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## Watersheddings News and Views.

Saturday last was a red letter day in more senses than one against the New Zealand Touring Team, for not only did we win but we were treated to a game of football that was worth going a long way to see. In fact we met at Watersheddings on Saturday last exiled Oldhamers who had travelled from Devon, Kidderminster, London and other remote small places to watch our team show their paces against the Tourists. All agreed that their journey had been really necessary and were full of praise for both teams for the fine exhibition of football that had been put over.

We must compliment the Kiwis for their fighting spirit after being so many points in arrears. Although not up to the standard of previous teams—whether this will be shown later we cannot say—but the Kiwis did make it a sporting game and which was a pleasure to watch; to have more games like this at Watersheddings would be a wonderful advertisement for the code and we should get more adherents watching. We see no reason why. One must also compliment the referee, Mr. C. F. Appleton, on his control and efficient ruling of the laws of the game; always up with the play, Mr. Appleton must have a wonderful turn of speed and must be very fit.

However, the Kiwis had a wonderful reception in Oldham and the whole party enjoyed their visit, which commenced at noon, to their departure at 9 p.m.

The day was ideal for the occasion, a fine sunny afternoon, but we were somewhat disappointed with the "gate" of 15,175 and the receipts of £1,807 1s. 3d.—we fully expected topping the £2,000 mark. However, from a financial point of view the Tour Managers were satisfied, for after deduction of Entertainment Tax amounting to £189 13s. 2d., leaving a net amount of £1,617 8s. 1d., the Tourists take 65%, which amounted to £1,051 6s. 3d. It is a proud boast of this club that all Touring Teams from Australia and New Zealand have had over the £1,000 mark from this club as their share of the receipts. May we carry on the good work for future Touring Teams that visit Oldham.

## Spotlight on our Visitors.

Once again it is our pleasure to entertain Warrington and we are sure of good football which they are capable of playing. Unfortunately this season they have had an unusual spate of injuries which has somewhat dimmed their star, but efficient reserves have carried on the good play and open play which the club has such a wonderful name. May today's game be no exception and at the final whistle we hope all patrons will be satisfied.

Today is a hard task for our team but we know their capabilities and it will only be their top form that we hope to emerge with success. O'Donnell, full back. Previously an out-half, was secured from Leigh F.C. on small transfer three seasons ago. A native of Wigan.

Bevan, B., wing. Well-known to all supporters of the R.L. game; a clean player and a delight to watch when in possession of the ball; elusive and difficult to stop.

Naughton, centre. Secured from Widnes, November, 1949, at a then record transfer fee; a big centre; creates openings for his wing; has good cut-through.

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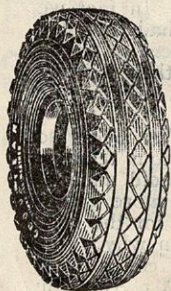
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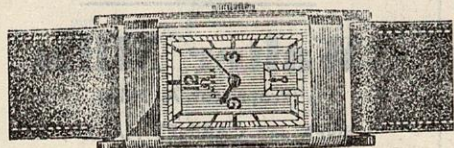
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Herbert, centre. Another local, age 18 years, and has progressed from Warrington "B" team.

Bevan, O., wing. Brother to Brian Bevan; previously a loose forward; has now developed into a wing; a good goal-kicker.

Jackson, out-half. Previously with Workington, Hull Kingston; is a centre, but equally good at out-half.

Helme, scrum half. Stepped right out of junior football into the Warrington team; a great player on his day; might have been an Oldham player, but Warrington pipped us on the post with an hour or so to spare.

Wright, forward. A local player who teamed up with Liverpool City; transferred to his present club towards the end of last season.

Fishwick, hooker. Gave good service to St. Helens before being transferred to his present club; one of the best hookers in the game.

Featherstone, forward. Previously with Wigan; a good honest forward; been out of the game with injury, now fit.

Bath, forward. An Australian; has seen service with Barrow prior to transfer to Warrington; just returned Saturday last from Australia; a dangerous forward in possession of the ball and requires a lot of stopping.

Whittaker, forward. A local player, age 20 years; after two years Army service has settled down as a first team player.

Heathwood, loose forward. Still another local; originally a centre, has developed into one of the best and fastest loose forwards playing.

### Lancashire Cup, Semi-Final.

Having been drawn to play Leigh at Watersheddings in the semi-final of the Lancashire County Senior Cup, this match has been mutually fixed for Tuesday, 16th October, 1951, kick-off 4-30 p.m. Prices of Enclosures and "E" Stand seats are 5/- each, which are guaranteed seats, and are now on sale at the Secretary's office in the Pavilion. Other charges of admittance to the various parts of the ground are as first team matches. Early application for tickets is advisable.

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