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CLUB NOTES.

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Our visitors have lately been showing improved form, and last week, for instance, they held a strong Wigan side to a single point. Recently they secured Barraclough from Featherstone, and he has now settled down into a very efficient back and goal-kicker. For wings there are Ingfield, a Cumbrian, who now seems to have found his best position; Evans, a Welshman, signed last season; and Large, the Lancashire County player. Norman Harris, another Welshman, quickly obtained R.L. international status. Mitchell, the other centre, is a local, as is Smith, the scrum half. Stand off has been a difficult position to fill, but this has been overcome by placing Mahoney, a very speedy Welsh centre, there. There are two big pre-war forwards in Ogden and Pugh. Thomas was seven times capped by the Welsh R.U. Tom Ayres is a Barrow lad who, after being tried in various positions, has made a very successful loose forward. George Woods, who joined Oldham in August, appears to have been dogged with ill-luck in the matter of injuries. Several other of our locals have gone there, but have not yet made the grade.

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Some simplification of our rules, however, might make the game more easily understood. For instance, the clauses relating to kick off, dead ball and touch might well be simplified, while the mark and the field goal, for all the use they are, might be abolished. Then efforts to reduce the number of scrums should be carefully and critically tried out. The essential fabric of the code should be

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