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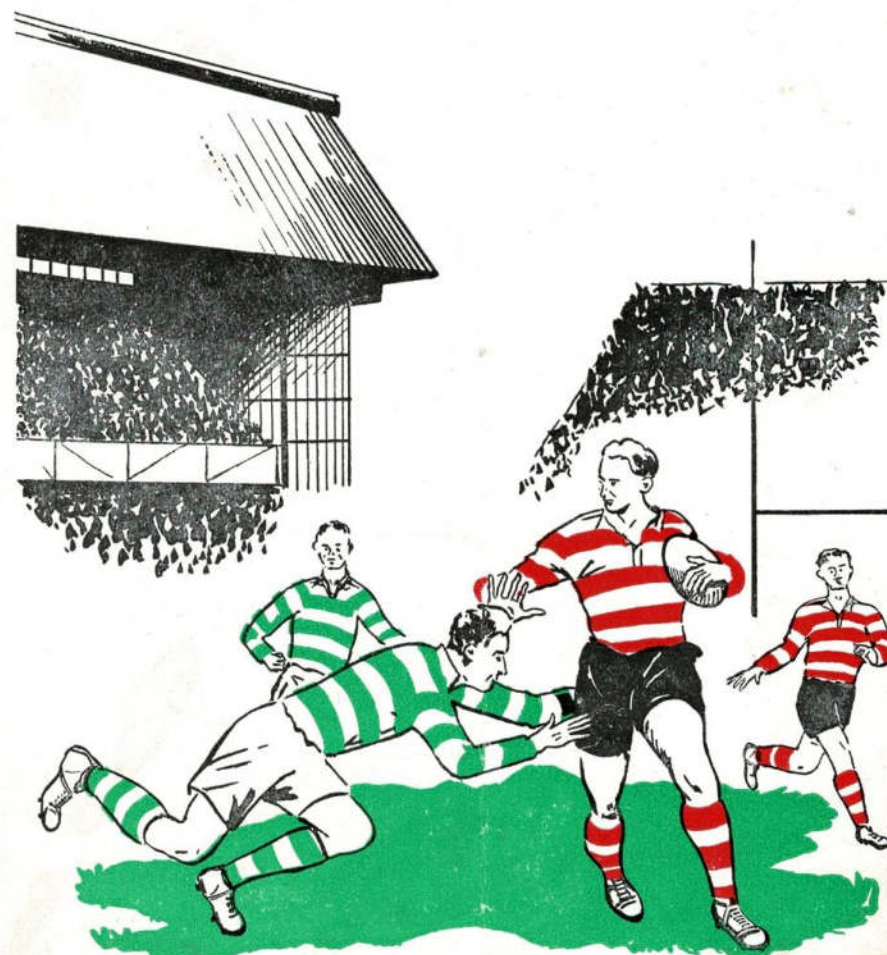
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The Festive Holiday fixtures have not been very kind to us, the result of three matches played being, one won and two lost.

On Christmas Day we recorded a very decisive victory at home over Swinton, and we thought that good fortune had once again come our way. On Boxing Day we took on a very hard team to beat on their own ground in Workington, and we were the unluckiest team in the world to be beaten by a try to nil after having the best of the game, and in our opinion, having scored two tries which the referee ruled against us. Our team played well to a man and gave as much as they received, it was a pleasure to see our forwards with such fire and get on top of the Workington six. On Saturday last, we played another hard match when we visited Hull, we caught this team in one of its best moods and were beaten by a better team who appeared to be ready with their fast dashes from our mistakes. In fact, our team never settled down to play owing to our opponents controlling the set scrums, and their liveliness in open play, along with their backs to create openings and especially from the half back position.

It is very disturbing from our point of view, the erratic form that is being shown by the team, and it does require some explanation to account for this. In the first place, I know of no other team that has been so badly hit with injuries to players, and this must have an effect on the team as a whole, the substitutes have tried their best, but it is obvious that they are not up to the standard of the players that they have replaced owing to injury.

STANDARD OF PLAY

The Management Committee elected a committee of ex-legislators, ex-referees and ex-players to discuss the current standard of play as compared with previous seasons and the standard of play existing before the war. Much good can come of this if their opinions are published without fear or favour.

As to whether the standard of play has deteriorated is a matter of opinion, but it is obvious that there must be some cause for the small attendances at many of the matches, some say that better football is needed.

Our scrimmage difficulty does incalculable harm to the game. This trouble and many others are condoned by referees and the Clubs. A ball put into a scrum should go in at the first attempt, if it fails to do so, someone has broken the rules. The culprit should be cautioned and if he repeats the offence, sent off the field. If the half back and the forwards are honest, it is simplicity itself getting the ball in at the first attempt. If the player is the primary cause of the many blots which are resulting in the dwindling 'gates,' then the referees and the Clubs are abetting by failing to put a stop to dishonest play.

OUR VISITORS

Our visitors to-day are Salford, and we extend a welcome to them.

Like ourselves, Salford are having their ups and downs, and are hoping for better times with the recent acquisition from Wigan of Roughley, centre three-quarter. To-day they have their strongest team on the field, and our team will have to be at the top of their form to bring victory.

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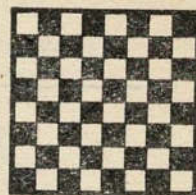
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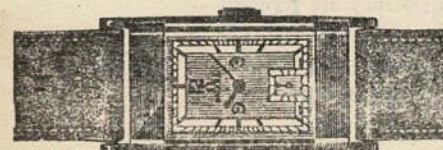
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WHO'S WHO

Smith, full back—Was playing junior football last season with Rylands Res. Warrington. Improving every match.

Hartley, wing—One of the few local lads with the Club.

Finnan, centre—Secured on transfer from St. Helens, a strong, forceful man.

Roughley, centre—His first game with Salford, just secured on transfer from Wigan.

Danby, wing—Ex-Harlequin R.U. In the last touring team, a big strong player. Has played centre for his club, but is now in his original position.

Davies, out-half—Ex-Harlequin R.U. Still a great player and goal-kicker of the team. A brilliant player on his day.

Keavney, scrum-half—Secured from Leigh Junior Club three seasons ago after a trial with us. He is in the Services so does not appear regularly with his club. A player of the future.

Marston, forward—Secured on transfer from Leigh prior to service with the Bradford R.U.

McKinney, hooker—An Irishman from Jedforest (Scotland). Very good hooker. Has representative honours, just recovered from serious injury. A possible Tourist.

Rogers, forward—Came to Salford as a full-back from Leeds Junior Club. Has put on weight and is proving a more than useful forward. Goalkicker.

Grainger, forward—Secured on transfer from Barrow. Lancashire County player.

Moses, forward—Came to Salford from Maesteg R.U. Brother to the St. Helens full back.

Birkin, forward—Arrived at Salford via Bramley and Halifax. Knows the loose-forward game and is Captain of the team.

INJURED PLAYERS

Frank Stirrup, after his operation for the removal of a cartilage is making very good progress and we expect to have his services before the February cup-ties.

Contrary to press reports, he has not commenced to train and will not do so for about a fortnight.

We hope to have Sid Little fit for action again after his injury of torn ligaments of the knee, possibly for next Saturday.

Jim Mundy is still suffering from strained back muscles, but is well on the way to recovery.

Tom Leyland has damaged knee ligaments and has commenced light training.

A. Murray, with head injury received on November 7th, has been advised to lay off football for this season.

HALF-TIME SCORES

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