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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

OUR VISITORS

To-day we welcome attractive visitors from Barrow, who are one of the Clubs that always come and give a good exhibition of the R.L. Game, and have had their fair measure of success on our ground.

The Club was founded in 1871, and joined the Northern Rugby Football Union in April 1897, two years after its formation.

Until the advent of Workington Town the Barrow Club was the "outpost" of Rugby League Football, and has given yeoman service since becoming a member, shortly after the formation of the Northern Union.

The Club first played in Barrow at Cavendish Park, moving to Little Park, Roose, during the first European War. Craven Park, the present ground, was opened with a match against Swinton, on August 29th, 1931, with an estimated ground capacity of 25,000.

The best will only be good enough from our team to-day, as we are playing against dour opponents, forwards and backs using forceful methods, and an open game we are sure to see.

BRIEFS

We have three players in H.M. Services; Messrs. Marre, Wiggett and Jones. Wiggett is now serving overseas. Jones, who has completed his service overseas, takes on further duty this day by getting married, and we wish him much happiness.

The Rochdale Hornet's Fund now stands at round about £800, and is still open to receive donations.

The unexpected happened on Saturday last in our match at Belle Vue against The Rangers, we were beaten by seventeen points to fourteen points in one of the most disappointing displays we have had from our team for a long time. We lost Winslade after a quarter of an hours play, but we had chances galore to put on points when we had a full team on. We must admit that it is hard work playing a man short for a considerable period of the game, but two of our opponents tries were scored by rank bad defence, and there can be no excuse for this, in fact, our team beat themselves, not that one discounts the efforts of our opponents, who had that fire and spirit to take advantage of our many mistakes. Displays like the one at Belle Vue will not do, more spirit will have to be shown and the will to win, to go all out from start to finish. We must admit that there are certain deficiencies in our team and possibly some players are right out of form. This must be corrected, as we are all out for the best at Watersheddings that our game can offer, and the best will have to be put into operation. The Committee realise this, and the efforts that have been made to secure this end have been long and strenuous, and still go on. It is amazing what price some Clubs value their players in a financial matter. Several Clubs have been approached regarding the transfer of players of ability, but the transfer fee required has been out of all proportion to the value of the player, and there comes a time beyond the limit of one's purse. We know our requirements and, as a buyer from a reluctant seller, this is apt to put the price up beyond the limit of our financial commitment. Disappointments we have had.

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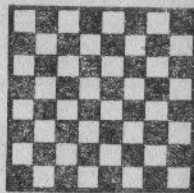
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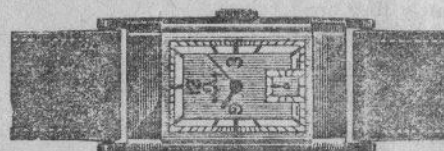
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The total collections from two matches for the dependants of the late Ralph Slater, ex-Rochdale Hornet's player, amounted to £102/11/0, and our Club have made this up to £120.

Lancashire Senior Clubs have a further meeting at St. Helens on Wednesday, December 16th, 1953, when it is hoped to make further progress in the Junior League Movement by way of inter-town Club fixtures. The Organizers or Secretary of each Lancashire Junior League will be invited to attend, along with the Senior representative, to voice their opinion.

Closer co-operation between this Club and the Oldham Junior League is greater, by the fact that we send a representative, by invitation from the Oldham Junior League, to their meetings. Much good can come from this liaison.

We have made application to be one of the four contestants for the Blackpool Sports Week, to be held from June 14th to June 18th, 1954, inclusive. This is a knock-out competition for four Clubs, and is held in Stanley Park, Blackpool.

We think there will be many surprises in the selection of the twenty-six players to be chosen for the Australian Tour, the field is very open for at least twenty players. Now is the chance for all players to give of their best to catch the eye of the selectors. The party leave

about the middle of May, 1954, and will travel by air.

INJURED PLAYERS

Our list of injured players still keeps having additions, and the following players are out of action:-

R. Bailey, dislocated shoulder
F. Daley, damaged forearm
T. Leyland, damaged knee ligaments
A. Murray, head injuries
L. Platt, shoulder injury
S. Piggott, knee injury
F. Stirrup, knee injury
J. Warham, thigh muscle injury

Alf Murray, injured on November 7th in the match at St. Helens, came out of hospital in that town on Saturday last, after a stay of three weeks.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

December 12th—

St. Helens v. Oldham
Mr. W. Stockley, Swinton

December 19th—

Oldham v. Workington
Mr. L. Thorpe, Wakefield

December 25th—

Oldham v. Swinton
Mr. S. Abram, Wigan

The time of kick-off for the above matches is 2-30 p.m.

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

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