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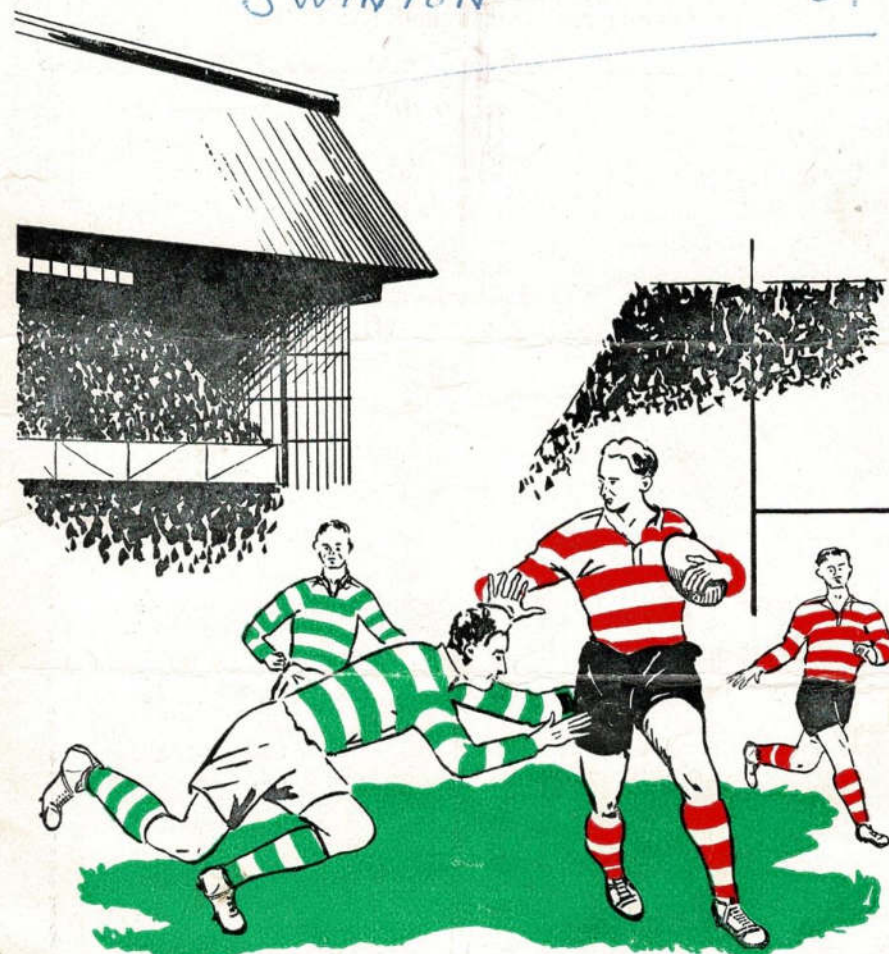
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Another disappointment came to us last Saturday in having to submit to a further defeat at home, this time at the hands of Workington. We have now lost four matches in succession, two away and two at home, and even allowing for the large list of injured players we have, our team appears to have got into a rut from which they must get out of with the least possible delay—a win to-day may give them the necessary encouragement, and the team-work which is so necessary may once again show itself and give the players the will to win.

On Saturday last, we again had to take the knocks that were hanging about with the result that we lost our forward, S. D. Little, with concussion in the last twenty minutes of the game. Little had a very severe shaking in the first half and only his never-say-die spirit put him on the field for the second half. Although taken to the local infirmary for observation he made a very good recovery. Even in the last twenty minutes our team had the fighting spirit but the lack of penetration allied by the dour tackling of the Workington pack prevented our team from registering more points.

One must admit that the Workington pack, both individually and collectively, were one of the best set of forwards to

appear at Watersheddings this season, and they penetrated our defence many times to provide openings for their backs. Our team lacked the fire they showed at St. Helens the previous week when we had hopes of a revival in our fortune.

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OUR VISITORS

As the Festive Season comes along each year, so do our old friends, and foes, from Swinton appear, and it is to-day that we extend our Season's Greetings and welcome them to Watersheddings for yet another encounter.

Many are the great games that have been played between the two clubs and the record crowds that have come along to Watersheddings on Xmas Day and to Swinton on Good Friday. Let us hope that to-day will prove no exception and that after the match we can all say that we have had a good game, and that our boys will give us that sparkling victory which we await.

A point of interest in the Swinton visit is that they had the honour of being the official openers of our ground on September 28th, 1889 before 7,000 spectators, and won the game by 2 goals, 1 try and 2 minor points to Oldham's 1 minor point.

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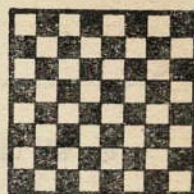
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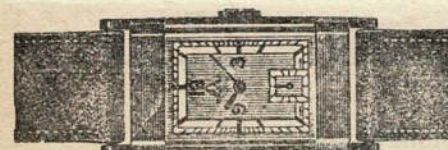
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WHO'S WHO FROM SWINTON

Lawrenson, full-back—Previously with Wigan and Workington, has played centre and wing, still a good player, deputising for the injured Blan.

Norburn, wing—Native of Wigan. Top of his form and has just received International honours. A fast wing man, and a tour possibility.

Burn, centre—Came from Cardiff R.U. to Swinton as a wing, has International honours and is now playing centre.

Winkworth, centre—A local boy who has seen service with Huddersfield prior to his transfer to Swinton. He is a very experienced and good centre.

Hardman, wing—A local ex-Guardsman and a sprinter of repute who is developing on the right lines.

Parkinson, out-half—A Wiganer. One of the best "finds" the club have ever had. Aged 18 he is the baby of the team. With luck, much will be heard of this player.

Thomas, scrum-half—A Welshman from Maesteg. He is a good club-man and in his fourth season with Swinton.

McGowan, forward—A local lad and good scrummager.

Osmond, hooker—A Welshman from Newport with International status. Still a good hooker and a good man in the loose.

Phillips, forward—Another Welshman who joined Swinton from a Welsh Rugby League club and has played for Wales in Rugby League.

Woods, forward—A native of Rochdale and son of the famous Tommy Woods of Rochdale Hornets fame. A big, good second-row forward.

Tonge, forward—Recently joined the club on transfer from Belle Vue Rangers and a local player.

Haynes, loose-forward—Joined the club from Orford Tannery, Warrington. at the back end of last season. He is a good player with a future.



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