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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Two more league defeats in a row put our first-four aspirations in jeopardy and the position now looks somewhat hopeless. One has been too long in this game to make excuses, but we have had atrocious luck in the matter of injuries to first team players, it is like everything else, once luck turns against you, it is very hard to recover. However, we plod along hopefully. Our last home game against Bradford Northern was one that gave satisfaction, except of course, the result. It was a game that brought the best out of the players and proves that there is nothing wrong with our rules if played in the best spirit and interest of the game. Let us be frank and say that the Bradford team were lucky victors, we had our chances but failed to put them to account, and Bradford must thank MacLean, their brilliant wing from New Zealand, in his efforts to prove a match winner. Many people are of the opinion that MacLean should have been tackled before he finished off scoring, but then again, if all passing movements were stopped by a tackle, there would be stagnation, and the game as a spectacle would be useless.

Our defeat last Saturday at Widnes provided us with another shock, coming after our spirited and good display against Bradford. Once again our team flattered to deceive and our efforts too

late in the game proved of no avail so we retired defeated nine points to eight. Once again we had our chances but our finishing was bad and the Widnes defence good.



OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the Workington team, captained by the famous Gus Risman. The Workington Club, like ourselves, have been badly hit by injuries and as a result are not coming up to expectations as the outlook promised at the beginning of the season.

We can expect a hard and good game, and we hope that today we shall turn the corner from what has been a disastrous entry into 1953.

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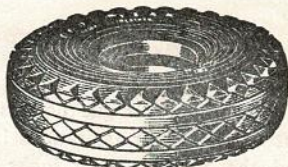
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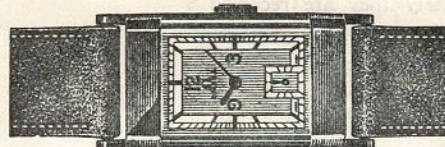
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winning the final against Warrington at Maine Road, Manchester and also finishing as runners-up to Warrington in the Lancashire League. Last May, they achieved their ambition by winning the Challenge Cup against Featherstone at Wembley. These are remarkable achievements in the short period of eight years of their existence.



NEW PLAYERS

Strenuous efforts have been made to strengthen our first team owing to its depletion of forces through injuries. Several Rugby League Clubs have been approached but the transfer prices asked have been out of proportion to the Committee's value of the player; £3,000 to £6,000 appear to be common prices when demand seems to be urgent, however, the search still goes on.



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GOALS

	Lge.	Cup	Oth.	Tl.
Devery, H'field	87	28	6	121
Langfield, S. Helens	77	33	7	117
Ledgard, Leigh	77	32	7	116
Bath, Warrington	72	36	6	114
Ganley, Oldham	92	14	2	108
Phillips, Brad. N.	82	18	3	103

TRIES

	Lge.	Cup	Oth.	Tl.
Bevan, B., Warr'ton	27	14	7	48
Cooper, Huddersfield.....	25	17	2	44
Nordgren, Wigan	33	10	0	43
McLean, Brad. N.	37	3	0	40
McCormick, S. Helens.....	28	3	6	37
Bevan, D., Wigan	26	8	2	36

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A BARROW
WARRINGTON

B SALFORD
LEIGH

C HUNSLET
BRADFORD

D BATLEY
WIGAN

E WAKEFIELD
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F SOUTHPORT
OLDHAM A.

We have this week signed-on a local boy from Oldham Rugby Union Club, Dennis Ayres, out-half or centre, who, this season, has scored twenty-one tries for his Club. Dennis lives within a stone-throw of our ground and is a most promising player. We hope that he will have a successful career with us, he has every qualification for developing into a great player and all will wish him well.



BRIEFS

Wedding Bells—Congratulations and our best wishes to Charlie Winslade, who during the week, has joined the noble order of benedicts. Spring is no doubt in the air and a little rumour comes along that two more of our players will be joining the order during the next few weeks—Alan Davies and Jimmy Mundy.

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