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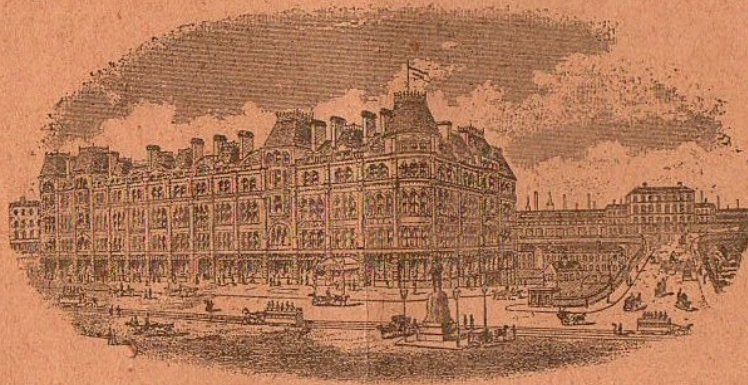
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MEN AND MATTERS.

The Opening Match. Probably the team selected to oppose the Colonials in their opening game will be criticised on the ground that the combination is not the strongest available. But we would point out that this is one of the disadvantages of a Saturday representative match. Clubs must be allowed a reasonable opportunity of selecting a moderately representative side in their League engagements, and the official contention is that the Union's calls are far too numerous.

Work v. Play. We are pleased to observe the spirit in which our Colonial visitors are tackling their task. Banquets and receptions are all very well in their way, but we think few will recommend these luxuries as efficient means for training. By their action in asking the Northern Union to postpone the official reception, the Australasians have shewn good taste.

Signing On. Breaches of the professional laws are more numerous than they should be, and the action of the Union committee in inflicting a monetary penalty on the club at fault, and also suspending the player, should convince all interested that the rules are made to be respected. Players should realise that the signing of any registration form carries with it certain obligations.

Welsh Disasters. Ebbw Vale's Northern tour was not conducive to the foot-ball reputation of the Welsh players who only seem to progress when playing at home. The only representative organisation in the Principality has had a disastrous opening. But we know that Ebbw Vale are capable of better exhibitions than allowing ninety four points to opponents in three successive games, and improvement should soon be made.

The Colonial Captain. Speculation is abroad as to who will lead the Australasians. By general consent, Messenger was originally the favoured player, and his defection has occasioned the many enquiries. We should imagine that C. M'Kivat will be the team's choice. The famous "Wallaby" is a most experienced player, and is universally admitted to be the finest half-back ever produced in Australia.

League "Gates." Although as yet, interest in the competition is not fully aroused, the returns from the various grounds were most satisfactory for the second Saturday of the season. In fact appearances already point to a substantial increase all round, and with the added attraction of a Colonial team, the outlook is particularly rosy as regards financial matters.

The Australasians.

(BY F.A.M.)

TO-DAY the Australasian sub-committee will welcome their guests, the Australasian team, who for the next four months will oppose on the football field the majority of our League teams; the three counties, the two countries, and in three games the whole strength of the Northern Union.

My mission is not to particularise the official doings, but to extend to these Colonials, on behalf of our readers, a hearty welcome, and to hope that they will do well both on and off the field.

They left Sydney on August 5th, the public "send-off" bring together on the quay, over ten thousand ardent enthusiasts, who are now eagerly awaiting the receipt of the first cable, which they fervently hope will give the welcome news of Australasia's first victory.

And I hope that these supporters will not be disappointed, even though pleasure in Australia means corresponding depression in England. The tourists have a most difficult task before them. This they recognise, for two strenuous games each week, against opponents keenly desirous of holding their own with their visitors, has already impressed them with the idea that their sojourn in England is not to be regarded as a picnic.

They come, supported with the knowledge, that, with one or two exceptions, their side is regarded by Australian critics as the strongest which has ever left the Commonwealth. Many of them are making their second visit, so that in one sense they know what lies before them.

But to me, the young men of the party are the most interesting. They have yet to win their spurs, and my careful reading of Colonial opinion, inclines me to think that these young men, unknowns, will develop into the stars of the party.

But of course, all this is problematical. They open their tour at Coventry next Saturday, and the eyes of the Northern Union world will be upon them. The majority of our supporters will wish them success. Each club is only concerned with its own team, but the spirit of good fellowship will be extended to our visitors on every possible occasion.

There are so many seasoned players with the Colonials, that it would be little short of presumption on my part to give advice. They know the evils to be avoided, and I believe lessons learned on previous tours will be respected.

Only by careful attention to training, and only by complete harmony in the ranks, can playing success be attained. It must be remembered that twenty-eight players are available for but thirteen positions, and that the majority will be "resting" every match.

But the managers are gentlemen of tact and experience, and I am confident the players will be strict observers of the rules they have adopted, and which tend to discipline.

I await the kick-off with interest, feeling sure that for the next four months we shall witness some good football.

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LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By THE EDITOR).

I WAS present last Saturday at Widnes, and of course witnessed the great victory of the home team over such formidable rivals as the Rovers of Hull. And rarely, I would say, in many seasons of various experiences on the grounds of League clubs, have I seen such enthusiasm as that prevailing at Widnes. As I sat on the stand I reflected on the appearance of the enclosure some two or three years ago, and the contrast between then and now was most marked. And all this, a most extraordinary revival by the way, has been accomplished in a very limited period, and by enthusiastic club officials who have not moved from their own doorsteps in their team building efforts.

Effective Football.

I only desire to draw attention to a policy which I believe, and others have thought practicable for a long time. Local players are capable of making enthusiasm, and as in past years, there are players of local origin, well capable of holding their own in Northern Union football. Widnes may not be a side with the finish of say Oldham, Wigan or Huddersfield, but the local "Chemicals" can, and do play effective football, which gives pleasure and satisfaction to their supporters. This is from a playing point of view, but the results are equally satisfactory financially.

The Problem To-day.

Last season was a record at Widnes. And judging by the opening, the present season should establish another record. All the season tickets printed have been sold out, and another supply is necessary. This record has been made despite the increased charges, and now the problem of the hour at Widnes is not how to fill the ground, but where to accommodate the greatly increased patronage. I commend the efforts of Widnes to other clubs, and I think the moral is plain.

The Prize Football.

May I again call readers attention to the offer by one of our advertisers, and to ask them to pass on their copy of the "News" to a junior club official or player. I have already received one application, but would point out to my correspondent that he is somewhat premature. The gift is for to-day and next Saturday only, and I anticipate a liberal number of applicants, especially as the offer will apply to the junior cup competition.

The South and Midland Team.

In selecting the team to oppose the Australasians in their initial game, considerable attention had to be paid to eliminating the possibility of making too great a call upon any particular club. A tour of this description must necessarily cause a constant drain upon the principal clubs attached to the home Union. This has been borne in mind by the committee in their first selection, and as a consequence, one or two players whose reputation would under other circumstances, have entitled them to a position in the team, had to be left out. At the same time I think the following side is a good one, and will prove a hard nut for their opponents to crack. Wood (Oldham) occupies the extreme rear with Cook (Salford), Ware (Dewsbury), Robinson (Rochdale), and Houghton (Coventry), three-quarters. The one-time clubmates, White (Oldham) and Beynon (Coventry), are the half-backs. Avery (Oldham), Woods (Rochdale), Wyburn (Hunslet), Hutt (Coventry), Herridge (Hull), Oldham (Coventry), are the forwards, with Beaver (Coventry) as first reserve.

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(By A. S. M.)

The principal topic under discussion during the past week or so, has been the arrangements connected with the arrival of the tourists from "down under." These have—for various reasons—had to be considerably modified. According to the sailing chart, the Colonials were only due to arrive in Plymouth to-day, but a couple of days grace is given during the Monsoon period. The "Orvieto" has made such good progress, that she is due to reach Plymouth early on Friday morning.

The Reception Banquet in London.

It is, of course, generally known that the tourists are to be entertained in London by the brother of the president of the New South Wales League. The reception was fixed for Monday next, but at the time of writing, both the Union, and the tourists themselves—in face of their earlier arrival—are trying to bring this dinner forward to Saturday night. Whether or not this will be arranged, I cannot say, but it would certainly be a great convenience and a saving of expense. The sub-committee who have had the tour affairs in hand will travel to Plymouth to receive the visitors, and will then journey to London by train. Further arrangements will then be made by the two parties.

The Official Reception.

Nothing had been done with respect to the official reception which—had the usual custom been followed—would have been in Leeds or Manchester. However, the tourists have expressed a wish that such reception should be abandoned. Time is so short before their first match at Coventry, that they are particularly anxious to get into training at the earliest possible moment, and they prefer to forego the pleasures of the usual dinner, &c., to the interest of the actual playing of the games. Much depends upon their performances in the first two or three games and they are to be commended upon their determination and self-sacrificing decision.

The First Match.

The first game is against the team selected from the South and Midland players attached to the Union, and a

very good side has been chosen to oppose them at Coventry. Presumably their team to do duty in this match will be chosen upon their arrival—if it has not already been done in London. The selected players will leave the Metropolis as early as possible after the dinner, and proceed direct to Coventry remaining there the whole of the week.

The remainder will travel to their headquarters at Gordon Lodge, Southport, where they will also commence active preparations for their encounter with Yorkshire, at Bramhall Lane, Sheffield.

A New Standing Order.

Whenever a new League or competition is formed, the rules of such have to be submitted and confirmed by the parent Union. And in recent years the latter have paid particular attention to the inclusion of a rule granting the clubs and players a right of appeal to their respective County Unions. Isolated cases however, crop up now and again, where junior Leagues have no such provision in their bye-laws. The Union committee on Tuesday last decided to adopt a standing order which will eradicate a possibility of any contingences arising in the future. This order makes it understood that whenever rules of junior or intermediate Leagues or competitions are accepted, it is on condition that this right of appeal is agreed upon, subject to a deposit of £1 1s., and the appeal lodged within 14 days of the decision of the League or competition against which the appeal is being made.

A Ruling.

I gave last week a question, submitted to the Union committee for a ruling by the Yorkshire Referee's Society. This was "a defending side are penalised ten yards from their goal line; the attacking side take the kick at goal; the ball strikes one of the defending players (who is stood on the charging line with his back to the kicker) and goes over the dead ball line. Should a dead ball be allowed, or should the ball be brought back and scrummaged where it touched the defending player." The committee decided that the ball should be brought back and scrummaged.

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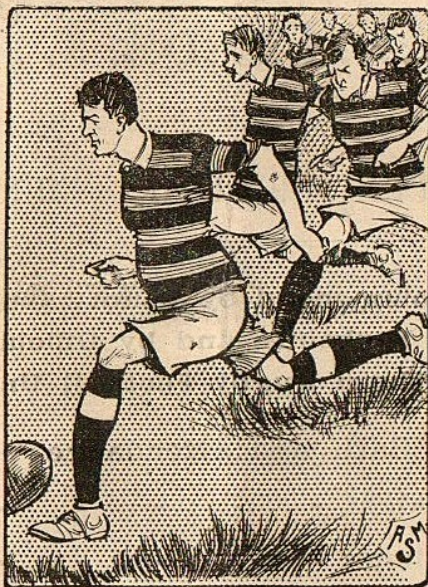
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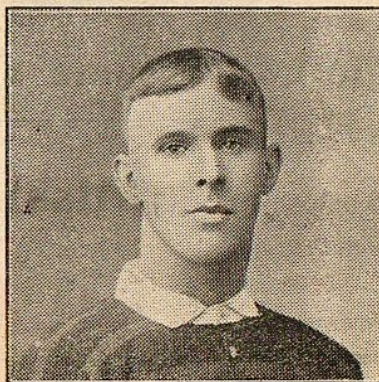
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OLDHAM v. LEEDS,
AT
WATERSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM.
Saturday, September 16th, 1911.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

Once again Oldham has opened the season with a defeat. What a Hullaberoo there was on the Craven street ground when the Rovers had won! Oldhamers looked sick; sea sick. It is quite evident that they cannot stand the ozone of the Humber.

It was a treat to see the smile on Phil Thomas' face at the conclusion of the game. Oldham had had their fill of Thomas.

It looked a bit awkward at Leigh last Saturday, when Leigh were leading at three-quarter time.

It was then that Oldham began to make up Leigh way, and once they again got their nose in front, neither Jack Johnson, nor the brothers, Sam and Tom Johnson, could knock it back.

It was a bit of a fright for all that; and anyone with a weak heart must have had an awful time.

The Leigh crowd grumbled because—so they alleged—the referee had stopped the game three minutes before time. They forget that Oldham might have scored another three tries in that time! Just think of it. How some people do grumble at trifles.

At Bradford, on Tuesday, when the locals were leading by ten points, the faces of the Oldham followers went so bleak that the rain increased tremendously. Had Bradford scored a few more points before Oldham opened their account, there would probably have been a flood.

The rain came down absolutely in torrents, and when play ceased, the players presented a most (pit)iable appearance. What made matters worse, there was no water at the dressing rooms. However, the Oldham players soon got out of that difficulty; they washed themselves with their wet jerseys, and afterwards had another wash at the Victoria Hotel, Bradford.

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(By OBSERVER.)

A FORTNIGHT ago, in the interesting biographical sketches we gave of the Australasian team, Messenger, Pearce, and Nicholson were included. The trio, for various reasons are not making the journey, and in their stead the New South Wales League have sent Fraser, Darmody and Stuart.

I purpose this week bringing my readers up-to-date with brief sketches of the players.

C. FRASER.

C. Fraser is a member of the Balmain club. He plays in the full back or three-quarter line, but will probably fill the rear position most frequently during the tour.

Only nineteen years of age, he is one of the youngest members of the team. He commenced his football career under the Australian rules, in which code he appeared with the winning school team in 1905, 1906 and 1907. In 1908-9 he took to the Rugby Union game, but last season joined the League and played throughout in junior football.

His displays were so convincing that in his first season he toured Queensland with the representative juniors. This season he played for the Metropolis against the Northern. The "baby" of

the team, and described in Sydney as a coming Messenger. Versatile as a three-quarter, and as safe as the proverbial bank in the full-back position. 5ft. 6ins., 10st. 10lbs.

S. DARMODY.

Is a member of the South Sydney team. Like the majority of Colonial forwards, Darmody plays when required with the backs. He is a brilliant scrummager, and a most effective hurdler. Has quickly progressed from the juniors, and during the present season secured representative honours by playing for the Metropolitans. Is 19 years of age; 5ft. 9ins. and 12st. 6lbs.

R. STUART.

Is described as a splendid forward, who can, on emergency, take a position in the backs. He is particularly fast in the open, and a most zealous worker in the pack.

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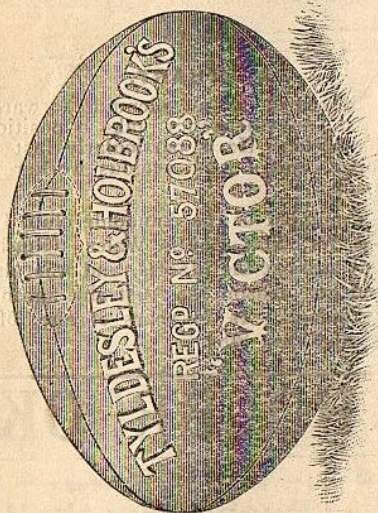
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M. A. P.

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In direct contrast to the opening Saturday of the season, four defeated teams failed to score a solitary point last week.

Huddersfield, by scoring seven tries against Leeds, went one better than in the corresponding game last season.

The thirteen defeated clubs in the Northern League, last Saturday, only made in the aggregate 51 points against the winners 207.

The "Athletic News" states that Frawley, the Australian, will probably assist Hull, as the Boulevard club are said to have arranged terms with Warrington.

Keighley opened their season exceedingly well, and by scoring six tries against York, improved on their last season's record of five against Barrow.

Goal-kicking is an important essential in Northern League matches. Last Saturday Wakefield, Swinton and Runcorn owed their defeat to the superiority of their opponents in placing goals.

Wigan's visit to Wakefield will be long remembered, for the Lancashire team in scoring nineteen points, accomplished what no other visiting side found possible at Belle Vue last season.

Oldham, in their second game, progressed on their last season's first victory. Then against Hull Kingston Rovers, the margin was only one point (18-17). Last Saturday the score at Leigh was 15-12.

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X.L. (Wigan).—You are no doubt partly right. Wigan and Oldham tied in the League competition, and in the defending game at Wakefield, Wigan won. But you overlook the fact that the League matches are only played with the object of the clubs securing a place in the first four and thus they qualified for the supplementary competition which decides the League championship. As Oldham won this they are rightly described as League champions.

TROTTER (Bolton).—Salford four times, Hull three; the latter record they made in successive seasons.

HORNET (Middleton).—The Hornets' best score in League games last season was 4 goals, 7 tries, against Coventry. Their most severe defeat was to the tune of 7 goals, 7 tries, at Central Park, Wigan.

F.T. (Normanton).—We prefer the "Athletic News."

W.L.H. (Leeds).—The final for the Lancashire cup is on December 2nd, and the Yorkshire cup on the Saturday after.

TOBY (Pendleton). Broughton Rangers won the cup by defeating (1st round) Normanton 10-6; (2nd round) Dewsbury 9-0; (3rd round) Bradford 10-0; (semi-final) Rochdale Hornets 12-9; (final) Wigan 4-0.

GLEANINGS.

The "gates" at the Wigan practice matches totalled over £40.

The player, Price, was suspended up to and including November 1st, for signing for the two clubs.

Mr. G. Taylor, the chairman of the Union has been added to the committee in charge of the Australasian tour.

Mrs. G. Gillett, wife of the famous "All Black" forward, has accompanied her husband from New Zealand.

A record entry has been made for the Lancashire Junior Cup. No fewer than 56 clubs have applied, and been drawn for the 1st round, next Saturday.

The new Featherstone club have been fined 10/6 for a breach of professional laws, in signing on Price, who was registered for Purston White Horse.

It is announced on reliable authority that a well-known forward attached to one of the Manchester clubs, has been placed on the transfer list.

That the Leeds players were not depressed by the incidents at Fartown, is evident from the doings at Headingley on Tuesday.

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LIST OF FIXTURES.

OPPONENTS.	GROUND.	COLONIAL SCORES.			OPPONENTS' SCORES.		
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1911.							
Sep. 23—Midland & Southern Players	Coventry						
" 25—Yorkshire County..	Bramhall Lane ...						
" 30—Broughton Rangers	Broughton						
Oct. 2—Lancashire County	Blackburn						
" 7—Wales	Ebbw Vale						
" 11—Widnes	Widnes						
" 14—St. Helens	St. Helens						
" 18—England	Fulham						
" 21—Hunslet	Hunslet						
" Northern League	Everton						
" 28—Wigan	Wigan						
Nov. 1—Swinton	Swinton						
" 4—Hull	Hull						
" 8—Test Match	Newcastle						
" 11—Oldham	Oldham						
" 15—Leigh	Leigh						
" 18—Wakefield Trinity..	Wakefield						
" 22—Cumberl'd County.	Barrow						
" 25—Barrow	Runcorn						
" 29—Runcorn	Huddersfield						
Dec. 2—Huddersfield	Trent Bridge						
" 6—England	Salford						
" 9—Salford	York						
" 13—York	Edinburgh						
" 16—Test Match	Bristol						
" 20—Wales and West...	Rochdale						
" 23—Rochdale Hornets..	Halifax						
" 26—Halifax	Warrington						
" 30—Warrington							
1912.							
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" 6—Leeds	Leeds						
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Scores and Scorers.

IN LAST WEEK'S GAMES.

*BROUGHTON RANGERS, 1 1—5. Try: Wild. Goal: Davidson.	SALFORD, 0 0—0.
HALIFAX, 1 4—14. Tries: Riley, Robinson, Davies, Ward. Goal: Metcalfe.	*HULL, 0 0—0.
*WIDNES, 2 1—7. Try: Cosgrove. Goals: Jones, Noon.	KINGSTON ROVERS, 1 0—2. Goal: Carmichael.
*HUNSLET, 6 7—33. Tries: J. Batten (2), Farrer, W. Batten (2), Jones, Jenkinson. Goals: Farrer (4), W. Batten, Toft.	EBBW VALE, 1 1—5. Try: Llewellyn. Goal: Davies.
WIGAN, 5 3—19. Tries: Jenkins, Todd (2). Goals: Sharrock, Thomas (4).	*WAKEFIELD TRINITY, 1 4—14. Tries: Simpson (3), Burton, E. Goal: Burton.
DEWSBURY, 1 5—17. Tries: O'Neill, Rhodes, Ware, Milner, Sharples. Goal: Sharples.	*BRADFORD NORTHERN, 0 1—3. Try: Haigh.
*HUDDERSFIELD, 5 7—31. Tries: Wrigley (2), Byrne, Rosenfeld (2), Kitchen (2). Goals: Wrigley, Gronow (2), Grey (2).	LEEDS, 0 0—0.
OLDHAM, 3 3—15. Tries: White, Dixon, Avery. Goals: Lomas (2), Wood.	*LEIGH, 3 2—12. Tries: McGeiver, T. Johnson. Goals: Ganley (2), McGeiver.
BARROW, 2 4—16. Tries: Dickenson (2), Treloar, Atterbury. Goals: Dickenson, Dobson.	*COVENTRY, 1 1—5. Try: Davies. Goal: Fife.
*St. HELENS, 2 2—10. Tries: Lee, Flanagan. Goals: Turtill (2).	WARRINGTON, 1 0—22. Goal: Thomas.
*BATLEY, 4 1—11. Try: Ward. Goals: Bruce (3), Lyons.	SWINTON, 1 0—3. Try: Wharton.
*KEIGHLEY, 5 6—28. Tries: Stacey (4), Farrer, Waite. Goals: Bateson (5).	YORK, 1 1—5. Try: Bloomer. Goal: Naylor.
*ROCHDALE HORNETS, 1 0—2. Goal: Paddon.	RUNCORN, 0 0—0.

Monday, September 1st.

*LEEDS, 5 8—34. Tries: Barron (2), Orchard, Ward, Sullivan, Haycox, Harrison, Jarman. Goals: Barron (4), Haycox.	EBBW VALE, 2 1—7. Try: Higgins. Goals: Davies (2).
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Tuesday, September 12th.

OLDHAM, 2 6—22. Tries: G. W. Smith (2), Owen, Lomas, Anlezark, Llewellyn. Goals: Lomas (2).	*BRADFORD, 3 2—12. Tries: Haigh (2). Goals: Griffin, Steward (2).
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September 23rd.

Batley v. Bradford.—J.C. Lumley (Leeds); F. W. Tattersall (Normanton), J. Redfern (Huddersfield).

Barrow v. Warrington.—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens); W. H. Hall (Holme), C. Abrahams (Kendal).

Huddersfield v. Oldham.—A. Hestford (Broughton Rangers); F. Hardwick (Hunslet), H. Whiteley (Wakefield).

Hull v. Broughton Rangers.—B. Ennion (Wigan); S. Goldsmith (York), E. J. Kelvington (Leeds).

Keighley v. Kingston Rovers.—J. Dutton (Warrington); D. Longbottom (Halifax), A. Loyne (Leeds).

Leeds v. Wigan.—J.W. Whiteley (Wakefield); T. W. Smith (Keighley), R. S. Smith (Bradford).

Leigh v. Salford.—W. McCutcheon (Oldham); A. Cross (St. Helens), G. Robinson (Runcorn).

Rochdale Hornets v. Dewsbury.—T. Walsh (Hunslet); T. Ogden (Oldham), J. Valentine (Salford).

St. Helens v. Runcorn.—A. Smith (Halifax); J. A. Blackburn (Leigh), F. Turner (Warrington).

Swinton v. Ebbw Vale.—F. Renton (Hunslet); J. E. Smith (Rochdale), R. H. Moore, (Oldham).

Wakefield Trinity v. Hunslet.—J. F. May (St. Helens); H. Heap (Huddersfield), S. Mortimer (Dewsbury).

Widnes v. Wigan.—W. K. Hirst (Dewsbury); A. Roscoe (Broughton).

York v. Bramley.—G. F. Dickenson (Halifax); J. Wilson (Hull), A. Brown (Wakefield).

Monday, September 25th.

Huddersfield v. Warrington.—J. F. May (St. Helens); H. Adams (Dewsbury), D. Longbottom (Halifax).

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

September 23rd.

Broughton Rangers 'A' v. Rochdale H'ts 'A.'—F. Mills (Oldham).

Pemberton v. Wigan Highfield.—T. Longden (Swinton).

Runcorn 'A' v. St. Helens.—J. Winstanley (Warrington).

Salford 'A' v. Leigh 'A.'—G. Moore (Runcorn).

Warrington 'A' v. Leigh Shamrocks.—F. Ratcliffe (Swinton).

Halifax 'A' v. Leeds 'A.'—C. Peel (Bradford).

Hunslet 'A' v. Wakefield T'ty. 'A.'—R. H. Cooper (Kingston Rovers).

AUSTRALASIAN TOUR.

Saturday, September 23rd.

Midlands and South v. Australasians—
at Coventry—R. Robinson (Bradford).

Monday, September 25th.

Yorkshire v. Australasians—at Bramhall Lane, Sheffield.—E. H. Smirk (Wigan).

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