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Watersheddings News and Views.

Our visit to Barrow on Saturday last proves that a team that takes its chances, however limited, have an odds-on chance of winning the match. This was the case at Barrow on Saturday last when our team scored three tries against our opponents' two, but the goal kicking of Horne, the Barrow outside-half, was in a certain extent the cause of the match being lost. We had chances to score more tries but lack of steadiness and finish, and a little selfishness on the part of certain players, lost certain tries, but the fact that our attempts at goal kicking resulted in near misses, but these never count and the whole match can be summed up of one match being lost through our inability to take the chances, and good scoring chances, that came our way. Our opponents did not win the day by superior tactics, nor could they be termed the better team, but they took whatever was going their way. Our opponents actually reached our half only on three occasions in the second half, such was our territorial advantage which was never driven home. However, today we have the pleasure of entertaining the Barrow team at Watersheddings and we hope to reverse last week's score, but we must play as a team and not as individuals. The man that scores the try may get all the glory and applause but it is the players that pave the way for the score that must always be taken into consideration. The use of any individual star in a team is negative if he is not capable of making up a team, and the onus of responsibility is not on the team to play with the star player, but lies in the duty of such star to play with the team.

Today's Collection.

The collection today is for the widow and two young children of the late J. McDonnell, one of our Junior League players, who assisted Higginshaw. McDonnell was in the Services and was motor cycling home with a friend, and in a road collision at Kidderminster was killed. We appeal to all sportsmen to give liberally to a very deserving cause.

Home Fixtures.

We have arranged to play Keighley at Watersheddings on Saturday, 22nd December, kick-off 2-15 p.m. This match has been brought forward

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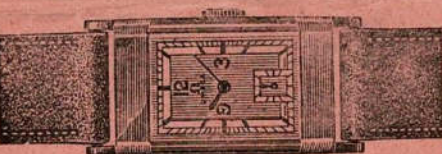
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Rugby League and Television.

Much has been said and unsaid regarding televising of Rugby League matches and its effect upon attendances at other Rugby League matches. Although only one match, so far as Rugby League is concerned in the north, has been put on television; this, the second test match at Swinton, when the attendance was under 30,000. Against this much can be said as an advertising value of the game. Televising of Rugby League matches is in its pioneering stage, and in all walks of life, pioneers, and no matter what the project may be, have and always will do, make sacrifices which pave and lead the way for others who follow and derive the benefit. Opinions may differ, but I think that the Rugby League authorities are making progress in allowing matches to be put on television.

R.L. Coaching.

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