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## OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our Australian visitors have been to Oldham and have returned to their headquarters at Ilkley much wiser players after meeting our victorious team.

The match itself could not be described as a Rugby League classic—it was more of a dour struggle between two fine packs of forwards. It is to our team's credit that they inflicted the heaviest defeat of the tour on our visitors and it is the only match, so far, in which they have failed to cross the line. Although we are somewhat satisfied with the attendance—8,500—several of our regular attenders were unavoidably absent through work. We at Oldham do like touring teams to come along and play us, but we do lodge a protest at having been allocated a mid-week match, in the past we have always had a Saturday or holiday fixture. We estimate that the Tourists lost a cool £1,000 in coming mid-week, and no one can afford to lose money. The cost of air transport of the Tourists is a very heavy item and it is our fondest hope that the tour will be a financial success if not a playing one.

Reverting back to the game, the Australians did some very severe attacking and our players stood up to it with some magnificent tackling—how we should have enjoyed this tackling at Workington last Saturday. Each man played his part despite having two of our players receiving the worst end of some of this fury, but they manfully carried on to achieve a brilliant win, in fact, the greatest ever and the biggest win over any Touring team that has ever played on our ground.

### OUR VISITORS

To-day we entertain Workington, a very early return fixture from our visit to Workington on Saturday last, when we lost our second league match of the season by seven points to five. However, we offer them a welcome to Watersheddings and hope for sweet revenge for our narrow defeat on Saturday last.

Our team will somewhat be feeling the effects of their exertions against the Australians on Wednesday of this week but we can, I hope, be assured of a rousing game. The Workington team are adepts at the open game and are ably managed by that great ex player, Jim Brough, of Leeds and Cumberland fame. We trust that our team will find the form they are so capable of and, if so, we have no doubts of the final result. We hope for a great game and at the final whistle everyone satisfied.

A welcome return to the Workington team is Billy Ivison, a great player in his position at loose forward. Ivison is a credit to the game and it is pleasing to note that after his reported retiring from the game, he has returned to his Club and is playing as well as ever.

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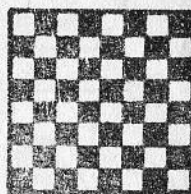
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(Red and White)

- 1—GANLEY, W. B.
- 2—CRACKNELL, R.
- 3—AYRES, D.
- 4—DAVIES, A.
- 5—ETTY, J.
- 6—STIRRUP, F.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—VINES, D.
- 11—LITTLE, S. D.
- 12—WINSLADE, C.
- 13—TURNER, D.

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- 5—JACKSON
- 6—ARCHER
- 7—ROPER
- 8—HERBERT
- 9—RICHARDSON
- 10—HOLLAND
- 11—EDGAR
- 12—THOMPSON, C.
- 13—IVISON

Referee: Mr. G. PHILPOTT of Leeds

Touch Judges:

Mr. A. E. Jones, Warrington (Red)

Mr. J. F. Noon, Widnes (Blue)

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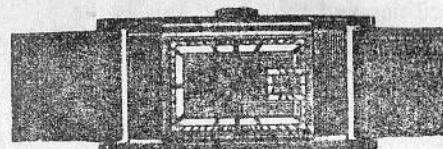
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## THE 'A' TEAM

Supporters who did not travel to Workington to watch the first team last Saturday had a very enjoyable time watching the 'A' team match against Workington 'A' at Watersheddings.

Reports state that this game was equal to the Barrow first team match on September 22nd. The win of 62-16 is convincing enough for anyone and most certainly represents value for money. To score sixteen tries is a credit to any team and we must congratulate the 'A' team boys on this terrific demonstration on how to play Rugby League. Games of this nature will bring much more support to our 'A' team and that is what we want.

From time to time much discussion around the 'A' team takes place in the local hostelrys but it always seems to be of a negative nature—just as though these boys played a special kind of code “for 'A' teams only.” For some reason or another, alternative pleasures seem to win the battle of choice. Pause for a moment and think what would the effect be if say 10,000 supporters of ours turned up on January 19—the first team are at Whitehaven, too far for the regular supporter to travel—when our 'A' team play Whitehaven. What a fillip it would be to the boys—both sides—when they came on the ground. Take advice and try it, you will see rugby as you want to see it because our 'A' team boys know that they may—as they frequently are—be called on at any moment for the senior side. Remember, a team as good as ours must of necessity have a good 'A'—and we have one.

## BRIEFS

Please do not forget the meeting of members and supporters on Thursday November 15th, 1956, in the Large Hall, King Street Stores, to commence at 8-0 p.m.

This meeting is for the purpose of launching a Pools Organisation for further development and ground improvement.

To our Members—This is your Club and this new organisation **must** be a success. It is for your benefit that the amenities of the ground should be improved.

The first step is the covering of the Watersheddings Street end of the ground. Plans to this end are now being investigated and it is hoped that work on this project will be in hand at the end of this present season.

We could explain at length what other clubs in the league are receiving from pool ventures, and there is little doubt that great advantages to the various clubs are being brought about by this means—much to the benefit of Rugby League in general. Let us show by our support of this scheme that we too are concerned with our ground facilities and that—and this is the point—we are personally prepared to do something about it. Do not leave it to your fellow supporter or member for this is truly a case of “a little help going a long way” and doing a lot of good!

Don't forget! See you all on November the 15th! — Next Thursday!

The next Matches at Watersheddings—

**November 17—OLDHAM 'A' v. BLACKPOOL 'A'**

**November 24—OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL**

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