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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

May we compliment our team on their Annual Charity Match victory against Rochdale Hornets on Saturday last. A victory we may record equal to Rorke's Drift, a name given to a famous Test Match in Australia when England battled along with ten players against the might of Australia and won the day. This was many days ago, but the spirit still prevails in British sport, and it was a magnificent effort by our players, ten in number on the field, and of these ten, our scrum half, Gilmore, battled on with a painful thigh injury, manfully they stuck to their work, and I can assure readers that at the final whistle the victors were on the verge of exhaustion. A great victory indeed was this against odds that were overwhelming.

It is pleasing to record that two of our injured players, Mitchell and Platt have recovered, but Sugden and Gilmore are still out of the game.

This evening's match we have welcome visitors from Warrington and we are assured of a good open game. Warrington are the holders of the Rugby League Challenge Cup and as usual have a very attractive side in the field. We are hoping to give our visitors an equal game and to emerge victorious.

No doubt spectators will be interested in the home debut of Bryn Day, second row or loose forward, recently signed by this club from Belle Vue Rangers. We extend a welcome to our new acquisition and hope that he will have a successful and happy career with us. These notes are written prior to our match against Whitehaven and we have strong hopes of including another Rugby League player in our team, negotiations are at present still proceeding and we hope with a successful ending. This player is for a position that we realise does require strengthening and no effort will be spared in the direction we are now working or any other direction to secure the player to increase the efficiency of the team.

This evening, being our official opening match at Watersheddings, we should like to give the following message to all those who are in any way connected with the Rugby League game.

To all players. Our game is a man's game. Play it keenly, but cut out the rough stuff. It not only spoils your own game, but leads to bad feeling and retaliation.

To the Club Committees. Insist on your team playing clean, open football. The old kick-and-rush game gets you nowhere and is a source of annoyance to your own supporters.

To Club Members. Stick to your club when it is down. Anybody will follow a winning team, but he is a good sportsman who supports his club when things are going wrong.

AFTER THE MATCH VISIT THE

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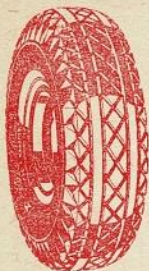
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8 ANTHONY, L. 9 BROOKS, E. 10 TOMLINSON, A.

11 FEARNLEY, A. 12 GOLDSWAIN, B. V. (Capt.)

13 DAY, B.

Reserves—BATTEN, R. TOMLINSON, H.

Referee:

Touch Judges:

Mr. N. T. Railton, Billinge, Wigan

Mr. D. Halliday, Manchester (Blue)

Mr. W. Johnson, St. Helens (Red)

13 PALIN, H.

12 LOWE, G. 11 BATH, H.

10 FISHER, R. 9 FISHWICK, H. H. 8 DERBYSHIRE, W.

7 HELME, G. J. 6 KNOWELDEN, B.

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To the Referees. Yours is a most important job. Ignore the shouts of the spectators, and give your decisions promptly, without fear or favour. Insist on both sides playing to the rules in a sportsmanlike manner.

To all Rugby League followers. We trust that during the coming season the weather may be favourable, and the general standard of play high, so that at the end of the season we may all look back and feel we have had a good time.

GROUND CHARGES—ADMISSION.

Members and patrons will notice that there has been a revision to admittance charges to certain parts of the ground. These have been gone into at great length by the Committee, and the new prices compare very favourably with other clubs charges, in fact we are still under the charges made by certain clubs. We require revenue and the source of this revenue must come from members subscriptions and from "gate" receipts. The costs of everything connected with a professional club still has an upward trend, and money talks all languages, and we cannot do without it to proceed on the lines which is desirous to secure a team that will draw the crowds once again to Watersheddings. We have had our lean times but efficiently managed we shall proceed to get fat. A spirit of optimism prevails amongst the Committee and properly disseminated will bring the crowds. The crowds will bring the money, the money will bring the team, and the team will bring YOU good football for your entertainment. Get your fill of this and you will taste a little bit of the spice of life.

We have in the past had a loyal crowd of supporters who have followed the team win or lose, and we see a new era, which we hope will arrive this season, it is still up to you to support the club to assist the members' elected representatives as a committee to put their scheme for a great team at Watersheddings.

CUP FINAL TICKETS—WEMBLEY.

There are still tickets at all prices available for the Cup Final, i.e., 21s., 10s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 4s. 6d. and 2s. 6d., but supplies are strictly limited. Later in the season we usually have a series of complaints from supporters of the game saying that they attended the Final regularly, and those making late applications and who fail to obtain their requirements, have nobody to blame but themselves. Applications will be received by the Secretary, Pavilion, Watersheddings or to the Rugby League Secretary, 180, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7.

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