddersfield player.

Ireland—A fast winger, formally a Keighley junior.

Ward—Centre, a product of Leeds Junior League.

Shuttleworth—Centre, a local product.

Smith—Wing, secured on transfer from York.

Geldard—Secured on transfer from Leeds.

Oliver—A former Leeds Junior.

Etty—Forward. A younger brother of the better known John Etty. A good goal kicker.

Fryer—Hooker. A Batley Junior.

Sharp—A former Wakefield Junior.

McVeigh—A local product and at present on transfer list at £3,000.

Johnston—A Cumbrian, secured from Workington.

Dick—Joined the club on transfer from Leeds.

CUP-TIE

Tickets for the 1st Round Lancashire Cup tie against Widnes at Watersheddings on Saturday next are now on sale to seatholder members until Tuesday next.

The prices are 6/- for Enclosure (Pavilion Side) and 'E' Stand (Popular Side). Postal applications should include remittance, Coupon No. 41 from the rear of Membership Card, and a stamped addressed envelope.

After Tuesday tickets will be on sale to the general public.

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