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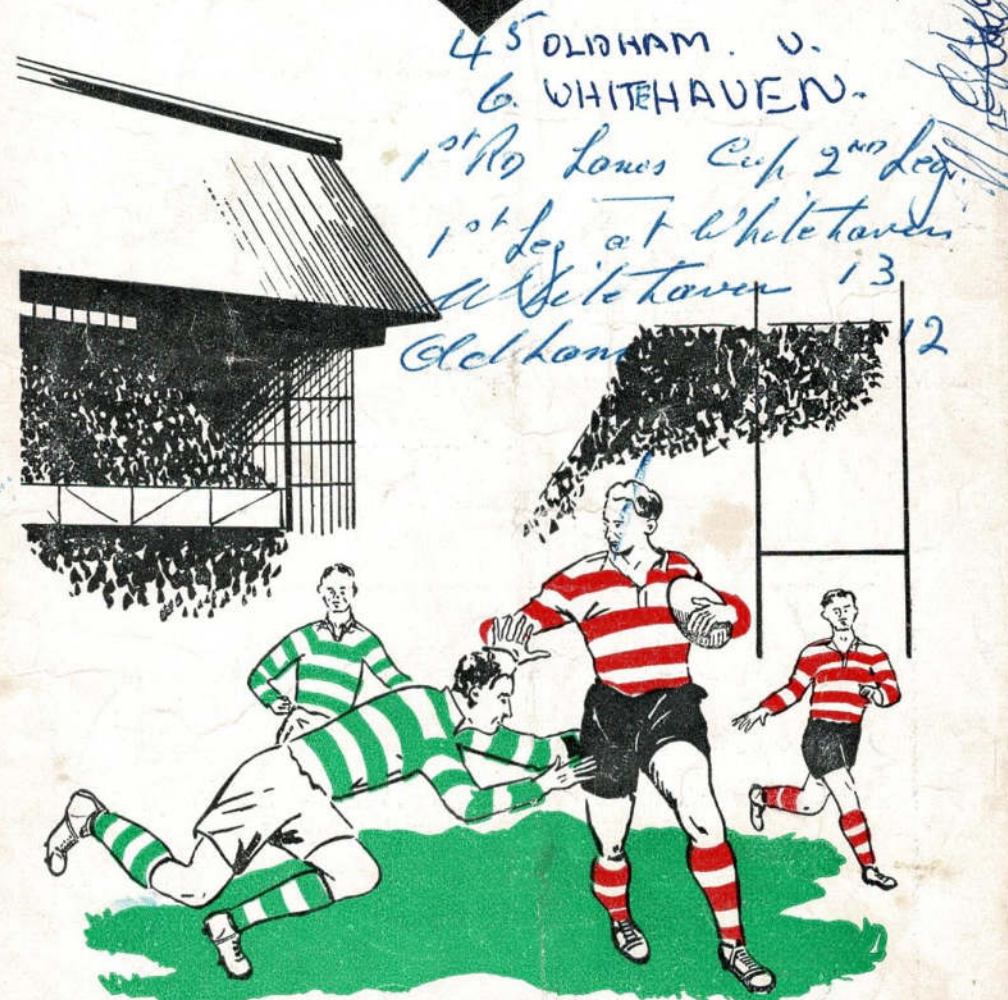
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The season is now in full swing and clubs are sorting themselves out in the fight for the premier honours. Up to the present very few surprises have been given us, but some clubs, including ourselves have only made a moderate commencement, when they were expected to do better, it was always so and always will be.

We have lost three league matches out of five played and some leeway will have to be made up if we are to figure well up the League Table. Our three away fixtures lost at Huddersfield, Bramley and Widnes, were matches that could and should have been won. In the first two matches we held the advantage in scoring until the last quarter, when we faded out and were surprisingly beaten when victory was within our grasp. The match at Widnes we lost through not having a capable goal-kicker in the team—what a wonderful asset a good goal-kicker is to a team—and although we were the best team and scored three good tries to one, we had to retire beaten by goal-kicking, three goals being kicked through silly infringements by our players in the "play the ball rule," and another goal from a converted try. Some of our passing movements in the first half were ruled to be forward by the referee, and two of these must be labelled very doubtful, especially as the Widnes defence was well beaten. But again, what the official in charge of the game says must stand and we must accept his decision.

difficulty in raising an "A" team to visit Leigh, but with the help of local juniors we managed to fulfil the engagement. Many thanks to the boys of the local junior League for this help.

NEW PLAYERS.

The search for class players still goes on by all Clubs of note, and we are very active at the present time in our search to strengthen weak positions which we know exist in our first team. We also realise that we have a duty to build a capable "A" team, with sufficient strength for promotion to first team status, but making your own stars is a long term policy with intensive coaching, drastic decreases demand drastic remedies. The transfer market of players now in the Rugby League is a very limited one as clubs are loth to part with class men, unless there is dispute between player and club. There are some clever players in Rugby Union and the players we know who would be a decided asset to our team are tied up at present with their studies at College. Time alone will tell whether we shall be successful in signing one or two stars from Rugby Union. Until then, an intensive search will go on and no expense will be spared by this committee to build a team to requirements that will hold its own with the best in our game.

OUR VISITORS.

This evening we welcome Whitehaven as visitors in the Second leg of the First Round of the Lancashire Cup. The programme is printed before our First leg at Whitehaven so we are unable to give you any details of what happened there.

INJURED PLAYERS.

It appears that we were left off with a long string of injured players last season, this nightmare of injured players is still with us, and so many players were injured last week—August 29th—we had

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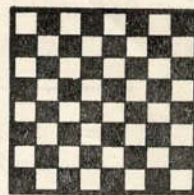
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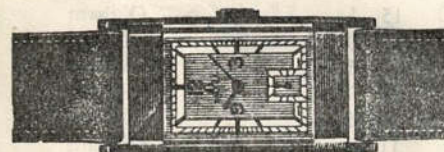
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We are repeatedly asked for details of the players on our books. This list will give you some idea of the players that are available when we are not restricted by injuries.

Player and Position	Height	Weight	Birthplace
GANLEY, B., Full Back	5 8½	12 5	Leigh
RATCHFORD, W., Full Back	5 8	11 5	Wigan
BRYNE, R., Back	5 10	11 2	Oldham
DALEY, F., Back	5 8½	12 12	Wigan
DAVIES, A., Back	5 10½	12 9	Leigh
EMMITT, L., Back	5 9	12 7	Bridgend
MITCHELL, W. S., Back	5 8	12 11	Oldham
O'GRADY, T., Back	5 11	11 12	Oldham
PLATT, L., Back	6 0	12 6	Oldham
PITCHFORD, F., Back	5 6	9 8	Leigh
RIDING, E., Back	5 10	12 3	U.S.A.
SILVA, J., Back	5 3	10 2	Llanelli
STIRRUP, F., Back	5 6	10 9	Leigh
WARHAM, J., Back	5 10	11 1	Warrington
WINSTANLEY, A., Back	5 10	11 13	Wigan
ANTHONY, L., Forward	5 10	14 11	South Wales
BAILEY, R., Forward	6 1	12 12	Oldham
GOLDSWAIN, B. V., Forward	5 10	14 2	Merthyr
JACKSON, K., Forward	5 11	15 1	Oldham
KEITH, J., Forward	5 9½	12 0	Leeds
LITTLE, S. D., Forward	6 0	13 11	Kirkbride
LEYLAND, T., Forward	5 9	13 7	St. Helens
LOMAS, H., Forward	5 11	13 5	Oldham
MARRE, J., Forward	5 8	11 10	Oldham
MURRAY, A., Forward	6 1	13 6	Oldham
OGDEN, H., Forward	6 0½	15 4	Oldham
PIGGOTT, S., Forward	5 8	14 10	Uppermill
TOMLINSON, A., Forward	6 1	13 8	Warrington
WINSLADE, C., Forward	6 1	15 1	Maesteg
WATSON, J. H., Forward	5 10	13 3	Delph

BRIEFS

Syd Little will soon be changing his residence. Owing to his studies he will reside in Wolverhampton from mid-September to the end of March. Arrangements will now be made for him to train at Wolverhampton and to travel to up here on Fridays for Saturdays matches.

W. B. Ganley has now recovered from his ankle injury and is reported to be fit for football.

As soon as the drawings and blocks have been completed we intend to start a new feature in the programme. This will take the form of a pen-picture of each of our players taken in turn.

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