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Watersheddings News and Views.

Although we won our match against St. Helens at Watersheddings on Saturday, 15th September, the game as a whole left a nasty feeling of seeing Rugby League Football of how not to play it. The game produced one or two patches of open football, but feeling between players crept in and an exhibition of fisticuffs by both sides was a sorry show to witness. Spectators do not pay to see this type of football, there are other places one can go to see this.

At the commencement of the season our players are issued with a code of conduct and rules and regulations, and are instructed as a final word to play the game and play it fair, and to adhere to the rules, but when the players enter the field of play the control of the players leaves the Committee of Management and they are entirely in charge and under control by the referee. To this matter our comment must be left in abeyance owing to the fact that we have made strong protest to the R.L. Headquarters and await their decision to our complaint.

It is regrettable that in the above match our hooker, Jack Keith, received marching orders and with the resultant judgment of the Disciplinary Committee of the R.L., he has been suspended for four matches. This is a blow to us and the player, as Keith was holding his own with the best hookers in the game, and was chosen as number two hooker in the game for the international match played at St. Helens on Wednesday, 19th September.

"A" Team.

So far this season our "A" team are having a successful time, although losing the first match, have five successive wins to their credit. This is good going when one realises the fact that we have had to draw upon the "A" team for replacements in the first team caused through injuries, and players being placed in positions they have never played in before. Credit must be given for the open football they have shown. Their best victory was at St. Helens on Saturday, 15th September, when they beat a star-studded St. Helens "A" team by eighteen points to seventeen.

Injured Players.

The list of our injured players is now on the down-grade, the most serious being Hooper, wing, who has a dislocated elbow and will be out of the game for some time. Sugden is still troubled with his knee and further advice is being sought regarding this long inactivity of the player through injury. Goodfellow is still troubled with the neck injury received on August 22nd but recovery is slow. Ogden is out of the game not with injury but a

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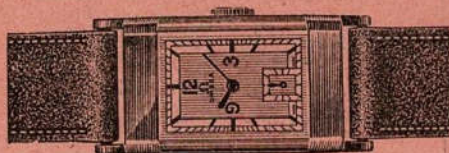
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slight crack in the player's health which is of a temporary nature and we hope to have his service at an early date. Chalmers reposes with courage and confidence at a nursing home near Grange-over-Sands and many months must elapse before we see this player resident in town once again.

Our "A" team played at Barrow on Monday, 10th September, and the whole team called to see Chalmers en route, finding him in good spirits and putting weight on.

New Zealand Touring Team.

On Saturday next we consider the event of the season when we play the New Zealand Touring Team. They will arrive in the town at twelve noon and proceed to the Town Hall for a Civic Reception. Afterwards they will be entertained to luncheon. In the evening at 6 o'clock they will be our guests at a complimentary dinner, when each member of the team will be presented with a club tie and pin complete with the name "Oldham" upon it.

Other guests invited to the function will be G. W. Smith and Arthur Kelly, two of the original members of the first professional "All Blacks" to tour this country, Phil Stephenson (New Zealand) who played for this club 1920/24, and A. E. Anlezark (George)—Australia—who played for this club prior to Phil Stephenson.

Test Matches.

Intending patrons who are desirous of watching the Test Matches against New Zealand—we do not issue tickets from this club. The following information may be useful.

Saturday, 16th October—Great Britain v. New Zealand at Bradford.

Saturday 10th November—Great Britain v. New Zealand at Swinton.

Saturday, 15th December—Great Britain v. New Zealand at Leeds.

Tickets for the above matches must be applied for to the respective Secretaries of the Bradford, Swinton and Leeds clubs. The matches at Swinton and Leeds are all-ticket matches.

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