

Referees List.

The following is a list of the officials Saturday, October 29th.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Batley v. Hunslet.—W. McCutcheon (Oldham), F. T. Rowlands and C. E. Heydon.

Bradford v. Halifax.—B. Ennion (Wigan), S. Mortimer and H. E. Roebuck.

Bramley v. Ebbw Vale.—H. Farrar (Keighley); A. E. Kaine and R. L. Smith.

Broughton Rangers v. Wakefield.—W. H. Wood (Huddersfield); A. Johnson and H. Yates.

Coventry v. Hull.—C. Platt (Swinton); T. Foulkes and J. Entwistle.

Huddersfield v. Wigan.—E. Tonge (Swinton); S. Goldsmith and W. O. Smart.

Hull K.R. v. Keighley.—J. C. Lumley (Leeds); M. Carr and J. W. Scholes.

Leeds v. Merthyr Tydvil.—G. F. Dickenson (Halifax); F. Wilson and D. Longbottom.

Leigh v. Swinton.—E. H. Smirk (Wigan); J. H. Crawshaw and A. Jones.

Oldham v. Salford.—F. Renton (Hunslet); T. A. Blackburn and T. Barnes.

Rochdale Hornets v. Widnes.—J. F. May (St. Helens); J. McGowan and W. O. Johnson.

Runcorn v. Barrow.—S. Tillison (Salford); E. J. Hannaford and H. Ball.

St. Helens v. Warrington.—A. Hestford (Broughton); J. Jones and A. Lee.

York v. Dewsbury.—W. W. Taylor (Hunslet); W. Emmott and C. Peel.

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

Pemberton v. Broughton R.—G. Moore.

Warrington v. St. Helens.—W. Manwaring.

Widnes v. Rochdale Hornets.—F. Turner.

Wigan v. Wigan Highfield.—J. E. Smith.

Barrow v. Runcorn.—W. Cross.

Swinton v. Leigh.—T. Austin.

Salford v. Oldham.—R. H. Jackson.

YORKSHIRE COMBINATION.

Dewsbury v. Featherstone Rovers.—J. A. Hall.

Halifax v. Leeds.—W. K. Hirst.

Hunslet v. Batley.—R. H. Cooper.

Purston White Horse v. Huddersfield.—F. W. Tattersall.

Dewsbury v. Featherstone Rovers.—J. A.

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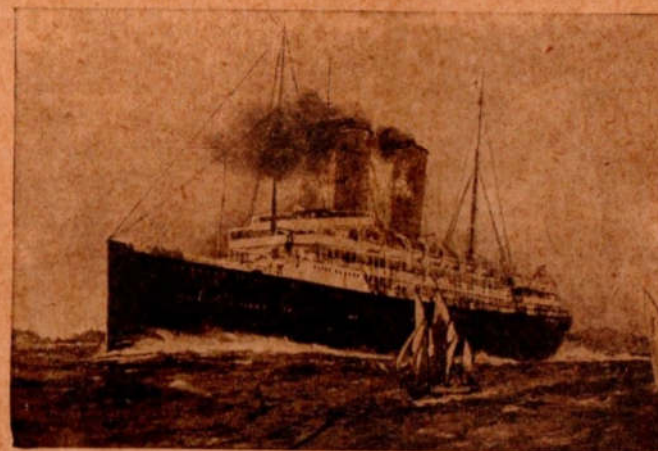
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THE NORTHERN UNION NEWS.

No. 9.]

Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 1910.

[One Penny.]

OUR DUTY! The Invitation to the Colonies.

THIS, the question of the hour is one that appeals to all who have the interest of our game at heart. When our team arrived in Sydney last May, even before the serious business of the tour had commenced, the responsible officials of the New South Wales League were asking as to the possibilities of the Northern Union giving them an invitation home, for the season 1911-12.

We are afraid that a majority of the Union committee hardly realise the prevailing conditions. We respect their desire to make sure of success before the implied request of the Colonials is granted, but we are afraid that the salient features of the case are not thoroughly grasped by those who doubt the wisdom of arranging a tour for next season.

Let us calmly review the situation. When the Union decided to give an invitation to the late A. H. Baskerville, to bring over his team of New Zealand "All Blacks," was the outlook as favourable as at the present time? Only one reply is possible, and that is, NO!

When the Union committee agreed to extend an invitation to J. J. Giltinan, to bring over his "Kangaroos," was the Northern Union game in the North of England, thriving as at present? Again we reply NO!

Why then hesitate. If the Northern Union favoured the private enterprises we have mentioned, are there any reasonable grounds for refusing to invite to England the accredited representatives of the League, which so recently, so admirably, played the part of hosts to a British team, who brought back profits, amounting in the aggregate to nearly £2,500?

This is what we might term the business point of view. But there is another

feature of the case, which even more strongly appeals to us and makes us anxious that our legislators should see the clear track. We refer to the great possibilities for expansion here, at home. We do not desire to be misunderstood, for progress to us is represented by increased attendances at the regular centres, rather than opening out new ground in other districts.

Who for a moment can doubt but that a really representative Colonial side, which includes the finest exponents of the Rugby game ever sent from the Colonies, would fail in its mission. The team would be under the direct control of a recognised organisation which owes allegiance to the Northern Union, would be well managed, and best of all, the surplus profits would, be unlike the other ventures, be devoted to the furtherance of our game abroad.

Are the New South Wales League in a position to place in the field, a team so powerful in a playing sense, as to equal our best. Again we can answer with confidence, for every mail tells us that the League is receiving recruits from the leading Rugby Union clubs, and that the task of selecting 26 players to visit England will not be difficult. They have many, who in point of merit, are entitled to the honour, and they, who after all, should know best, look to the coming battle, fully confident that the "ashes" will be wrested from the "Bulldogs" who so nobly triumphed in Sydney a few weeks ago.

To us the way is clear. Next season will be opportune, and delay will not be advantageous, to the game. Our game is booming. Of this fact there is ample evidence, and the Northern Union committee will betray the confidence reposed in them if they hesitate about this, the most important question of the hour.

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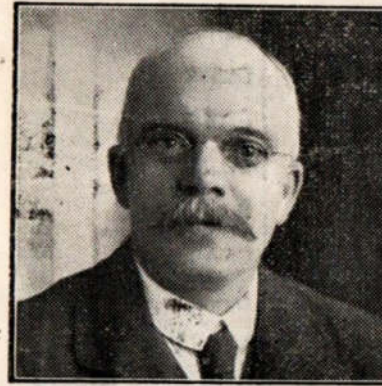
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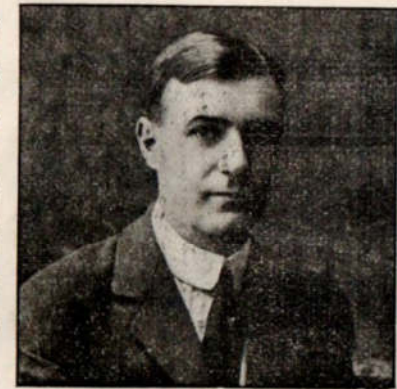
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Tales of the Australasian Tour.

No. 5,

Our Visit to Newcastle.

(By J. H. Houghton.)

TO much has been said and written about the big matches of our tour, that I am almost afraid we overlook and do not sufficiently appreciate the work that is being done, and the matches that were played in Newcastle and in Brisbane.

On Saturday, June 18th, we played two matches at the very urgent request of the Newcastle and District League. We agreed to send our Reserves and play them a Saturday match, which could only be done with help outside our own players (we had four on the injured list at the time), and so we "commandeered" the services of Derverent, Frawley, Morton, Byre and Burge.

We arrived at Newcastle, some 100 miles from Sydney, on the Thursday night and were received by a very cordial and enthusiastic body of officials. After a drive round the town we went to our headquarters and the next day visited the ground, when we realized for the first time that we were doing real propaganda and missionary work.

The workmen were still levelling up the ground, and even the playing pitch itself. I made some enquiries and found that only a few days before, this particular pitch on which we were to play our first game in Newcastle, was a veritable swamp, covered with brushwood, but be it said to the credit and enthusiasm of the Newcastle Committee and their zealous Secretary in particular—Mr. G. R. Cuthbertson—they had made the "rough places plain," and turned the swamp into a very creditable playing ground.

True it was soft, but this came as a very agreeable change after the hard bumpy ground at Sydney. The management had also an eye to business in their extremity—they were without funds—and were at a loss how to enclose their ground. Once more the old adage "necessity is the mother of invention" proved quite true, and the difficulty was

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On the Monday evening we were welcomed by the Australian Native's Association and A.N. Rifle club. The Mayor of Newcastle—Sir George Reid, High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in England, and who recently visited Manchester—presided, and gave us a right hearty welcome.

The toast of the visitors was moved by Mr. H. J. Cannington, V.P. of the Association, and seconded by their breezy enthusiastic Secretary, Mr. S. H. Tonkin. The response by the managers and Jimmy Lomas—who by the way, was then making quite a name for himself, as an after dinner speaker (from a note made at the time). I find this to have been up to that time, the most enjoyable evening we had spent in Australia.

On Wednesday we played our second match, and were again victorious by 40 points to 20. In both these matches we were opposed by our old friend and opponent, "Bill Bailey," of "Kangaroo" fame, and he had the good fortune to score against us on each occasion.

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Next Week—

"Our Visit to Brisbane, Queensland.

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OLDHAM F. C. Official Programme.

Oldham "A" v. Warrington "A"
AT
WATERSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM.
Saturday, October 22nd, 1910.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

There is a slump in the Wigan shares.

The "one hundred per cent." of the colliers received a rude shock at Watersheddings last Saturday.

Some of the Wigan followers were so disgusted at the wacking which their favourites received, that they went direct from the ground to catch the earliest train. Other supporters were so upset about the debacle, that they missed the last train on Saturday night; missed all the Sunday trains, and only managed to catch the last train on Monday night. Yes, Oldham's victory had a lot to answer for.

It was generally remarked last Saturday when the Oldham team went on the field, that they looked trained to the minute. No wonder Jim Mallalieu, the trainer, looked so pleasant.

The crowd at Watersheddings last Saturday, big as it was, was about the most orderly we have ever had on the enclosure. The police managed them splendidly. All credit to Inspector Walker and his excellent staff.

Wiganers are real good sportsmen. They never attempted any excuse last Saturday as to their defeat; they were enthusiastic about Oldham's play, and generously gave credit where credit was due.

Johnny Thomas was frank enough to admit that Wigan were a beaten team after the first twenty minutes' play. Johnny has often troubled Oldham, but on Saturday, all the trouble was on Thomas' side.

The shout which greeted Oldham's first two tries could be distinctly heard at Austerlands.

Billy Young is improving rapidly, and has this week left Oldham for London, to spend a few days with his parents.

There were some funny rumours floating about last Saturday morning. If one had believed all that he heard, he would have come to the conclusion that Oldham would be represented with the "A" team. There was naturally some alarm caused, and if one could only drop across the instigators of those absurd canards, there might be an interesting five minutes.

Our programme sales last week created a record.

We must apologize for the delay of the half time scores for last week. The gale had damaged the wires, and that was not discovered until too late to have the same repaired on Saturday.

Next week Jimmy Lomas and his crew will be at Watersheddings, and we expect another big crowd and another victory.

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4—T. McLEAN.
5—W. DIXON (Senr.).
6—W. WEBSTER.
7—T. BRICE.
8—W. LAWTON.
9—W. NANSEN.
10—A. GRAVES.
11—A. WILCOCKS.
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"The Brain behind the Ball."

No. 6—JOHN FISH, Warrington.

(By OBSERVER.)

TO-DAY one of the most famous exponents of Northern Union football takes a well-earned benefit. I refer to John Fish of Warrington, a player of more than average ability, and one who thoroughly deserves to rank with the giants of the game. My space is limited or I could give many illustrations of his remarkable powers.

Facts and figures speak more eloquently than words, and the record of Fish is most convincing. His records for a dozen seasons are:—

	Goals.	Tries.	Pts.
1898-1899	—	10	30
1899-1900	18	21	29
1900-1901	29	24	130
1901-1902	26	21	115
1902-1903	15	9	57
1903-1904	29	16	106
1904-1905	25	15	95
1905-1906	15	7	51
1906-1907	39	24	150
1907-1908	12	25	99
1908-1909	39	26	156
1909-1910	28	25	131
	275	223	1219

A native of Runcorn he commenced his football career with Lostock Gralam and he soon demonstrated those natural abilities which eventually made him one of the finest left wing three-quarter backs in the Northern Union.

Possessed of a rare turn of speed, he combines all the arts, perfections, and possibilities, that proclaim even to the lay mind, the football genius. His perfect style at once conveyed the impression that he was an artist, for he invariably during the course of a game accomplished something of a sensational character.

His elusive powers bordered on the supernatural, and who has not been thrilled by his famous runs which

brought him the title of "the slippery Fish." He eluded the smartest defence in such an easy and graceful manner that try getting appeared a simple task. At side-stepping, he was a past master, momentarily coming to a complete stop, then the simultaneous recovery of pace, and the final bound at top speed. Few even amongst our great players of the present season have yet reached the standard of dodging and swerving as "Jack" Fish.

But these by no means exhaust his accomplishments. His fielding was perfect, and he rarely mis-judged the ball at any angle. In the art of taking and giving passes, under the most difficult conditions, he had few superiors, and in effective place kicking and accurate punting he was a valuable asset to his side.

It is said that many men are born great, and Fish was undoubtedly a born player. Nature has endowed him with a marvellous perceptive faculty, seemingly able to realise all the preconceived methods of attack on the part of his opponents, then by his sterling defence play, breaking up the attack, for few opposing wing found scoring an easy task. Well known to every lover of our game, is the quality of his aggressiveness, his turning of defence into attack with a cleverness akin to sensational, thrilling spectators and players alike with those sparkling runs.

Above all has Fish played the game as a sportsman and a gentleman, and to his credit it can be said that not once has he been ordered off the field for foul play of any kind. Unquestionably has he been a great force in Northern Union football, a credit to the game, an ornament to the sport, and on his retirement, one can well apply to him the words of the poet:—

"And departing leaves behind him, footprints on the sands of time."

Mainly about Play and Players.

The two matches between Batley and Dewsbury this season have produced two curious incidents. In the first game Dewsbury won chiefly through the agency of W. Hirst, the one time Batley amateur who now plays with Dewsbury.

On Saturday it was Hirst who took advantage of a blunder by a Batley player, and scored the only try of the match.

The Cumberland Commissioners are again first with their selected side, and the thirteen to represent Cumberland in the game with Yorkshire at Dewsbury on Tuesday will be:—W. B. Little (Fothergill); W. J. Eagers (Hunslet and Millom); H. G. Bouch (Broughton Rangers and Aspatria); J. Lomas (Salford and Maryport); W. Dixon (Oldham and Maryport); J. Ferguson (Oldham and Brookland Rovers); J. L. Clappitt (Broughton Rangers and Millom); J. Owens (Oldham and Seaton); D. Clarke (Huddersfield and Brookland Rovers); W. Ward (Leeds and Egremont); and S. Warwick (Salford and Whitehaven Recreation).

With the exception that Bouch, Broughton's latest player from Cumberland, is chosen in preference to Brown of Barrow, the side is exactly as that selected against Lancashire.

Since the departure of the British team from Sydney many prominent players have left the Rugby Union to join the Rugby League. Two, who are said to be certain of their inclusion in the team for Home are, Hays, scrummage half-back, and Cody, scrummage or outside half-back.

The "gate" receipts in the Oldham v. Watersheddings match were £400, representing an attendance of 22,000 spectators.

The Wigan club are erecting a "scores board" for half-time scores of all the Northern League games. The key will be given each week in the "Northern Union News" official programme.

The brothers James, Willie and Claude, half-back and three-quarter back respectively, have been transferred from Broughton to Leigh.

Wigan's defeat at Watersheddings gives the honours of the League to Wakefield Trinity.

A. Morgan, Swinton's new centre three-quarter back, arrived in the village during the week. Since Morgan's last sojourn with the "Lions" he has qualified as a chemist.

The Lancashire County committee have suggested Thursday, November 24, at Workington, as a suitable date for the postponed game with Sunderland.

£289 was taken at the Batley v. Dewsbury cup tie at Mount Pleasant last Saturday.

The Emergency committee have decided to play a Northern Union v. English Colonials match. The latter side will be chosen from Colonial players on the register of Northern League clubs. The game is to be played at Wigan.

It is reported that another Colonial player is coming to England. The emigrant is said to be J. C. Davis, a forward who came over with the "Kangaroos."



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No. 6.

Councillor Ashton,
(WARRINGTON).

(By ARGUS).

A MAN in direct contrast to our "man of mark" of last week is Councillor Ashton of Warrington. Mr. Lewthwaite is perhaps a man of few words. Mr. Ashton is one of many, for he possesses the gift of oratory, which on important occasions results in his being "put up."

And right nobly does Mr. Ashton respond to he call. He is enthusiastic to a degree, and what is more to the point, can by his discourse rouse enthusiasm amongst his audience. But he dislikes "garnishing," and I must confine myself to facts.

Like many of our officials, he is a practical legislator. He started his connection with the Warrington club in 1879-80.

After a couple of games with the reserve team, he played with the seniors and retained his place until his retirement from serious football in 1893-4, though he took part in a few games under the regime of the Northern Union. He captained the side for a number of seasons, and it was during his leadership that Warrington won the West Lancashire Cup in 1886.

Mr. Ashton was elected Secretary in 1899 and has held the position ever since. In addition he has represented the club on the Northern Union Committee.

Is a past President of the Union, and held office during the visit of the "All Blacks." Was also a member of the sub-committee in connection with the "Kangaroos" tour, and also served the Union in a similar capacity during the recent tour to the Antipodes.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"EXPERT" (Weaste.)—(1) J. Riley of Halifax, captained the British team in the test match at Brisbane, and J. Leytham captained the side in the second Australasian game at Sydney. (2) Yes, Lomas played in the test game at Brisbane.

"GOAL KICKER" (Rochdale.)—(1) In the goal-kicking match between Messenger and Lomas at Sydney, the contest was described as "the goal-kicking championship of the world." We may say however, that Brackenreg of Queensland, beat both Messenger and Lomas in a subsequent match. (2) Leytham, 5 goals, 12 tries; Jenkins, 14 tries; Lomas, 53 goals, 10 tries.

"ANXIOUS" (Broughton.)—We understand that the player you mention is anxious to receive his transfer to another club.

"CURIOUS" (Pendleton.)—The half-back is the elder.

"Tyke" (Dewsbury.)—The 2nd rounds of the Lancashire & Yorkshire County Cup Competitions will be played on the same date—November 5th.

"BOULEVARD" (Hull.)—The player was off-side. Read the rule carefully and you will see that the referee's interpretation is correct.

"ROUGHYED"—(Oldham.)—We are looking up the information you require and will give the particulars next week.

"ALFRED B." (Leeds.)—In our opinion Anlezark and Thomas. Both were selected by the Lancashire County committee.

"TAFFY" (Merthyr.)—"Dai" and "Dan" are brothers. The others are not related.

"F. J. A." (St. Helens.)—You will find Fish's detailed record on another page.

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