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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The start made by our club to the 1963/64 campaign has been encouraging, though the form of the first team has been up and down even when winning matches. Good showings against Hornets, Batley, Liverpool and Widnes, have alternated with indifferent performances against, York, Blackpool and Leigh. Consistency must be our strong feature if we are to accomplish what we intend to do—that is a resumption of first division football at Watersheddings next season, and there are two ways of achieving this, by consistent successful performances, and good open rugby at all times to be the rule rather than the exception.

Although we expected victory at York on Saturday last we had to fight hard to be successful, even allowing for the York team having to field several reserves owing to injuries to recognised first team players. It was anybody's game until the final whistle, but we came away victorious by seven points to four points. It is to be regretted that at the finish of the match several York supporters invaded the field, but our players came through unscathed.

Our first visit to the new Blackpool ground on Monday last provided us with a well earned victory by 24 points to 10 points, but here again we could have played much better and it was only in the final quarter that we could possibly claim any advantage, even though Blackpool lost their hooker after only twenty minutes of the game. We must compliment the Blackpool team on the clean display and by such, even when they lose matches they will gain many friends. The Blackpool Club are to be complimented on the new ground they have made, and it is a credit to the Rugby League, for the hard work the club have put in and the policy of the directors in the steps they have taken and the financial liability they are shouldering to provide Rugby League in Blackpool.

INJURED PLAYERS

Ian Howarth, our latest signing, has broken down in training, receiving a damaged ankle. He is now attending a specialist for further treatment, as the injury has not responded to treatment by us.

Evan Davies is progressing very slowly from his thigh injury, but the damaged limb is still in plaster.

Malcolm Price is still training and is anxiously awaiting the decision to have a go.

Ray Fisher had a go in the 'A' team last Saturday, and has just a little soreness in the elbow, but we hope that this will eventually wear off.

OUR VISITORS

Tonight we entertain visitors from Whitehaven in the second round of the Lancashire Cup and the winners will meet either Wigan or Leigh, away. The Whitehaven Club made a creditable draw at Liverpool in the first round, and ran away with the replay by thirty odd points. Our team enter this evening's match full of confidence, but must not take anything as a foregone conclusion. In our visitors ranks is the second row forward, Bill Holiday, who is on the transfer list at £7,500, but we understand that Wakefield are prepared to talk round about £6,000. Several Yorkshire Clubs are watching this player tonight, but do not be surprised if the player is transferred before this match.

'A' TEAM FOOTBALL

After our 'A' team's brilliant win against Widnes 'A' in the Shield Competition, they surprisingly came unstuck against St. Helens 'A' at Watersheddings on Saturday last, by 34 points to 4 points. Why this fall from grace in the space of a few days?

On Saturday, 28th September our 'A' team are due to play Blackpool 'A' at home, but we have had to postpone this match in order to play the Shield match against Workington at Workington. Both our teams therefore will be playing away on this date, as the first team will be playing at Blackpool.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY

Contrary to press reports, our full back and coach, Frank Dyson, was not dropped from the Yorkshire County team. The plain truth is that our coach, knowing that we played Whitehaven at home on the same date as Yorkshire v. Australians at Hull, asked for his name not to be considered for this match. Frank is to be admired on his decision to serve his club instead of playing against the Australians.

AUSTRALIANS AT OLDHAM

Make a note of the date—Saturday, 5th October at Watersheddings—the visit of the Australian Tourists, kick-off 3 p.m.

Guaranteed seat tickets at 6/- each are available to seatholder members of both Enclosure seats and 'E' Stand. Coupon No. 42 to be submitted, and if by postal application, a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets can be obtained from the Secretary's Office in the Pavilion. Seatholder members will be allowed until Tuesday, 24th September, after which date seat tickets will be available to the general public.

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