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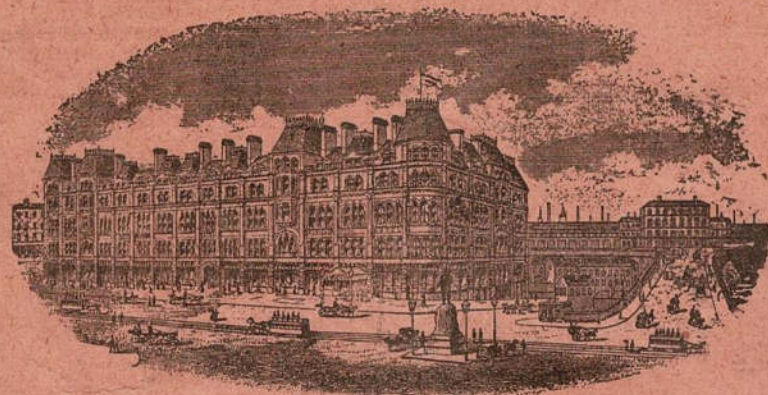
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MEN AND MATTERS.

The Widnes Bother.

The matter of the Widnes club, and the dispute in connection with the suggested purchase of James Tilley from Warrington, has further developed. In addition to the resignation of Mr. Fred Smith, the secretary, it is reported that the committee, as a body, contemplate resignation, rather than agree to the resolution passed at the special general meeting. Fortunately for the game, matters of dispute do not generally develop so seriously, and we hope something satisfactory will be done at Widnes.

The "Catch of the Season."

The transfer of Ganley, the well known half-back from Leigh to Leeds, was the event of the week end. Ganley, who has exceeded the Leigh record in the scoring of points, made by Dunbavin, is a half-back who has made much progress this season, and his display in the match at Mather Lane, against the Australasians, fairly surprised the critics. He was afterwards selected for Lancashire County, and in his first match at Headingley, last Saturday, had the satisfaction of scoring the only point—a dropped goal—made by his side.

The Semi-finals.

We have nothing fresh to report respecting the cup ties next Saturday. That between Wakefield Trinity and Oldham at Broughton, will be in charge of Mr. F. Renton, and that at Huddersfield, between Dewsbury and Halifax, Mr. J. F. May, both gentlemen being capable referees and well qualified to take charge of the semi-final ties. Those who regard themselves as students of form will do well not to pay much attention to the matches played during the last few days in which the cup sides

have participated. Cup and League football is altogether different, and the task of selecting the finalists is doubly difficult.

The announcement that J. Amateur and Professional. Diocesan Training College, played left wing three-quarter back for York, against Salford, last Saturday, will be pleasant reading to all those who are anxious to encourage amateur talent in the Northern Union. That amateurs and professionals can play side by side with advantage to the game, is a recognised principle in all our-door sports, other than that controlled by the Rugby Union.

Although the Huddersfield team have exceeded the thousand points, and points in all games, interest is now confined to their doings in the League. The match with Hull, in which the Fartowners recorded 29 points, took their League aggregate beyond the ninth hundred. Prior to yesterdays, only Oldham had exceeded the fifth century, and the huge lead enjoyed by the Fartowners, is a striking tribute to their wonderful display of open football this season.

The First Four.

There were lingering expectations at St. Helens and Hunslet, that the heavy programme of the Oldham club, coupled with the aspirations of the Watershedding's players, in respect to the cup, would lead to a sort of lack of keenness for the League. But in their last three games the League champions have, notwithstanding changes in their team, annexed full points, and both St. Helens and Hunslet will, we think, be thoroughly tested before the Oldham team is out of the running.

Northern Union League.—Results up to this morning.

				Points.	Per-
				P.W.L.D.	For Ags. centge
Huddersfield	32	27	4	1	909 214...85.93
Wigan	30	25	5	0	438 166...83.33
Hull K. R.	29	22	7	0	463 227...75.86
St. Helens	20	28	8	0	460 209...71.42
Hunslet	31	21	9	1	482 260...69.35
Oldham	31	21	9	1	527 280...69.35
Wakefield T.	28	18	9	1	383 322...66.07
Dewsbury	30	18	11	1	401 296...61.66
Hull	33	18	13	2	407 292...57.57
Batley	27	15	12	0	232 203...55.55
Broughton R.	30	16	13	1	280 226...55.00
Leigh	30	16	13	1	278 275...55.00
Widnes	29	14	12	3	256 217...53.44
Leeds	30	16	14	0	384 307...53.33
Halifax	31	15	13	3	361 259...53.22
Rochdale H.	28	14	14	0	262 326...50.00
York	28	12	15	1	283 388...44.64
Warrington	29	11	16	2	232 273...41.37
Swinton	30	11	16	3	253 315...41.66
Barrow	27	10	16	1	208 396...38.88
Salford	28	9	15	4	222 262...39.28
Keighley	25	9	15	1	228 269...38.00
Runcorn	26	5	20	1	147 340...21.15
Coventry	30	5	23	2	158 575...20.00
Ebbw Vale	27	3	21	3	133 479...16.66
Bramley	27	1	23	3	123 639... 9.25
Bradford	30	2	28	0	166 555... 6.66

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

				Scores.
				P. W. L. D. For Ag't. Pts
Huddersfield	22	18	3	1...653 182...37
Kingston R.	21	17	4	0...362 135...34
Hunslet	23	16	7	0...343 176...32
Dewsbury	23	13	9	1...299 227...27
Wakefield T.	20	13	7	0...288 259...26
Hull	21	11	10	1...255 235...22
Halifax	22	10	10	2...240 200...22
Leeds	21	11	10	0...277 218...22
Batley	21	10	11	0...161 174...20
Keighley	21	8	13	1...205 332...17
York	20	7	13	0...189 328...14
Bramley	22	1	20	1... 97 570... 3
Bradford	20	1	19	0... 86 394... 2

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

				Scores.
				P. W. L. D. For Ag't. Pts
Wigan	20	18	2	0...301 86...36
St. Helens	20	16	4	0...323 154...32
Oldham	20	14	6	0...348 161...28
Broughton R.	19	11	7	1...167 180...23
Widnes	20	9	9	2...161 134...20
Leigh	21	11	10	0...201 194...22
Rochdale H.	19	9	10	0...154 220...18
Warrington	20	8	11	1...176 188...17
Salford	20	7	11	2...147 221...16
Swinton	21	7	12	2...147 221...16
Runcorn	21	3	17	1... 90 297... 7
Barrow	20	3	16	1...111 366... 7

LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By THE EDITOR).

Another Club in Difficulties.

"I am sorry to report that probably during the present week official information will be given to the effect that another well-known Lancashire League club is in serious financial difficulties. Creditors are pressing for satisfaction, and on Saturday I was informed that the task of raising the necessary cash for travelling expenses for the match on Good Friday may possibly prove beyond the committee's powers.

And the club in question has had an even better record in both Northern Union and Rugby Union football than Salford. But they have suffered greatly through the weather conditions on dates which would otherwise have brought a good return, and in a postponed game recently played the takings were very moderate. Some scheme may be arranged, but the present outlook is exceedingly gloomy, and the prospects of completing the season's fixtures very remote."

Matches Lack Interest.

I have taken the above from the "Athletic News," and the paragraph clearly points to a certain club being so troubled by financial matters that the crisis is approaching. I do not doubt but that many readers will recognise the club, and though I do not say that the present League system is to blame, I do think that the club and many others in similar circumstances do not secure much from the games they play in March and April. They are neither interested in the cup or the League, and consequently their doings attract little attention.

A Financial Loss.

Now though the players, or perhaps the majority of the team are only paid a stipulated sum per match, the question of ways and means keeps to the fore, and generally speaking a bad balance at the end of February is made much worse by the continuous drains before the end of April. I noticed last week a well known writer was questioning the wis-

dom of this criticism of the League system, because the critics did not suggest a remedy. The reply is convincing only to a point, but if no remedy is suggested the disease still prevails.

A Bold Scheme Required.

But it would be idle to sit still and do nothing. For it is an open secret that in more centres than one, the clubs playing under Northern Union rules are having difficulty in making ends meet. The only remedy, in my opinion, is to take a bold course, and for the Northern Union to seriously face the situation. The scoring in many of the League games last Saturday suggested that matches were anything but a test of football ability, and it is a matter for consideration if League interests are best served by such spectacles as were seen at Watersheddings on Saturday. My sympathies are, of course, with the weaker clubs, but surely they themselves lose support by such heavy defeats, and as the class is so pronounced it would, in my opinion, be better now to face the inevitable and consider the question of re-organisation.

Salford's Complaint.

Touching on the fixing of the semi-finals at Broughton, on April 13, I have received several communications from indignant Salford supporters. It is said that "Rochdale Hornets withdrew their claim for one of the matches, in order that Salford should be considered." This, I think, is hardly correct for the Rochdale secretary attended the meeting with the avowed intention of not considering a match for April 13, because the Hornets themselves have a home game for the same day. And though to the average Salford supporter it may seem hard, the point must not be overlooked that the game had been arranged for Hull Kingston Rovers for April 13, a cup semi-final date, fixed up last July. And even the casual observer must have seen that at least one semi-final would be played in Lancashire. There is something to be said on both sides.

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Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

A FORTNIGHT ago I had the good fortune to be in Oldham for the cup tie with Huddersfield. This match has now gone into the realms of history, although it still remains green in the minds of the local enthusiasts. My object though is not to discuss this game. If I did, perhaps whilst gratifying the "Oldhamites," I might rub against my Huddersfield friends. However, being in Spindledom, I purchased the local football edition, wherein was contained a novel suggestion by a correspondent, for the reconstruction of the Northern League, which also embraced the respective County Leagues.

The New Scheme.

It is evident whoever the correspondent is, he has given the subject some thought and I think his suggestions the best I have seen yet, as against the present system. But let me say at once, that after seriously considering it, I must still "plump" for the system now in vogue. The new idea is—

(1) That the Northern League shall consist of the first five Lancashire clubs and the first five Yorkshire clubs; (2) there will be also a Lancashire League (to include Ebbw Vale); and (3) a Yorkshire League (to include Coventry); the Lancashire League clubs all to play each other home and away, the Yorkshire League clubs likewise, and the matches to count in both the Northern League and the county leagues were suitable. Those clubs in the Northern League and the Lancashire League would have 32 matches for their season's programme, and those in the Northern League and the Yorkshire League would have 34 matches. Those outside the Northern League could arrange friendly matches to make up.

The Northern League to be reconstructed each season by the inclusion of the first four teams in the final table of the respective County Leagues.

The Weak Places.

The idea has no doubt been put forward with the idea of providing something for the bottom clubs to fight for during the last two or three months of

the season. There are undoubtedly some points in favour of the new suggested system, but to my mind, the drawbacks outweigh them. In the first place, the idea of Ebbw Vale and Coventry being respectively included in Lancashire and Yorkshire League would necessitate each club in the two counties named visiting these two clubs, which is very expensive and does not apply now. Both these clubs would also have to make the journey North, twelve or thirteen times each, and unless they were also in the Northern League, they would only have 24 and 26 matches respectively. This would necessitate friendly matches except they run well in the cup ties.

The Good Points.

As the League is now constituted it may be said that the interest in the 'first four' for the greater part of the season is centered in, or at least 10 clubs. By the new system it would be widened to say 15. This is one of the good points in the suggestion. But it can safely be said that the 10 clubs in the Northern League would be at the head of the respective County Leagues, and thus would remain in the Northern League. If this was so, then apart from the fifteen clubs already provided for, there are still left over a dozen. They have no further incentive than at present. There could be no relegation from the County Leagues. This relegation is suggested as the means of keeping up the interest to the end of the season, and it is pointed out that not being in force, the bottom clubs are somewhat uncatered for, if I may use the word. The new idea, therefore, does not help matters in this respect. It also does away with the "first four" principle, which undoubtedly provides considerable interest, and for the clubs engaged, additional revenue. These are some of reasons against the new idea, but at the same time I should like to offer my respects to the gentleman responsible. He has evidently got the interest of the game at heart, and dives beneath the surface in his endeavour.

A Worthy Case for Charity.

I regret to hear that H. Waddington, one time three-quarter back of the old (Continued on page 14).

“Northern League.”

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Barrow	6.13	7.9	37.0	21.5	18.0	12.0	9.0	15.10	12.2	3.4	5.7	16.5	6.15	11.3	3.10	0.8	9.10	12.5
Batley	7.9	8.3	14.0	14.0	12.0	5.0	2.3	12.0	21.5	3.4	5.7	16.5	6.15	11.3	3.10	0.8	9.10	12.5
Bradford	8.3	16.5	21.5	21.5	18.0	12.0	2.3	12.0	21.5	3.4	5.7	16.5	6.15	11.3	3.10	0.8	9.10	12.5
Bramley	15.0	13.7	26.0	46.0	13.7	26.0	46.0	13.7	26.0	46.0	13.7	26.0	46.0	13.7	26.0	46.0	13.7	26.0
Broughton R.	5.16	5.8	16.5	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Coventry.	5.16	5.8	16.5	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Dewsbury.	13.7	26.0	46.0	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Ebbw Vale	16.6	21.5	43.0	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Halifax	33.0	56.5	44.3	6.9	34.8	37.14	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8
Huddersfield	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Hull	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Kingst'n R'vs.	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Hunslet	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Keighley	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Leigh	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Oldham	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Rochdale	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Runcorn	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
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Warrington	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Widnes	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
Wigan	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8
York	11.0	18.8	21.9	2.4	14.5	5.6	3.8	10.5	4.3	5.5	13.2	9.8	5.0	13.0	3.8	10.3	8.4	7.8

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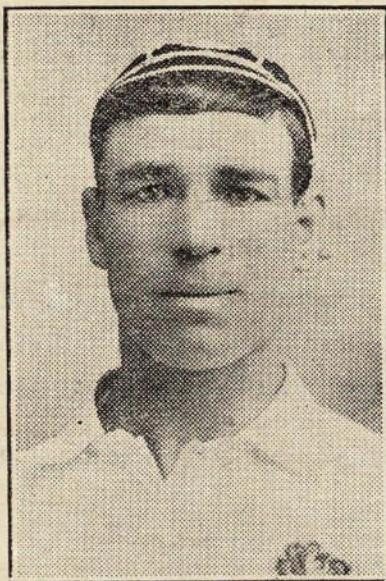
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(By OBSERVER.)

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But Woods soon established himself in popular favour, and that others outside Rochdale have recognised his good qualities is apparent from the fact that the Northern Union have rewarded him with all the honours possible.

Woods, like many other clever forward exponents, has found that the Northern Union rules provide far more opportunities to the brainy forward, than the old regulation. Now a scrummager has almost equal opportunities with the backs, and the fast and heady forward commands far better prospects than he did in the old game.

Woods, despite his brilliance in the open, is a forward who does not shirk his duties in the ruck. He recognises that a forwards first duty is to keep the ball from the other side, and his capital work in this respect is a fitting example for others to follow. We have men in the Northern Union who do not consider a loose forward should work in the ruck. Fortunately, for Rochdale, Woods holds other views.

A Representative Player.

I have greatly admired the play of Woods in this season's representative games and know that his brilliance earned the notice of the Colonials. He was ever prominent in those stirring struggles, and the season of 1911-12, will I think, be regarded with satisfaction by Woods, even though through no fault of the Hornets forwards, his side are now not interested in the Northern Union Cup.

A Fine Forward.

Typically, Woods is a forward of the right sort. He plays more for his side than for himself, and after bringing into use every ounce of his weight in the scrummage, his admirable physique carries him to distinction in the open.

His dribbles are a feature of his play, and his control of the ball is remarkable. He has perfected his play in this phase of the game, and with it all he has not lost his effectiveness in defence. He is a rare tackler, courageous to a degree, and rarely misses his man when he reaches the danger zone.

In brief, Woods is one of the best all-round forwards playing the Northern Union game, and his success in big games this season has given much satisfaction to his hosts of admirers in Rochdale.

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Squibs from Everywhere.

The postponed England v. Wales match will not be played this season.

There are fifteen Northern League games on Monday and Tuesday.

Leigh turned the tables on the Rangers of Broughton, in the very last minute of the game at Wheater's Field.

A Good Friday win by Wigan over St. Helens, would give the Lancashire County League cup to the Central Park team.

The Davies and Williams Welsh wing at Oldham scored nine tries against Runcorn, the centre having five to his credit and the wing man, four.

Sullivan, the Leeds centre three-quarter back, sustained a fractured ankle in the early portion of the second half, in the game against Wigan.

Alder, who played centre three-quarter back for Halifax, is a Featherstone youth who has just entered his eighteenth year.

Runcorn and Bradford were the only teams in the Northern League, last Saturday, who failed to record a solitary scoring point.

The Northern League committee have given notice that all matches which concern the "first four" must be played on or before next Saturday.

Huddersfield and Hull Kingston Rovers are fighting hard for the Yorkshire County League cup, and there is only a point in favour of the County Challenge Cup holders.

Holland, the Huddersfield full-back, was deposed last Saturday in favour of Kitchen, who played with such pronounced success that Hull only beat him once.

The Broughton Rangers club have secured a new ground in Broughton, on terms which allow of ultimate purchase. The reason for the change is that the present ground owner has increased the rent so much that the club officials feel compelled to give notice.

Had there been a good goal-kicker in the Oldham side last Saturday, they might have established the season's record in points scored. Huddersfield's 71 against Coventry is the best, but in the Oldham match, only four out of sixteen tries were improved.

The writer of the Northern Union Notes in the Liverpool echo was very wide of the mark, when in commenting on the Oldham v. Huddersfield cup tie, he wrote, "It was a splendid match, I have been told, and the pity only is that one of the visitors' three-quarter backs should so far forget himself as to be the means of handicapping his side, and virtually losing them the match. You know how serious it is to be deprived of the services of an exceptionally clever back player. This was Huddersfield's sole reason for defeat, to my mind."

Prominent Players in the Semi-Finals.



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THE CUP.

Progress of the Clubs.

1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	Semi-finals.
Coventry 3	Oldham 12	Oldham 2	Oldham
Oldham 21	Wigan 8	Wigan 0	
Wigan 35	Leigh 6	Huddersfield 0	
Highfield 10	Huddersfield 33		
Leigh 13			
Hunslet 0			
Huddersfield 30			
Swinton 0			
Beverley 5	*Hull K. R's. 0	Warrington 5	Wakefield Trinity
Hull Kingston R's. 34	Warrington 3		
*Normanton St. Johns 0			
Warrington 75			
Millom 0	Keighley 2	*Wakefield 10	
Keighley 11	Wakefield 13		
Wakefield Trinity 10			
Leeds 2			
Hull 20	Hull 27	Hull 2	Hullfax
York 8	Rochdale H. 5		
Bradford 0			
Rochdale Hornets 13			
Halifax 10	Halifax 19	Halifax 11	
Ebbw Vale 2			
Broughton Rangers. 25	Broughton 8		
Bramley 3			
Widnes 3	Salford 8	Dewsbury 5	Dewsbury
Salford 8			
Dewsbury 36	Dewsbury 9		
Lane End United. 9			
Barrow 13	*Barrow 5	Batley 2	
St. Helens 0			
Batley 22	Batley 7		
Runcorn 0			

*Re-play.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

OLD LION (Swinton).—Season 1903-4, League results were 12 won, 19 lost, 5 drawn. (2) Ten games they played during the season without scoring a point. (3) The highest scoring game was at Swinton, the home side making 2 goals, 5 tries, to Keighley, 1 try. (4) They were knocked out of the cup in the re-play with Warrington, by 4 goals, 4 tries to nothing.

CURIOUS (Wakefield).—The past winners of the Northern Union cup are Batley (thrice), Oldham, Swinton, Broughton Rangers (twice), Halifax (twice), Warrington (twice), Bradford, Hunslet, Wakefield Trinity and Leeds.

T.P.L. (Wigan).—Strictly speaking, you are right, but the cup went to Oldham because they beat Wigan in the deciding game. For League games proper, the two sides finished each with 83.82 per cent.

J.B. (Rochdale Hornets).—The rule you want is rule 13 of the Challenge cup rules. It reads as follows: "The duration of each match shall be one hour and twenty minutes, i.e., forty minutes from each goal. The interval at half time shall not exceed five minutes, during which time the players may leave the field, but should any player leave the field during the progress of play, without the permission of the referee, such player shall not be allowed to take any further part in the game. When a match has resulted in a draw, it must be re-

played on the following Wednesday, unless the clubs mutually agree to an earlier day, and notify the same to the Hon. Secretary of the Union. If the second match also result in a drawn game, the re-played tie must be played on the following Friday, unless the clubs mutually agree to an earlier day."

Correspondence.

To the Editor "Northern Union News."

Dear Sir,—As an old supporter of the Salford club, I should like your opinion on the Northern Union committee electing to play their semi-final at Broughton, whereas had the game been played at Waste it would have been a distinct help to the funds of a club who are struggling to keep the Northern Union flag flying. Instead of assisting the club they have done their best to rob Salford of what might have been a good "gate" against Hull Kingston Rovers. Hoping you will find room in your valuable journal for this letter.

I am, yours, etc.—

AXLE PIN.

NOTES AND NOTIONS.—Continued.

Broughton Rangers' club, is now lying in hospital, suffering from cancer, and I am also sorry to hear that little hopes are entertained as to his recovery. Things with him are not rosy, financially, efforts are being made to alleviate the troubles and difficulties of his wife and family by a subscription list. I feel sure that such a deserving object will meet with a hearty response from all genuine sportsmen, as it always does.

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April 8th.

Coventry v. Oldham.—G. F. Dickenson (Halifax); A. Roscoe (Broughton), J. Valentine.

Batley v. Keighley.—R. Robinson (Bradford); H. G. Roebuck, H. Whiteley (Wakefield).

Bradford v. Runcorn.—W. McCutcheon (Oldham); E. J. Kilvington, C. E. Heydon (Halifax).

Halifax v. Ebbw Vale.—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens); F. Bennett (Batley), T. W. Smith (Keighley).

Huddersfield v. Broughton Rangers.—J. F. May (St. Helens); T. H. Wainwright (Leeds), F. Crowther (Bradford).

Hull K.R. v. Bramley.—J. W. Whiteley (Wakefield); F. Wilson (York), G. Fowler (Leeds).

Leeds v. York.—H. Edmondson (Bradford); A. Day (Batley), J. E. Greenwood (Halifax).

Rochdale Hornets v. Barrow.—W. W. Taylor (Hunslet); A. Edwards, F. Ratcliffe (Swinton).

St Helens v. Wakefield Trin.—W. H. Wood (Huddersfield); H. Ball (Wigan), H. Farmer (Runcorn).

Warrington v. Salford.—J. C. Lumley (Leeds); G. F. Hutchins (Oldham), W. Wallwork (Swinton).

Widnes v. Dewsbury.—F. Renton (Hunslet); W. T. Chapman, J. Jones (Wigan).

Wigan v. Hull.—A. Smith (Halifax); E. J. Hannaford, E. Williams (Widnes).

April 9th.

Coventry v. Broughton Rangers.—W. H. Wood (Huddersfield); G. Robinson, R. Acton.

Hunslet v. Bradford.—E. Tonge (Swinton); C. E. Heydon (Halifax), D. Fitzgerald (Batley).

Hull K. R. v. Ebbw Vale.—R. Robinson (Bradford); A. Brown (Wakefield), A. Day (Batley).

April 13th.

THE CHALLENGE CUP.

Semi-Finals.

Wakefield Trinity v. Oldham (at Broughton).—F. Renton (Hunslet).

Halifax v. Dewsbury (at Huddersfield).—J. F. May (St. Helens).

Bradford v. Huddersfield.—A. Smith (Halifax); A. E. Kaine (Dewsbury), M. Carr (Hunslet).

Bramley v. York.—R. Robinson (Bradford); H. G. Roebuck (Huddersfield), J. E. Greenwood (Halifax).

Hull v. Wakefield T.—F. Renton (Hunslet); F. R. Wilson (York), J. W. Scholes (Dewsbury).

Hunslet v. St. Helens.—A. Hestford (Broughton); J. Oakland (Batley), C. E. Heydon (Halifax).

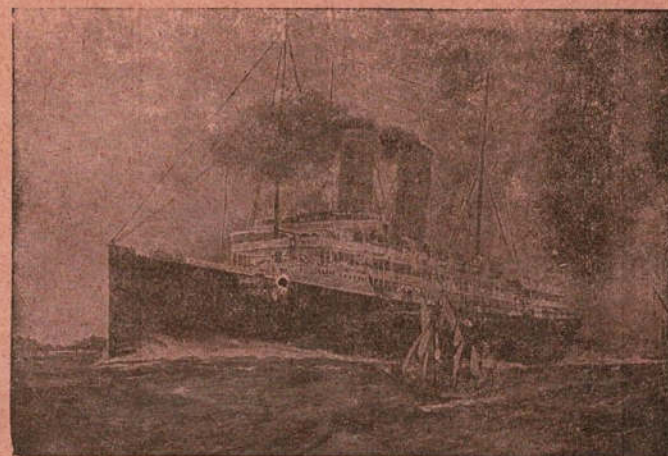
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Salford v. Hull Kingston R.—J. W. Whiteley (Wakefield); R. H. Moore (Oldham), F. Crabtree (Rochdale).

Wigan v. Widnes.—W. McCutcheon (Oldham); J. Valentine, W. Cross (Preston).

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