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Aug. 11	*Rochdale	Home	3-0	22	Warrington	Away	2-30
18	Bramley	Home	3-0	25	Swinton	Home	2-30
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	*Austral	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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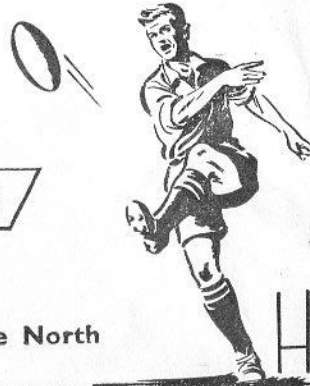


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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We are now in the second half of the season and we can look back with some satisfaction on our achievements in the opening half. We hope to continue our progress but the road will be a hard one to travel but our players are full of confidence and hope, and with a little luck we hope to finish in the first four of the N.R.F.L. Up to date we have played a total of 26 matches, and having won 22 and lost only four is a record of which we are very proud.

We have been treated to some wonderful exhibitions of how the game should be played by our team and by some opponents. One of the most outstanding games so far this season was the Barrow match at Watersheddings which produced a thrill a minute, and running this as a good second was when we entertained Workington, although the scoring was kept to a minimum the match produced that most tantalising thrill—uncertainty as to the final result.

In fact, all our matches have produced that little bit of something that Rugby League expects—and which attracts the crowds—and there is no doubt that we have been well supported and given much encouragement by our own supporters and visitors for good play. One thing that stands out in our attendance records is the splendid support given by juveniles (boys and girls) at our matches. To quote one match alone, when we played St. Helens on 8th December, 1956, the total gate was 16,781. Included in this figure are 1,384 juveniles paying an admission fee of £49 2s. 6d.—in addition to this we have 283 juvenile members.

There is no doubt that this is an encouragement for the future, we must bring them into the game young and encourage them to attend young, they must grow up with the game. One must not forget the "boys of the old brigade"—the old age pensioners who attend our matches. We have 350 privilege ticket holders (old age pensioners) who pay 10s. 0d. per year membership, and the average attendance for paying O.A.P.s is around 500 per match at 9d. each.

OUR VISITORS

Today, we welcome Hunslet—our worthy opponents from over the Pennines—to Watersheddings. The Hunslet club are having a very successful season, holding the fourth place in the League—played 19, won 14 and lost only five.

So today we must expect a very hard encounter and our team will have to be in top form to overcome the stiff opposition which we obviously face. Last season Hunslet came "over the border" much earlier and inflicted upon us the heaviest defeat of the season at Watersheddings and on the day's play there was no doubt that they were the best team. The Hunslet boys have quite a little history behind them and we must ensure that history does not repeat itself today. However, we hope for a good game and satisfied customers at the final whistle.

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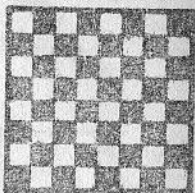
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HUNSLET

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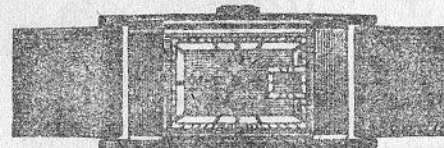
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We are pleased to say that the injury to Alan Davies has not proved as serious as we first expected—strained ligaments of the right knee is the trouble. It is amazing the number of scare mongers there is attached to our game when a report was circulated that Davies had finished football for the season. It is obvious that these people do not know what they are talking about, therefore, they should remain silent.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Many people are questioning the need for us to organise a football pool and a Christmas Draw in view of the support being given to our Club at our home games.

We are delighted at the attendances at our home games and do thank the public for their support.

We feel, however, the need to do something at once to realise the money necessary to improve our ground so that we can offer maximum comfort to our supporters at all times.

To this end the profits from the football pool and the Christmas Draw are being devoted to the covering of the ground at the Watersheddings Street end. This will cost upwards of £6,000 but will serve a long-felt need.

The plans are almost complete and will be publicised shortly. Therefore, if our endeavours meet with success, and the returns from the football pool reach our expectations, we can meet the cost of the cover on the ground from these sources, and utilise the profits from the matches to maintain a successful football team.

Thus we can achieve worthwhile twin objects of having a good team in the middle of a good ground, which is a pleasure and comfort to the spectators.

May I thank all those who supported our Christmas Draw and so helped to make it the great success that it was, and I would appeal to all to lend a hand—either as a member or an agent—for our football pool which is to commence in the next week or so.

Yours very sincerely,

WILLIAM HOWARD, President.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

May we offer thanks to all our members and supporters who contributed to the Christmas Draw. This has been a great success and thanks are due to the undermentioned for the valuable prizes they contributed.

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