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TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1951

KICK-OFF 6-45 p.m.

Watersheddings News and Views.

The season opened at Watersheddings just as we all wanted it to do, a fine victory over Bradford Northern by eleven points to seven. A splendid game to watch and everybody appeared delighted with the play of our team. It was something unique to find that our team, although behind at one period of the game, fighting back and securing the lead and ultimate victory, this fighting back business is quite a refreshing joy after our experiences of last season. Our team although lighter in weight than our opponents stuck manfully to the game and fully deserved the victory. The "gate" receipts amounting to £717 could have been much higher, seeing that this was the opening match of the season and attractive opponents in Bradford Northern. Consideration must be given that several adjacent districts were commencing holidays and the fact that public service transport was considerably restricted. Even allowing for the visit to Watersheddings of less attractive opponents, our "gate" receipts against the top ranking clubs should be over the £1,000 mark. This is essential, the money is required for the purchase of new players, players who are ready to be placed in our first team, without money, purchasing power is considerably discounted. After our great victory against Bradford Northern, our first away league fixture was on Wednesday last against Belle Vue, and in this match we gave the large number of our supporters who visited Belle Vue, number one shock of the season, and we were deservedly beaten by seven points to two.

This defeat considerably depreciates our victory of the previous Saturday. Our team never appeared to settle down against opponents who displayed terrier like tactics. The game should have been won by us in the first twenty minutes, negligence in not taking advantage of the openings made, cost us the match, the whole team appeared to be under a cloud as far as tactics were concerned and had no counter move against the spotting methods of a determined team. With enough of the ball from set scrums our half backs never appeared to have the measure of the opposing half backs, and the quick breaking away from the pack of the Belle Vue second row forwards harrassed and subdued the play of our halves. Goodfellow came in for some severe, but fair tackles, and felt the effect of one of these tackles in the first half by an injury to his neck, which somewhat affected his play during the remainder of the match. On the day we were beaten by a team that was full of determination, not by actual brilliant football, as the match can be described as of the dull species and not of the entertainment value that one must expect. Our team had a complete off day, and a repetition of displays of this nature, must and will call for severe criticism, and a remedy must be found to avoid these inept and lifeless displays by our team.

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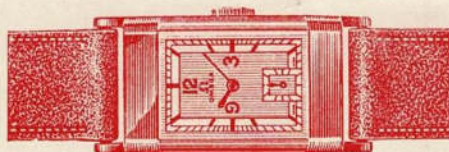
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13 GOLDSWAIN, B. V. (Capt.) / GOAL.

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On Transfer.

No doubt our members and supporters are wondering and even surprised by the Committee's action in placing Frank Heyes on the transfer list. This is not their seeking, as the services of Heyes would rather be retained. The player finds that considerable time is taken up by travelling from his home town of St. Helens to Oldham for various matches and training once per week, and having secured a better position in St. Helens does not want to jeopardise this new position by excessive travelling and time off. It was only after interview and careful consideration that the Committee reluctantly decided on the decision taken.

Membership.

Although it is early in the season to know the exact number of members for season 1951/52 we do not think the membership will fall short of last season. May we make a request to seat holders in Enclosure seats and "E" stand seats, that is to occupy the reservation of the seat that has been allotted to them. We have numerous instances of members not occupying their reserved seats but going into seats that are unreserved, these are on sale to the public at each individual match. We find that we are losing money by this practice, and a special appeal is now made for members to occupy the seats allotted to them. Abuse of same may alter the whole system of seat-holder members in future seasons.

Our Visitors.

This evening we entertain Liverpool City, who again have changed the title of the club. This club started with the original name of Wigan Highfield, afterwards London Highfield, Liverpool Stanley and now Liverpool City. We hope that the designation of Liverpool City will bring them more success from a playing and financial point than in the past. The fact that City scored a somewhat surprising victory at Liverpool on Thursday last over Salford, must make our team go all out for victory, and not to take matters for granted. May we have a good game and ultimate victory to us.

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