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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1952 KICK-OFF 2-30 p.m.

Watersheddings News and Views.

Still another home victory and a very convincing one over our opponents in Widnes on Saturday last by twenty four points to seven. A compliment was paid to our team after the match by the Widnes officials and a few of their supporters who accompanied them, in so much that our forwards had complete mastery over the Widnes six and that the Widnes forwards had never been so subdued this season both in the tight scrums and the open forward play. So far so good, and we hope for a continuance of this, as our future matches denotes that we shall be up against some strong forward teams and also some very alert backs. What we require is to carry the spirit that we show at our home matches to away grounds, then we should be sitting pretty amongst the elite of the Rugby League. To-day we entertain Salford in the return League match, having a victory to our credit when we visited Salford on October 27th last by nineteen points to five, but to-day we rank this match as a hard one to overcome as we realise that we are playing against opponents who are capable of exploiting the open game coupled with fast running and good tackling. However, our team are confident and we expect to record another double at the end of the day's play.

Who's Who in the Salford Team.

S. Williams. A Welshman from Aberavon, signed in 1939 by the late Lance Todd. An international R.U. winger for Wales now rendering good service as emergency full back.

R. Hindle. A fast winger, signed from Warrington, keeps his place by good football. A bank Clerk.

G. Aspinall. A good utility player, has seen service with Wigan Highfield and Hunslet prior to being transferred to Salford. Guested with Oldham during the war.

T. Danby. Ex Harlequin R.U. Has played for England at R.U. and R.L. and was selected a Tourist in his first season with Salford.

B. Hartley. The only local in the side, now in his third season and is making the grade.

J. Davies. Ex Harlequin R.U., has played Union and League for Wales, a great player on his day, good goalkicker.

T. Harrison. Comes from Wigan, played for the Empire team against France last season, a seasoned scrum half who knows all the tricks of the game.

D. M. Davies. A Welshman, one of the Lance Todd discoveries, a long serving member of the team and still keeping up with the best.

T. McKinney. An Irishman, discovered by the genial Mr. Douglas the Manager, playing for Jedforest in Scottish football, is now securing the honours that he fully deserves.

J. Grainger. Secured from Barrow. Has represented Lancashire County and Empire teams.

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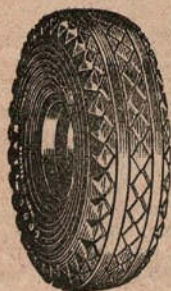
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R. Robson. A Scot, previously with Huddersfield who joined them from Hawick R.U. Club, a big forward who knows the way to the line.

Junior Football.

Owing to our 1st team being disengaged on Saturday 26th January and our "A" team playing at Whitehaven a good Junior match will be played at Watersheddings, between the Oldham League and the Manchester League. This match is the semi-final tie for the Lancashire Amateur County Inter Town Cup Competition, and the kick-off will be 2-45 p.m. Encourage the local Juniors, let us have a good crowd to cheer them on to victory.

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There has been found on the ground a left hand kid glove, new, of good quality and wool lined. This can be claimed from the Secretary's office in the Pavilion.

Oldham Schools' Rugby League Notes.

The league is making further progress and since the last report we have played an exhibition match at Middleton where our two leading teams Clarksfield and St. Mary's gave a very creditable display. A match between two under eleven sides is also to be arranged as a curtain raiser at one of the Middleton matches shortly, and we have every hope that schoolboy rugby will take root in Middleton.

St. Mary's seem to be assured of the championship of the 'A' league but the other three senior leagues are still open as is the junior league which has attracted a new entrant in Roundthorn.

The inter-town competition is about to commence for the Lancashire Cup and we are to meet Rochdale, St. Helens, Widnes and Warrington in Section 'A', whilst Wigan, Leigh, Barrow, Swinton and Salford are to contest Section 'B', the two league winners to play off for the cup.

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