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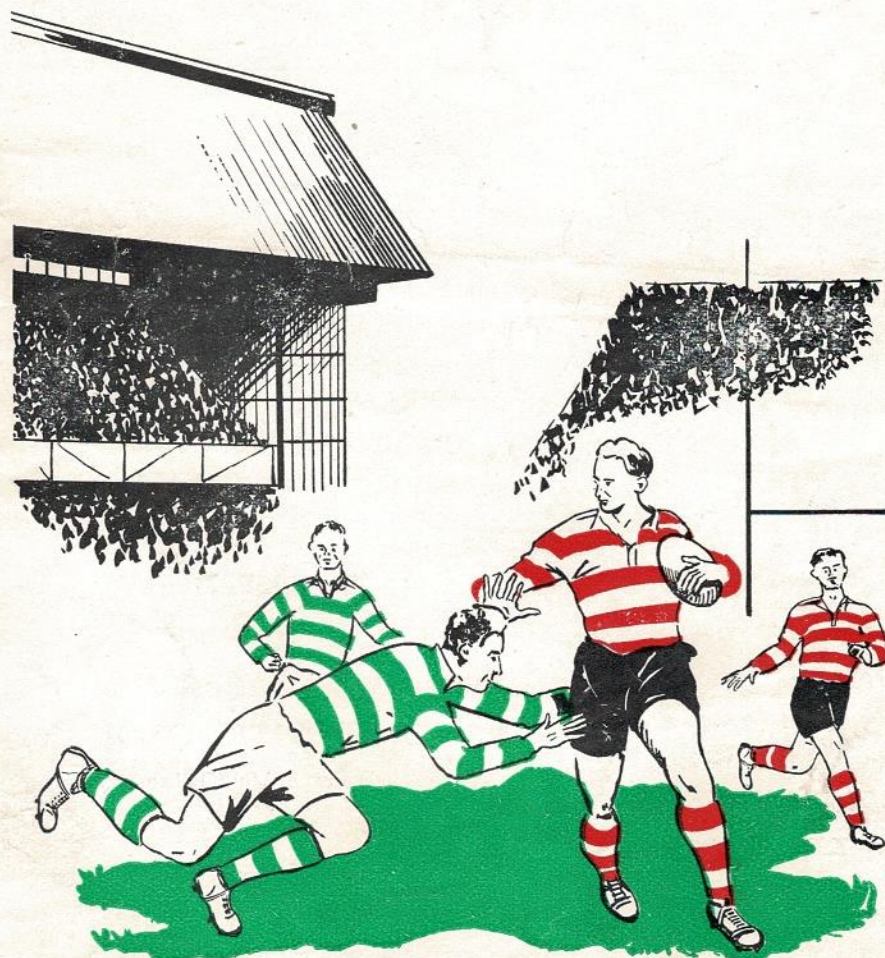
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

OUR VISITORS

The Festive Season is now with us and to this we must add the name of Swinton. For a long number of years the Swinton Club have been our visitors on Christmas Day and it is a fixture that is long and eagerly looked forward to. Many have been the stirring games that have taken place on our enclosure and watched by our biggest crowd of the season. We hope that to-day will prove no exception, a good game, good crowd, and our team will be at the top of their form to achieve victory. Swinton are definitely on the upgrade, note their great victory at Wigan on December 6th and their conquest of Workington on December 13th. Yes! our team will have to be on top form to-day.

The Swinton Club was founded in 1867, and joined the Northern Rugby Football Union in 1895. When first formed the club was known as "Swinton & Pendlebury Football Club" and played on a ground off Station Road, Swinton. The present ground, which is one of the best appointed grounds in the

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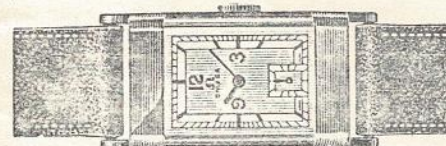
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In the 1927-28 season, the Rugby League Final between Swinton and Featherstone and the Lancashire Cup Final between Swinton and Wigan were decided at Watersheddings.



That at present we only have one player—T. O'Grady, with a broken bone in the wrist—on the injured list, and we hope that he will pass a fitness test early in January.



The dawn of 1953 heralds the eightieth year since the club was formed. The first meeting was held at the Prince Albert Hotel, Union Street West, and the

first match was played against Stalybridge on the ground at the back of what was the Glodwick Spinning Co. A removal was later made to a ground at Clarksfield, and the present ground was first used on September 28th, 1889, when our old friends Swinton were the visitors, and 7,000 spectators were present. The teams on that day were:- Oldham: Walkden, Mosley, McCutcheon, Hurst, Nolan, Thomas, Whittaker, Armstrong, Mayers, Blomley, Woistencroft, Ingram, Nuttall, Malleliu, Robinson.

Swinton: Murray, Valantine, Marsh, Battersby, Bumby, Buxton, Horley, Hotchkiss, Clayton, Paul, Walker, Marsh, W., Rothwell, Lomax, Hall.

The result was that Swinton won: 2 goals, 1 try, 2 minor points to Oldham, one minor point.



HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

The Half-Time Score feature will not appear to-day

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