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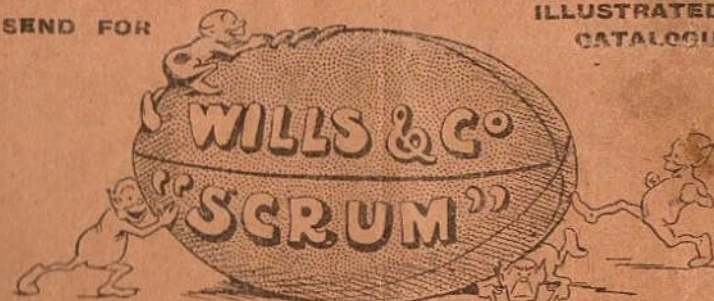
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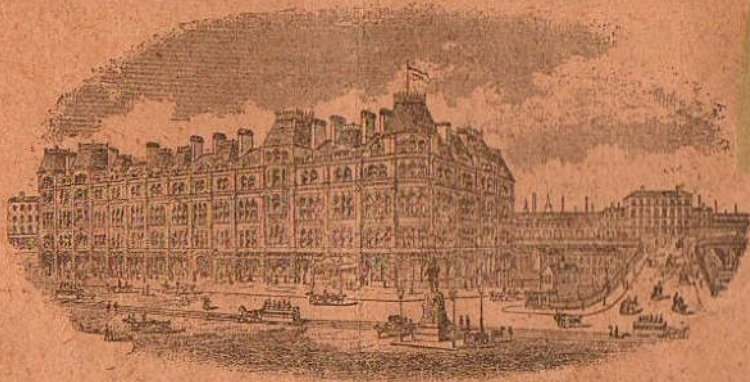
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THE NORTHERN UNION NEWS.

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Saturday, February 18th, 1911.

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MEN AND MATTERS.

Australian affairs have pre-
Australian dominated during the week in
Progress. official circles, even though
the cup ties should have occupied
the undivided attention of the powers
that be. But there is some reason for this
departure from the usual order of things,
for this week's mail brings news of the
further progress of our game in New
South Wales.

There the Rugby Union
The Leagues have at last come into the
Triumph. open, and by their acts,
publicly acknowledge that
their attempt to win the public from the
League and particularly from the attract-
ive programme arranged last season for
the British team, has ended in dismal
failure.

That this report is not from
Official prejudiced circles is shewn by
Interview. the newspaper reports which
accompany the official com-
munication, made to us by the Secretary
of the New South Wales Rugby League.
On another page we give an admirable
interview on the matter, and we have
extracted other confirmatory evidence
which amply proves that the game of the
future in Australia is to be that played by
the Northern Rugby Union.

We are gratified that our
Success principles have ultimately
Confirmed. triumphed. We never had
the slightest doubt ourselves,
but now that success is assured, we must
perforce draw attention to the fact. And
we shall share in the Australian boom,
for the recent happenings in Sydney
make doubly certain that the team which
will tour England, under the auspices of
the Northern Rugby Union next season,
will be well worthy of upholding Colonial
football reputation.

The surprising results in
Remarkable several of the Northern
Results. League games last Satur-
day, did much to open out
again the possibilities of the first four.
When three favourite candidates for the
honour, all somewhat unexpectedly meet
with disaster, the event gives renewed
hope to the many other ambitious clubs,
and it is reasonable to assume that the
"first four" question is by no means
solved, and that we can only "wait and
see." And it is all for the good of our
game.

The suspension of a player to
A Breach the end of the season for sign-
of Rule. ing two League forms, although
perhaps a severe punishment,
is the only effective way of checking
practices which have unfortunately be-
come rather too frequent. Registration
laws must be strictly observed, and play-
ers with short memories must pay the
penalty.

Northern Union League.—Results up to this morning.

P'ts. Per-										P'ts. Per-									
P. W. L. D. For Ags. centge										P. W. L. D. For Ags. centge									
Oldham	25	21	3	1	361	176	86	00	Hull	26	12	11	3	268	242	51	92		
Wakefield T.	24	19	4	1	359	154	81	25	Swinton	24	12	12	0	198	153	50	00		
Wigan	25	20	5	0	447	151	80	00	Huddersfield	27	13	14	0	362	246	48	14		
Widnes	24	14	7	3	227	114	64	58	Leigh	23	11	12	0	170	221	47	82		
Hunslet	26	16	10	0	307	296	61	53	Salford	24	10	13	1	262	265	43	75		
Hull K.R.	24	12	9	3	391	257	56	25	Broughton R.	24	10	14	0	164	248	41	66		
Leeds	24	13	10	1	292	221	56	25	Bradford	25	9	15	1	154	292	35	00		
Warrington	24	11	8	5	220	206	56	25	Runcorn	25	7	15	3	176	296	34	00		
Halifax	25	14	11	0	246	196	56	00	Ebbw Vale	24	8	16	0	158	239	33	33		
Keighley	23	12	10	1	199	267	54	34	Barrow	24	7	16	1	203	324	31	25		
Dewsbury	24	13	11	0	233	194	54	16	Merthyr T.	18	5	13	0	90	337	27	77		
Batley	24	13	11	0	251	166	54	16	York	22	6	16	0	173	299	27	57		
Rochdale H.	25	13	11	1	257	211	54	00	Coventry	23	5	17	1	206	385	23	91		
St. Helens	26	13	12	1	323	282	51	92	Bramley	24	5	18	1	122	376	22	91		

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

Scores.					P.W.L.D. For Ag't. Pts				
P. W. L. D. For Ag't. Pts					P. W. L. D. For Ag't. Pts				
Oldham	16	13	2	1	203	95	27		
Wigan	16	13	3	0	287	81	26		
Widnes	18	10	6	3	182	95	23		
Warrington	19	9	7	3	169	164	21		
Rochdale H.	16	8	7	1	169	133	17		
Leigh	18	8	10	0	123	183	16		
St. Helens	16	7	8	1	193	177	15		
Swinton	17	7	10	0	144	130	14		
Salford	16	6	9	1	137	174	13		
Broughton R.	17	6	10	0	110	200	12		
Barrow	17	5	11	1	108	247	11		
Runcorn	19	4	12	3	118	242	11		

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

Scores Per-					P.W.L.D. F. A. centage				
P. W. L. D. F. A. centage					P. W. L. D. F. A. centage				
Wigan	20	16	1	3	387	77	87	50	
Oldham	19	15	4	0	317	75	78	94	
Wigan H.	20	14	5	1	240	130	72	50	
Pemberton	16	10	5	1	146	112	65	62	
Warrington	20	12	8	0	219	123	60	00	
Runcorn	21	12	9	0	174	178	57	14	
Leigh Sham.	15	7	6	2	93	98	53	33	
St. Helens	18	9	9	0	134	159	50	00	
Leigh	20	10	10	0	196	231	50	00	
Broughton R.	19	7	11	1	120	193	39	47	
Swinton	17	4	10	3	96	163	32	35	
Rochdale H.	18	5	12	1	99	194	30	55	
Salford	18	4	13	1	98	182	25	00	
Widnes	20	3	14	3	78	268	22	50	
Barrow	9	2	7	0	50	142	22	22	
Millom	9	2	7	0	50	146	22	22	

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

Scores.					P.W.L.D. For Ag't. Pts				
P. W. L. D. For Ag't. Pts					P. W. L. D. For Ag't. Pts				
Wakefield T.	17	13	3	1	235	98	27		
Halifax	19	13	6	0	204	148	26		
Hunslet	19	13	6	0	229	201	26		
Leeds	19	11	7	1	247	178	23		
Batley	19	10	8	1	188	109	21		
Kingston R.	19	9	7	3	263	181	21		
Dewsbury	21	10	11	0	207	182	20		
Keighley	19	9	9	1	157	241	19		
Huddersfield	18	9	9	0	275	144	18		
Hull	17	7	7	3	164	160	17		
Bradford	20	6	13	1	111	257	13		
Bramley	18	3	14	1	81	262	7		
York	19	3	16	0	136	291	6		

YORKSHIRE COMBINATION.

Scores Per-					P.W.L.D. F. A. centage				
P. W. L. D. F. A. centage					P. W. L. D. F. A. centage				
Wakefield T.	14	11	2	1	218	52	82	14	
Halifax	15	12	3	0	193	71	80	00	
Huddersfield	13	9	4	0	197	83	69	23	
Purston W. H.	13	8	5	0	113	169	61	53	
Dewsbury	13	5	6	2	109	144	46	15	
Leeds	13	5	8	0	99	110	38	46	
Featherstone R.	14	4	10	0	67	191	28	57	
Batley	13	2	9	2	61	142	23	07	
Hunslet	12	1	10	0	41	186	12	50	

Hunslet v. Dewsbury match, (February 11) not included. Score sheet not to hand.

LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By the EDITOR.)

THE interview with Mr. E. R. Larkin, the Secretary of the New South Wales Rugby League, should be interesting to all our readers. Perhaps I should explain why the position of the Rugby Union in the Colony is so closely associated with the League and kindred sporting institutions.

Rugby Union Opposition.

When the League was established, the Rugby Union through the Sports' Federation—the two bodies are practically identical, endeavoured to crush out of existence the Northern Union, by passing resolutions, which in effect made every athlete who played for a League club, a professional in all branches of sport, and of course prevented his competing in the many gatherings dear to the heart of the Colonial.

The League of Swimmers.

We mentioned a fortnight ago that the swimmers had established a League Swimming club, and that its growth had been remarkable. Thus were the Rugby Union defeated in one branch, and now from Sydney comes the news of financial difficulties of the Metropolitan Union, by reason of their failure to effectively oppose the attraction of the British touring team last season.

As others see us.

An admirable article on "Amateurism in Sport" in "The Sun" (Sydney) has been sent to me, and I extract the following:—

"It is possible that the Union has lost its diplomatic, as well as its popular, punch. If so, the result will simply be confusing. If not, it will be a chaotic. Rightly or wrongly, the public has accepted the Northern game as played by the League, and the indications are that the Union variant will in future be bracketed in importance with Soccer and the Australian games. What is perhaps of greater significance was the number of junior clubs which cast in their lot with the League last season. The Union's chances of 'coming back' are very

remote; the possibility of the Leagues attracting all the promising young athletes who play football is almost a certainty. Such a contingency will mean that every one of such players, grade or junior, will be automatically disqualified as an amateur athlete. No more ridiculous or unjust proposition could be suggested."

More than holding its own.

It appears to me only a question of time. The events which have taken place in Sydney, shew that our game there is more than holding its own, and as a matter of fact, both in Australia and New Zealand, so my correspondent writes, "the code is booming, and before long will have wiped the 'other fellow' right out." And the Rugby Union are to blame. They brought their prejudiced views to operate in other sports than football, and the Australian sporting public has given an effective reply.

Only one Change.

There may of course have been more than one last minute yield to the "persuasive powers" of senior League clubs, by the Juniors, who were drawn at home for to-day's ties, but at the time of writing there was only one alteration of ground from the original draw, and that was due to the fact that Lane Ends United enclosure does not fulfil the conditions required for a cup tie in the round proper. Thus Widnes were entitled to have the game on their own ground.

Indiscreet Juniors.

It appears to me that more than one of these juniors have exhibited a woeful lack of tack in holding out for compensation, utterly beyond the resources of the club concerned. For instance, Pemberton, I understand, asked £60, and half "gate" to visit Bradford, whilst Broughton Rangers' opponents, ask a price which could only have resulted in a financial loss to the club. In any case, the juniors were assured of larger attendances on the senior club's ground, in addition to other advantages.

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Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

THE monthly meeting of the Union committee, held at Huddersfield, on Tuesday last, was made the occasion to present Messrs. Houghton and Clifford with a silver octagonal rose bowl, each suitably inscribed as a mark of the appreciation of their colleagues, of the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties as managers of the team which toured Australasia.

The presentation was made by the Chairman, Mr. J. W. Wood, who in a few appropriate remarks said he thought the success which had attended the tour, was in no small degree due to the good management, and he also thought that the players themselves fully appreciated this fact, and had shewn their appreciation in a tangible manner since their return. And he hoped that both Mr. Houghton and Mr. Clifford would treasure the presents, not for their intrinsic value alone, but as a recognition of the Committee and the Union's esteem. The recipients, in accepting the gifts, assured the committee that they did so with feelings of gratification and pleasure, inasmuch as it proved to them their work throughout the tour had met with the evident approval of the members of the committee.

The players are to be presented with a special cap, the order for which has already been given, and the work is now in progress.

Cup Tie Venues.

Both the Widnes and Runcorn clubs protested against playing their Cup ties to-day, on the ground of their opponents as drawn, as they were of opinion that the enclosure did not fulfill the requirements of the rules governing these matches. The committee decided that in the Widnes case, the Lane End United ground was unfit, according to rule, and ordered the match to be played at Widnes. The Runcorn objection was not upheld, and the match therefore will be played as originally drawn. I am somewhat surprised that the Lane End and Brough-

ton Moor clubs did not accept the generous offers of their opponents to transfer the venues.

The Australasian Visit.

The question of the date of the arrival of the Australasians was under discussion, and it was decided to cable them, suggesting they arranged to make the journey in time to play the first match on the 16th of September. What the composition of the team will be, is of course not yet known, but I am given to understand that few, if any, of the "Kangaroos" team will be included. The arrangements on this side are being pushed forward, and the fixture list will be drawn up immediately upon receipt of the cable, in reply to the suggested date above mentioned.

Another Breach of Rule.

The Kingston Rovers club laid an objection to a player named Allen being registered for the Hull club, he having previously signed a League form for the Rovers' club. From what I can gather, the latter club had not sent in the form to the League secretary, for some reason or other, and in the meantime, Allen signed again for Hull, and the form was duly sent in. After hearing the evidence of the various witnesses, the committee found the player had committed a breach of League rule 17, and suspended him to the end of the season. They also decided that Allen belongs to the Hull club, and each club pay their own expenses.

Footballers and Boxing Contests.

The attention of the Union committee has been drawn to advertisements, inviting Northern Union players to take part in Boxing Contests, and it was resolved that the Union ask the clubs to discourage such contests in respect to their players.

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Batley	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Bradford	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Bramley	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Broughton R.	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Coventry.	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Dewsbury.	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
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Kingst'n R's.	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Hunslet	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Keighley	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
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Swinton	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
Wakefield	17-4	23-2	16-6	13-8	5-10	20-3	5-0	17-3	10-13	3-10	57-0	8-13	3-2	16-11	3-5	2-7	6-2	0-11	3-11	13-0
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For results of HOME Matches read across. For AWAY Matches read down wards. In the latter case the last number is the score of the club whose name figures at the head of the column. Where a — appears it signifies that these clubs do not meet each other.



FRED FARRAR (Hunslet).



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Play and Players.

No. 10—FRED FARRAR (Hunslet).

(By OBSERVER.)

ALTHOUGH not blessed with physique equal to the majority of great wing three-quarter backs, Fred Farrar, of Hunslet, by reason of consistent and clever displays, worthily earned the honour bestowed upon him last April, by the Northern Union, when they selected him for the team to tour Australasia.

He is to me a player of the Leytham type, and does not rely upon any one of the orthodox methods. Rather, he uses them all, and the value of his resourceful play is demonstrated by the frequent appearance of his name in the Hunslet scoring record.

A Player of Pace.

He is a speedy player, and by sheer pace would make tries. But we have many fast men who are not a success, for, unlike Farrar, they have not mastered the art of the graceful swerve, which when carried out, invariably beats the most determined defence.

A successful wing three-quarter back must also waste little time in useless preliminaries, for seconds are of the utmost value, and one wasted at the outset may mean a minute later, the uplifting of the touch-judge flag, simply because the space between the touch line and the defending full-back is too limited for further progress.

A Telling Side-step.

Farrar is off his mark at once, and with the knowledge that he must have room, takes him in a sort of inward direction. To many players this would be a disastrous move, but the Hunslet man never runs straight, and his side-step, when at full speed, carries him through, where less proficient experts come to grief.

Naturally one cannot learn many lessons from a wing three-quarter back, for he generally receives the ball after a series of passing exchanges, which have opened out the play. But three-quarter backs like Farrar have an eye to the

return pass, and with a colleague who knows his business, Farrar ranks as one of our greatest men at the extreme end of the three-quarter line.

He is also a useful place kicker; a grand tackler, and above all, a popular man on and off the field, and a credit to the code and his club.

Fred from Farsley.

Farrar commenced his football career with the now defunct Farsley club. In his second season he played for Staningley, in the Bradford and District League, and continued to assist the club for nearly three seasons.

Then, in 1905-6, he was persuaded to join the Bramley club, and after ten matches was transferred to Hunslet. He declares that his connection with the Parksiders has been a continued source of pleasantness, both with the officials and his playing colleagues.

During the season of 1907-8, when Hunslet were the mighty of their day, they secured all the four competition trophies, Fred Farrar was selected for the County, and played for Yorkshire against Lancashire, Cumberland, and the New Zealanders.

He missed International honours, but received ample compensation when he was selected on the side to visit Australasia.

A Club Official.

I may say that Farrar's connection with our game is not solely confined to playing. For seven years he has been a member of the committee of the Staningley club; has been secretary for two years, and also club representative to the League, and is still doing his best with others, keeping the flag of the Northern Union flying at Staningley.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Interview with the Australian League Secretary.

THE crisis in Rugby Union football in Sydney, touching as it does, nearly every branch of sport in Australia, has attracted considerable attention, and the following interview of the "Sun" representative with Mr. E. R. Larkin, the League (Northern Union) Secretary, is particularly interesting.

The relative merits of amateurism and professionalism are being eagerly discussed in sporting circles, and the opinion is steadily growing that the old order of things will have perforce to give way entirely to a newer and more common-sense arrangement. This is the view held by Mr. E. R. Larkin, secretary of the Rugby League, who had some observations to make this morning on the subject.

"With regard to the merits of the respective games—League and Union—a very emphatic verdict has already been delivered by the public, whose care as to the difference between amateur and professionalism very largely hinges on the question of 'What is a shilling's worth of sport?' And, again, the sporting public of Australia is very firm in the belief that merit should be recognised in the most tangible way, and, therefore, to a man, it supports the League principle of 'recompense for time lost'—a very necessary provision as far as most Australian athletes are concerned.

"Take, for example, the case of the cricketers at present engaged in the third test at Adelaide. How many of them can afford to leave their work for days in order to play the game for the game's sake? The Board of Control recognises that they cannot do this, and each of the players is allowed, I believe, £25 for the match, without infringement of the amateur status. What is recognised in cricket will, sooner or late, have to be recognised in practically every other branch of sport."

"The League, of course, pioneered the attack on this bogus amateurism, and its success only exemplifies what has already been stated that both the athlete and the public are better satisfied than formerly. The Rugby Union tried by fair means and foul—mainly foul—to stem this wave of public opinion, with the result that it now has to openly acknowledge having fought for a bad cause. The League goes merrily on, and the coming season will

further accentuate its victory; the one trouble, at present, being how to adequately cater for the increased number of clubs and players. Now, all these League adherents are just as keen amateurs as the most ardent 'Sporting Federationist,' but they believe that the amateurism of to-day should be defined on lines more suited to Australian conditions, and their wish will, in the near future, have to receive general recognition."

"The Earl of Derby, one of the finest sportsmen of the old country, is now the active president of the Northern Union, and his patronage of the League game is having an extensive influence in breaking down old prejudices and recognising the new and fairer order of things. Closer home, we see daily instances of the spirit of the times, even ladies, by their adherence to the League of Swimmers, show their contempt for obsolete amateurism. The League of Swimmers itself is growing beyond anticipations, every new member joining helping to weaken the Sporting Federation, and its poor old dad—Rugby Unionism."

"The Sporting Federation was originally formed to annihilate the League, but boomerang-like, it has curled back, and decapitated its thrower. The sooner athletes recognise that a new order of things must obtain, the sooner they will take the government out of the hands of the few incompetents and place it where more reasonable ideas prevail. Only then can it be hoped that Australians will compete in the world of sport on lines suited to their conditions, for, surely, it is a detestable thing to see champion amateurs going round, cap in hand, begging subscriptions for Continental tours, when the sport itself might easily be made to cover all expenses instead of being utilised to provide shoddy dinners and tin-pot trophies. A little reflection will show that when a prominent swimmer, boxer, or other athlete can go to England, and live for two years on the strength of amateurism, the so-called amateurism is, in some cases, not a bad way of getting a living. But this bogus business is being sized up by both the athletes and the general public, whose opinions might easily be gauged by the present position of the Metropolitan Union and the prospective position of the Amateur Swimming Association, and that other excrement, the Sporting Federation."



Mr. JOHN CLIFFORD, Huddersfield.

Who on Tuesday last, was presented with a plain octagan Irish pattern rose bowl, in sterling silver, with the following inscription on the bowl:—

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Huddersfield and District N.R. Union.

Two important League matches were decided on Saturday last at Underbank and Flockton. In the latter case, the home team got satisfaction for a defeat suffered at Rastrick, some few weeks ago. Last Saturday the spectators appear to have had a good deal to do with the winning of the match—a state of affairs which surely ought not to occur in a civilised community.

Underbank suffered their first home defeat at the hands of Huddersfield Res. The homesters made a gallant fight, but the victors are evidently, like their seniors—bent on piling on points.

The second qualifying round of the County Intermediate Cup produced no surprises, though Moldgreen Res. were expected to do better than was the case.

The results leave in the competition Netherton Res. who visit Birchcliffe in the next round, and Marsh 'A,' who entertain Underbank Res. It seems probable that last season's history will repeat itself, and that the Marsh team will meet Netherton Res. but on this occasion, the latter team will have the advantage of ground, and so should represent Huddersfield in the competition proper.

Referees and other officials desiring copies by post, should forward P.O. for 1/- to the publisher, 10a, Fountain Street, Manchester, who will forward 10 successive weekly issues.

Answers to Correspondents.

TABBY (Wakefield.)—It was the second round tie, the result being, Wakefield Trinity, one try; Huddersfield, one try. In the re-play, Wakefield won by seven points to nothing.

CURIOUS (Oldham.)—There must be six districts for only twenty-six League clubs were exempted from the qualifying rounds. Coventry played and defeated Merthyr Tydvil in district 6.

TINPOT (Huddersfield.)—The second round for the Cup is March 4th, and the third round, March 18th.

OUTWOOD (Wigan.)—In season 1905-6 there were 31 clubs in the Northern League. (2) The championship was decided on the percentage system, but the supplementary first four competition was not in operation. (3) Yes, Leigh were the champions. (4) They did play Oldham and won both games. (5) The only Yorkshire clubs they played were Hull Kingston Rovers and Huddersfield.

RED (Weaste.)—We are always happy to oblige. The match was played at Salford on October 22, 1904. Swinton won by one goal, two tries, to one try, and Salford won at Swinton, by exactly the same score.

F.J.B. (Batley.)—The record cup final was £1834 8s. 6d. between Halifax and Salford, played at Leeds in 1903.

T.A. (Rochdale.)—It is a matter of opinion. Both are good players and the question is one solely for the club officials.

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James Lomas scored his first points for Oldham, with two good tries against Runcorn.

"Observer," next week, will write a special article on the second round Cup ties for the "Northern Union News."

Francis, Hull's smart wing three-quarter back, established a record this season against Wigan, by running over four tries.

The alteration to the rule of the Halifax and District Union, in respect to age limit, was confirmed on Tuesday, by the Union committee.

Ivor Evans, of Newport, Leed's new centre three-quarter back, created a favourable impression at Headingley, last Saturday.

The Northern Union have invited the Australasian team to commence their next season's tour on September 16—the third Saturday of the season.

G. H. Sykes (Halifax) and S. Reed (Barrow), have been re-instated as amateurs. Tyldesley Emmitts and Lilford Ward Rovers were admitted to the Hon. membership of the Union.

Watson, a youthful recruit from Holbeck Athletic, scored two tries for Keighley against Hull Kingston Rovers, the match being his first in the Northern League.

Willie Thomas, who acted as captain of the Salford team, during the temporary absence of James Lomas, was on Tuesday, unanimously elected to the position permanently.

The League point which Barrow secured at St. Helens, last Saturday, is the first made away from Cavendish Park since the first Saturday in September, 1908.

The Secretary reported that some of the clubs had already refunded the loans lent by the British Playing Fields Society towards the rent of their grounds.

Wakefield Trinity's two successive defeats have both been by the narrowest margin possible the odd point in twenty-three, and in each case the vanquished side had actually scored more tries than the victors.

Parkinson, the Coventry centre three-quarter back, is a most unfortunate player. He broke his ankle at Runcorn on December 3, and last Saturday, at Swinton, his first match since his injury, he strained a ligament before the game had been in progress twenty minutes.

The Huddersfield officials on Monday, gave a complimentary dinner and a purse of £50 to Percy Holroyd, their half-back. Holroyd has been connected with Huddersfield football for twenty years, and high compliments have been paid to his character and abilities by competent critics.

In response to many applications, we have reprinted the photographic group of the Swinton team of 1881, on special art board, 10-in by 8-in. Copies may be had on application to E. R. Swindells, 10a, Fountain street, Manchester, at one penny each; post free, 2d. each. The profits will be handed over to the Beswick Testimonial Fund.

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Results and Scorers of Last Saturday's Matches.

HUNSLET, 12-8. Tries: Smith, Jenkinson. Goal: Farrar.	*DEWSBURY, 0-0-0.
*SWINTON, 4-4-20. Tries: Bailey, Preston, Fairhurst. Goal: Griffiths.	COVENTRY, 1-1-5. Try: Houghton. Goal: Woodburn.
*BROUGHTON RANGERS, 12-8. Tries: Scott. Goal: Davidson.	WARRINGTON, 0-1-3. Try: Johnston.
*HUDDERSFIELD, 6-9-33. Tries: Rosenfeld (3), Davies, Wagstaffe, Gronow, Wrigley, Kitchen (2). Goals: Grey (4), Gronow, Rosenfeld.	BRADFORD, 1-0-2. Goal: Little.
*LEIGH, 0-3-9. Tries: Neville, Marsh, Johnson (S).	SALFORD, 2-1-7. Tries: Rees. Goals: Bevan, Lambert.
*St. HELENS, 12-8. Tries: Prescott, Belshaw. Goal: Turtill.	BARROW, 1-2-8. Tries: Lambert, Logan. Goal: Gifford.
HALIFAX, 3-2-12. Tries: Woolley, Davies. Goals: Metcalfe, (3).	*WAKEFIELD, 1-3-11. Tries: Kershaw, Bennett, Poynton. Goal: Metcalfe.
*OLDHAM, 3-5-21. Tries: Lomas (2), Deane, Helm, Dixon. Goals: Wood (3).	RUNCORN, 2-2-10. Tries: Flanagan, Cawley. Goals: Shaw (2).
*KEIGHLEY, 2-3-13. Tries: Farrer, Watson (2). Goals: Bateson (2).	HULL K.R., 2-1-7. Try: M'Donald. Goals: Carmichael (2).
*LEEDS, 2-7-25. Tries: Evans, Wynyard (3), Whitaker, Sanders and Gillie. Goals: Young (2).	BRAMLEY, 2-1-7. Try: Ward. Goals: Brown (2).
ROCHDALE HORNETS, 2-1-2. Try: Robinson. Goals: Jones (2).	*WIDNES, 0-2-6. Tries: Johnson, O'Gara.
*HULL, 4-4-20. Tries: Francis (4). Goals: Rogers (3).	WIGAN, 1-2-8. Tries: Seeling, Thomas. Goal: Thomas.

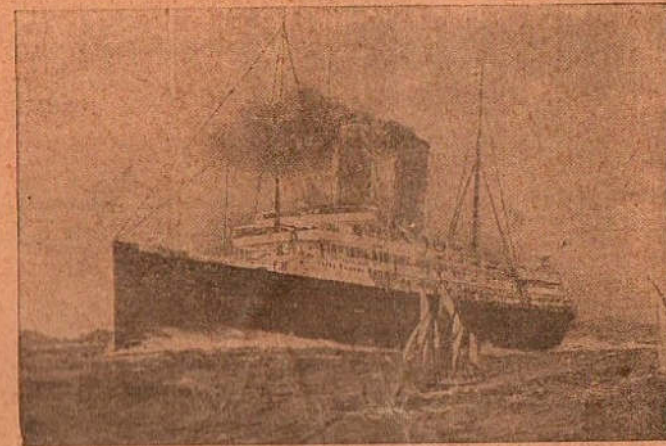
*Denotes home team.

Referee's List.

The following is a list of the officials for next week's matches.

Batley v. Leeds.—T. H. King; C. Peel and T. W. Smith.	Wigan v. Barrow.—G. Moore; R. Jones and T. Longden.
Bradford v. Wakefield Trinity.—B. Ennion; A. Day and S. Goldsmith.	York v. Hull.—H. Farrar; F. Bennett and A. Loyne.
Bramley v. Dewsbury.—G. Dickenson; F. T. Rowlands and T. W. Smith.	Tuesday, February 28.
Halifax v. Broughton Rangers.—W. McCutcheon; T. Gibson (Keighley) and W. Emmott.	Halifax v. Warrington.—S. Tillison; H. Schofield and T. Walsh.
Huddersfield v. Keighley.—A. Smith; A. E. Kaine and R. Robinson.	LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.
Hull K. R. v. Leigh.—A. Hestford; W. Whiteley, F. W. Wilson.	Barrow v. Wigan.—W. Cross.
Hunslet v. Ebbw Vale.—J. W. Whiteley; H. Adams and C. E. Heydon.	Broughton Rangers v. Heyside.—J. E. Smith.
Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets.—J. C. Lumley; J. McGowan and I. Hayes.	Leigh v. Wigan Highfield.—H. Manwaring.
Salford v. Widnes.—W. H. Wood; F. Mills and G. E. Dickenson.	Rochdale Hornets v. Oldham.—J. Winstanley.
Swinton v. Warrington.—W. K. Hirst; A. Webster and T. Foulkes.	Warrington v. Swinton.—R. H. Jackson.
	Widnes v. Salford.—J. A. Blackburn.
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	Leeds v. Batley.—F. W. Tattersall.

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