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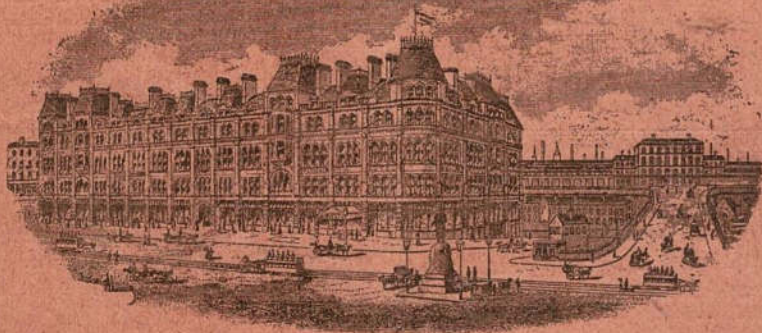
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No. 16.]

Saturday, Dec. 10th 1910.

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REAL PROGRESS

Real Reasons. At this late hour there would be little method in our devoting space in the "Northern Union News" to an explanatory notice of Northern Union football, even though this, our International number will probably be read by many, who for the first time made the acquaintance of our game at Coventry this afternoon. The reasons for establishment were real, and that those who severed their connection with the English Rugby Union were thoroughly justified, will be granted by all conversant with the conditions of the time.

A Spirit of Prejudice. What we regard as coming within our sphere of usefulness, is the making of reasonable comparisons between the old game and the new. Now when the original founder's committee of the Northern Union commenced their gigantic task of construction, they were faced with apparently over-whelming difficulties. In the first place the area was strictly limited. Then the opposition was formidably, but above all was the spirit of prejudice which prevailed amongst those who were opposed to professionalism at any cost.

Opposition Overcome. It has taken years to overcome this unfair opposition. We say unfair advisedly, for our opponents are remarkably inconsistent. They actively support professionalism in other branches of sport, but for some reason or other Northern Union professionalism is not palatable. However, time has narrowed the breach, and events of recent years have shown that the sport-loving public of the British Empire are far seeing, and that our game is by virtue of its attractiveness, to obtain a high position in the

realms of sport. We never doubted for one moment that any other result was possible, and that ultimately we should triumph over prejudice.

Efforts to Attract. All this has only been attained by hard work on the part of those officials responsible for the modern Rugby game. They, years ago, realised that the public demanded a change, and to combat successfully the rapid growth of the Association game in Rugby strongholds, the old code must be brought more up-to-date with the spirit of the age. Call it what you will, outdoor sport must be attractive to make progress, and the Northern Rugby Union were not discouraged in their attempts at reformation, by the carping criticism, with which their efforts were invariably received.

Opportunities for Comparison. They persevered in their object, and this afternoon at Coventry, Midland Rugby enthusiasts will have, we hope, a splendid opportunity of making comparisons. Elsewhere these comparisons have been favourable. We need not revert to the triumphs of the Colonial tour, or to the desire of the Australasian League to visit England next season. These facts speak for themselves. We cannot make our point more than by quoting a well-known Australasian writer. He said, respecting the Northern Union game: "Their (the players) nationality was not the attraction; their football reputation is no greater than that of the New Zealanders. "It is the League game, and nothing but the League game, that captured the public." We leave it at that, confident that Midland sportsmen will be fair critics.

Northern Union League.—Results to this morning.

P'ts. Per-										P'ts. Per-										
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P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ags.	centge	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ags.	centge	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ags.	centge
Wakefield T.	11	9	1	1	169	71	86.36	Leigh	13	7	6	0	117	119	53.84					
Oldham	11	9	1	1	155	91	86.36	Rochdale	11	5	6	0	109	122	45.45					
Wigan	13	10	3	0	221	74	76.92	Huddersfield	14	6	8	0	181	154	42.85					
Dewsbury	12	9	3	0	138	94	75.00	Ebbw Vale	14	6	8	0	100	157	42.85					
Hull K.R.	13	8	4	1	270	120	65.38	Bradford	13	5	7	1	85	128	42.30					
Widnes	11	7	3	1	80	52	68.18	Runcorn	13	5	7	1	110	166	42.30					
Warrington	14	8	3	3	149	111	67.85	Broughton R.	11	4	7	0	78	130	36.36					
Leeds	12	8	4	0	174	85	66.66	Salford	13	4	8	1	152	159	34.61					
Swinton	11	6	5	0	108	50	54.54	Batley	13	5	8	0	87	105	38.46					
Hunslet	12	6	6	0	169	171	50.00	Barrow	13	4	9	0	97	208	30.76					
Halifax	12	7	6	0	141	99	53.85	Coventry	13	3	9	1	126	234	26.92					
St. Helens	12	7	5	0	166	121	58.33	Merthyr T.	14	3	11	0	75	202	21.42					
Keighley	13	7	5	1	114	146	57.69	Bramley	12	2	9	1	66	166	20.83					
Hull	12	6	5	1	124	124	54.16	York	11	2	9	0	71	182	18.18					

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

	Scores Per-				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A. centage
Oldham	9	8	1	0	165 24.88.88
Wigan	9	7	1	1	172 47.83.83
Leigh S'rocks ..	9	6	2	1	65 55.72.22
St. Helens	10	7	3	0	100 57.70.00
Warrington	11	7	4	0	94 67.63.63
Pemberton	11	7	4	0	99 77.63.63
Wigan H'field ..	14	8	5	1	155 102.60.71
Leigh	14	8	6	0	171 135.57.14
Runcorn	11	6	5	0	88 116.54.54
Swinton	8	3	4	1	71 51.43.75
Broughton R.	13	4	8	1	70 164.34.66
Rochdale H'ts ..	11	2	8	1	49 132.22.72
Barrow	5	1	4	0	26 54.20.00
Salford	11	2	9	0	55 114.18.18
Millom	6	1	5	0	23 95.16.66
Widnes	12	1	9	2	52 165.16.66

YORKSHIRE COMBINATION.

	P.W.L.D.	F.	Scores Per-centage
Halifax	8 6 2 0	95	50...75.00
Wakefield	5 3 1 1	69	26...70.00
Huddersfield ..	6 4 2 0	62	40...66.66
Purston W.H. ..	9 6 3 0	80	57...66.66
Leeds	7 3 4 0	51	48...42.85
Dewsbury	7 2 3 2	51	58...42.85
Featherston R. .	6 2 4 0	24	55...33.33
Hunslet	5 1 3 1	17	47...30.00
Batley	7 0 5 2	15	83...14.28

The Dewsbury and Featherstone Rovers' match (Nov. 26) not included—score not to hand.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

	Scores.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag't. Pts
Dewsbury	10	7	3	0	126	61.14
Leeds	10	7	3	0	149	75.14
Wakefield	7	6	0	1	105	32.13
Kingston Rovers	9	6	2	1	167	72.13
Keighley	11	5	5	1	88	135.11
Hunslet	8	5	3	0	112	75.10
Halifax	9	5	4	0	95	69.10
Hull	9	4	4	1	80	108.9
Bradford	11	4	6	1	64	118.9
Batley	9	4	5	0	64	56.8
Huddersfield	7	2	5	0	52	82.4
Bramley	9	1	7	1	47	133.3
York	9	0	9	0	44	177.0

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Scores.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag't.	Pts		
Warrington	11	7	2	2	113	78	16		
Widnes	9	5	3	1	71	43	11		
Wigan	7	5	2	0	110	40	10		
Oldham	6	4	1	1	73	38	09		
Runcorn	9	4	4	1	73	121	09		
Swinton	8	4	4	0	86	36	8		
Rochdale H.	9	4	5	0	111	98	8		
St. Helens	9	4	5	0	128	107	8		
Leigh	10	4	6	0	84	111	8		
Broughton R.	10	4	6	0	73	124	8		
Barrow	9	3	6	0	68	152	6		
Salford	7	1	5	1	48	90	3		

LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By the EDITOR.)

The County Cup.

The County cup competition resulted in the trophies being secured by the two leading teams in the respective Counties—victories perhaps in accordance with popular anticipations. Even though the margins in favour of the successful sides were somewhat small, the League records of Oldham and Wakefield thoroughly entitle the cup holders to the honours of the day, and last Saturday's contests at Manchester and Leeds, were but confirmation of the wonderful consistency exhibited for nearly half the season.

Old Matches—New Dates.

The cup competitions have been so much before the public of late, that the League competition is somewhat neglected. Matches get in arrears but the League committee are fixing up dates at every meeting, and on Tuesday confirmed the following:—

Leeds v. Dewsbury, from December 3 to December 27; Broughton Rangers v. Hull, from December 3 to January 3.

These two games were postponed last Saturday through the cup finals being played on the home grounds, the compensation of course, being a 10 per cent. commission on the "gate" receipts.

The Rovers' Grievance.

That the work of the League committee does not always prove satisfactory is apparent from the protests lodged by Hull Kingston Rovers and Bramley. The first named club declare that the Hull club has broken an implied agreement between the two Hull clubs and the League, that no games should clash at the Boulevard and Craven street. Last week Hull re-arranged a postponed game by fixing up the match for the day on which the Rovers were at home, and I understand the matter is to be gone into fully by the League committee.

A Natural Complaint.

Bramley's complaint is one of a somewhat different character. The complaining club take objection to playing Wakefield Trinity, on Tuesday, December 27, and would much rather entertain the Yorkshire cup holders during the mid-week. To those who do not understand the objection, I should explain that Wakefield Trinity visiting Barley Mow, on any day other than Saturday, or a public holiday, the Yorkshire cup holders would be compelled to give Bramley compensation to the amount of a third of their share of the cup match takings on the day of the original match. Bramley, not unnaturally perhaps, prefer a "compensated" match. This matter also will be considered by the League committee.

Fines for Late Starts.

In addition to other important matters, the League committee, on Tuesday, inflicted fines for late starts on Bramley and Hull Kingston Rovers, 10/-; Leigh, 8/-; and St. Helen's, 5/-. This being the regulation 1/- per minute.

The Bradford and District Intermediate Union also reported the Batley club for signing on a player without their permission. After hearing the evidence, the committee decided that the claim of the Intermediate League should be sustained, and Batley were ordered to strike the player in question off their register.

Batten and Hunslet.

After all the negotiations for the transfer of W. Batten, the famous Hunslet three-quarter back, to Oldham, have fallen through. I learned last week end that the clubs had agreed as to the amount of the transfer, but the arrangements were not completed between the Oldham club and the player. I believe that Oldham had agreed to pay Hunslet £250 when the transfer was legally completed—a sum equal to that paid by Leeds to Oldham for Phil Thomas. However Batten and his old club have made peace, and I look forward to the famous back resuming his playing connection at Parkside, with mutual benefit to himself and his club.

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Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

I HAD not sufficient space at my disposal last week to deal with the question of the eligibility of players for Cup tie purposes. To-day is the first round of the qualifying stage of the Union Challenge Cup, and although my comments will be too late for to-day's games they may be of service for the future.

A Ruling Point.

My remarks of course will apply chiefly to the clubs in the qualifying stages, as I venture to think the rules governing the points are pretty generally understood by the Senior clubs. There appears to be a certain impression that a Junior club is at liberty to utilise a player in the Cup ties who assists them in their League matches, even though such player plays for them under a permit from a Senior club. That is, he is a professional of the Senior club, but the latter, not requiring his services at the time, allow him to play for a Junior.

New Senior Rule.

Now such a player is not eligible to play for the Junior club in the Cup ties. He is not a bon-fide member of their club, and strictly speaking he belongs to the Senior club. This point appears quite simple, but my readers would be surprised to learn the number of communications that the Union secretary receives on this question each season. Senior clubs cannot play any player who has not signed his League or professional registration form, prior to February the 1st., in the current season. It is not necessary now for him to actually play for his club before that day, as in past seasons.

Progress at Broughton.

I was in conversation last week-end with certain prominent officials of the Broughton Rangers' club, and was particularly pleased to hear that although they are not doing as well as they would

like, in a playing sense, yet they are doing considerably better than they did last season financially. I could not quite understand this, and said so, and was informed that the reason was that they had now got a team of "triers," and although they did not win so often, their spectators knew that the men were striving honestly to the last ounce, and it was appreciated. Their "gates" are up 80 per cent. on every home match this season. This is only the just reward of the new committee's efforts. It would surprise some clubs' officials to know what the Rangers' committee have actually done to lift the club out of the mire. Right manfully have they put their shoulder to the wheel.

Coventry's Victory.

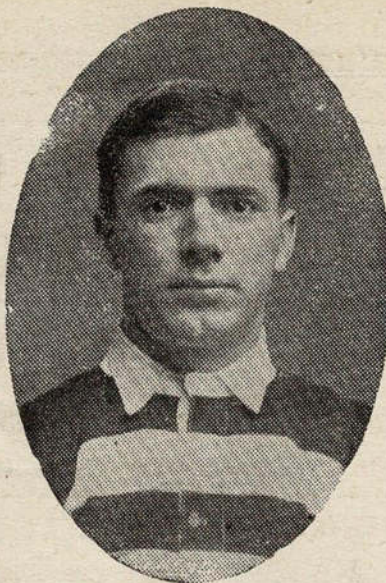
The victory of Coventry last week was exceedingly pleasant reading to me, although it was at the expense of Run-corn, who I regret to say, appear to have struck a bad patch. Still to win on the Cheshire club's ground is no small feat, and I hope it will be the forerunner of many more such successes. Coventry people will have another treat in store next Saturday, when the famous Wigan team are due to visit them. The gate should be a "bumper."

A Ruling Required.

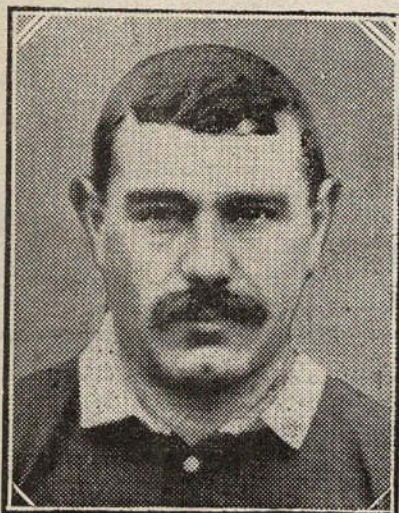
Supposing a referee blows his whistle for a penalty, or a player claims a free kick for a mark exactly on "time" what should he do. Allow the kick to be taken or not? This question was discussed at the last meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Referees' Society, and opinions were equally divided. It will therefore be submitted to the Union committee for their ruling on Tuesday next.

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Where a — appears it signifies that these clubs do not meet each other.



J. THOMAS, (Welsh Captain).



JAMES LOMAS, (English Captain).



JAMES LEYTHAM, (England).

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OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS.

AT

WATERSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM.

Saturday, December 10th, 1910.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

The "Lions" of Swinton have been caged since last Saturday.. They became so ferocious, at various parts of the exhibition that it was thought best to keep them under close personal supervision during the few days which followed their appearance at Broughton.

Never mind, Swinton; better luck next time!

How could Swinton reasonably expect to have a Valentine in the form of a Cup in December? It is the wrong month!

Some of the Oldham players were so vexed with their own display last Saturday, that they are thinking of giving their bonus to local charities! Wonder if that is true? We shall have to "wait and see."

No matter what was the feeling which beat within the manly bosoms of the Oldham thirteen; there was certainly more disappointment among the Swintonians. Several of the Swinton players had brought their wives or sweethearts over to Broughton, just to take their medals back, whilst the team safe-guarded the Cup. "There's many a slip betwixt the Cup and the Medal." (Revised version.)

That was a glorious reception accorded to the team on their journey from Hollinwood Railway Station to the club's headquarters—the Red Lion Hotel, Bottom o'th Moor. Captain Ferguson, holding the Cup aloft, had a most enthusiastic reception.

Wonder how many medals Joe Ferguson has won since he came to Oldham? I should think he could adorn his manly chest with as many medals as any "Lion" tamer that ever lived. Of course it does not matter to us what number he has won, because really, we ought not to meddle in those affairs.

Well Widnes, how did you like the second dose? Of course the medicine was changed; but it was by the same practical practitioners. Naturally, if you feel no better by the time you are due to visit Watersheddings, on January 7th, 1911, we will, on that occasion, call in a specialist.

Hello! St. Helens! You here today? Just look at each cross-bar, and you will find that an artist has inscribed thereon (for the benefit of Oldham players only.) Remember, Saturday, September 3rd. If those words are not there when you step on to the enclosure, well, all we can say is that our artist's water colours, are weaker than the water at Watersheddings, and must have been washed off. All the same, "Lest we forget!"

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- 7—W. DIXON (Senr.)
- 8—J. FERGUSON (Capt.)
- 9—A. SMITH.
- 10—T. McCABE.
- 11—HELM.
- 12—W. B. JARDINE.
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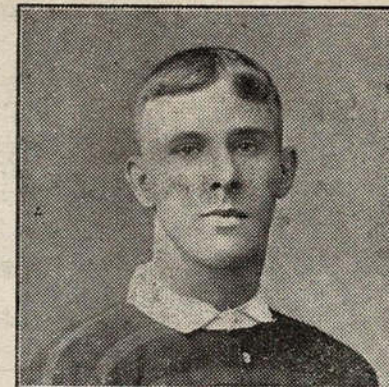
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The Season's Internationals.

ENGLAND.

Ellis Clarkson (Hull).

Full-back. Played with Leigh up to the present season, and his transfer to Hull was regarded as the surprise of the close season's negotiations. Was selected for the corresponding game last season, but injuries prevented him playing at Wakefield. A native of Leigh, and regarded locally as the finest full-back-back in the Northern Union.

James Leytham (Wigan).

Left wing three-quarter back. Came from Lancaster to Central Park. Last December completed an aggregate of one thousand points for the Wigan club. Scored 255 points during season 1908-9. Born at Lancaster. 5-ft. 9-ins; 12-stones, 8-lbs. Played 12 matches during the Colonial tour, scored 5 goals, 12 tries.

James Lomas (Salford).

Centre three-quarter back, and captain of the team. County honours for Cumberland and Lancashire, and has every possible honour conferred upon him by the Northern Union. In 45 games for Salford has scored every point, and for the sixteen years he has played football, always top scorer for his club. Born at Maryport. 5-ft. 7-ins; 13 stones, 5-lbs. Played in 13 matches during the recent tour, scored 53 goals, 10 tries, and defeated Messenger in the famous goal-kicking competition.

H. Wagstaff (Huddersfield).

Centre three-quarter back. Yorkshire's most promising three-quarter, who by his abilities has worthily earned the right to appear for his country. Is only 19 years of age. 5-ft. 11-ins., and 12 stones, 4-lbs. Born at Underbank, and played for that club when 15 years of age, prior to joining the Huddersfield team. Is also a cricketer of more than average merit.

J. Miller (Wigan).

Wing three-quarter back. A local product of the Wigan club. First played for Pemberton. Appeared in the Northern Union team against the "Kangaroos" at Glasgow, and played twice for Lancashire County this season. Age 24; 5 ft. 7-in., and 11-stones, 7-lbs.

Fred Smith (Hunslet).

Stand-off or scrummage half-back. County honours for Yorkshire and International for England. Born at Woodlesford. 5-ft., 6-ins; 12-stones, 5-lbs. Played 12 matches in Australia and New Zealand, and scored 12 tries.

T. White (Oldham).

Stand-off half-back. One of the most consistent players in the Oldham side this season, and unquestionably England's best outside half-back. Came to Oldham from Bath. Played for Bath and Bristol, and County honours for Gloucester (R.U.) and Lancashire (N.U.) Born at Bath; 26 years of age.

William Jukes (Hunslet).

Forward. Played for Featherstone Rovers. County honours for Yorkshire, and International for England. Born at Featherstone. 5-ft. 8½-ins; 12-stones, 10 lbs. Played 12 games in Australia and New Zealand, scoring 10 tries.

F. Webster (Leeds).

Forward. Played with Brotherton. County honours for Yorkshire. Born at Chesterfield. 5-ft. 9-ins; 13-stones, 4-lbs. Played 14 matches in the Colonial tour, and scored 5 tries.

W. Winstanley (Leigh).

Forward. Played with Platt Bridge. County honours for Lancashire, and International for England. Born at Platt Bridge. 5-ft. 9-ins; 13-stones, 9-lbs. Played 14 matches for the Union during the Colonial tour, and scored 5 tries.

A. E. Avery (Oldham).

Forward. Scored 13 tries in 13 successive games for Oldham. Played for Plymouth and Devonport Albion. County honours for Devon (23 times) and Lancashire. Born at Buckfastleigh. 5-ft. 10½-ins; 14-stones, 4-lbs. Played 10 times in Australasia, scoring 7 tries.

H. Kershaw (Wakefield Trinity).

Forward. Played for Wakefield (R.U.) County honours for Yorkshire (R.U.) Born at Wakefield. 5-ft. 8-ins; 12-stones. Played in 10 games during the recent Colonial tour, scoring 5 tries.

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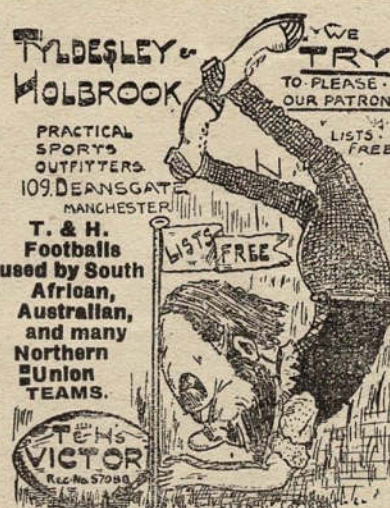
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John Tomes (Coventry).

Forward, of the fearless type. Played with Newbold, Rugby, and then Coventry. During his first season with the last named club he secured his Midland Counties cap. Was one of the first to sign a form for the new Coventry club. Born at Newbold, 25 years ago.

WALES.

"Chick" Jenkins (Ebbw Vale).

Centre three-quarter back. Played for Pontypool and Hull. County honours for Monmouthshire (R.U.), and International (N.U.), for Wales against "All Blacks," "Kangaroos," and England. Born at Cwm. 5-ft. 8-ins., and 11-stones, 6-lbs. Played 10 matches in Australasia, scoring 4 goals, 3 tries.

L. J. Llewellyn (Ebbw Vale).

Wing three-quarter back. Played for Pill Harriers (Monmouthshire League club) Monmouthshire County, eight times, and then joined the Ebbw Vale club. A particularly speedy "winger," and two seasons ago scored forty-one tries. Born at Newport; 29; 5-ft., 5-ins., and 9-stones, 12-lbs.

Phil Thomas (Hull Kingston Rovers).

Centre three-quarter back. A most important asset to the season's most prolific scoring team in the Northern Union. Came from Wales originally to Oldham. From Watersheddings he went to Headingley, and after service with the Leeds team, was transferred to Hull. Held the record up to the present week for the highest transfer fee ever paid for a Northern Union player.

Bert Jenkins (Wigan).

Centre three-quarter back. Played with Troedyrhiw and Mountain Ash. County honours for Lancashire, and International against England, "All Blacks," and "Kangaroos." Born at Troedyrhiw. 5 ft., 8-ins; 12-stones, 10-lbs. Played 10 games in Australasia, scoring 14 tries.

W. Williams (Halifax).

Wing three-quarter back. Of the most aggressive type, and a most valued acquisition to the Halifax team, since he forsook the Rugby Union game for one more suited to his unquestionable abilities. Has scored many tries for Halifax, and with judicious attention for his centre; a most dangerous player to defenders.

Dai Davies (Swinton).

Scrummage half-back. Can now boast of his "double International," for he has represented Wales at both codes of football. Commenced his serious football when 17 years of age, playing for Llanelli against Gloucester. Played for Wales (R.U.) in one of their International trial games. Then joined Swinton, leaving that club some few seasons ago to play goal-keeper for Bolton Wanderers. During his sojourn at Bolton, appeared for Wales in three International matches. Re-joined Swinton last year. Born at Llanelli, 29 years ago. 5-ft. 10-ins; 11 stones, 10-lbs.

Johnny Thomas (Wigan).

Stand-off half-back, and captain of the Welsh side. Played for Maesteg, Gent and Cardiff. County honours from Glamorgan (R.U.) and Lancashire (N.U.) Played for Wales against England and "All Blacks," and in Northern Union test game. Born at Aberkenfig. 5-ft., 7-ins; 11-stones. Played in 12 matches during the recent tour, and scored 12 tries.

F. H. Shugars (Warrington).

Forward. Played with Penygraig. County honours for Glamorgan, and reserve (R.U.) for Wales. County honours for Lancashire and International for Wales. Born at Pontypridd. 5-ft. 11-ins; 14-stones, 6-lbs. Played 12 matches in Australasia, scoring 1 try.

H. Blackmore (Hull Kingston Rovers).

Forward. Played for Abertillery and Monmouth County under Rugby Union rules, and for Wales against England. Born at Abertillery 25 years ago. 6-ft. 1-in., and 14-stones, 3-lbs.

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B. Cronow (Huddersfield).

Forward. Came to Huddersfield this season. Played for Bridgend and once for London Welsh. County honours for Glamorgan 17 times, and has appeared on four occasions in the Welsh International teams. Born at Bridgend. 23 years of age. 6 feet, and 13-stones, 13 lbs.

E. Jenkins (Rochdale Hornets).

Forward. One of the Rochdale's clubs latest acquisitions from the Rugby Union. Played with Newport, and last season was in the Welsh team against Ireland & Scotland. 24 years of age. 5-ft. 8-ins., and 12-stones, 10-lbs.

Answers to Correspondents.

F.W.A. (Bury.)—(1) J. T. Lewis was born at Rainscough, near Manchester, in 1874, and was a permanent player in the Swinton senior team in season 1891-2. (2) He won the Booth Hall Plate on two occasions.

CURIOUS (Leeds.)—The final was played at Headingley, April 25, 1903. Rigg was the Halifax captain, and Lomas the Salford captain.

HALF-BACK (Wigan.)—Batley won the Northern Union cup the first two seasons of the competition. There was no cup during the first season of the Northern Union.

T.W. (Runcorn.)—Tyldesley, Brighouse Rangers, Liversedge, Manningham and Stockport.

RAD (Dewsbury.)—November 3, 1908, at Dewsbury. Dewsbury, 3 2—12 points; Leeds, 2 1—7 points.

WATERSHEDDINGS (Royton.)—In the 22 games played in the Lancashire League, Wigan scored 71 goals, 94 tries, to 29 goals, 29 tries.

ARTHUR W. (Coventry.)—The half-back would be off-side under Northern Union rules, but not under Rugby Union rules.

B.L. (Manchester.)—Write to the club secretary. Possibly he has the records.

BUNKER (Oldham.)—We think Martin made his first appearance for Oldham on January 1, 1897.

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The official attendance at Headingley, for the Yorkshire Cup final was 19,000, with gate receipts of £696 ls.

At Broughton, last Saturday, 15,000 spectators paid over £400 to witness the Lancashire Cup final, between Swinton and Oldham.

The Halifax club officials are interesting themselves in the establishment of another new club in the adjoining district.

The remarkably low scoring in the County Cup final proved a surprise to competitors for the "Northern Union News" competition.

The Wigan and Oldham players who went on tour with the Northern Union team in Australasia, have presented Mr. J. H. Houghton, one of the managers, with a walking stick, as a mark of their respect and esteem.

The supporters of the St. Helens Rugby club are promoting a fund for the benefit of injured players, whose injuries necessitate special treatment. The fund is being raised by a sixpenny subscription, and already exceeds 2,000 sixpences. The Mayor of St. Helens is treasurer, Councillor R. Ellison, club president, Councillor Grace and H. S. Turtill (representing the players), and the Rev. C. H. Chevasse are trustees.

Referee's List.

The following is a list of the officials Saturday, Dec. 17th.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Coventry v. Wigan.—G. F. Dickinson; H. Farmer, T. Foulkes.

Barrow v. Merthyr.—A. Smith; C. Abram J. R. Robinson.

Bramley v. Batley.—H. Farrer; J. R. Bowes, F. T. Rowlands.

Dewsbury v. Halifax.—T. H. King; W. O. Smart, P. Hardwick.

Huddersfield v. Oldham.—S. Tillison; T. Walsh, W. Emmott.

Hull v. Bradford.—J. C. Lumley; S. Goldsmith, H. Adams.

Hunslet v. Kingston Rovers.—J. W. Whiteley; H. G. Roebuck, A. Day.

Kelghley v. York.—F. Renton; C. E. Heydon, C. Straiton.

Leigh v. Widnes.—W. McCutcheon; E. J. Hannaford, A. Roscoe.

Rochdale Hornets v. Salford.—E. H. Smirk; J. Jones, J. R. Lawton.

Runcorn v. Ebbw Vale.—E. Tonge, J. Winstanley, R. Jones.

Swinton v. Broughton Rgs.—B. Ennion; R. H. Moore, F. Turner.

Wakefield T. v. Leeds.—H. Edmondson; J. W. Scholes, F. Wilson.

Warrington v. St. Helens.—A. Hestford; C. Gibson, A. Webster.

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

Broughton R'gs. 'A' v. Swinton 'A.'—T. Austin.

Oldham 'A' v. Millom.—G. Moore.

Salford 'A' v. Rochdale Hornets 'A.'—R. H. Jackson.

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

Widnes 'A' v. Leigh 'A.'—W. Nevins.

Wigan 'A' v. Pemberton.—J. Dutton.

Wigan Highfield v. Barrow 'A.'—H. Lowe.

YORKSHIRE COMBINATION.

Halifax 'A' v. Dewsbury 'A.'—R. L. Smith.

Leeds 'A' v. Wakefield 'A.'—R. H. Cooper.

Featherstone Rovers v. Huddersfield 'A.'—G. Fowler.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

Huddersfield and District N.R. Union.

The Cup final at Leeds quite disturbed the Junior matches on Saturday last. Out of seven games down for decision, only two were played. Perhaps had those who chose the spectators part are now sadder and wiser, and it is hoped that the enthusiasm will now be turned into other channels.

What was expected to be a tough struggle at Rastrick, turned out to be a somewhat easy victory for the home team. The tables may be turned at Flockton however. The "Colliers" give an excellent account of themselves on their own ground.

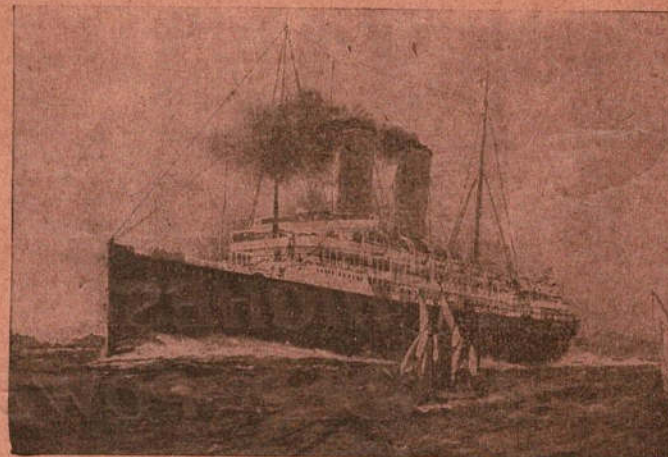
Underbank Res. could only draw at Slaithwaite. Had a few of the Intermediate teams got into swing earlier, the League leaders would not have occupied such a commanding position.

To-day's best game is the meeting of Underbank and Rastrick, in the N.U. Cup, qualifying round 1, at Underbank. In the League game on the same ground this season, the home team won, but it will be remembered that Rastrick went far in the same competition last season. It will be an interesting and strenuous game.

Lancashire Junior Cup.

Mr. Campbell, the Conservative candidate of the Eccles division, kicked off at Flixton, where Heeley Street Mission were the visitors. The home team were very aggressive. Davies, Riley, Burgess and Taylor and Blake, all playing well, and as the forwards controlled the scrummages, Flixton eventually ran out winners, by 20 points to 3.

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