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Watersheddings News and Views.

Our match last Saturday against Hull in the second session of the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup proved a thriller and must rank as equal to our match against the "Kiwis" of September last. Both were great matches and will be talked about for a long time to come. In our match against Hull we must compliment the losers in their efforts to keep the game open and not once did they resort to the stopping tactics that some teams are capable of doing when all is going against them. As a team our players were just one unit and moved with precision and method that can only bring success. No one could be faulted, and fitness, team spirit and the will to win carried the day. It is pleasing to know that our team-talks regarding better finishing off movements, with the resultant tries was very ably put into effect and we trust that a continuance of these tactics will be carried on.

The draw for the second round of the cup did not favour us with a game at Watersheddings, and we have to travel to Leeds on Saturday, 1st March, and which will be a very difficult match to get over. However, we go with confidence, knowing that if our team can, and they will, produce the same form that has been shown in the first round, we stand a chance of entering round three. We expect a mighty following of supporters to lend their vocal support. Our players realise what they are up against; they are quietly confident of their ability to play the game that will bring success.

Today's Visitors.

Once again we have opponents from Hull, this time the Kingston Rovers team, and a welcome we extend to them. Their league position is third from the bottom, but this may be the result of which may be beyond their control, such as injuries, which naturally upsets a team and prevents a settled combination. However, we can be assured of a good game, and our team must not take anything for granted and under-estimate the capabilities of our opponents. The league matches played by Hull K.R. total 27, winning 6, drawing 1 and losing 20. Points scored 287 with 547 against. Of the 6 matches won, 2 of these were on opponents' grounds.

Cup-tie Tickets.

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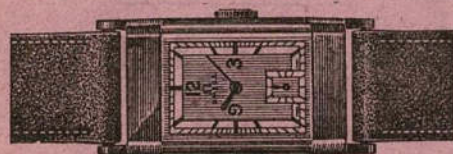
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Fixtures.

We have arranged to play our postponed first team fixture of January 19th at Rochdale on Tuesday, 1st April, and will be an evening kick-off. Our "A" team are in arrears with fixtures owing to weather conditions and postponed matches to be played at home are Leigh "A", Rochdale Hornets "A" and Warrington "A", and we have to travel to Whitehaven "A". In the Lancashire Combination Shield semi-final we have been drawn to play Wigan "A" at Watersheddings and this will probably be an evening match. The other semi-finalists for the Shield are Whitehaven "A" v. St. Helens "A" or Widnes "A".

Two Divisions.

The Rugby League Management Committee have decided to call an extraordinary general meeting of all clubs to be held at Huddersfield on Wednesday, March 12th, to consider a scheme of two divisions for the Rugby League. The scheme is one of three submitted by the Rugby League Secretary and details will not be disclosed until clubs have received copies. For this scheme to be carried it requires a two-thirds majority of the clubs at the meeting.

School Rugby League.

It is very pleasing to note that School Rugby League is still on the upgrade in this town. Boys are receiving recognition by Grady, of St. Mary's, being selected for Lancashire County against Cumberland. The championship of the five leagues are still undecided, although in "A" league St. Mary's are almost sure of the championship. Some forty teachers attended a coaching session a fortnight ago given by Bert Cook (Leeds F.C. full-back), who is No. 1 official coach for the Rugby League. Boys from various schools were in attendance and were given instruction in many aspects of Rugby League football. Rugby League school teams have commenced in new areas in Lancashire at Golborne, Flixton and Ashton-in-Makerfield. Next Saturday on this ground, kick-off 3 p.m., Oldham Schoolboys play Widnes Schoolboys in the County League. Admission will be 3d children and 6d. adults.

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