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20	Halifax	Away	7-0	26	Blackpool	Away	2-30
25	Rochdale	Away	3-0	29	Widnes	Away	2-30
28	Leigh	Home	7-0	Jan. 5	Hunslet	Home	2-30
Sept. 1	*Wigan (Lancs C.)	Away	3-0	12	Salford	Home	2-30
8	St. Helens	Away	3-0	19	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
15	Wakefield	Home	3-0	26	Warrington	Home	3-0
22	Barrow	Home	3-0	Feb. 2	Salford	Away	3-0
29	Liverpool	Away	3-0	9	R.L. Cup		
Oct. 6	Wigan	Away	3-0	16	Widnes	Home	3-0
13	Halifax	Home	3-0	23	R.L. Cup		
20	Barrow	Away	3-0	Mar. 2	Liverpool	Home	3-0
27	Keighley	Home	3-0	9	York	Away	3-0
Nov. 3	Workington	Away	3-0	16	Whitehaven	Home	3-0
7	*Australia	Home	3-0	23	Bramley	Away	3-0
10	Workington	Home	3-0	30	Wigan	Home	3-0
17	Keighley	Away	2-30	Apr. 6	Leigh	Away	3-0
24	Blackpool	Home	2-30	13			
Dec. 1	York	Home	2-30	19	Swinton	Away	3-0
8	St. Helens	Home	2-30	20	Hunslet	Away	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The Barrow match and the matches of the two succeeding Saturdays have provided the sporting world with something to talk about.

In the first place the exhibition given by our team against Barrow was one of the finest seen on our ground, and we must congratulate the Barrow team on giving us a treat. Although fighting a losing game from the commencement, they never gave up, and their play also produced a high standard of football at times, but nothing to match our team. Never before at the conclusion of a match has there been such enthusiasm both for the victors and the vanquished. This match was talked about for days, and the glory that was to come.

But how the mighty fell on the following Saturday, September 29th at Liverpool, when the lowly Liverpool team made our team look like nothing on earth, and on the day's play well merited their victory by 16 points to 8 points. The sting in the Liverpool match is not in the defeat, so much as the bad play of our team on this day. What is the solution: that ALL the players had an off day? We cannot always win, but to be beaten by lowly Liverpool will probably cost us dearly before the season ends. The enthusiasm at Liverpool is great, and jubilation at the end of the match was very much in evidence, as one can imagine at having beaten the mighty Oldham team. Possibly other surprises will lie in store for visitors to Liverpool. The Officials and Supporters Club of Liverpool City are to be congratulated in their efforts to keep the Rugby League flag flying in Liverpool and may their efforts in the future be rewarded.

Surprise number three came on Saturday last when we visited Wigan. Our supporters were wondering if the Liverpool defeat had damaged our moral. Experience is a very dear school, and our team, no doubt smarting under the defeat at Liverpool, knew what they were up against, and entered the field full of confidence to show the Wigan team and the sporting world, that any team can have an off day. From the kick-off it was obvious that our team was back to their normal game, and we must congratulate the team on the great win, this being our eleventh successive win over Wigan. Although our opponents appeared to have the worst of the knocks (these are always evident in any game), I doubt if this can be an excuse or discount to the ability of our team. It was indeed a great victory and gives us confidence for the future. Every man played his part and the whole team worked as a unit, fast running and precision passing were much in evidence, as of old.

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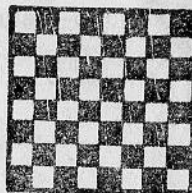
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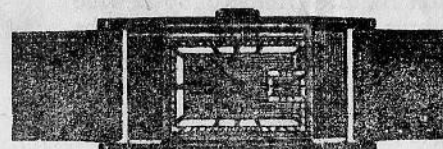
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It is a pleasure indeed to welcome to Watersheddings our visitors from Halifax. One thing we are sure of is a good and sporting game. If this match provides fifty per cent. of the kind of football we saw in the Barrow match, all will be satisfied. The Halifax team always are an attraction by their open play, and our team will have to be on top form to overcome this stiff opposition.

TRANSFER

The transfer of our much sought after winger, Terry O'Grady, by a few clubs has ended with a firm refusal. The Committee are determined to build and not weaken the team. It is to O'Grady's credit that he expressed a desire that he did not want to leave the Club. He has just completed the purchase of his house from the Club, which proves that IF he had left us he would have still resided in Oldham. He is a 100% club man and is to be admired by his expression in not wanting to leave this Club.

JUNIOR SIGNING

We have signed on amateur forms one of the most promising young centres, another local boy, in David Michael Kenway, late of St. Patrick's Continuation League team but now of St. Mary's Junior team. We have confidence that this player will follow in the steps of our other locals, O'Grady, Noon, Ayres, O'Brien, McKeown, Jones, Carruthers,—they are all worthy of a place in our first team. He is 18 years of age and as he is an apprentice electrician he will be exempt from military service until he is 21 years of age.

CENTRALIZATION

Centralization of control, that is, the appointment of "A" team referees and touch judges from the Rugby League Headquarters and not by the Senior Competition Officials, has been shelved for the matter to be referred to the next general meeting of the Rugby League. Our Club is in favour of central control. This would probably lead to the resumption of the Rugby League Combination and the compiling of all "A" team fixtures from Rugby League Headquarters as in the case of first team fixtures. Several Yorkshire Clubs do not agree to enter a Rugby League Combination, which in our opinion, is a retrograde step and not in the best interest of the game. They must know their own business best. An effort must be made to keep the Lancashire "A" teams occupied each Saturday during the season, and some ways and means must be devised to this end. "A" teams cannot be kept inactive for one, two, or three weeks at a time. The interest and enthusiasm of the boys is bound to wane. The majority of clubs cannot afford to go into the top transfer market or to sign the Rugby Union stars, and as ninety per cent. of our players in the whole Rugby League come from Junior Rugby League football, the feeding line from "A" team football cannot be over estimated in value to all Clubs.

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