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### Watersheddings News and Views.

Our visit to Wigan met with the usual fate, but we did not expect to be defeated by such a large score that shocked our supporters. We lost to a team that on the day was in one of its brilliant moods, and they were ably assisted by the mistakes in midfield that our players made. There is no excuse to be found for this overwhelming defeat, excluding the visit of Cardiff to Wigan the score against us was the largest that Wigan have recorded this season. However, we know the weakness in the team and efforts must be made to remedy the deficiencies that are apparent. A little consolation for our defeat at Wigan was the victory over Whitehaven at Watersheddings on Monday evening last. Forced changes in the team from the Saturday match through injuries left us a little in doubt, but we emerged successfully after a hard and keen game.

### Goal kicking.

Our team have not found a reliable goal kicker, and several shots at goal have been unexpectedly missed and others have been kicked when least expected. A good goal kicker is a great asset to any team and can prove to be a match winner. Are goal kickers born or can they be made? One of the greatest goal kickers in our game is Puig-Aubert, captain of the French International Team. Puig-Aubert estimates that he kicks 250 goals per year on an average, and has been doing so for ten years. This player has his own ideas of goal kicking and confounds the theorists who believe one of the essentials of accuracy in any ball game is never to take your eye off the ball. The French player places the ball for his shots at goal and then commits the unpardonable offence of turning his back as he is walking away from the ball before starting the approach.

All our own players, and it is seen in all clubs, notice the kicker, when the ball has been placed, back away from the ball with eyes placed on the ball and the strides back being paced with great care. Puig-Aubert considers that if the ball is lined up correctly nothing can happen to it whilst the kicker is going back to start his run, so there is no point in staring at it. If the kicker notices that the ball is not placed correctly he can always walk up and correct same; why keep watching it, and walking backwards is uncomfortable. Puig-Aubert always stands the ball upright and never favours the more popular method here of lying the ball down on an angle. One matter must be pointed out, that the French match ball is much longer and narrower than those used here, but in fairness to the French player who has broken Jim Sullivan's record in Australia for most points on a tour, he has been handling a football of similar size as used here.

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#### Rugby League Appointment.

Mr. Harry Sunderland has been appointed Publication Officer to the Rugby Football League. May we congratulate Mr. Sunderland on his appointment. We know Mr. Sunderland has the right idea regarding publicity and we look forward with pleasure to his undoubted ability for the advancement of the Rugby League.

It may not be generally known, but Mr. Sunderland was the one, and one only, who introduced the Rugby League Game in France. This is sufficient to know what our old friend to Oldham is capable of in the future.

#### New Zealand Match—29th September.

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