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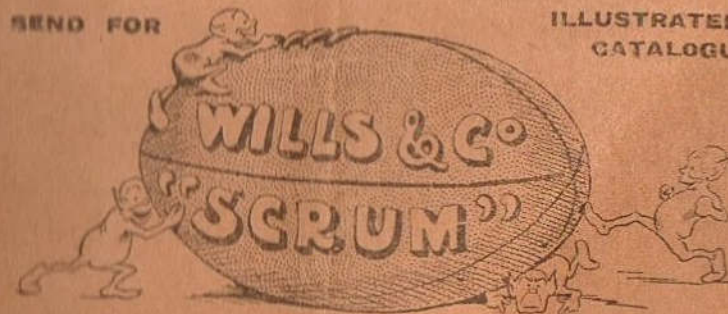
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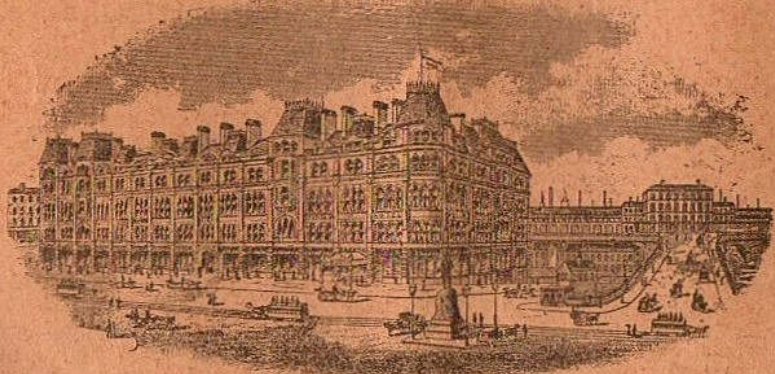
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# THE NORTHERN UNION NEWS.

No. 30.]

Saturday, March 11th, 1911.

[One Penny.]

## MEN AND MATTERS.

Probably the only real surprise **The Cup** of the second round ties in the challenge cup competition, was the defeat of Halifax at home, by Bradford. The result was entirely unexpected, and Bradford's further progress in the competition will be watched with interest.

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Notwithstanding the wretched weather conditions, the attendances were well up to the average, as the following record shews.

|                          |        |      |
|--------------------------|--------|------|
| Oldham v. Wakefield...   | 19,000 | £518 |
| Wigan v. Warrington...   | 18,600 | 498  |
| B'ghtn. R. v. Dewsbury   | 10,000 | 140  |
| Halifax v. Bradford..... | 9,347  | 205  |
| St. Helens v. Leeds..... | 8,000  | 193  |
| Rochdale H. v. Widnes..  | 8,000  | 192  |
| Barrow v. Salford.....   | 7,000  | 162  |
| Runcorn v. Batley.....   | 3,000  | 58   |

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**A R.U.** The Stanningley and Pudsey United Rugby Union **Suspension.** club has been temporarily suspended by the Yorkshire County Union, who declare that in the main, the charges of having played former Northern Union players, were considered proved, and the club is suspended, pending submission of the report to the English Rugby Union. Messrs. Holder (secretary of the Stanningley Northern Union Club) and Farrar, a former secretary, who now plays with Hunslet, were thanked by the committee for their evidence.

Elsewhere in this issue **Yorkshire** we have dealt fully with **Fighting Hard.** the draw for the third round. That Lancashire clubs have again been favoured cannot be denied, but the Tykes are as usual, fighting hard for the cup, and the trio of clubs remaining, are all experienced teams. But the two consistent sides of Lancashire are yet in the running, and ideal semi-finals are possible.

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As will be seen from our **Cup tie** official list, the third round **Compensation.** cup ties will occasion the postponement of several League matches arranged for next Saturday. Thus, unless the games are fixed up for a Saturday, or general holiday, Swinton, Hunslet, Keighley and Wakefield Trinity, are entitled to claim compensation from Bradford, Batley, Leeds and Rochdale Hornets respectively. And the "gate" at the two latter matches should be well worth sharing.

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One of our contributors **Rough Play!** calls attention to the fact, that only in one cup tie match, so far this season, has a player been ordered off the field by the referee. When we remember that 24 games have been played, and that 624 players have been "under observation," it speaks well for the discipline of all concerned, and is a record which we hope will be preserved until the close of the competition.

## Northern Union League.—Results up to this morning.

| P'ts. Per-   |    |    |    |                   | P'ts. Per-   |    |    |    |                   |
|--------------|----|----|----|-------------------|--------------|----|----|----|-------------------|
| P.           | W. | L. | D. | ForAgg.centge     | P.           | W. | L. | D. | ForAgg.centge     |
| Oldham       | 26 | 22 | 3  | 1..370 176..86.53 | Huddersfield | 28 | 14 | 14 | 0..432 251..50.00 |
| Wakefield T. | 25 | 20 | 4  | 1..364 154..82.00 | Keighley     | 25 | 12 | 12 | 1..204 375..50.00 |
| Wigan        | 27 | 22 | 5  | 0..490 151..81.48 | Swinton      | 25 | 12 | 13 | 0..198 161..48.00 |
| Hunslet      | 27 | 17 | 10 | 0..321 298..62.96 | Salford      | 25 | 11 | 13 | 1..271 268..46.00 |
| Widnes       | 25 | 14 | 8  | 3..230 123..62.00 | Leigh        | 24 | 11 | 13 | 0..174 253..45.83 |
| Hull K. R.   | 25 | 13 | 9  | 3..423 261..58.00 | Broughton R. | 25 | 10 | 14 | 1..166 250..42.00 |
| Halifax      | 27 | 15 | 11 | 1..292 198..57.40 | Bradford     | 26 | 9  | 16 | 1..154 297..36.53 |
| Leeds        | 25 | 13 | 10 | 2..292 221..56.00 | Runcorn      | 26 | 7  | 16 | 3..176 309..32.70 |
| Dewsbury     | 25 | 14 | 11 | 0..241 200..56.00 | Ebbw Vale    | 25 | 8  | 17 | 0..160 253..32.00 |
| Warrington   | 26 | 12 | 9  | 5..223 250..55.76 | Barrow       | 25 | 7  | 17 | 1..203 354..30.00 |
| Hull         | 28 | 14 | 11 | 3..309 244..55.35 | Merthyr T.   | 18 | 5  | 13 | 0..90 337..27.77  |
| Batley       | 25 | 13 | 11 | 1..251 166..54.16 | York         | 23 | 6  | 17 | 0..175 302..26.08 |
| Rochdale H.  | 26 | 13 | 12 | 1..257 220..51.92 | Coventry     | 23 | 5  | 17 | 1..206 385..23.91 |
| St. Helens   | 26 | 13 | 12 | 1..323 282..51.92 | Bramley      | 25 | 5  | 19 | 1..128 384..22.20 |

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

| Scores.      |    |    |    |                |
|--------------|----|----|----|----------------|
| P.           | W. | L. | D. | ForAgg.t.Pts   |
| Wigan        | 18 | 15 | 3  | 0..330 81..30  |
| Oldham       | 17 | 14 | 2  | 1..212 95..29  |
| Widnes       | 20 | 10 | 7  | 3..185 104..23 |
| Warrington   | 20 | 10 | 7  | 3..172 164..23 |
| Rochdale H.  | 17 | 8  | 8  | 1..169 142..17 |
| Leigh        | 18 | 8  | 10 | 0..123 183..16 |
| St. Helens   | 16 | 7  | 8  | 1..193 177..15 |
| Salford      | 17 | 7  | 9  | 1..146 177..15 |
| Swinton      | 17 | 7  | 10 | 0..144 130..14 |
| Broughton R. | 17 | 6  | 11 | 0..110 200..12 |
| Runcorn      | 20 | 4  | 13 | 3..118 275..11 |
| Barrow       | 18 | 5  | 12 | 1..108 277..11 |

## LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

| Scores Per-  |    |    |    |                   |
|--------------|----|----|----|-------------------|
| P.           | W. | L. | D. | F. A.centage      |
| Wigan        | 21 | 17 | 1  | 3..408 77..88.09  |
| Oldham       | 20 | 16 | 4  | 0..325 75..80.00  |
| Wigan H.     | 21 | 16 | 5  | 1..259 134..78.57 |
| Pemberton    | 16 | 10 | 5  | 1..146 112..65.62 |
| Warrington   | 21 | 13 | 8  | 0..229 125..61.90 |
| Runcorn      | 21 | 12 | 9  | 0..174 178..57.14 |
| Leigh Sham.  | 15 | 7  | 6  | 2..93 98..53.33   |
| Leigh        | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0..206 245..50.00 |
| St. Helens   | 18 | 9  | 9  | 0..134 159..50.00 |
| Broughton R. | 20 | 7  | 12 | 1..125 201..37.50 |
| Swinton      | 19 | 5  | 11 | 3..106 173..34.21 |
| Salford      | 20 | 5  | 14 | 1..109 190..27.50 |
| Rochdale H.  | 20 | 5  | 14 | 1..101 222..27.50 |
| Widnes       | 21 | 3  | 15 | 3..78 276..21.42  |
| Millom       | 9  | 2  | 7  | 0..50 146..22.22  |
| Barrow       | 10 | 2  | 8  | 0..50 163..20.00  |

## YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

| Scores.         |    |    |    |                |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----------------|
| P.              | W. | L. | D. | ForAgg.t.Pts   |
| Wakefield T.    | 18 | 14 | 3  | 1..240 98..29  |
| Halifax         | 19 | 13 | 6  | 0..204 148..26 |
| Hunslet         | 18 | 12 | 6  | 0..229 201..24 |
| Leeds           | 20 | 11 | 7  | 2..247 178..24 |
| Batley          | 20 | 11 | 8  | 1..188 109..23 |
| Dewsbury        | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0..215 188..22 |
| Kingston Rovers | 19 | 9  | 7  | 3..263 181..21 |
| Hull            | 19 | 9  | 8  | 2..205 162..20 |
| Huddersfield    | 19 | 10 | 9  | 0..345 149..20 |
| Keighley        | 21 | 9  | 11 | 1..162 349..19 |
| Bradford        | 21 | 6  | 14 | 1..111 262..13 |
| Bramley         | 19 | 3  | 15 | 1..87 270..7   |
| York            | 20 | 3  | 17 | 0..138 294..6  |

## YORKSHIRE COMBINATION.

| Scores Per-   |    |    |    |                   |
|---------------|----|----|----|-------------------|
| 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      | 14 | 5  | 6  | 3..112 147..46.42 |
| Leeds         | 14 | 5  | 9  | 0..102 119..35.71 |
| FeatherstoneR | 15 | 4  | 10 | 1..78 202..30.00  |
| Batley        | 14 | 3  | 9  | 2..70 146..28.57  |
| Hunslet       | 14 | 1  | 10 | 3..55 200..17.85  |

## NORTHERN UNION FOOTBALLERS IN COLOMBO.

Some Reminiscences by "Ubique" of the Ceylon "Amicus."

I told you in my last communication, I missed the tourists who were on the "Osterley," but I was determined not to be beaten for the second contingent, and I was among the earliest arrivals on board—in fact I got on the "Malwa" as soon as the Port Surgeon had given the vessel a clean bill of health. I eagerly scanned the crowd in quest of the six well-known players. It took me a few minutes to get within reach of the men I was in search of, and then a kindly disposed steward, said on my enquiries "They they are!"

The red and white hat bands of the six stalwarts assured me that I was on the right track, so I duly introduced myself to the party, and Bert Avery disclosed the identity of the six. I was most eager to know Batten, whom some had declared to be the finest three-quarter back in England. I promised to act as "Cicerone" to the sextette, and at once we proceeded ashore.

## Players Photographed.

Soon after landing I got a representative of "Amicus" to snap-shot the players at the Gordon Gardens, and that photo duly appeared in the pages of the "Ceylon Illustrated Weekly." Then followed the inevitable rickshaw ride round the town, and didn't the visitors show themselves delighted with their novel experience. Bert Avery could not repress a desire to sing, and in his rich baritone voice, he delighted passers by, with the song "I love to be by the sea-side," and aptly enough he was riding along the Galle Face esplanade, over-looking the Indian Ocean. At the hotel I chatted freely with the six, who gave me plenty of material for a lengthy interview, and the local press contained some of these impressions.

In the afternoon, the visitors went down to the Rugby Union football ground to witness the opening match of the Colombo season. Of course we only play the Rugby Union game here, so your clever players had no chance of joining in the game. But arriving early on the ground they disported themselves,

and to the delight of the crowd, indulged in kicking and passing. Sharrock's mighty punts, and Johnny Thomas' place kicks were specially clever. Avery and Batten too, joined in the fun, and didn't they feel the effects of a little exertion in a tropical clime like ours. I think your men found some good points in a few of our players, though they said there was no game like Northern Union football.

## Avery's Big Challenge.

Avery said he would have liked to have played against a Colombo XV. He felt that the six of them could hold their own with our players, under the Rugby Union rules. Sharrocks, he said, would be at back, Batten and Leytham at three-quarter; Johnny Thomas, at half, while he and Bert Jenkins would be the forwards. Much as I enjoyed the idea of such a game, I felt inclined to say that the visitors would not win against big odds. Bert Avery promised me to do his best to fix up a match in Colombo on the return trip, but as I stated in my last contribution, such an exhibition was rendered impossible by the late arrival of the "Otranto."

## Chats with Players.

However, I accompanied Mr. Houghton ashore that night, and went along with him to the General Post Office to despatch a few cablegrams. He spent the night at the Bristol Hotel, and very early in the morning, after we had had tea together, I joined him in a shopping excursion. Mr. Houghton left a lot of cash behind, and took away many curios, which must now be in the possession of his relations and friends. On board again, before the vessel left Colombo, I had many interesting chats, notably with Curzon, Shugars, Avery, and Mr. Clifford.

Need I add any more beyond this, that I have carefully followed the doings of the tourists in England this season, and I take a lot of pleasure in reading of the success of clubs like Wigan, Oldham, St. Helen's, and Huddersfield, for in those ranks are to be found a few of the men (Continued on page 11).

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THE NORTHERN UNION NEWS.

## Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

It is not very often that one hears much of affairs in Cumberland, or that one gets opportunities of dealing with any matters from our most Northern County. However, this week, I have received quite a little budget, and purpose devoting some of my space to matters Cumbrian.

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### The Work of the Commission.

From what I can gather from my correspondence, and from information I have received from other sources, it appears that things are working in a more harmonious and satisfactory manner than has been the case for some considerable time past. Perhaps I ought to say in past seasons. The method of appropriately dealing with affairs in Cumberland has long been a source of anxiety—if I may be pardoned the word—with the legislators of the parent body. It however, appears apparent that the decision to take over the management, and appoint a commission to deal with immediate subjects, was a happy one, and one that seemed destined to uplift and bring back the game to its former popularity.

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### Local Conditions.

The question of management of the various Unions affiliated to the parent Union, is one which to the ordinary individual appears a sinecure. But it is anything but that. It is a question which bristles with difficulties, and occasions much thought and diplomatic working. Each individual county district, or county has its own methods of working, its own views, its own systems, and last but not least, its own temperament. These are some of the obstacles which beset the path of the ruling authorities whenever they are called upon to legislate and deal with any matter brought before them. And in the case of Cumberland they have taken some considerable time to overcome and understand.

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### New Clubs.

I do not know that any new clubs have been formed in that county this season, but I am led to understand, that in certain old strongholds of the handling

code, there is a marked desire to again take up the game. My correspondent makes the suggestion that an exhibition match be played in Cumberland between two first-class teams, as a means of bringing matters to a head. Whether the Northern Union Committee will think the suggestion of much use, I know not. It certainly would do no harm. Class football is not often seen up there.

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### The Shield Final.

The Millom club laid a protest against their opponents—Fothergill United—in the semi-final of the shield ties, but later withdrawn the complaint. The contesting teams for the final are therefore Dearham United and Fothergill United. The date for the playing of this match has been fixed for April 8th, and the venue selected is the Brookland Rovers club ground.

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### Rough Play.

So much having been made of the alleged roughness of the game or the participants recently, that I should like to point out to those who are ever eager to voice matters of this kind, that notwithstanding the rivalry existing between the clubs which have taken part in the first two rounds of the Challenge cup, and also the strenuousness of some of the game; only one player out of the 24 matches has been given marching orders. This goes to prove my contention that the question of roughness has all along been exaggerated, more or less, as the case might be. It is to be hoped that the climatic conditions on the dates of the remaining rounds will be more satisfactory than it has been hitherto. all round, have been exceedingly good, despite the weather.

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### The Union Meeting.

The usual monthly meeting of the committee will be held in Manchester, Tuesday next. From enquiries I have made, I do not think there is anything of extreme importance to come up, unless the cable is received from Australia, giving the date of their arrival in September.

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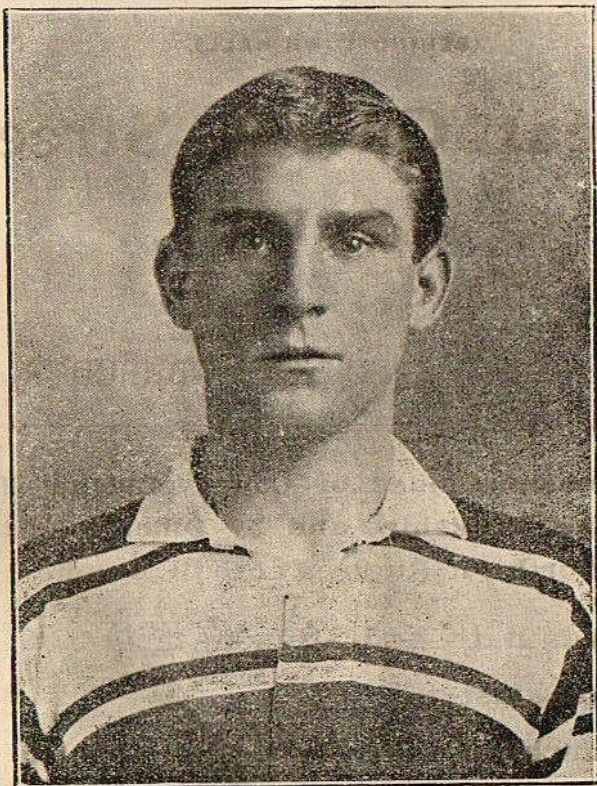
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|----------------|-----------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Barrow         | 16-6 13-8 | 5-10 | 20-3 | 5-0 | 17-3 | 16-13 | 4-4   | 5-10 | 3-0 | 57-0 | 8-13  | 3-2 | 1611 | 3-5 | 2-7  | 6-2  | 0-11 | 3-11 | 13-0 |
| Batley         | 23-2      | 0-8  | 19-4 | 2-2 | 1018 | 10-8  | 10-13 | 20-3 | 5-0 | 17-3 | 16-13 | 4-4 | 5-10 | 3-0 | 57-0 | 8-13 | 3-2  | 1611 | 3-5  |
| Bradford       | 17-4      | 0-5  | 7-2  | ... | 6-8  | 10-8  | 10-13 | 20-3 | 5-0 | 17-3 | 16-13 | 4-4 | 5-10 | 3-0 | 57-0 | 8-13 | 3-2  | 1611 | 3-5  |
| Broughton R.   | 2610      | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Coventry.      | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Dewsbury.      | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Ebbw Vale      | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Halifax        | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Huddersfield   | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Hull           | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Kingst'n R'vs. | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Hunslet        | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Keighley       | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Leeds          | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Leigh          | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Merthyr        | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Oldham         | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Rochdale       | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Runcorn        | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Salford        | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| St. Helens     | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Swinton        | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Wakefield      | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Warrington     | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Widnes         | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| Wigan          | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |
| York           | ...       | ...  | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  | ... | ...  | ...   | ... | ...  | ... | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  | ...  |

For results of HOME Matches read across. For AWAY Matches read downwards. 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.



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**EDWARD ROGERS (Hull).**

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## Oldham v. Barrow.

AT  
**WATERSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM.**  
Saturday, March 11th, 1911.

### PAVILION GOSSIP.

That Yorkshire pudding took a good bit of digesting, but it went down all the same.

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Feel any better, Wakefield?

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The lads from the "Merrie City" had a **Royal** time in Oldham last Saturday; in fact in several cases the visit was prolonged until Monday.

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"Which is Newbould?" shouted one fellow on the centre stand, who had not purchased a programme. A Tyke with a programme, immediately responded. "Newbould, see thi, yond's him, 'at's just got his hair off!" What a bald remark.

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The Tykes took their defeat in excellent spirits—and some in minerals.

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Those three tries which Oldham scored on Saturday, were worth going miles to see. One Wakefield enthusiast said, that he did not mind if he had to walk back, after seeing three such tries. N.B.—His motor car was just round the corner.

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Hello! Rochdale! It's a case of here we are again.

Three times have Rochdale beaten Widnes this season; three times has Oldham beaten Widnes this season; and, to carry the coincidence further, three times has Oldham beaten Rochdale Hornets this season. Oldham intend creating a record next Saturday, by making the number four.

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Oldham play Coventry, at Coventry, on Thursday, March 23. Lucky Coventry! Their share of last Saturday's Oldham "gate," will be a little matter of £80. Well, that will pay for the painting of the goal posts, and a few extra plates of lemons.

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The members of the Oldham "A" team have not been much in evidence this week. Evidently they have been **Shield**(ing) themselves after the disaster at Pemberton last Saturday. Never mind; better luck next time!

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- 10—T. McCABE
- 11—J. OWENS.
- 12—F. W. WISE.
- 13—J. WRIGHT
- 14—W. B. JARDINE

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R. BAMBER, Right  $\frac{3}{4}$  back.  
G. DOBSON, Centre "  
A. HOGG, Centre "  
H. GIFFORD, Left "  
E. FALLOWFIELD,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -back  
D. McKENNY, "  
A. LOGAN, Forwards.  
C. BROWN, "  
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| C Huddersfield         | 18      | H Warrington       | 3       |
| Batley                 | 3       | Salford            | 0       |
| D Hull                 | 3       | J Widnes           | 0       |
| Coventry               | 6       | Bramley            | 0       |
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NORTHERN UNION NEWS.

## Play and Players.

No. 13—EDWARD ROGERS (Hull).

(By OBSERVER.)

I MUST confess to real admiration at the wonderful progress of some of our young players, who, at an early age, associate themselves with the club of their native town. Such a player is Edward Rogers, of Hull, who is one of the most consistent wing three-quarter backs in Yorkshire.

A natural player in every sense of the term. Rogers records conclusively prove that he has mastered the art of effective three-quarter play. He is not a showy player, nor does he rely on pace alone to make his tries. He realises the value of combination, and when the ball finally reaches him from orthodox passing, he instinctively knows that if his path be difficult, a timely inside transfer to an attendant colleague, may bring the worked for point.

### A Powerful Kick.

He is a forceful player in attack; smart to follow up a punt, and quick to spy the weakness in the defending forces. When the fortunes of the game go against his side, Rogers, by the bringing into himself a defender of more than average use of his wonderful punting, proves ability.

But in the case of Rogers, I cannot do better than give particulars of his career with the Hull club, and the story of his rise to the front rank should prove a worthy object lesson to other aspiring juniors.

Edward Rogers was born in Hull, on June 1, 1889. At the age of ten he played Association football for the Westbourne Street School team, in which he had a regular place for four seasons.

### A "Soccer" Convert.

Then he joined the Hull Day Street Old Boys Association team, and remained with the club for two seasons.

On leaving school he was employed at the Hull Billingsgate Fish Docks, and his work was the means of introducing him to the Rugby game, for he played part of a season with the Billingsgate club, from which team he graduated to the White Rose reserves and first team in the same season.

### Rejected by the Rovers.

In August, 1906, he applied for a trial in one of the Kingston Rovers trial matches, at Craven street, but he received little encouragement, with the result that he turned up one night at the Boulevard, on the off-chance of having a game. He was placed at half-back, and gave such a satisfactory display, that Mr. Fred C. Foster, the present vice-chairman of the Hull club, induced him to sign on for the club.

Ned played four times as full-back for the "A" team, and took Harry Taylor's place in the first team on three occasions, when the latter was suffering from an injury, in the early portion of season 1906-7. He found his proper position at left wing three-quarter, on Christmas day, 1906, at York, when he placed five goals, and gave his side the victory by 16 points to 13.

### Four Tries in a Cup Tie.

He has been a regular member of the team since that date, and amongst the many fine performances which he has placed to his credit. Pride of place must be given to the four tries he scored on March 28, 1908, against Wakefield Trinity, at the Boulevard, in the third round for the Northern Union cup, when Hull won by 19 clear points.

Mr. J. Osborne, the chairman of the Hull club, at that time presented Ned with a silver match box, suitably inscribed, as a memento of this great feat. He has not yet secured County honours, but these will come in due course, for he took the place of Devereux, when the Colonial broke down in the first few minutes, in the County trial match, at York this season. He was also in attendance as reserve, for the County matches at Dewsbury and Wigan.

Rogers worth to Hull may be gathered from the following records.

| Season.    | Matches Played. | Tries.       | Goals. | Pts. |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|------|
| 1906-7     | 22              | 5            | 28     | 71   |
| 1907-8     | 36              | *19          | 7      | 71   |
| 1908-9     | 35              | *17          | 61     | 173  |
| 1909-10    | 42              | 19           | 61     | 179  |
| 1910-11    | —               | 11           | 30     | 93   |
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## 🏆 The Challenge Cup. 🏆

### Third Round Thoughts.

(By the EDITOR.)

**T**HE draw for the third round of the Challenge cup, made in Manchester on Tuesday, still demonstrates the fact that Lancashire clubs are this season favoured by fortune.

There are only four matches to be played, and Yorkshire is only to have one. Then one of Lancashire's strongest sides is to oppose the Yorkshire holders of the trophy, whilst the other two representatives of the shire, are called upon to journey into Lancashire, to meet teams who have at any rate, a big playing reputation on their own ground.

But on the whole, the draw promises four great games. And though perhaps the prospects are more favourable to four of the Lancashire sides—one red rose team must depart from the competition at Oldham, I think, apart from the possibilities of form, it would serve the interest of our game better, if two Yorkshire successes were recorded.

Of course, sentiment plays no part in cup ties. Each team is out to win, for if they finish only a solitary point behind their opponent's score, they have no further interest in this season's tournament.

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#### To Recover Lost Advantage.

Naturally, Lancashire clubs will do their utmost to recover the advantage which they held when the draw was made for the second round, but which they lost on the actual playing results.

And Yorkshire, with the true sporting spirit, which has won the Tykes many a hard fought cup tie, will endeavour to finish well. It is worthy of note that only Salford, Bradford, Oldham and Leeds, of the eight clubs now left in the competition, have appeared in the final since the memorable time of 1903, when Salford lost at Headingley, before a crowd which established a record in England for the Northern Union game.

So completely has fortune changed, that Warrington, Hunslet and Wakefield Trinity, the winners in 1907, 1908 and 1909 respectively, and Hull, the finalists of the last three seasons, have already departed. To be consistent, the trophy must change hands, but Leeds will no doubt have their say on this most important matter. But to the matches.

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#### At Headingley.

I will take Yorkshire's solitary game first. Leeds are to meet Wigan at Headingley. Now the home club have a great record of matches played at Headingley. But the visitors have a much superior one for matches played at Central Park, and with all due respect to Webster and his colleagues, Wigan's away record is vastly superior to that held by Leeds, for games played on opponents' grounds.

In addition, Leytham's men have in the aggregate, nearly a couple of hundred more points to their credit than Leeds, and are in defence nearly fifty per cent. better. I know that these matters, per-

## The Challenge Cup.—(Continued).

haps, count for little in cup ties, but Leeds were none too convincing at St. Helens, and I think Wigan will qualify for the penultimate stage.

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#### Oldham's Progress.

Lancashire's big game is to be again at Watersheddings, where Rochdale Hornets will endeavour to reverse the result of their League and Lancashire Cup tie games. But I have witnessed the two triumphs of the League champions, and I know the power of the Hornets. This knowledge compels me to declare that a repetition of the form displayed by Oldham last Saturday, will easily vanquish their local rivals. Defence plays a prominent part in cup ties, and Oldham appear to be all powerful in this essential. But all the same, it should be a great struggle.

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#### Experienced Cup Fighters.

Salford and Batley provides an interesting problem. The Yorkshiremen triumphed at Runcorn, but I hardly think the Cheshire team are so powerful as either Barrow or Keighley at home, and surely as Salford as safely cleared two such formidable hurdles, they should be equal to the task of a cup success at home. The Tykes, however, are keen on trophies. They have an experienced side, and Salford must not make the mistake of taking matters too easy. But all the same, I expect them to once again appear in the semi-final.

#### Busy B's.

Last, but not least, I come to Broughton Rangers and Bradford. I regard this match as the most open of the lot. The two clubs are close neighbours in the League chart, and on paper, at any rate, are most evenly matched. But I understand the Rangers' scrummagers are shewing fine form at present, and that few clubs in the Union will beat them in the art of securing possession of the ball. On the other hand, Bradford's win at Halifax, stamps the Yorkshire club as a side to be feared. The team includes men who are thoroughly conversant with the requirements of Cup tie football, and possibly experience may tell. But Broughton are prepared, and possibly next Saturday at five o'clock, Lancashire will say "we are four."

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#### NORTHERN UNION FOOTBALLERS IN COLOMBO.—(Continued.)

I am most interested in. In St. Helens, I am much interested for Mr. Houghton's sake, while I also remember having seen Turtill perform in Colombo.

I am longing to bring about an exhibition match in Colombo, when the Australian team passes through, and to this end Mr. Houghton has very kindly promised to do all he can to induce the Colonials to play here. I am glad to find your code in so flourishing a condition, despite the defection of Merthyr. Good luck to your Union, and to the "N.U. News."

## Junior Jottings.

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### LANCASHIRE SHIELD.

The draw for the second round of the Lancashire Shield competition ties, to be played on the grounds of the first named, has resulted as follows:—

Leigh Shamrocks v. Pemberton.  
Broughton R. 'A' v. St. Helens 'A'.  
Wigan Highfield v. Swinton 'A'.  
Millom v. Runcorn 'A'.

The games will all be played on Saturday, March 25. Kick-off, 3-30 p.m.

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### Halifax and District Intermediate Union.

The fight for the fourth position of the League is particularly interesting. Beacon Hill and Campbells have the same clubs to play, viz: Hebden Bridge and Elland.

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The Junior cup is engaging the attention of the Halifax club, and much interest is centered in the doings of Campbells, Hebden Bridge, and Elland.

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### League Table to date.

|                 |    |    |    |   |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|----|
| Catherine Slack | 16 | 12 | 0  | 4 | 28 |
| Hebden Bridge   | 13 | 9  | 2  | 2 | 20 |
| *Elland W.      | 14 | 9  | 2  | 3 | 19 |
| Beacon Hill     | 14 | 9  | 2  | 3 | 19 |
| Campbell's      | 14 | 7  | 4  | 3 | 17 |
| Sowerby Bridge  | 16 | 6  | 7  | 3 | 15 |
| Caddy Field     | 16 | 3  | 11 | 2 | 8  |
| Luddenden Foot  | 16 | 2  | 13 | 1 | 5  |
| R.F.A.          | 15 | 1  | 14 | 0 | 2  |

\*Two points deducted for playing suspended player.

(Continued on page 16).

## Answers to Correspondents.

**ALL BLACK (Hull).**—Including the additional match at St. Helens, the New Zealanders played 35 matches; won 9, lost 14, and drawn 2; scoring 414 points to 294. (2) Their first defeat was in the tenth match of the tour, Wigan winning by 12 points to 8. (3) They beat Yorkshire by 23 points to 4, lost to Wales, by 8 points to 9; lost to Cumberland by 9 points to 21; lost to England by 16 points to 18; lost to Lancashire by 4 points to 20; Northern Union (1st test) lost by 4 points to 20; Northern Union (2nd test) won by 18 points to 6; Northern Union (3rd test) won by 8 points to 5. This last match which constituted the "rubber," was played at Cheltenham.

**P.T. (Batley).**—The match was played March 10, 1906, at Batley. Leeds scored 4 goals, 3 tries, and Batley 2 goals. In the first match at Headingley, Leeds scored 1 goal, 5 tries, to Batley 3 goals.

**M.M. (Rochdale).**—R. M. Owen, of Swansea, played that season in all the three International matches. The forwards were the same, with the exception, that against Ireland, J. F. Williams was substituted for R. F. Pritchard. No trouble at all.

**W.S. (Stockport).**—Lancashire did not win a County match during the 1904-5 season. (2) The three games played, only yielded 1 goal, 1 try, to opponents 2 goals, 8 tries. (3) Cheshire last played in 1904-5 season.

**RED (Wigan).**—Mid Rhondda in 1908-9 season beat Merthyr Tydvil, Aberdare (twice) and Barry (twice).

**DOUBTFUL (Normanton).**—The half-back must be behind his forwards when the ball is being scrummaged.

**DISGUSTED (Oldham).**—The point is one for the referee. If the facts are as you state, then we should say a try, but the referee is sole judge, etc., etc.

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Edward Rogers, the young Hull three-quarter back, placed six goals against Keighley.

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Alfred Francis, Hull's wing three-quarter back, has up to date, scored 22 tries for the first team this season.

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"Dai" Davies, the Swinton captain, is suffering from injuries to his knee, sustained in the League match against Warrington.

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Manchester had not a cup tie game in the first round, and only one in the second; but next Saturday, the only two clubs interested are drawn at home.

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James Lomas, has now firmly renewed his record making. Two more tries out of an aggregate of three, was his contribution in the cup tie with Wakefield.

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Davidson, Broughton's new full-back, appears to have fairly settled down to the position, and his play had much to do with the Rangers' success against Dewsbury.

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They have some capable reserves at the Boulevard, for the youngsters, a week ago, aggregated 50 goals, 106 tries, against 16 goals, 22 tries, made by opposing teams.

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When the Keighley defence gives way, it does not appear to be a temporary break. Against Batley, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hull, Kingston Rovers, and Leeds, they have given away 229 points.

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The twenty-one points to two victory, of Wigan against Warrington, was curiously enough the exact score by which the Central Park team triumphed in the League match.

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The Swinton officials had granted the proceeds of the League game with Bradford, to W. Wallwork and H. Barnett, who have served the club for ten seasons, but the Yorkshire team's cup tie success means a postponement of the match.

Some comment has been occasioned by the fact that Wakefield Trinity had not arranged League matches with either Oldham or Wigan. The Yorkshiremen were anxious to book dates, but the two Lancashire clubs refused the fixtures.

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A. Morrod and F. Britton, a local centre three-quarter back and forward, made a satisfactory first appearance for the Hull senior team last Saturday. Morrod, who has scored 7 tries for the reserve team this season, made one also against Keighley.

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Apart from the unexpected victory of Bradford, at Thrum Hall, the feature of the match was the wonderful play of W. B. Little, the veteran full-back transferred from Halifax to Bradford, a few weeks ago for £50. Rigg and Littlewood of the victorious team, are also old Halifax players.

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"I have been able (says "Forward," in the "Athletic News," to obtain his (the Rev. C. M. Chavasse) opinion of the Northern Union game. I was pleased to learn that he considers our backs vastly superior to those of the Rugby Union, but he has a preference for Rugby Union forwards. He also considers that Northern Union professional footballers are fine fellows, and points to his own action in playing for the St. Helen's team as an illustration of the fact, that it is possible for amateurs and professionals to play side by side.

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A gentleman connected with the theatrical profession, says the "Manchester Evening News," who is also a keen supporter of the Oldham football club, relates a story with more than a quiet touch of humour in it. He was leaving the Watersheddings enclosure the other week, and the score was seven points to nothing in favour of the home team. Outside the gates stood a couple of youths, one of whom inquired what the score was. "Seven-nothing" was the answer. "Eh?" exclaimed the interrogator, looking vastly puzzled. "He means "Seven-nowt" explained the other youth, causing the light of intelligence to flash in the face of his companion.

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## Results and Scorers of Last Saturday's Matches.

\*OLDHAM, 13-11.  
Tries: Deane, Lomas (2).  
Goal: Wood.  
\*ROCHDALE HORNETS, 12-8.  
Tries: West, Jones. Goal: Jones.  
BATLEY, 31-9.  
Try: Drummond. Goals: Lyons (3).  
\*WIGAN, 35-21.  
Tries: Miller, Jenkins, Thomas, Leytham (2).  
Goals: Thomas (2), Leytham.  
\*BROUGHTON RANGERS, 31-9.  
Try: Wild. Goals: Davidson (3).  
BRADFORD, 21-7.  
Try: Town. Goals: Little (2).  
SALFORD, 02-6.  
Tries: Cook, Thomas (E.).  
LEEDS, 13-11.  
Tries: Whittaker, Farman, Oliver.  
Goal: Young.

WAKEFIELD 01-3.  
Try: Walton.  
WIDNES, 00-0.  
\*RUNCORN, 41-3.  
Try: Kenned.  
WARRINGTON 10-2  
Goal: Thomas.

DEWSBURY, 01-0  
\*HALIFAX, 11-5.  
Try: Bateman. Goal: Longstaffe.  
\*BARROW, 11-3.  
Try: Gifford. Goal: Gifford.  
ST. HELENS, 02-6.  
Tries: Kelly, Birton (2).

## NORTHERN LEAGUE.

HULL, 78-38.  
Tries: Wallace (2), Britton (5), Francis, Holder, Cottrell, Morrod, Rogers.  
Goal: Rogers (6), Wallace.

Wednesday, March 8th, 1911.

\*WIGAN, 23-13.  
Tries: Jenkins, Todd, Leytham.  
Goals: Leytham (2).

\*RUNCORN, 00-0.

\*Denotes home team.

## Referee's List.

### THE CHALLENGE CUP.

The matches and officials for the third round, to be played next Saturday, are:—

Leeds v. Wigan.—A. Hestford; A. G. Roebuck and R. Roberts.

Broughton Rangers v. Bradford Northern.—F. Renton; A. Lee and W. Gregory.

Salford v. Batley.—W. W. Taylor; R. H. Jackson and J. Dutton.

Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets.—B. Ennion; F. Ratcliffe, and R. Jones.  
Kick-off in each match will be 3-30.

Owing to the cup ties, the originally arranged League programme is considerably curtailed, but the following games will be played.

Barrow v. Coventry.  
St. Helens v. Leigh.  
Bramley v. Hull.  
Dewsbury v. Ebbw Vale.  
York v. Huddersfield.  
Hull Kingston Rovers v. Halifax.

## JUNIOR JOTTINGS.—Continued.

The Halifax Intermediates have lost a good promising player by the death of Guion Rock, of Beacon Hill.

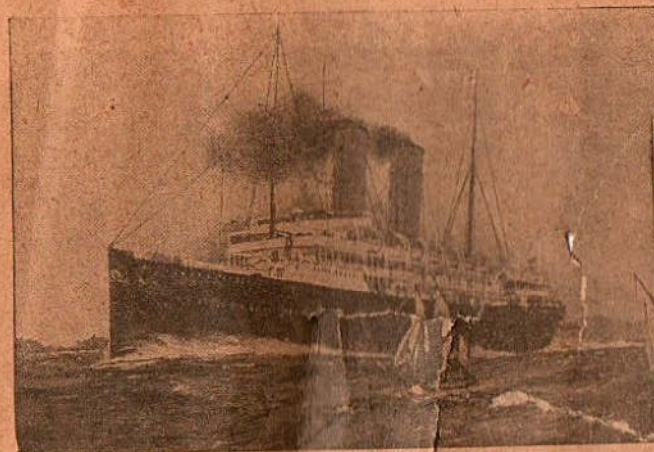
He was 21 years of age, and has played with distinction on three occasions with the town team. He was well respected, and was noted for his sporting spirit, both on and off the field.

He has played an important part in the successful games by the Beacon Hill Club, when they won the County Inter-

mediate cup, Halifax League, 2nd division; Yorkshire County Intermediate cup, 1908-9, and the Bradford Junior cup.

He was 5-feet, 8½-ins. and the premier club had approached him and offered him terms. Messrs. C. E. Heydon, A. Smith, R. W. Crook, and W. Hudson (the Halifax Referees' Society) represented the Union at the funeral on Monday. Much sympathy is expressed with the parents in their loss.

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