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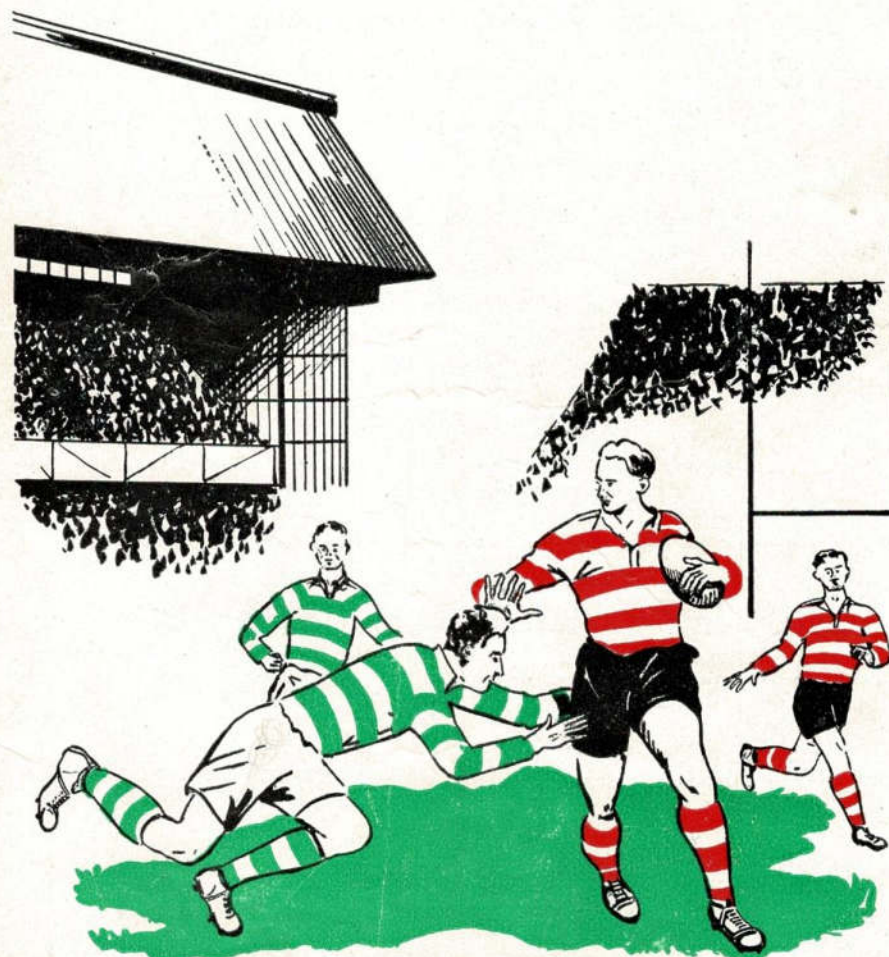
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The result of our match at Salford can be received with mixed views, we had to be content with a draw of eleven points each.

It took our team a long time to settle down, and our tackling left a lot to be desired. Head high tackling appeared to be the order of the day, this even applied to our opponents. This upstairs tackling is no good whatever, even when it brings a man to earth, it is a bad tackle and should be eliminated from the game. One must appreciate the smother tackle—going from the elbows downwards which prevents an opponent from passing the ball. But what looks better on the field than a flying tackle round the knees of an opposing player.

Of the fitness of our team there can be no doubt—that is, as a unit—we appeared to stay the course better than Salford, who, in the last twenty minutes appeared to have shot their bolt, but we could not drive home this advantage and frittered away scoring chances that would ultimately have brought victory. As a team we have not resumed that streamline passing and moves that must bring tries if properly put into operation. It is often said that one plays as your opponent lets you, but a team that dictates the run of the game, and which, by astute moves and the least mistakes must finish on the winning side. Mistakes by our players on Saturday cost us a league point, as Salford scored nine of their eleven points by our players transgressing the rules of the game.

OUR VISITORS

To-day is one of our "Derby Days" when we welcome Rochdale Hornets to

Watersheddings. Many are the stirring battles that have taken place between the two clubs, many great games, and they have been watched by record crowds. We hope that to-day we shall have a game reminiscent of past glorious games and that the spectators will have satisfaction and something to shout about.

The Hornets are one of the most improved teams in the League, and one must not forget that they obtained a great win at Workington a fortnight ago—our team will have to be at the top of its form to achieve victory.

The Hornet's Club was founded in 1871, two years before our own Club, and are Founder Members of the Northern Rugby Football Union. They are coached by one of our ex-players, Norman Harris, who appears to be achieving success with the personnel at his disposal.

PEN PICTURES OF PLAYERS

Cahill, full back

Ex-Liverpool Stanley player and now in his fifth season with the Hornets. Has played five times for Lancashire County. He likes linking up with the backs. Good side-stepper and one of the best full backs in the game.

Jones, wing

A local boy who has played both cricket and soccer for Rochdale, and is now trying his hand at R.L.—achieving success.

Short, centre

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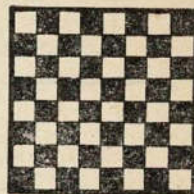
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- 7 STIRRUP, F.
- 8 ANTHONY, L.
- 9 KEITH, J.
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- 11 LITTLE, S. D.
- 12 TOMLINSON, A.
- 13 GOLDSWAIN, B.V., Captain

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ROCHDALE HORNETS

Red, White and Blue

- 1 CAHILL, E.
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- 3 SHORT, N.
- 4 STANFORD, R.
- 5 BRADLEY, D.
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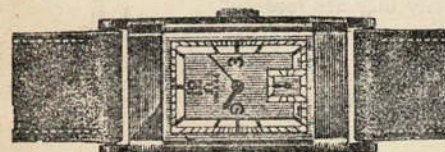
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Stanford, wing

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Bradley, wing

A recent addition to Hornets. He was part exchanged for Schofield.

Chisnall, out half

Secured from the St. Helens junior club, Vine Tavern. Improving with every match.

Helme, scrum

Brother to Jerry Helme of Warrington fame, the position of scrum half is in the family. Elusive player and is quick away from the scrum.

Livesey, forward

Secured on transfer from Warrington. A solid front row forward.

Ellean, hooker

Came from Australia with Stanford, but not as hooker. Secures the ball in his turn.

Hawkins, forward

A Welshman secured on transfer from Salford. Has played for Wales.

Duffy, 2nd row

An Australian who came here with Stanford. A good scrum man who does his work in the open.

Kelly, 2nd row

No. two local boy in the team. Has been with the Hornets four seasons.

McNally, loose forward

A Welshman secured from the now defunct Cardiff R.L. Club on a transfer fee of give-away price. Has now all the qualifications of securing International honours.

BRIEFS

A very important meeting of the Northern Rugby Football League takes place at Leeds on Wednesday, October 28th, 1953. This meeting is convened in accordance with the wishes of the members expressed at the last General Meeting, and will deal with general matters that have been dealt with by the Management Committee. Clubs are invited to submit any items they wish to place on the agenda. Our Club has submitted no items for discussion, but on the agenda are items which affect us and the game. The chief item is the proposed two divisions for the Rugby League, a scheme which we support and always have supported. A two thirds majority of the Clubs present at the meeting can only carry this into effect, and if the majority is agreed after the hearing of discussions, the sponsors will then move that at the next Extraordinary General Meeting of the Rugby League, two divisions shall be adopted.

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