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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	2-3
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	*Australi	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	23	Hunslet	Away	3-0
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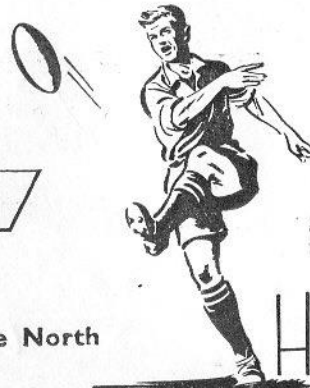


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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We are still blazing the trail and enjoying success, and are now at the head of the Rugby League table. Every match is equal to a cup-tie and where ever we play at our opponents are out to lower our colours. This is as it should be, because it makes a game of it and it's the game that counts.

It had to happen at Whitehaven on Saturday last, when we came away with victory for the first time in the nine visits we have paid them. What a glorious game and victory it was. Although short of the services of our captain, Frank Stirrup and Dick Cracknell, the substitutes did very well indeed and helped to make up a side which won a hard fought game.

The team and officials travelled north on the Friday evening, and all of them considered it well worth while to arrive at the Whitehaven ground fresh and eager for the fray. We hate to individualise on our players but we must give praise—as all other players will agree—to our scrum-half, Frank Pitchford, who played a game of international standard, and this just happened to be the difference between the two teams. Pitchford was the will-o'-the-wisp, he was here, there and everywhere, making scoring openings. The players stayed overnight—after the match—as the guests of the club, and a very happy and contented party spent an evening that was thoroughly enjoyed.

OUR VISITORS

It is always a pleasure to have Warrington as visitors to Watersheddings, both as an attraction and from a financial point of view.

Many are the stirring games we have had at Watersheddings and also at Warrington, and we hope that to-day's game will prove no exception. On December 22nd last, Warrington beat us well and truly at Wilderspool by 12 points to 2, so it is up to us to seek fair revenge to-day for that somewhat unexpected defeat at the hands of the Wires.

Although we are without three of our regular first team players—Davies, Little and Turner—the Warrington team have Price, their clever out-half, and Bath, their star forward, out of action, so we may expect a game worthy of the two teams engaged to-day.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS

When we see the teaming thousands enter our ground every Saturday, we perhaps rarely think who our immediate neighbour is—and less so if it happens to be two girls (or should I say, young ladies?).

Week after week, first team or 'A' team, the said young ladies—Sylvia and Joan—travel from Guide Bridge to see our lads perform, and what is more, they know far more of the game than some "thirty-years-a-spectator" experts.

They attend the Supporters' Club Dances, often resulting in a long walk home (not always alone, of course!) Well done Sylvia and Joan! Keep it up, the Club is proud of you!

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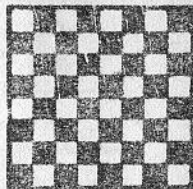
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- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—KEITH, J.
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- 11—WINSLADE, C.
- 12—ROGERS, J.
- 13—DALEY, F.

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Another important addition for the comfort of the players is the erection of a large tiled plunge in the basement of the pavilion, this is an addition to the many "showers" which the players can use. This also was considered an essential for the well being of our players and visitors.

Reference to our postponed match of Christmas Day, against Swinton. We have provisionally fixed Monday, April 15th, 1957. This match will, of course be played at Watersheddings, it is an evening match, kick-off will be announced later, but in so far as British Summer Time comes into operation before this date, a late kick-off will be possible which will satisfy our desire to give all our members and supporters an opportunity to attend this match.

THE NEW POOL

Thanks to the many members, agents, and supporters who have most spontaneously supported the first week of the Pool, we have been in a position to return quite substantial prize money for the first week. Thanks again!

As far as ground sales are concerned 'D' Block (and the 'D' in this case does not mean that they are dizzy) have joined up almost to a man (and lady).. Well done 'D' Block, keep it up because I understand that all other Blocks are trying to catch up.

We still have plenty of vacancies for agents, what about it you Rugby fans.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX

May we once again impress upon the paying public at our matches the great burden of entertainment tax which the receipts are subject to. Why this great imposition should be placed upon professional sport, i.e. Soccer, Rugby League, we cannot say, especially with regard to professional Cricket. Good luck to cricket if it can get away with it, but why the preference. Is cricket a Government sponsored sport to be immune from entertainment tax.

From the last thirteen matches at Watersheddings we have paid £2,983 to Customs and Excise, some people—and especially some clubs—will say we are lucky to be able to pay it, I suppose we are, in one sense, by virtue of putting on a show that attracts the crowds, but we should be able to do more things that are necessary if we were relieved of this great imposition.

We are living, and that is all. But what of the poorer clubs, both Soccer and Rugby League, who have not taken as much in gate money as we have paid in tax. They do not live, it is only an existence and they have to rely on subsidies of one form or another which cannot last for ever.

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