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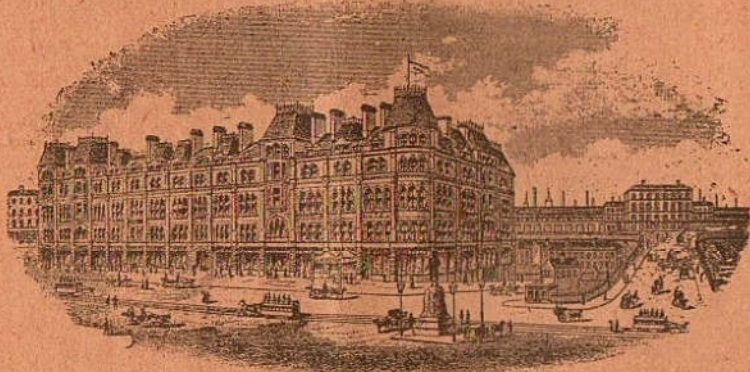
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MEN AND MATTERS.

The report that Messenger, Messenger's the great Colonial three-quarter back, although officially selected as a member of the team to tour England, has refused the invitation, and is not on board the "Orvieto," at present lacks official confirmation. But we have no reason to doubt the news which arrived in England on Monday. We ourselves have received intimation to this effect, and our correspondent is usually most reliable.

Should "Dally" be missing —we hope next week to be in touch with the team, probably it will be found that the question of terms were not satisfactory. But of course this is mere surmise, and we ask our readers to defer their criticism until the official particulars are to hand. Of one point however, we may be assured, that though the vacancy will be difficult to fill, Messenger's substitute will be of international standard, for three-quarter backs are numerous in Australia.

This point of finance opens out a broad question in relation to football in Australia. The progress of the code during the season just concluding is absolutely phenomenal, for it should be remembered that the first game of Northern Union football was only played in Sydney when the late A. H. Baskerville's combination called en-route for England. That was in 1907.

Yet what do we find to-day! As regards Sydney, the Northern Union Code is the predominant code. Nearly all the great Rugby Union players are now attached to the numerous League teams, and in the Country districts many new Leagues have been formed this year. And all this has been accomplished in the short space of three seasons.

Probably "gate" receipts will prove more convincing **One Match.** to readers than a mere repetition of numerical details. Well, world records have been made for the Northern Union game during the season. The first was £1,288, in the New South Wales and Queensland match—a record for an international game. Then on June 22, on the Sydney Cricket ground, New South Wales v New Zealand was witnessed by 50,000 spectators, who paid £2,551. Another record. And two days later on, June 24, the return game brought £1,140.

And though there may be adherents of the code in Australia who are not adverse to out and out professionalism, the vast majority of the players have been attracted simply because they prefer the new style to the old. Northern Union rules make for the open play so dear to the heart of the average Colonial, and that the public also appreciate the new order of things is clearly apparent from the financial returns.

The Season's Outlook.

(By THE EDITOR).

TO-DAY we enter upon the seventeenth season of Northern Union football. And from the programme which extends from September 2, to the first Saturday in May next year, the officials have arranged a series of matches, which I am bold enough to declare have never been equalled in past seasons.

Primarily, of course, chief interest will be in the Australasian visit. But I must not overlook the fact that the Northern League tournament, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Combination competition, the county cups, the challenge cup, the county shields, and the many tournaments confined to the juniors are also to occupy attention, and from first to last there should not be a dull day.

Elsewhere we give many interesting particulars of our coming Colonial guests. Their reputation is such that I am convinced our players will need to give of their best to retain the laurels so well won last season in Australia. Northern Union football has made wonderful progress in Australasia, and I need only mention that even as the standard of play has improved, so has the financial support of the public increased, and six weeks ago a match between New South Wales and New Zealand attracted a crowd of over 50,000 spectators, who paid over £2,500—a record for our game.

We can well leave Colonial topics for matters at home. We cannot expect financial records, but the outlook is certainly promising, and remarkable enthusiasm prevails in every centre. There are few really important changes in the personnel of the League teams, but several acquisitions of note have been made, and I hope those players who have come over from the Rugby Union game will improve their reputation.

But the spirit of the age is in the direction of developing local talent. We have a record number of entries for the intermediate rounds of the Northern Union Challenge cup, and I learn that so numerous are the new clubs in Lancashire, that the County committee have postponed the draw for the Junior cup.

This development to me is most welcome. The junior of to-day is the senior

of the future, and with all due respect to our League clubs, I think they have in the majority of cases sadly neglected their opportunities during past seasons. But I hope at an early date to discuss this question more fully in the "News," and will content myself with the facts as stated.

I have no knowledge of any important transfers, and this leads me to think that clubs and their players are on the whole, well satisfied. There have been attempts to break registration laws, but the publicity given to several memorable "transfers" has helped the officials, who on the whole, I think, realise that a strict observance of the laws made for their protection is more satisfactory than even a system of passive persuasion. Thus I think the teams doing duty this afternoon in the League will be little changed from last season.

The withdrawal of Merthyr Tydvil, of course, reduces the constitution, but with the Australasian programme to arrange there is no "resting", and all teams are fully engaged. There are no changes in the playing laws, and the only alteration in the rules are those governing the several competitions. And I may say these changes are made by reason of weaknesses discovered last season in the working of the many tournaments.

Officially also there is little to record. The new chairman of committee is Mr. George Taylor of Wigan, a gentleman well qualified for the important position. The vice-chairman is Mr. W. D. Lyon, of Hull, and with the addition of the Cumberland representative, the other members of the committee are all from the founder clubs.

A change is made in Lancashire by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Platt, as secretary, the position having been accepted by Mr. J. H. Houghton.

In Yorkshire, Mr. W. D. Lyon, succeeds Mr. J. B. Cooke as president.

But I notice two important additions to the official list. They are:—

Patron: His Majesty the King.

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LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By THE EDITOR).

I ALWAYS appreciate letters from readers, and particularly correspondence like that to hand this week from a Preston subscriber, whose great complaint is that he cannot witness a Northern Union game each Saturday. He encloses the following extract:—

"The annual statement of accounts of the Cardiff Rugby club was issued to members yesterday (Friday), and the figures show that the receipts of the club for the past season were £4,132, which is £100 less than the previous season, but, on the other hand, a substantial saving was effected in the working of the club, and the balance in hand for the year of £410 is £100 in excess of the figures for the preceding season."

Professional Possibilities.

He writes: "Wouldn't some of our Northern Union clubs pay their players good wages with such an income, and still show a good profit." I do not possess a copy of the Cardiff fixtures for last season, but those for the coming term are no doubt arranged on somewhat similar lines as regards "outings," and though there are three visits to London, and several to the Midlands, my correspondent may well wonder. But some of us have memories of the old days in Lancashire, when "amateur" teams were more costly than the professional sides to-day. However, my correspondent's point is that many of our Northern Union clubs would shew a better balance in hand, and well pay their players with the income of the Cardiff club.

A Falling Away.

My correspondent has also been observant in another direction, for he tells me that "in Leng's Guide for the coming season, that the first and second division matches for the English Association were witnessed by 690,000 fewer spectators last season than in the previous year, this being the third successive year they have shewn a falling off in their gates, notwithstanding the populous centres they have "tapped" in recent years. "I think," he writes, "these matters are fit subjects for comment in the 'Northern Union News' and that many of our readers will be surprised."

In Multiples.

There is no doubt that during the last few seasons it has been the custom to inflate attendances at Association games, whilst Northern Union "gates" have been kept well within the mark. Probably many of our readers will have noticed that attendances at Soccer are invariably given in multiples of 5,000. But after all it is the balance sheet which tells, and I think that of late, we of the Northern Union have demonstrated that progress was being made.

Reader's Assistance.

My correspondent also makes several suggestions respecting the playing of the Colonial fixtures on Association grounds, but in these matters the arrangements entirely rest with the officials of the home ground, and though the "News" will be brought to their notice in due course, I thank my correspondent for his kindly interest, and to all our readers who introduce the "News" to others.

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Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

Taking into consideration the fact that this is our first issue of another season, I think I may be pardoned, if in this my first article, I draw attention to the new rules which come into operation with the present season. That these alterations do not apply to the actual playing rules, I am quite aware, also they have, at the time they were adopted, been dealt with through various sources.

I am a firm believer in the intelligence and enthusiasm of the regular patrons of our game, and am convinced that once they get the actual and correct definition of the alterations, they can appreciate the necessity thereof and readily adopt them to the points as they arise. And whilst, as I stated previously, these alterations do not touch the playing laws, yet there are some which directly concern themselves, and to my mind no time is more opportune for the facts to be laid before them than the commencement of the season.

Last season there was a certain amount of unpleasantness caused through some of the clubs drawn together, coming to a mutual arrangement in respect to admission to cup ties. This applied to members of course. The actual admission charges are fixed by rule. This, whilst not being strictly in accordance with the rules, did not actually constitute any breach. But if another club in the next round decided to abide by the strict interpretation and spirit of the rule—as was done—things were said which were unfair and caused a certain amount of feeling. A new Bye-law (25) has therefore been adopted, making it illegal to make these mutual arrangements in contravention of the rule.

In past seasons the Union and County Committees have often been called upon to consider protests under their respective cup rules, through a player receiving attendance whilst on the field of play. Now protests of this kind are to all intents and purposes frivolous, yet at the same time were quite in order under the rules. An addition was therefore made to Cup rule 23—which is also now in operation in the County Senior and Junior Cup Competitions, which eliminates the possibility of these protests, yet brings the offenders under the jurisdiction of the authorities governing the respective competitions.

So much for the Union and Cup ties. Now for the Northern League. In rule 9 the position of clubs tying in percentage of points has been more clearly defined, and the method of ascertaining the score average explained fully. The proceeds of the final tie will henceforth be divided into 3 equal parts after expences have been paid. One third to each club, and the remainder to the League. If two or more clubs tie for the championship of the Lancashire and Yorkshire League, the same is to be decided as in the Northern League.

I was pleased to see the addition to rule 20, which now makes it imperative that clubs must number all players' jerseys, such numbers to be of not less than 5 inches in length. This will be of considerable assistance and benefit to spectators and the Press, and it is necessary to which we repeatedly drew attention during the past season. The only pity to my mind, is that the committee found it necessary to frame a rule on the point. I cannot understand why some of the clubs could not see the advisability and the beneficial effects that would accrue.

Rather an anomalous position was created last season in the Yorkshire Combination. According to the rules then, it was ordained that the two top clubs should play off—and in Lancashire too. Now every club in the Yorkshire table play each other. The play off therefore was unnecessary and rather unfair to the top club. However, they won, so all's well, &c. This contingency has now been provided for, and we shall not see a repetition. Players cannot take part in the final of these Combinations unless they have taken part in at least 6 Combination matches prior thereto.

I regret to see that the Yorkshire clubs did not decide to fall into line with Lancashire, and vote 2½ per cent of their gross takings in their County Cup ties to the British Playing Fields Society. Comments have often been made chiefly by the clubs in the Broadacre County, that the benefits of the Society to the game must be of a somewhat tardy nature. I cannot agree with that statement. Surely they are not trying to remove their own objection.

“Northern League.”

SCORES AT A GLANCE.

Barrow	Barrow
Batley	Batley
Bradford	Bradford
Bramley	Bramley
Broughton R.	Broughton R.
Coventry.	Coventry.
Dewsbury.	Dewsbury.
Ebbw Vale	Ebbw Vale
Halifax	Halifax
Huddersfield	Huddersfield
Hull	Hull
Kingst'n R'vs.	Kingst'n R'vs.
Hunslet	Hunslet
Keighley	Keighley
Leeds	Leeds
Leigh	Leigh
Oldham	Oldham
Rochdale	Rochdale
Runcorn	Runcorn
Salford	Salford
St. Helens	St. Helens
Swinton	Swinton
Wakefield	Wakefield
Warrington	Warrington
Widnes	Widnes
Wigan	Wigan
York	York

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(With last season's results.)

	RESULT		RESULT
1911		1911	
Sept 2 Oldham Home	17-18	Dec 30 Dewsbury Away	0-10
9 Widnes Away		1912	
16 Batley Home	16-6	Jan 1 Leigh Away	20-11
23 Keighley Away	7-13	6 Batley Away	5-3
30 York Home	41-15	13 Australia Home	
Oct 7 Hull Away	8-8	20 Ebbw Vale Away	
14 Wakefield (Yorkshire		27 Keighley Home	31-5
Cup 1st rnd Home		Feb 3 Halifax Home	20-3
21 Leeds Home	22-2	10 Bradford Away	20-0
28 Yorks Cup 2nd Rnd		17 N U Cup 1st Rnd	
Nov 4 Huddersfield ... Away	15-20	24 Dewsbury Home	27-10
11 Wakefield Home	22-9	Mar 2 Salford Away	9-5
18 York Away	7-0	9 Bradford Home	8-0
25 Hunslet Home	23-6	16 Hunslet Away	8-11
Dec 2 Bramley Away	11-2	23 Halifax Away	5-12
9 Leeds Away	10-10	30 Widnes Home	
16 Huddersfield ... Home	0-14	Apr 5 Leigh Home	32-4
23 Salford Home	25-6	6 Wakefield Away	5-24
25 Oldham Away	10-30	8 Bramley Home	26-6
26 Hull Home	5-5	13 Ebbw Vale Home	

FIRST TEAM SCORERS.

Reserve Team Fixtures & Results.

1911

Sept 2	Cottingham.....	Away
9	Hemsworth.....	Home
16	Hull A.....	Away
23	York St. Margarets...	Home
30	Eyre Cup 1st round...	
Oct 7	York I N L.....	Home
14x	York Groves United	Away
28	Eyre Cup 2nd round	
Nov 4	Beverley.....	Home
11	York Groves United	Home
18	Hull A.....	Home
25	York Leeman Wan's.	Away
Dec 16	York I N L.....	Away
23	Beverley.....	Away
25	Eyre Cup (Semi-final)	

1912

Jan 13	York St. Margarets	Away
20	York Leeman Wan's.	Home
Feb 3	Yorks Junr. Cup	
	Preliminary round	
10	Yorks Junr Cup 1st. round	
24	" " " 2nd. "	
Mar 16	" " " 3rd. "	
30	Hemsworth.....	Away

x To be re-arranged

Other matches will be included as arranged

TO-DAY'S HALF TIME SCORES.

A	Leeds,	PTS.	v. Hull.	PTS.
B	Blackpool,	GLS.	v. City.	GLS.

The Score of the Home Team is shown first in order as above.

Answers to Correspondents.

REDBREAST — Surman and Mann first played for the Rovers against St. Helens, on Sept. 2nd 1909.

ALPHA — Sandham is a Yorkshireman by birth, being born at Middlesborough.

T. H. — Goldthorpe's record stands, I believe at 108 goals, Carmichael's at 138 goals.

CLUBITE — The Club House was opened on Oct. 30th, 1909.

Inquiries should be addressed to "The Rover's Secretary," The Ground, Craven Street.

RESERVED

Hull Kingston Rovers.	G.	T.	OLDHAM.	G.	T.
Selected from			Selected from		
FULL BACK.			FULL BACK.		
1—A. Carmichael, (Capt.)...			1—Wood		
THREE-QUARTERS.			THREE-QUARTERS		
2—W. H. Dilcock			2—Smith		
3—R. Hughes			3—Cook		
4—P. Thomas			4—Lomas		
5—J. C. Brain			5—W. Dixon		
HALF BACKS.			HALF BACKS.		
6—T. Surman			6—Anlezark (Capt.) ...		
7—B. Craven			7—White		
FORWARDS.			FORWARDS.		
8—A. Moore			8—Ferguson		
9—W. Sandham			9—Avery		
10—W. Huskins			10—Mc Cab		
11—A. Spackman			11—A. Smith		
12—J. Blackmore			12—Wise		
13—C. Mc Donald			13—Owens		
RESERVES.			RESERVES.		
14—G. Spivey			14—Wright		
15—G. Garvin			15—B. Dixon		
16—R. Sykes			16—Llewellyn		
17—A. Hartley			17—Young		
18—R. Fernav			18—Tyson		
Referee—			Touch Judges—		
Mr. E. Tonge. (Swinton)			F. W. Wilson (York.)		
			W. Mellor (Goole.)		

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CLUB NOTES.

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CLUB NOTES, [cont.]

Up to the time of writing no big captures, if we except Hardwick, have been made, and our Team to-day against Oldham will be constituted practically similar to that which wound up last season with ten successive victories.

Although first class players are very difficult to obtain at present, there is some likelihood of an acquisition or two being seen at Craven Street, in the near future. Since the Cup Tie on July 18th., last when Oldham defeated us by two points our team has not been beaten and we hope the memories of that defeat will be wiped out to-day by a rousing victory.

It is expected that the holding capacity of our Ground will be fully taxed to-day despite our increased accommodation for an extra 3000.

Up to the time of writing there has been a big demand for season and records look like going by the Board.

Tommy Surman played very finely in the practice game last Saturday and avers that he feels fitter than ever. The operation to his knee has effected a very fine cure. Like Sandham, he has been running in foot handicaps during the summer and has increased his pace very considerably.

To day our reserves open the Ground of the new Cottingham F.C.

CLUB HOUSE CHAT,

Our Membership, which was large last season, looks like being larger this season, as up-to-date there has been a big run on Membership Passes.

In connection with the Whist section a team is being run in the Club League of the Whist Association.

The Billiard Team has been entered in the Second Division of the Amateur Billiard League and with a number of very useful players available a good position should be attained. It is anticipated that several Members of the Football Team will assist the Billiard Team as not a few of the former are quite capable of keeping their end up on the Billiard Table as well as upon the Football Field.

The record Billiard Break for the Club House stands at 81 compiled by J. HARRISON.

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Matters continue fairly lively on the Bowling Greens and although the list of Fixtures has been completed, Competitions and Handicaps are occupying the attention of the Members.

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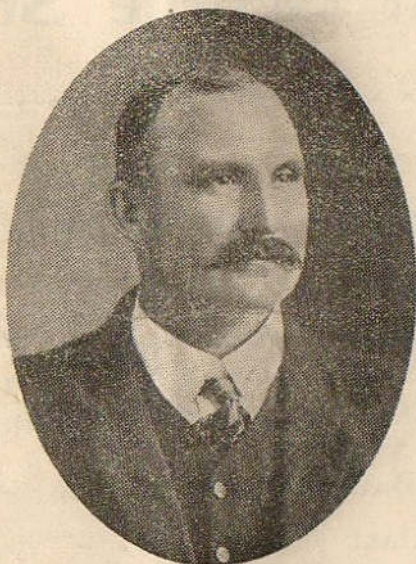
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MEN OF MARK.

No. 1—Mr. C. H. FORD, Sydney.

(By OBSERVER.)

I LABOUR this week under the disadvantage of never having seen the subject of my sketch, but if an excuse for my apparent haste be made, I must plead a natural desire to keep readers well posted with the important events of the week.

And the man of the moment is clearly Mr. C. H. Ford, the manager of the Australasian team—a gentleman, who during the five months' sojourn of the Colonials in England, will with his colleague be much in evidence as representing the New South Wales Rugby League. When the League decided to send over two managers there were numerous nominations for the important positions.

Somehow or other these tours are regarded by aspirants for the trip, as a sort of sinecure, little work and much pleasure.

But my friends, Mr. J. H. Houghton and Mr. John Clifford tell a different tale, and I am afraid long before the tour is completed, Messrs. Ford and Quinlan will be of the opinion that the task of controlling twenty-eight players, is one that should not be lightly entered upon.

But I understand that Mr. Ford is the most tactful of men, and the best of companions. He will no doubt be called upon to adjudicate the difficult problems of team selections, and where you have only thirteen positions to divide amongst twenty-eight aspirants, something more than tact is essential if all are to be pleased.

There can however, be no doubt about the popularity in Sydney of the selection. All the other gentlemen nominated would naturally have met with good wishes had they been successful, but I learn that Messrs. Ford and Quinlan have played the game in more than a literal sense, and are fully qualified for the honourable positions they now occupy.

A Brief Biography.

Mr. Charles H. Ford is a Middlesbrough man, and in visiting England is only coming home. He went out to Sydney so long ago as 1888, and declares that he has never regretted his decision to settle in Australia.

When he left England he was a staunch adherent of the Association game. Fortunately for Rugby, he soon found that the handling code was more fascinating, and although on arrival in Australia he attached himself to the Parkgrove Association team, he soon found that the other code was the best.

In 1891 he was playing forward for the Pirates, but after two or three seasons, gave up active participation in the game, he devoted himself to the administration.

When the North Sydney club was formed, Mr. Ford became one of the officials, and was a most active worker until the Northern Union League came into existence.

Then he very quickly recognised that the new code was the game of the future for Australia, and he was one of the first vice-presidents of the League, and is now, with one exception, the only remaining pioneer official.

Mr. Ford has held the position of the Executive for three years in succession—a striking tribute to his popular personality.

Next Week: Mr. J. QUINLAN.

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WHO'S WHO!

SKETCHES OF THE AUSTRALASIANS.

THE "Athletic News" gives the following interesting particulars of the players who are now on board the "Orvieta," en route to England. The men come with brilliant reputations, and given fair weather, will no doubt play up to their Australian standard.

There are of course several old friends, but the majority of the team are new to England, and in this respect the constitution of the side is particularly interesting.

W. NEILL, the full back, is one of the small men of the party. He has played for Newtown for two seasons, was previously a member of the South Sydney club, and has represented the State against England, Queensland, and New Zealand. Height, 5ft. 6in.; weight, 10st. 7lb.

H. H. MESSENGER needs little introduction. As I have previously stated, he will probably captain the side. His first club was Warrigai, and then he joined the Eastern Suburbs, playing under Rugby Union Rules. He was a Rugby Union State representative in 1906 and 1907, and he played for Australia in the latter year. At the end of 1907 he broke away from the Union to play against the late A. H. Baskerville's combination, and came to England with the professional "All Blacks." In the N.U. code he has played for New South Wales against Queensland, New Zealand and England, and also for Australasia. Is regarded as the best three-quarter back Australia has ever produced, and was one of the first players selected for the present tour. Height, 5ft. 8in.; weight, 12st.

H. HALLETT is a convert from the Australian Rules game, and has made a reputation for wonderful kicking and brilliant handling. He is sound in defence, and his training makes him a power in attack. Has played for New South Wales against Queensland and New Zealand. Height, 5ft. 8in.; weight, 11st. 10lb.

A. BROOMHAM is a player who has progressed in a remarkable manner, for after a season with a junior team he joined the League and was at once recognised as a coming player. He is regarded as the strongest-running three-quarter back since the days of Charlie White, and experts declare that his style is reminiscent of that famous three-quarter. Has played against New Zealand and England, and also in last season's tests against the British tourists. Height, 5ft. 8in.; weight, 11st. 7lb.

H. GILBERT is a recent convert from the Union. He played for New South Wales against the Union New Zealand team last season. Has a reputation for tricky and strong running, a sure tackler, and his friends expect he will prove a great success in England. Height, 5ft. 9in.; weight, 12st.

V. FARNSWORTH severed his connection with the Union at the time of the famous "Wallaby" split. Has hardly made such a reputation as his brother, but is regarded as a sound player, and has done duty for his state against Queensland, New Zealand and England. Although announced as a three-quarter back, Farnsworth will more often be found playing at outside half-back. Height, 5ft. 6in.; weight 11st. 7lb.

T. BERECHY was a Rugby Union player last season, when he assisted the North Sydney team. Has yet to win his spurs, but his form during the present season, earned him his place. Height 5ft. 9in.; weight 11st. 7lb.

C. RUSSELL is better known as "Boxer." One of the veterans of the combination, for he played senior football in 1904, and in the following season represented New South Wales. He came to England with the "Wallabies," but joined the League at the end of 1909. A strong runner, a good defender, and a fine kick. Has played for Australia in both codes. Height 5ft. 8in.; weight, 12st.

Sketches of the Australasians.—Continued.

W. FARNSWORTH, outside half-back, is, next to Messenger and M'Kivat, the most interesting man in the team. He commenced his career with the Marrickville team, which won the second grade competition in 1906. Joining Newtown in 1907, he played until 1909, when he seceded with the "Wallabies" and joined the League. For both the Rugby Union and the League he has secured every football honour possible. Is declared to be the soundest outside half-back playing in Australia, and would have been included in the first list of selections but for the doubt that an injured ankle might develop into more than a temporary rest. A splendid batsman, he is the only athlete who has represented his state at cricket, Rugby Union, and Northern Union football. Height, 5ft. 7in.; weight, 12st. 2lb.

F. WOODWARD is the only New Zealand back player chosen. Local opinion in Sydney favoured A. J. McCabe, but Woodward can play either in the three-quarter line or at half-back. Played for Auckland in State matches under Union rules in 1909-10-11, and for New Zealand last season. Height 5ft. 9in.; weight, 11st. 10lb.

C. H. M'KIVAT is one of the oldest-playing footballers. In Wellington (New South Wales) he won a great reputation ten years ago, which he has never lost. Is equally effective as a scrumage worker or away from the pack, and his screw kicking is one of the features of his effective play. Visited England with the "Wallabies," and joined the League during the "rush." Height, 5ft. 9in.; weight, 12st. 4lb.

A. HOLLOWAY is an old acquaintance who came to England with the "Kangaroos." I then regarded him as a sound rather than a brilliant player, but I am told that he has wonderfully improved during the present season. Can play either as scrumage or outside half-back. Prior to joining the League—of which he is one of the senior members—he played for the Sydney club. Height, 5ft. 7in.; weight, 12st.

T. PEARCE first played for Eastern Suburbs. Is a sound scrummager, a hard worker, and created a favourable impression during the "Kangaroo" tour. Has earned international honours, both against England and New Zealand. Height, 5ft. 10in.; weight, 13st. 10lb.

W. NOBLE is making his second visit to England, for he was secretary to the "Kangaroos." A sound forward, particularly in loose play, and a most popular selection. Played both against England and New Zealand. Height, 5ft. 8in.; weight, 13st.

W. GANN is a player whom I thought was sadly neglected during the last tour. Although a forward, he made a remarkably clever three-quarter back on occasion, and has since missed very few big games. Exceptionally fast, he will do well should the grounds be firm. Height, 5ft. 10in.; weight, 12st. 7lb.

C. SULLIVAN is the North Sydney captain, who at one time played second grade football. He went to New Zealand and returned in 1909 as a representative Maorilander. He has been a representative player since the commencement of the inter-State games. Height, 5ft. 8in.; weight, 12st. 8lb.

F. A. M'CUE, like Noble and the brothers Farnsworth, was originally a member of the Barrickville club. Has made rapid headway, and, since his first representative Union game, has secured many honours. Was one of the most successful "Wallaby" scrummagers. Powerfully built. Height, 6ft. 1in.; weight, 12st. 8lb.

E. COURTNEY, one of the original "Kangaroos," was at one time a Union player, but on the formation of the League joined the Western Suburbs, afterwards playing for a season with North Sydney. Has secured international honours against England and New Zealand. Height, 5ft. 9in.; weight, 12st. 10lb.

Sketches of the Australasians.—Continued.

R. WILLIAMS, captain of the Sydney Union team, was a second grade player in 1909. Joined the Eastern Suburbs League team last season, and played against the British side. This season he gained his "blue" against New Zealand, and is expected to distinguish himself during the coming tour. Height, 6 ft.; weight, 13st.

C. M'MURTRIE is a "Wallaby." Has a fine record as a State representative, and went over with his comrades from the Union to the League. Joined Balmmain during the present term. Height, 6ft.; weight 14st.

J. MURRAY is probably a surprise selection, for he has not always been considered worthy of inclusion in the Newtown team this season. Still he is a fast and clever forward and should do well. Height, 6ft.; weight, 13st.

PETER BURGE is a veritable Australian giant. Has played representative football for six seasons, and visited New Zealand with the Australian Rugby Union team. He came to England with the "Wallabies," but a broken leg practically disabled him for the whole of the tour. When he returned to Australia, he took little part in football until the "split," when he joined the League, and during the present season has reproduced his best form. Height, 6ft. 2in.; weight, 14st.

A. R. H. FRANCIS is regarded as the greatest forward New Zealand has produced for many years, and has been playing inter-Provincial, inter-Island, and representative New Zealand football since 1907. The giant man of the party. Height, 6ft. 4in.; weight, 14st. 6lb.

G. SAVOURY is another famous New Zealand Union representative. Was a member of the famous Ponsoby team of 1909. A typical scrummager, and solid worker. Height, 5ft. 10in.; weight, 14st.

GEORGE GILLET is the famous "All Black." Has filled every position on the field, and distinguished himself in all. Possesses a magnificent record

of inter-Provincial matches, and played full-back and wing-forward during the "All Black" tour in England. Australian critics are disappointed with his play this season, but it should be remembered that the New Zealanders have met New South Wales under conditions for more favourable to the State. Height, 5ft 10in.; weight, 13st. 7lb.

I have not included **D. FRAWLEY** in the list. He is, of course, on board the Orvieto, and is looking forward to representing Australasia; but before he is allowed to play, I am afraid a formal inquiry will be necessary, for the Northern Union are fully determined to uphold the new standing order. And neither the New South Wales League nor Frawley can plead ignorance of the regulations.

The rule was made with the object of benefiting the Colonial League, and when asked for their opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of selecting Frawley, the Northern Union interpreted the order in the spirit in which it was framed. Frawley is still on the Warrington League register, and until his name is removed he will only be allowed to play in England with the Wilderspool team.

Records of the Players.

The following records of the selected players in inter-State and international football during the present Australian season will no doubt be interesting:—

Try Scorers: New South Wales.

Messenger 10, Broomham 6, Frawley 5, M'Kivat 4, Cann 3, Russell 3, Hallett, M'Murtrie, M'Cue, Courtney, Noble, and Pearce 2 each, Holloway, Farnsworth (W.), and Sullivan 1 each.

Goals from tries: Messenger 32.

Penalty goals: Messenger 6.

Goals from mark: Messenger 2.

Dropped goal: Hallett 1.

New Zealand.

Tries: Woodward 3, Francis 2, Savoury 1.

Penalty goals: Francis 1, Woodward 1.

In the inter-State games New South Wales have scored 54 tries and 42 goals, New Zealand 18 tries and 14 goals, and Queensland 13 tries and 14 goals. In defence also New South Wales is to the fore with only 10 goals and 8 tries—a brilliant record indeed.

Australasian Tour.

LIST OF FIXTURES.

OPPONENTS.	GROUND.	COLONIAL SCORES.			OPPONENTS' SCORES.		
		Goals.	Tries.	Points.	Goals.	Tries.	Points.
1911.							
Sep. 23—Midland & Southern Players	Coventry						
" 25—Yorkshire County..	Bramhall Lane						
" 30—Broughton Rangers	Broughton						
Oct. 2—Lancashire County	Blackburn						
" 7—Wales	Ebbw Vale						
" 11—Widnes	Widnes						
" 14—St. Helens	St. Helens						
" 18—England	Fulham						
" 21—Hunslet	Hunslet						
" Northern League	Everton						
" 28—Wigan	Wigan						
Nov. 1—Swinton	Swinton						
" 4—Hull	Hull						
" 8—Test Match	Newcastle						
" 11—Oldham	Oldham						
" 15—Leigh	Leigh						
" 18—Wakefield Trinity..	Wakefield						
" 22—Cumberl'd County.							
" 25—Barrow	Barrow						
" 29—Runcorn	Runcorn						
Dec. 2—Huddersfield	Huddersfield						
" 6—England	Trent Bridge						
" 9—Salford	Salford						
" 13—York	York						
" 16—Test Match	Edinburgh						
" 20—Wales and West...	Bristol						
" 23—Rochdale Hornets..	Rochdale						
" 26—Halifax	Halifax						
" 30—Warrington	Warrington						
1912.							
Jan. 1—Test Match	Birmingham						
" 6—Leeds	Leeds						
" 13—Kingston Rovers..	Hull						

M. A. P.

E. A. Anlezark, the Colonial half-back, has been appointed captain of the Oldham team.

The feature of the close season—That neither Wigan or Oldham have made any notable "captures."

Should the Colonials decide to disembark at Plymouth, they are due on Friday, September 16.

The estimated additional cost of overland travelling from Marseilles to London for the Colonial team is £120.

Failing Messenger in the team, the captain of the Australasians will probably be C. M'Kival, the famous 'Wallaby' half-back.

All the arrangements are now completed for the reception of the Colonials at Southport, where they will reside until the end of January.

Although not officially reported, it is given on the authority of a Sydney correspondent, that "Dally" Messenger is not with the team on the "Orvieto."

Williams, the new Welsh centre three-quarter back at Swinton, won the Northern Union players' race, in the recent Players Union Sports at Manchester.

It is given on reliable authority that Salford were only half an hour in front of two well-known clubs who were anxious to secure the signature of Joseph Pugsley, the Welsh international.

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Referee's List.

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

Saturday, September 9th.

Coventry v. Barrow.—G. F. Dickenson (Halifax); A. Cross (St. Helens), W. Gregory (Runcorn).

Batley v. Swinton.—E. H. Smirk (Wigan); H. Heath (Huddersfield), W. O. Smart (Hunslet).

Bradford v. Dewsbury.—A. Smith (Halifax); T. W. Smith (Keighley), A. Loyne (Leeds).

Broughton R. v. Salford.—W. K. Hirst (Dewsbury); A. Johnson (Rochdale), A. Lee (Leigh).

Huddersfield v. Leeds.—B. Ennion (Wigan); D. Fitzgerald (Batley), C. E. Heydon (Halifax).

Hull v. Halifax.—F. Kennedy (Broughton); F. R. Wilson (York), G. Fowler (Leeds).

Hunslet v. Ebbw Vale.—C. Platt (Swinton); F. Askwith (Wakefield), P. Hardy (Huddersfield).

Keighley v. York.—W. W. Taylor (Hunslet); R. L. Smith (Bradford), J. R. Bowes (Halifax).

Leigh v. Oldham.—W. H. Wood (Huddersfield); H. Farmer (Runcorn), J. McGowan (Broughton).

Rochdale H. v. Runcorn.—F. Renton (Hunslet); W. O. Johnson (Salford), F. Mills (Oldham).

St. Helens v. Warrington.—J. W. Whiteley (Wakefield); R. J. Acton (Widnes), H. Ball (Wigan).

Wakefield T. v. Wigan.—E. Tonge (Swinton); E. Bennett (Batley), H. G. Roebuck (Huddersfield).

Widnes v. Hull K. R.—R. Robinson (Bradford); F. Ratcliffe (Swinton), H. Lowe (Broughton).

September 11, 6 o'clock.

Leeds v. Ebbw Vale.—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens); H. Adams (Dewsbury), F. F. Rowlands (Bradford).

September 12th, 5-30 p.m.

Bradford v. Oldham.—J. F. May (St. Helens); H. Adams (Dewsbury), D. Longbottom (Halifax).

September 14th, 6 o'clock.

Hull v. Coventry.—A. Smith (Halifax); M. Carr (Hunslet), H. Schofield (Leeds).

YORKSHIRE COMBINATION.

Saturday, September 9th.

Dewsbury 'A' v. Featherstone R.—C. Peel (Bradford).

Leeds 'A' v. Huddersfield 'A.'—J. Redfern (Huddersfield).

Leeds 'A' v. Huddersfield 'A.'—J. Wilson (Hull).

Normanton St. John's v. Batley 'A.'—H. Schofield (Leeds).

Purston W. H. v. Wakefield Trinity 'A.'—A. Day (Batley).

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

Pemberton v. Oldham 'A.'—J. Winstanley (Warrington).

Runcorn 'A' v. Rochdale H. 'A.'—A. Sutton (Warrington).

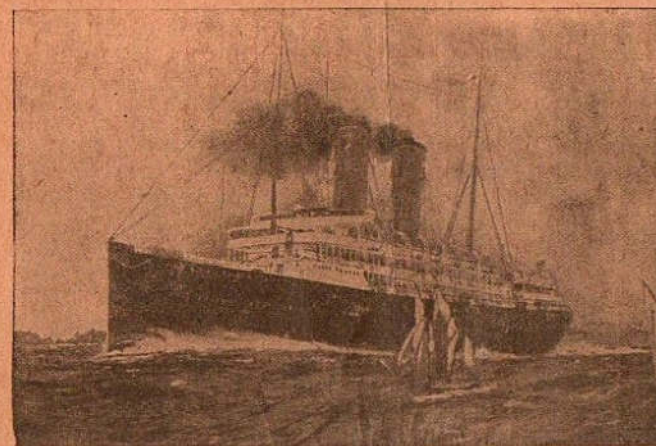
Salford 'A' v. Broughton R. 'A.'—G. Moore (Runcorn).

Warrington 'A' v. St. Helens 'A.'—T. Austin (Wigan).

Wigan 'A' v. Leigh S.—J. H. Crawshaw (Salford).

Wigan Highfield v. Widnes 'A.'—J. T. Hayes (Leigh).

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