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A London Experiment. Australasians' Second Defeat

It was a happy idea on the part of the Northern Union Council to take an English team to London on Monday to meet the Australasians, and all concerned must have been highly satisfied with the venture. To Londoners the novelty of the professional game made a potent appeal, and it was pleasing to find a crowd of 13,000 at the well-appointed Highbury ground. And those who attended were rewarded by seeing a game which, though far from being thrilling, was full of interest. England gained a great victory, and this was the first occasion on which the Australasians had failed to make a try. The performance of the English lads was therefore a brilliant one.

Those who were present will

never forget that penalty goal scored by young Tom Clarkson, which gave his side the victory. The spectators looked on with amazement as this frail-looking lad even had the audacity to make a try for goal from the half-way line. One could easily have heard a pin drop as the Leigh full-back took the kick, but when the crowd saw the ball travel well over the bar the shouting must have been heard well nigh in the heart of the city. It was a crowning effort to what had been a truly magnificent performance. Tom Clarkson has left behind him a big name in the South. He was the star artist on the side so far as the backs were concerned. The forwards, however, were again a great factor, and so long we can keep W. Cunliffe, Cartwright, and Skelthorne in the front row we have nothing to fear from the Australasians. As in the Test match at Leeds, they were well beaten. Still, the opposing six played well, and Burge and Watkins were always looking for openings.

The Australasians were naturally disappointed at again being beaten; still, they had to admit that the better side had been successful.

At one time it used to be said that Lancashire could boast of its backs, but that Yorkshire possessed the forwards. The order seems to have been reversed. The County Palatine never had better forwards than at the present day and we shall be disappointed if Herman Hilton, or Taylor, of Hull, is not included in the next Test team.

The Northern Union Council magnanimously decided to hand over the whole of their share of the proceeds to the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for the Relief of Famine in Russia. They also

paid all their own expenses, which amounted to over £250, and also gave £50 to the Fund. This was truly a great sporting action, worthy of the game we espouse, and the South will never forget us. We have now a glorious chance of making headway, and the Council mean to work hard to extend their borders. We heard of one gentleman, who was so pleased with the London venture, proffering to pay all the expenses for an England v. Wales match to be played in the South, and it is to be hoped the offer will be accepted.

An Outsider's Opinion.

It will be of interest to read what an outsider says of the game:—

"I have seen all the forms of football, from the Eton wall game and 'follow-up, follow-up' at Harrow, to an American college battle in leather armour, but the Northern Union code, as played at Highbury yesterday, is the most brilliant of the lot.

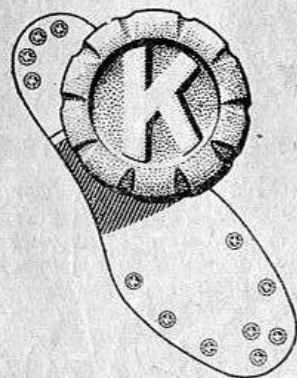
"Breathlessly fast, aglow with brilliant movements and clever individualism, it beats Rugby or Soccer," he declares, enthusiastically.

The grand stand at Highbury was crammed with famous sportsmen from all the great games. Adrian Stoop, Jack Hobbs, and "Jerry Weigall" were one little handful.

It is hardly likely, however, that the efforts to popularise the Northern Union game in the South will succeed, as the Rugby Union code is coming more and more into favour.

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has been possible for many a day, but even more significant is the number of schools that are going over from the Association to the Rugby side.

Both preparatory and the public schools are making the change, and where, in a few cases, both codes are played, Rugby undoubtedly predominates. One instance of what is happening is given by the following advertisement that appeared in a provincial paper recently.

"— school, having adopted the Rugby code, has a number of Association footballs for distribution among boys' clubs and institutes."

Still, if Rugby football is booming there is always a great chance for propaganda work.

The Australasians will undoubtedly give our game a great fillip. They are playing it in the right spirit.

We feel confident they will receive a big welcome at Wigan this afternoon. And Colonial teams have cause to remember their visits to Central Park. Wigan were the first team to defeat Baskerville's powerful side who toured the Northern Union in 1907-8.

That was a remarkable contest, and Wigan won by 12 pts. to 8. The late Jimmy Latham was then in his prime, and he had the satisfaction of crossing the "All Blacks" line on three occasions. Then the "Kangaroos" came over in 1909, and Wigan lowered their colours; while the Australians in 1911 were beaten.

Will history repeat itself today? No matter what the result, the Colonials will find the Wigan enthusiasts thorough sportsmen, and if Cubitt's men win, Wigan will be the first to congratulate them.

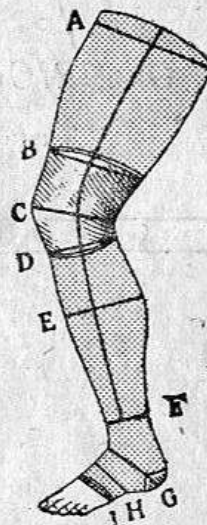
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Full Back.

1. SULLIVAN.

Three-quarter Backs.

16. BLINKHORN.

12. CRAIG.

17. FRASER.

11. HORDER.

Three-quarter Backs.

2. COLES.

3. HOWLEY.

4. HURCOMBE.

5. E. L. SMITH.

Half Backs.

9. THOMPSON.

10. CAPLES.

Half Backs.

6. HESKETH.

7. OWENS.

Forwards.

1. PEARCE.

3. SCHULTZ.

2. RYAN.

4. BURGE.

6. WATKINS.

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Forwards.

8. WOODS.

9. HODDER.

10. COLDRICK.

11. SHAW.

12. MOLYNEUX.

13. H. BANKS.

14. R. HEY.

SWINTON:

- Full Back.
1. **BRITTON.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **F. EVANS.**
3. **HALSALL.**
4. **DAWSON.**
5. **T. L. SMITH.**
- Half Backs.
6. **ARNOLD** or **JENKINS.**
7. **J. EVANS.**
- Forwards.
8. **CULLIS.**
9. **BLEWER.**
10. **WORSLEY.**
11. **UNSWORTH.**
12. **BAILEY.**
13. **POWELL.**
14. **J. E. SMITH.**

Broughton Rangers:

- Full Back.
1. **YOUNG, W.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **BENTHAM, W.**
3. **SCOTT, H.**
4. **BATTERSBY, E.**
5. **CRITCHLEY, J.**
- Half Backs.
6. **MOSS, T.**
7. **KELLY, T.**
- Forwards.
8. **LARKIN, W. (Capt.).**
9. **RICHARDSON, J.**
10. **PRICE, J.**
11. **SCOTT, J.**
12. **SLATER, L. J.**
13. **CURREN, J.**
14. **SIMPSON, G.**

BARROW:

- Full Back.
1. **METCALFE.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **WALLACE.**
3. **DOBSON.**
4. **CORRIS.**
5. **WILLIAMS.**
- Half Backs.
6. **R. SPENCER.**
7. **HICKTON.**
- Forwards.
8. **DANIELS.**
9. **BURGESS.**
10. **BROWN.**
11. **NEWMAN.**
12. **GOTT.**
13. **GIFFORD.**

ST. HELENS:

- Full Back.
1. **PARKINSON.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **CROOKS.**
3. **M'LOUGHLIN.**
4. **BRADBURY.**
5. **GORMLEY.**
- Half Backs.
6. **GROVES.**
7. **FAIRCLOUGH.**
- Forwards.
8. **FARRIMOND.**
9. **HEATON.**
10. **CLAREY.**
11. **HIGGINS.**
12. **ROBINSON.**
13. **JONES.**

ST. HELENS RECS.:

- Full Back.
1. **AINGE.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **OWEN.**
3. **SMITH.**
4. **ASHALL.**
5. **M'COMAS.**
- Half Backs.
6. **DINGSDALE.**
7. **GREENALL.**
- Half Backs.
8. **SIMS.**
9. **MULVANNEY.**
10. **RAMSDALE.**
11. **LEYLAND.**
12. **CARTWRIGHT.**
13. **BOWEN.**
14. **GRUNDY.**
15. **M'NULTY.**

OLDHAM:

- Full Back.
1. **PARKINSON.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **GRIMES.**
3. **HALL.**
4. **DAVIES.**
5. **FARRAR.**
- Half Backs.
6. **DONOVAN.**
7. **BATES.**
- Forwards.
8. **COLLINS.**
9. **TOMKINS.**
10. **BROWN.**
11. **MARLOR.**
12. **SLOEMAN.**
13. **HILTON.**
14. **STEPHENSON.**

LEIGH:

- Full Back.
1. **CLARKSON.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **TAYLOR.**
3. **EMERY.**
4. **THOMAS.**
5. **BRAUND** or **FAIRHURST.**
- Half Backs.
6. **MOONEY.**
7. **PARKINSON.**
- Forwards.
8. **CARTWRIGHT.**
9. **WINSTANLEY.**
10. **DAVIES.**
11. **DARWELL.**
12. **COFFEY.**
13. **BOARDMAN.**

WIDNES:

- Full Back.
1. **H. TAYLOR.**
- Three-quarter Backs.
2. **R. GREGORY.**
3. **C. REDMOND.**
4. **F. STOCKLEY.**
5. **H. YOUNG.**
- Half Backs.
6. **J. KELLY.**
7. **C. BESWICK.**
- Forwards.
8. **W. TOWNSEND.**
9. **H. O'GARRA.**
10. **T. DAVIES.**
11. **W. REID.**
12. **A. JOHNSON.**
13. **T. HIGGINS.**
14. **J. O'GARRA.**
15. **J. H. HIGGINS.**

Points for Spectators.

There are always little points of interest cropping up in the game, and some, to say the least, are puzzling. Suppose, for instance, a player leaves the field, being dissatisfied with the referee, and then returns at a later stage and prevents a certain try being scored, what is the position?—The player is quite in order in returning if he has not been ordered off by the referee.

We have seen on many occasions a player, instead of taking a kick at goal, deceive the opposition by putting in a short punt and then getting possession of the ball again. Suppose an attacking side is given a free kick close to goal line. The player taking the kick retires to the 25 yards' line, but instead of kicking for goal, kicks the ball a few yards, and then picking it up, runs over the line and claims a try?—The player under such circumstances cannot claim a try, for the ball would not reach the line of the mark. The referee should order a scrummage.

There is a lot of misunderstanding about the knock-on. Say a player running forward his arms uplifted and rigid, charged an opponent's kick, the

ball going forward off his hands or arms, is it a knock-on, or is it playable by one of his own side?—In this case it is a knock-on, for the player was running at the time. Had he been stationary the ball would be playable without a scrummage being called.

Spectators should always remember that it is necessary for a referee to blow his whistle in all cases when the ball strikes a player who is unintentionally offside, *unless* the opposite side gain the advantage.

It is compulsory for the defending side to take the loose head in a scrummage.

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The County Cup.

Next Saturday League football will be practically dormant in the county, for the afternoon will be given over to the first round of the Lancashire Senior Cup, and there should be some interesting ties. The draw is as follows:—

Broughton R. v. Wigan.

Barrow v. Askam.

Leigh v. Wigan Highfield.

Rochdale Hornets v. Oldham.

St. Helens Recs. v. Swinton.

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The great match will undoubtedly be that at Broughton,

and the cup-holders will have a real test. It should be a game worth going a long way to see. The Hornets and Oldham tie will be another "Derby," while the Recs. have attractive visitors in Swinton.

Wigan, of course, hold the record for the cup with Oldham, for they have won it on four occasions, in 1905-6, 1908-9, 1909-10, and 1912-13, Oldham's seasons being 1907-8, 1910-11, 1913-14, and 1919-20.

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Little Hesketh, the Wigan half-back, simply made rings round Johnny Rogers at Huddersfield.

Gwyn Thomas regards Howley as one of the finest centres playing the game to-day.

John Greenall is just now at the top of his form, and the Recs.' supporters know what this means.

Hard luck on Owen missing his train at London on Tuesday. He had deposited his cash wallet in the safe at the hotel, and came to the station without it.

The clever Recs.' winger went back in evens, but the train had gone when he returned.

Owen did not get much support from Todd in the London match.

Tom Clarkson, the Leigh full-back, has made a name for himself in London. His play was well nigh perfect.

Howley has a grand chance for honours in the second Test match at Hull if only he maintains his present form.

How is it Barrow play so well at home and perform so indifferently away?

Metcalf, the new Barrow man, is built on the right lines for a full-back.

"Bluey" Watkins, the Colonials' brilliant loose forward, has already established a reputation equal to that in Australia which secured him the distinction of being one of the first players selected to make the tour.

England's front-row forwards, Cunliffe, Cartwright, and Skelthorne, are Lancashire-born lads.

Hall, Oldham's centre three-quarter back, was a member of the 1914 side to tour Australasia.

Last Monday the England team visited the Cenotaph in London, and Jonathan Parkin, the captain, placed a wreath in memory of fallen comrades.

All the members of the Northern Union Council were present, and the little ceremony was impressive.

Swinton are fortunate in finding good full-backs. They have discovered a youngster who is going to make a name for himself, with luck.

The Australasian forwards will not forget the Broughton six in a hurry.

Rex Norman, full-back or threequarter, has played for New South Wales at cricket in the Sheffield Shield matches for the last three years. His claims were strongly urged for the last Australian eleven.

Ben Briers will be out of the "Saints'" side for a time with a damaged shoulder.

The veteran, Tom Barton, has finished with the game. His scoring record would make good reading.

The display St. Helens gave against Barrow last Saturday will be long remembered. It was really brilliant.

Bob Jackson, the St. Helens referee, is now a free critic on a local paper.

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