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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

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Sweets and Bitters.

Since our last issue of the "Referee" we have experienced both the sweets and bitters in League football. We had a couple of glorious victories over Barrow and Wigan, and then we had the misfortune to come a cropper at that delightful (?) chemical town—Widnes, last Saturday. Of course, we had not the best of luck at Widnes, and the fact that we had to finish the game with eleven players undoubtedly tended to lessen Oldham's chances of victory. We were assured that the win was very, very welcome to Widnes, who have been none too well blessed with success this season.

team has only been beaten once, and that, curiously enough, was on Wakes Saturday, the first match, and at Watersheddings too. Since then they have had a remarkable run of successes and are anxiously looking forward to wiping out that little stain on their escutcheon when they visit Wilderspool. We are beginning to fancy our chances for the "A" team championship. And why not?

The Lancashire Cup Final.

Broughton Rangers have surprised a lot of people by working their way to the final of the Lancashire Senior Cup; and they will have a tremendous following at Salford, where the final is played on December 4. By the way, we have seen it stated by Mr. Fred Kennedy that Broughton Rangers have never lost a final tie. We have some faint recollection, however, of Oldham giving our friends from Broughton a terrible shaking in the final for the Lancashire Cup on November 30th, 1907 at Rochdale. That was the occasion when the Oldham team got lost in the fog after the game and only reached the town with the cup after ten o'clock in the evening. It was some win was that; and it was also some fog!

The Christmas and New Year's Programme.

We shall soon have Christmas and New Year's holidays here, and what a delightful programme of matches! Christmas Day will see the old-time battle with the Swinton "Lions." New Year's Day will bring us face to face with Warrington for the return encounter, and then on the Monday following (January 3, 1921) we shall entertain Hull, who will probably be the Yorkshire cupholders by that time. With such fare for Christmas and New Year our members and supporters should be on good terms with themselves.

Our Visitors.

To-day we welcome Widnes to Watersheddings for the return game, so we soon have a chance of trying to atone for last week's defeat. The "Chemicals" have brought off one or two very good performances at Watersheddings. Writing from memory, I believe it was in March, 1903, that Widnes created something of a sensation by being the first team to beat Oldham at Watersheddings for practically two whole seasons. And what a reception the crowd gave Widnes at the close of the game! Especially did they cheer Taylor, their three-quarter, who scored three tries. We well remember how pleased Mr. "Jack" Smith was with that reception. What made that victory all the more remarkable was the fact that Widnes was within an ace of winning at Watersheddings in the previous season. They scored a very good try in the last few minutes, and had they kicked the goal victory would have been theirs, but they failed, and Oldham won by one point.

A Brilliant "A" Team.

There is no wonder that the "gates" are increasing at Watersheddings on the occasion of "A" team matches. So far this season the Oldham reserve

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Many of the older generation of the followers of football will have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Rawson Robertshaw, the one-time famous centre-threequarter of the Bradford Football Club. He was perhaps the most brilliant of three famous brothers—Rawson, Percy, and Herbert. Both Rawson and Percy played for England. Rawson was perhaps about

at his best in 1887. Some of our readers will perhaps remember Rawson Robertshaw's famous slide on the old Clarksfield ground when Bradford opposed Oldham on that enclosure. The ground was in a most shocking state owing to the heavy rains. In fact the ground was so bad that the late Mr. John Potter sent a consignment of blankets on the Saturday morning, and an attempt was made to mop up the water.

Pavilion Gossip.

That was a great performance at Wigan the other Saturday. Oldham's victory gave the "Colliers" something to think about.

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Things would not be so very lively on Wigan pier after Oldham had been and captured those two points.

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We have heard tell of "carrying coal to Newcastle," and now we have the spectacle of carrying Coles to Wigan.

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Coles, the Welshman, who made his debut against Oldham, played in the name of Jones. You see there is that much coal and so many Joneses in Wales that there would be ever so much difficulty in proving which seam they came from.

* * *

Widnes "A" team took their gruel-ling very sportingly last Saturday. One of them even smiled when "The Voice" from the Penny Rush sympathetically shouted: "Lend 'em a man, Oldham!"

* * *

There were two outstanding features in last Saturday's game at Watersheddings: Catterall's wonderful goal-kick- ing—eight out of ten attempts; and the swerving runs of Reggie Farrar. His two tries were real beauties, and left the opposition quite stupefied.

* * *

If the Oldham first fifteen would run up a score or two like their junior brethren, we should soon solve the

vexed question "Where do all the tries go to in the winter time?" To Oldham's score sheet.

* * *

Through some little mishap with the (Gas) Mantle Department the Oldham "A" team had to dress in the dark after last Saturday's match. They didn't grumble; they simply made light of the affair.

Beatson, our latest capture, hails from Hawick. We believe that Hawick is pronounced "Ike." Very probably the Penny Rushites will quickly know him as "Ike" Beatson. Just you notice.

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Tom Fletcher, son of the once famous Tom Fletcher who was the delight of the Watersheddings and other crowds, played centre three-quarter on Saturday for Cumberland against Cheshire at Sale.

* * *

We hear that there was a good sprinkling of Northern Union officials at Sale on Saturday. Probably some of them thought it was a bargain sale instead of a football match.

* * *

We noticed that a prominent Oldham official was again sporting his favourite flower last Saturday. As a matter of fact some people think that the gentleman in question would look somewhat orchid without one. But, you see, there's a right way and a wrong way of Holden one; and, as the Irishman would say, in this case it is the "Royton."

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The Australasian Tour.

Complete Statistics.

We have been asked by a few readers of the "Referee" if we had any statistics relative to the last Australasian tour. Below we have pleasure in giving a complete return, which should be well worth preserving:—

MATCHES PLAYED.

	New		Total.	G. T. P.		
	Australia.	Zealand.		G.	T.	P.
G. Thomas	11	7	18	7	1	17
A. E. Wood	4	3	7	29	0	58
W. J. Stone	10	7	17	1	24	74
J. A. Bacon	10	7	17	2	23	73
C. Stacey	7	4	11	0	7	21
S. Stockwell	7	4	11	1	15	47
H. Wagstaff	8	5	13	0	10	30
Evan Davies	4	7	11	0	13	39
D. Hurcombe	9	4	13	1	5	17
J. Doyle	5	3	8	0	8	24
J. H. Rodgers	8	1	9	3	2	12
J. Parkin	6	7	13	1	19	59
E. W. Jones	8	7	15	0	3	9
R. Lloyd	8	3	11	0	4	12
A. Milnes	6	3	9	0	1	3
J. Cartwright	8	7	15	0	1	3
W. Cunliffe	9	6	15	0	1	3
J. Bowers	6	5	11	0	4	12
G. A. Skelhorn	6	7	13	0	4	12
W. Reid	6	4	10	0	8	24
B. Gronow	10	6	16	65	2	136
H. Hilton	13	6	19	0	9	27
G. Rees	3	2	5	0	0	0
A. Johnson	8	4	12	0	2	6
D. Clark	6	6	12	0	3	9
F. Gallagher	8	3	11	0	3	9
J. Wilson	1	2	3	1	0	2

The details of each gate, with dates, are as follow:—

Date.	Match at	Gross gate.	Attendance.
June 5	Metropolis	£5,739 15 3	75,000
" 9	Oranji	93 16 0	2,000
" 12	New South Wales	4,261 6 9	60,000
" 16	New South Wales	4,248 10 0	60,000
" 19	Queensland	1,544 4 4	20,000
" 21	Bundaberg	183 12 1	3,500
" 22	Rockhampton	311 11 0	5,000
" 24	Ipswich	274 17 0	5,000
" 26	Brisbane	2,532 4 11	28,000
" 28	Toowoomba	203 3 0	4,000
July 3	Sydney	2,826 19 11	40,000
" 7	Tamworth	151 0 0	3,000
" 10	Sydney	1,908 6 3	32,000
Aug. 25	Newcastle	117 5 3	3,000
" 28	Newcastle	394 12 1	6,000
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Broughton Rangers	Away	...	1 3 11	...	0 2 6	...	Won
Leigh	Home	...	1 2 8	...	2 2 10	...	Lost
Batley	Away	...	0 2 6	...	4 4 20	...	Lost
Dewsbury	Home	...	1 3 11	...	0 1 3	...	Won
Hull	Away	...	1 1 5	...	2 2 10	...	Lost
Leigh (L.C.)	Home	...	0 0 0	...	0 2 6	...	Lost
Huddersfield	Home	...	1 1 5	...	1 1 5	...	Draw
Wigan	Away	...	3 2 12	...	0 2 6	...	Won
Barrow	Home	...	2 3 13	...	1 1 5	...	Won
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“STUNG.”—Yes, Widnes had a
player named Aspey; but we do not
agree with you in saying that at
times the player was (W)aspey. You
might think this is a stinging retort,
but, anyhow, that is our considered
opinion.

“COTTON SHARES.”—Very sorry;
but surely you don't expect us to tell
you how many mills one can count
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Mills; if there's any dispute, he'll be
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go “on Owdham Edge bowt hat.”

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tard.” We quite agree with you;
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OLDHAM	—	19-11	7-2	—	—	10-5	—	11-3	—	17-0	2-13	—	16-5	14-7	5-11	6-11	—	16-9	23-6	—	—	20-6	7-13	—	—
Warrington	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13-9	—	5-33	16-5	—	3-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rochdale	5-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	2-0	4-10	—	—	—	—	—	5-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hallifax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Hull	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hunslet	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Huddersfield	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
York	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Helens Rec.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bradford N.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wigan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Wakefield T.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Keighley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dewsbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hull K. R.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bramley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Away matches read across.

Home matches down column.

Visitor's Score is always last.