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Watersheddings News and Views.

A survey of our holiday fixtures does not show what we may call a merry one or a profitable one. It is unfortunate that the weather conditions were responsible for the cancellation of two homes matches against Whitehaven and Wigan. However, we have mutually arranged to play Whitehaven at Watersheddings on Easter Saturday, 24th March, and Wigan at Watersheddings on Monday, 23rd April, this being our last first-team match of the season. Other matches re-arranged are Liverpool Stanley at home on Monday, 2nd April, and Leigh away, Wednesday, 11th April; so we are in for a busy period during the months of March and April. Furthermore, we hope to have a cup-tie or more for the R.L. Challenge Cup.

Our Visitors.

To-day we entertain Belle Vue Rangers, who hold a position in the Rugby League at half-way, and who at the present time are playing good football. We played at Belle Vue on 30th August and were fortunate to win by fifteen points to fourteen points. We hope that to-day's match will be one worthy of the game and we hope success to our team.

Who's Who in the Belle Vue Team.

GREGORY. A young full back of exceptional promise. Wigan born, has seen service with Warrington before joining Belle Vue. A successful goal kicker; has place 55 goals this season. Brother-in-law of Ayles the prop forward.

BEVAN, wing. A Welshman from Penycraig, has had service with Oldham Rugby Union team. Lives at Middleton and is a school teacher.

MORGAN. Another Welshman from Abercave was transferred from Huddersfield to his present club.

THATCHER. Also from Wales; has seen service with Dewsbury and Keighley.

PIMBLETT, full back or wing. Secured on transfer from St. Helens.

PRICE, out-half. Was captain of Abertillery Rugby Union club prior to joining Belle Vue. One of the best out-half's playing in the League to-day.

REES, scrum half. Playing better football now than at any time in his career; did good service with our club prior to being transferred to Belle Vue. Previous to joining us had played with Leeds.

AYLES, forward. A native of Wigan, and is a consistently good forward.

HUNT, hooker. A Swinton-born player who has had playing experience with Salford.

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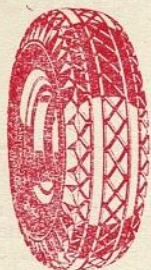
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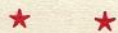
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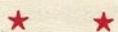
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TONGE, second row forward. A native of Swinton, a forward who knows the way to the line. Father played for the old Broughton Rangers team.

PHILLIPS, second row forward. Requires no introduction to the Oldham spectators. International and twice tourist to Australia and New Zealand. Is coach to the team.

TIERNEY. A Welshman from Tumble, has played full back and centre, but with increasing weight has developed into a very useful loose forward.

Attraction.

The attendance at our match against Swinton on Christmas Day was 12,816: this is not quite up to the pre-war standard of attendance. Is the old fixture of Christmas Day on the wane? Is the calibre of the teams as good as of yore? Or maybe the question of transport has been curtailed for this annual match. The day was conducive for a better crowd and a full house should have been the order; but there it is, there may be a variety of other reasons.

R.L. Challenge Cup.

The draw for the Cup has decided that we play Leeds, at Leeds, on 10th February, and at Watersheddings on 17th February. We realise that we have a heavy task in surmounting the first hurdle, but it is not an impossible one and we face the future with confidence. We are sure to have two good matches, and in cup-ties anything can happen.

The 1st of February is the dead-line date for the signing of any new players to make them eligible for the Challenge Cup, and one may expect some frantic efforts on behalf of clubs to strengthen weak links that are obvious in various teams. With reference to our own position the Committee are aware of their requirements and efforts are being made in various directions for the strengthening of the team, and time alone will see if their efforts are rewarded. Much time has been spent by the Committee on team requirements; clubs and players have been seen but up to the present nothing tangible can be reported, but the search still goes on.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS.

Arrangements for the Wembley Trip are now completed and those who have booked are requested to pay immediately.

Our new badges have arrived and will be on sale to the public at 1/9 each.

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