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MEN AND MATTERS.

County Cups. Although, as regards general interest the County Cup Competitions cannot be compared with that of the Challenge Cup tournament, the games last Saturday, even if there was not a match of outstanding attraction, resulted in a splendid financial return.

The Aggregate Receipts. The five Yorkshire ties, brought in receipts of £973, whilst the four Lancashire matches benefited the clubs concerned to the extent of £860, in all a grand aggregate of over £1800. That there is money in the County Cups is evident.

The Black List. Unfortunately the Yorkshire ties resulted in several players having to answer charges of misconduct, and the County Committee passed the following periods of suspension:—A. H. Crossland (Wakefield), Nov. 15; T. Herridge (Hull), Nov. 1; J. R. Beams (Halifax), Nov. 1; P. Judge (Batley) Nov. 15; J. Tempest (Keighley) Nov. 1. B. Craven, of Bradford, was reported for using bad language in a match, and suspended up to and including Dec. 25.

Tour Terms Accepted. As we expected, the New South Wales League has agreed to the Northern Union terms, and a representative team will next season tour Australia and New Zealand. The special sub-committee to complete the arrangements will commence its duties at once.

For the Juniors. The Yorkshire County Union recognise the educational power of the various School Leagues in the County, and have decided to make the following grants:—Leeds and District, £7; Hull and District, £7; Huddersfield and District, £4.

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Pithy Pars.—continued.

Bland, the new player from Wigan Highfield, will play centre three-quarter back for Broughton Rangers against Halifax, at Thrum Hall, to-day. Slater has retained his place, while Scott and Barnes will be on the wings. Jones and Barlow will be the half-backs. Mundy, the Welsh half-back, is included in the second team against Halifax "A," and Davidson, Barr, Beetham, and Roberts have also places in the latter side.

"Dai" Davies, the ex-Swinton half-back, has been elected captain of the Leigh team, and resumes to-day after his injury.

There are several League games postponed next week on account of the Cup ties.

The Lancashire Cup.

(By F.A.M.)

THE draw for the second round of the Lancashire County Cup, on the whole, divides the clubs into an interesting quartette of games. Without doubt the outstanding game is that at Salford, where the home thirteen entertain Wigan.

Local opinion will of course favour success to the Salford team. Thomas and his colleagues invariably do well in these home contests with Wigan, and if, as I am informed, the "Reds" are shewing the good form of last season, then they should enter the fray with confidence, for Wigan are by no means to me the convincing force of last season.

I have seen the Central Park men on two occasions and I missed the wonderful combination which marked their efforts last season. In the Oldham game I attributed this deficiency to want of practice but even last Saturday the play of the Wigan backs revealed a big deterioration on what I witnessed in season 1912-13.

Thus then Salford need only to give of their best to win, but I have hopes that Wigan will also rise to the occasion. Then those fortunate enough to be present will witness a great struggle between great teams.

Widnes visit Oldham and though the "Chemicals" won their first round tie with a big margin, they are faced with a greater obstacle next week. Oldham are a much improved side and the improvement has been of the gradual order which leads me to think that it will be all the more permanent. I think Widnes will not progress further in this season's competition.

Barrow, the surprise team of the first round are again called upon to play from home, but I do not regard their task as equal to that successfully overcome last week. Leigh of course must win a match before long, but unless the Furness men play much below their form at Wilderspool, Leigh's victory will not materialise next week.

The remaining game is between St. Helens and Runcorn, and as Turtill and his men won at Runcorn earlier in the season, they should even improve on that display, if ground advantage counts for anything: Runcorn have a poor league record, and though St. Helens have frequently proved disappointing I look for their inclusion in the next round.

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Pithy Pars.

Representatives of the Huddersfield Northern Union Club have approached C. B. Rees, the Aberavon three quarter back, and (so it is said) offered him £100 down and other inducements, but the player up to the present has stated he will remain in Aberavon.

Hull are lamenting mishaps to several of their prominent players who will be unable to participate in their next few matches. Three of their best men were badly injured in Saturday's cup-tie at Wakefield, Gilbert has a broken nose, necessitating three weeks' absence. Devereux has burst the ligaments of his left ankle, and will be off eight weeks. Francis is suffering from concussion of the brain, and is confined to his bed.

Todd, the Huddersfield reserve wing three-quarter back, scored five tries against Bramley.

St. Helens and Wigan are the only Combination teams with a century of scoring points to their credit.

Last seasons Lancashire cup finalists and the Yorkshire cup-holders were both beaten at the first time of asking for this season's trophies.

The silver cup given to commemorate the scoring of the first try on the new ground was secured by W. Heyes one of the Broughton Rangers forwards.

The meeting of Wigan and Huddersfield next Saturday week should provide another record for Central Park.

Dewsbury will not need to compensate Bradford for next week's postponed league game. Both teams are engaged in the cup competition.

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PAVILION GOSSIP.

Hurrah! The Northern Union Committee's terms have been accepted by the New South Wales League for a tour to the Antipodes next summer. Wonder how many Oldhamers will "catch" the team? Surely some will be favoured.

To beat Broughton in the manner our team did last week was very creditable, though many chances were missed by the "bhoys."

The club have a record membership this season. We have over 2,400 members, exclusive of ladies and boys.

We have been favoured with Dame Fortune in the draw for the Lancashire Cup, and next Saturday we shall meet Widnes at Watersheddings. To-day's battle, therefore, should be all the more interesting.

The usual prices will be charged for the cup-tie next week. Reserved seat tickets may be obtained from Mr. Swann at 1/6 each, which includes admission to the ground.

We compliment to-day's visitors on their good work of the season.

Hall fairly pleased the Broughton people by his brilliance on Saturday; if fact the work of all our backs, particularly in the second half, was quite a contrast to that of the Rangers.

The veteran, Joe Ferguson, was unable to play last week owing to an injury he received the week previous in the county match. He has now sufficiently recovered to resume his place to-day.

Heard at the Cliff last Saturday "Gad." Alf. Wood is best full-back in Union. He "cops" that ball better than anybody else I have ever seen. It's just like dropping in a bucket when the ball gets near his "honds." That was a Ranger's tribute, and it was true, as Alf. was in his best mood.

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Salford have signed on Harry Walker the well-known runner. He stands 5 feet 8 inches, scales 11 stone 9 lbs. and is 26 years of age.

Wigan's opponents should allow the officials a bonus on their "gate" receipts, for Jerram and Owen have proved great attractions. There were 6000 spectators at Headingley last Saturday.

Wigan reserves suffered their first defeat last Saturday. But the Leeds "reserves" savoured somewhat of the senior team with Campbell, Sanders and Davies included.

Woods and Roman were great forces at Central Park.

When the Australian team comes to be selected Bert Jenkins and Coldrick should be early considerations.

On present form Ernest Jones, the Hornets half-back should secure high honours this season.

The Willows is not exactly a favourite ground for the Central Park men. But Seeling and the boys will be all there next week.

Johnny Baxter fairly held his own at Wigan even if he had more tackling to do than usual.

There should be some alteration in the positions of the "upper ten" in the league chart before November is out.

Wigan possess the second best scoring average in the league.

Rochdale Hornets have mastered the art of defence and boasted this morning figures only beaten by Hull.

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Men and Matters—continued.

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My Note Book—continued.

cup-tie opponents in the League game at Swinton that a much more keenly contested game than 24 points to 2 was expected.

Huddersfield of course demonstrated that the scoring of tries is not altogether a lost art at Fartown and in the League tournament Runcorn recorded their first victory of the season at the expense of York—another club in misfortune.

WIGAN v. ROCHDALE HORNETS

A fine tackle by a Wigan player.

Rochdale forwards breaking away.

Northern League. SCORES AT A GLANCE.

	Barrow	Batley	Bradford	Bramley	Broughton R.	Dewsbury	Halifax	Huddersfield	Hull	Kingst'n R'vs	Hunslet	Keighley	Leeds	Leigh	Oldham	Rochdale	Runcorn	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Wakefield	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan	York
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Broughton R.						—							23 2									2 0			
Dewsbury							—			19 5			0 8												
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Huddersfield			4 12					6 8								12 0				11 3					1454
Hull					0 10				—									1612		6 3					
Kingst'n R'vs									5 2	18 5												3 2			1114
Hunslet			6 11	11 4				9 10			—														
Keighley												—	20 0												
Leeds				1022				3110			18 6		—												
Leigh	13 5													—				32 7			23 4				
Oldham								1915							—			1321					11 2		
Rochdale							7 11									—	13 6		0 5						
Runcorn										37 0	10 7				25 4	—									0 16
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St. Helens v. Runcorn.—Referee, J. C. Lumley (Leeds; touch judges, A. Roscoe (Broughton) and A. Lee (Leigh).

Salford v. Wigan.—Referee, G. F. Dickinson (Halifax); touch judges, J. Horrocks (Leigh) and H. Heath (Runcorn).

Oldham v. Widnes.—Referee, J. W. Whiteley (Wakefield) touch judges, H. Lowe (Broughton) and J. Valentine (Salford).

YORKSHIRE CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

Leeds v. Wakefield.—Referee, H. Jackson (St. Helens); touch judges, R. L. Smith (Bradford) and A. Slater (Keighley).

York v. Bradford.—Referee, B. Ennion (Wigan); touch judges, D. Bogg (Bramley) and R. Woods (Hull).

Halifax v. Huddersfield.—Referee, J. F. May (St. Helens); touch judges, J. Oakland (Batley) and T. F. Wilkins (Hunslet).

Dewsbury v. Hull Kingston Rovers.—Referee, W. McCutcheon (Oldham); touch judges, W. O. Smart (Hunslet) and H. Swift (Wakefield).

Northern Rugby League.

Batley v. Swinton.—Referee, F. Crabtree (Rochdale); touch judges, F. Hardwick (Hunslet) and C. Denham (Huddesfield).

Hunslet v. Bramley.--Referee, W. K. Hirst (Dewsbury); touch judges, H. Whitwam (Huddersfield) and D. Longbottom (Halifax).

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