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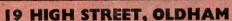
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Watersheddings News and Views.

It is refreshing to welcome our first team to Watersheddings after a spate of away matches and, one may say, a successful time. Our last home match was on February 23rd and we have had a spell of five away games. One great disappointment did come our way on the 1st March against Leeds in the second round Rugby League Challenge Cup when we made our exit from the competition, and which caused dismay and disappointment to the thousands of our supporters who went to Leeds for this match. We had our chances to win the match and on the day's play were undoubtedly the best team. Our players tried hard to overcome the iron curtain defence set up by our opponents but we could just not get there. Honour must go to the Leeds team for their defensive measures, but the sting was in the defeat to what we thought would be our Wembley year. Luck must play an important part in this knockout competition and which forced us to travel to Leeds. Defeat we took as sportsmen, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that our team played football of the highest order and has continued to do so since. Bramley, Leigh, St. Helens and Rochdale have since been visited and we have come away with victory after showing football of the highest order. A revival has set in; we are reaping the harvest of intensive coaching, team spirit and the will to win confidence of each individual player in his co-player. The future looks healthy and a good time and feast of good football for our members and supporters is now on the horizon. After a long period of lean years it is time we got amongst the trophies that can be won in our game. Success brings success, and it is a wonderful feeling to be riding on top of the world.

Entertainment Tax.

The recent Budget issue has increased the rate of entertainment tax for football matches and we are of the opinion that such increases will have to be passed on to the public. A meeting of the Rugby League Management Committee has recommended that the minimum charge of admittance to our first team matches for season 1952/53 shall be 1/6 against the present charge of 1/3. Other prices and the cost of Members' Cards will also be affected by this increase. The cost of running a club is always on the upgrade and if the increase of Entertainment Tax had not come along we are of the opinion that the minimum charge would have been increased to 1/6 as an offset against increased expenses of running a club.

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Congratulations to B. V. Goldswain and C. Winslade on their selection to play for Wales against France at Bordeaux tomorrow, Sunday, and a little pat on the back for Goldswain being selected as Captain for Wales-a great honour indeed for any player to captain his country. We shall be minus the services of these two players today as they proceeded from Manchester Airport yesterday at 12 noon, flying direct to Bordeaux. They are due to fly back on Monday afternoon.

James D. Chalmers.

Owing to a breakdown in health of James Chalmers, permission has been given by the R.L. Council to play a testimonial match for this player. This match will take place on Tuesday evening, 6th May, when our team will play, a selected International side. Further particulars will be given on completion of arrangements for this match.

Referee Appointments.

April 11th—G.F.—Swinton v. Oldham. J. P. Hebblethwaite, York.
April 12th—E.S.—Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets. H. Harrison, Ossett.
April 14th—E.M.—Oldham v. Halifax. R. Gelder, Wakefield.
April 26th—Hull K.R. v. Oldham. N. T. Railton, Wigan.

Holiday Football.

Whilst our first team are making their annual pilgrimage to Swinton on Good Friday afternoon, we have arranged to play a postponed match on this day against Warrington "A" and the kick-off being 3 p.m.

On Good Friday morning the Oldham Junior League will stage at Watersheddings the "Standard Cup Final," the teams being Higginshaw v. Saddleworth Rangers, kick-off at 11 a.m. We desire all rugby enthusiasts to come along to this final. "A" team prices of admission will be charged. This match is the main source of revenue for the Junior League and it is hoped that the public will come along in thousands to help the organisation to carry on the good work of junior rugby football in this town.

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