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No. 6—Saturday, 21st September, 1963

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## WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Although we anticipated victory in the second round of the Lancashire Cup against Whitehaven, we were somewhat disappointed with the display given by both sides. Up to half-time the game was blotted out as regards open play, and was confined to the forwards with their bulldozing efforts. Some critics stated it was second division football, and if this is so, the sooner we get out of the second division, the sooner we shall enjoy our football. This stopping game is no good for anyone. The public pays its money to be entertained by professionals and have a full right to expect the best they can give.

We now have to travel for the semi-final at Leigh. The Leigh team provided the sensation of the competition by beating Wigan, and from reports deserved to do so. Up to the time of going to press no date for the game has been fixed. The other semi-final is between St. Helens and Warrington.

Our team are confident they can make a show of it at Leigh and enter the final.

At our match on Wednesday, we had several talent spotters from senior clubs, but from reports, all returned to their respective clubs with nothing to report.

## OUR VISITORS

Today we entertain the Barrow Club in a division two match and extend a welcome to them as leaders of the second division, having played five matches and won the lot, scoring 118 points against 51. They hope to include in their team Bill Burgess, wing, who has now been taken off the transfer list and was valued by the Barrow Club at £18,000. We hope that today our team will return to the form we expect from them. We cannot afford to make any slip-ups with home matches and our visitors will be all out to prove that their present form is no flash in the pan. We can be sure of a good game for our opponents invariably provide attractive football when they appear on our ground.

The last recorded victory in a league game by the Barrow Club at Watersheddings, was in 1953.

## VISIT OF THE AUSTRALIANS

Guaranteed seats for the Australian match on Saturday, 5th October, for both Enclosure and 'E' Stand are now on sale from the Secretary's Office in the Pavilion at 6/- each. Secure your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

## AN INNOVATION

An innovation has come into being by the use of substitutes in games against the Australians, inasmuch that it is in order for injured players up to two in number to be substituted by other players in games (other than Test Matches). The substituted players should be unable to take any further part in the game because of injury, and the substitution must be effected before the start of the second half of the game. The names of the substitutes must be made known to the opponents before the game, and the replacements must be sanctioned by the referee.

Is this the fore runner of substitutes in league to come?

## INFLATION

The transfer price which the Barrow Club placed on Bill Burgess of £18,000 was a record for this country and it gives one a guide as to the value of other players. Of course the price is always governed by the supply and demand, and good players are exceptionally hard to find, in fact every club is looking round for something better than they have already got all the time.

Australia's Reg Gasnier has already been rated at £25,000 as a centre and one can imagine that Wakefield would not part for a cent less than this for Neil Fox. What about Alec Murphy of St. Helens also? But the main question arises, is there any club prepared to pay such prices.

## LATEST TRANSFERS

The latest transfers this week are Lockwood (Hull Kingston), to Leeds for £2,750 and Penketh, centre of Bradford Northern, to Featherstone for £2,000.

## 'A' TEAM

Today our 'A' team is having one of its many blank Saturdays, which is due to lack of Lancashire 'A' teams in the competition. On Saturday, 28th September, our 'A' team are due to play Blackpool 'A' at Watersheddings, but this match has had to be postponed owing to the second round match of the Lancashire Shield against Workington 'A' at Workington on this date. Cup ties always take precedence over league matches and so our match against Blackpool 'A' will have to be played later in the season.

Note: As our cover was printed before this information was known, the next match at Watersheddings should read:-

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