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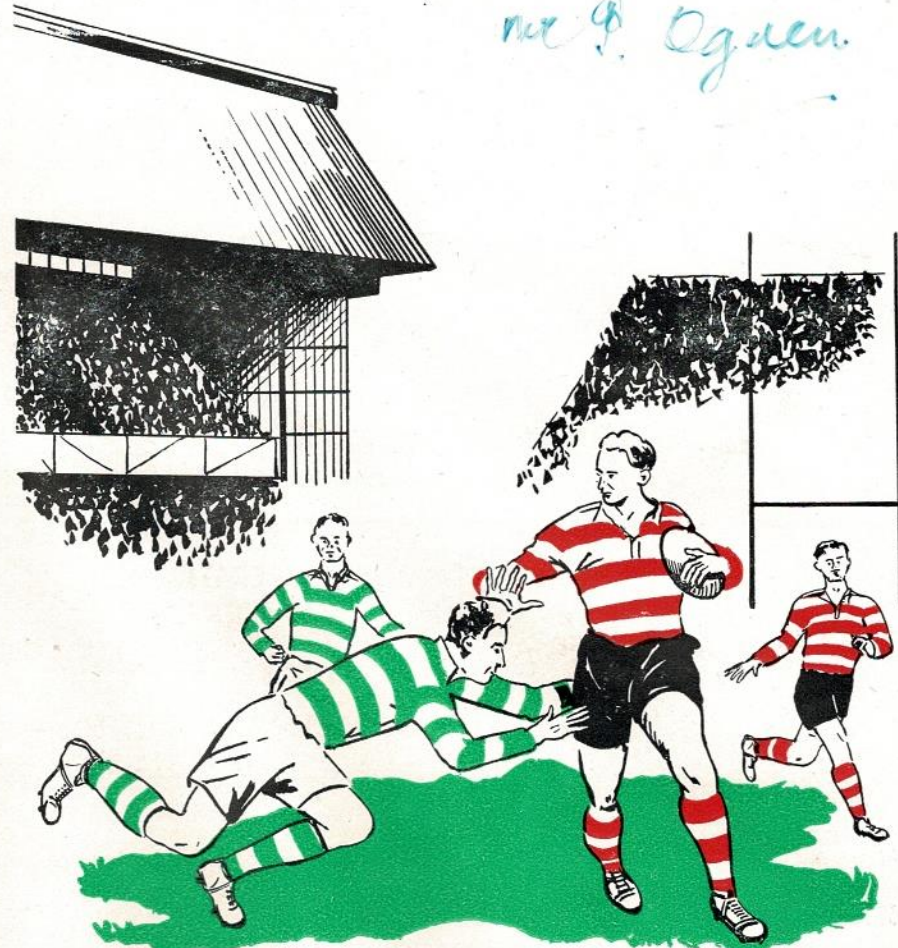
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The strenuous Easter programme is now over and we look back with mixed satisfaction although we won two out of the three fixtures. We had recorded the largest score of the season against us at Swinton on Good Friday, and although we lost Ogden, our front-row forward, with a damaged shoulder after ten minutes play, the excuse of this depletion of ranks cannot be made for the indifferent display that our team gave in the second half of the match. Everything ran well for our opponents and we must admit that we were well and truly beaten.

Our second holiday fixture against Belle View Rangers, on Saturday last, was an improvement on the previous day and we ran out easy winners, but the score would have been greater in our favour had all the chances that came our way been taken advantage of.

Our home fixture, on Monday last, against Whitehaven, was played under conditions not conducive to the best of Rugby League football. The weather considerably affected the 'gate,' the attendance of 7,075 compares unfavourably with the previous Easter Monday, against Halifax, when the attendance was 18,700 and played under ideal conditions in the afternoon.

OUR VISITORS

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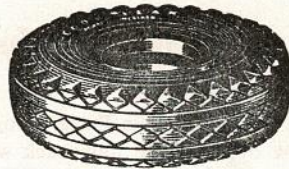
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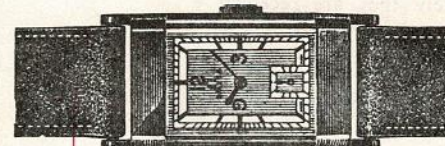
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"C" STAND

The old 'penny rush' is going to disappear, and by the opening of next season our ground will have a new outlook. This stand has been condemned for a considerable time, and efforts to secure a licence for re-building have been unsuccessful owing to the steel shortage.

The stand at present is in a dangerous state, and removal of same will take place immediately the season ends at Watersheddings. It is proposed to erect a wind shield at this end of the ground and a temporary lean-to cover. How long this stand has been up we have no exact record, but the majority of our supporters have 'served their time' in the 'penny rush.'

Many are the amusing tales that one hears of the dim distant past of the habitues of this famous stand, but this will be no more.

We have received an interesting letter from one of our members and ex-players known in his playing career as Sam Lees, Junr., and who still resides in his native Lees.

Mr. Lees states, that of all the locals that have played for this Club—and several have achieved international and county honours—we have never produced a local full-back—not even one to hold his place in the 'A' team—and he is looking forward to juniors to remedy this defect.

Another interesting item of news, and for records, that only on one occasion has Oldham turned out a three-quarter line of all local born players since our ground was opened at Watersheddings, and this was in season 1904-05, when we won the Northern League Championship for the first time. The players were: T. Cash, S. Lees, Jnr., A. Gardner and G. F. Tyson.

We thank Mr. Lees for this information and trust he will long continue to watch his old team. A football chat with Mr. Lees is an inspiration to anybody who comes in contact with him.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Our prop-forward, Harry Ogden, was injured in the early part of the game at Swinton on Good Friday. A diagnosis of the injury shows a cracked collar bone which may keep him out of the team for the rest of the season.

Jack Keith is to have an operation on the knee for torn ligaments.

The injury list appears to be never ending and this week we have fourteen receiving medical treatment. Six of these players are what we term 'on the permanent list.'

HALF-TIME SCORES

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