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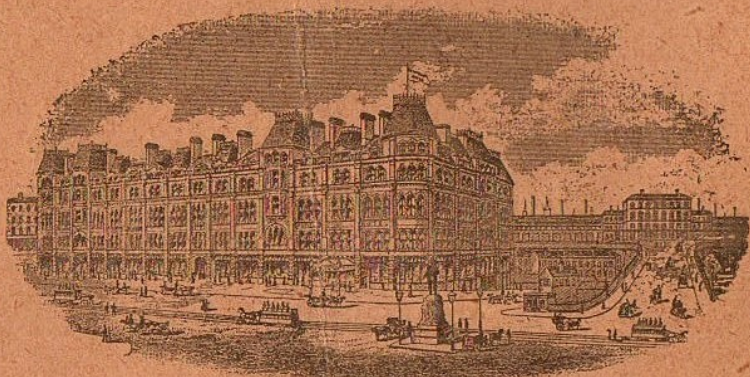
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# THE NORTHERN UNION NEWS.

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## MEN AND MATTERS.

**League Surprises.** Apart from the Lancashire cup ties, many interesting games took place last Saturday in the League competition. Shocks were felt both at Halifax and Hull, but at the same time it must be allowed that in meeting Wakefield and Huddersfield, both Halifax and the Rovers were called upon to face difficult problems. But we did think the latter team would have shewn more convincing form, even though the match was at Fartown.

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**Huddersfield's Record.** The first defeat of Halifax in the League competition brought the Thrum Hall men down to the third position in the competition chart, and now no solitary club in the League can boast an unbeaten record. Huddersfield's record is little inferior to that of Wigan, and if the actual position is based on points, for and against, the Yorkshire club are easily in front of their Lancashire rivals. But of course the season is yet young, and we shall have many more alterations before the prospects of the "first four" are seriously discussed.

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**The Frawley Case.** We regret to learn that there may be further controversial points between the New South Wales League representatives and the Northern Union, in connection with the Frawley case. Warrington, as we announced last week, placed Frawley on the transfer list, and Hull have agreed to Warrington's terms. But Frawley's agreement with the New South Wales League is now brought to the front, and the hint is given, that should the Colonial sign for Hull, the Colonial League representatives are prepared to enforce their claims in a court of law.

We give prominence to the **"Topics" for the Enemy.** matter, solely to ask if it is impossible, even at this late hour, that some satisfactory arrangement cannot be made. No doubt there are errors on both sides, but there are sane men in the councils of the Northern Union and in the New South Wales League. No useful purpose is served by the matter remaining in abeyance, and the dispute only gives 'topics' for those who are opposed on so-called principle to professional Rugby football.

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**The First Test.** The Australasians take the honours of the first Test match. At Newcastle on Wednesday, they recorded nineteen points against the chosen side of the Northern Union. The "home" players could only make ten points, so that by the substantial margin of nine points the Colonials are one up. It will need a British victory in the games at Edinburgh and Birmingham if we are to retain the honours brought from the Antipodes last year.

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**Honour the Victors.** We do not consider our mission is to criticise the British team, or attempt to minimise the Colonials' triumph. We were beaten on our merits, and as our visitors would be the first to declare that the other side were superior, had the scores been reversed, we heartily congratulate C. H. M'Kivat and his colleagues on their prowess. Needless to say, the glorious news was cabled to Australia, and there would be rejoicings in Sydney on Thursday. Right well, so far, have the chosen of the New South Wales League, justified the confidence reposed in them.



## Northern Union League.—Results up to this morning.

		Points.	Per-
	P.W.L.D.	For	Agts.centge
Wigan	8 7 1 0	132	40...87.50
Huddersfield	10 8 1 1	284	69...85.00
Halifax	9 6 1 2	95	47...77.77
Hull K. R.	8 6 2 0	97	43...75.00
Wakefield T.	9 6 2 1	127	59...72.22
Hunslet	9 6 2 1	119	57...72.22
Broughton R.	7 5 2 0	61	43...71.42
Warrington	10 7 3 0	93	89...70.00
Oldham	10 6 3 1	161	126...65.00
Dewsbury	8 5 3 0	111	81...62.50
Widnes	9 5 1 1	64	46...61.11
St. Helens	7 4 3 0	93	50...57.14
Keighley	7 4 3 0	100	89...57.14
Rochdale H.	9 5 4 0	95	97...55.55
Salford	9 4 4 1	86	96...50.00
York	8 4 4 0	74	94...50.00
Leigh	9 4 5 0	100	88...44.44
Barrow	9 3 5 1	68	81...38.88
Hull	10 3 6 1	126	88...35.50
Batley	9 3 6 0	75	56...33.33
Leeds	9 3 6 0	82	110...33.33
Runcorn	8 2 5 1	61	91...31.25
Coventry	9 2 6 1	54	159...27.77
Swinton	9 2 7 0	54	113...22.22
Ebbw Vale	9 0 7 2	40	164...11.11
Bramley	9 0 7 2	40	205...11.11
Bradford	2 1 8 0	49	214...10.00

## YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

		Scores.
	P.W.L.D.	For Agt.Pts
Wakefield T.	6 6 0 0	110 37...12
Kingston R.	6 5 1 0	73 15...10
Hunslet	7 5 2 0	73 39...10
Dewsbury	7 5 2 0	108 62...10
Huddersfield	6 4 1 1	127 52...9
Halifax	6 4 1 1	63 28...9
Keighley	5 4 1 0	67 30...8
York	7 3 4 0	58 88...6
Hull	6 2 4 0	82 69...4
Batley	8 2 6 0	66 53...4
Leeds	6 1 5 0	26 76...2
Bradford	8 1 7 0	29 172...2
Bramley	7 0 7 0	27 194...0

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

		Scores.
	P.W.L.D.	For Agt.Pts
Warrington	7 6 1 0	85 50...12
Wigan	5 5 0 0	77 13...10
Oldham	5 4 1 0	94 49...10
Widnes	7 4 3 0	57 43...8
St. Helens	6 4 2 0	85 40...8
Leigh	8 2 5 0	74 81...6
Rochdale H.	6 3 3 0	48 80...6
Broughton R.	5 3 2 0	40 35...6
Salford	7 3 4 0	50 79...6
Barrow	8 2 5 1	52 76...5
Swinton	7 1 6 0	38 94...2
Runcorn	7 0 6 1	23 90...1

## LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By THE EDITOR).

A correspondent from Huddersfield sends me a long but none the less interesting letter, respecting the off-side rule. As the topic is always interesting I give the matter in detail.

My correspondent writes:—

"Sub section (d) rule 8 says: "An off-side player is put on-side when one of his own side has run in front of him, having kicked the ball when behind him."

Later on it says: "An off-side player must not be within five yards of a man waiting for the ball."

Then again it says: "A player standing within the five yards, cannot under any circumstances be placed on-side."

## The Meaning of the Rule.

He goes on to ask if I will tell him what is meant by a player standing within the five yards limit, etc. Does it mean within five yards of the man waiting for the ball, or does it mean when the ball actually comes to him, because if it means waiting for the ball, how would I interpret the following example?

(1) A full-back puts in a high kick, and the ball is coming down to an opponent within five yards of him. The full-back follows up his kick, passes his own off-side forward and jumps for the ball at the same time as his opponent. They both fail to catch the ball, and it falls to the ground. Is the forward who was off-side, but has never interfered in any way, at liberty to play the ball?

## Are there Exceptions.

(2) Another case. A wing three-quarter cross-kicks the ball in front of the goal posts to one of his own side who is in front of him, but who is within five yards of an opponent. After kicking, the wing man runs forward across the goal line, before the ball drops to the two players waiting. Have they not both an equal right to go for the ball, or is the attacking player still off-side?

## Alteration Required.

It may interest my correspondent and others to know that this sub-section has occasioned much comment at the recent conference between the Lancashire and Yorkshire Referees' Society. The rule, apparently, contradicts itself, and for next season, the phrasing will probably be changed. However, the point is perfectly clear, and is accepted by all interested in the control of the game, that an off-side player cannot, under any circumstances, be placed on-side.

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## Referees not Unanimous.

Our referees are, I think, somewhat easy in their interpretation of the rule, for it is clearly defined that a penalty should be awarded to the other side if the off-side man makes no attempt to put himself outside the five yards area. The off-side player knows or should know that he is wrong, and it is a simple matter to step a pace or two backwards and give his opponent the five yards allowed by rule, to catch the ball. Thus in my correspondent's first illustration, the referee should blow for the penalty when he sees that the off-side player makes no attempt to step backward.

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## Infringement at the Outset.

And so in the second case, the infringement of rule is committed before the other possibilities arise. It is this waiting for possibilities on the part of some of our referees which causes the trouble. In the explanatory note in the Official Guide, I find Referees too often give offending players the benefit of unintentional off-side, instead of inflicting the free kick penalty. Once off-side, always off-side, and surely five yards is so small a limit that no player need be mistaken.

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## Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

I notice that in one of the Rugby Union games, played on Saturday last, that the "home" captain granted a concession to the visitors, in the shape of allowing him permission to bring in the field one of the reserves to take the place of one of his club mates who had been carried off the field with a broken leg.

A considerable amount of comment has been made of the matter in the London press, and various opinions are quoted as being in opposition to the practice. Each and every one is ready to admit that the offer of the home captain was quite a sporting one, but if the practice was to become general, they thought it would be to the detriment of the game.

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### The Custom Abroad.

The matter referred to was, I take it, a friendly one, consequently no great issues were at stake. Such being the case, I know not what the Rugby Union authorities intend to do for the future. Although from all accounts, I believe the captain referred to has been given to understand that he must not repeat the occurrence.

This is a question which, if my memory serves me right, has been before the Northern Union followers once or twice, and it was suggested that the practice ought to be made general throughout our Union. It is, I believe, the custom in football abroad, particularly so is it the custom in America. In the latter country, judging from the reports one hears of the injuries, etc., the players receive during their games, I should imagine the practice is absolutely essential.

### No Useful Purpose.

So far as the Northern Union is concerned, I cannot see what good would result from such a custom. Or at least if there is little good to be derived, I am afraid the ill-effects would over-balance it. It may be alright for friendly matches, but there are so few of them in the Northern Union, that a rule, granting the permission would be practically useless. There is too much at issue in League games, to my mind, to permit the practice, and I fear there would be too much of the "old man's" game in evidence.

I cannot see how the present working is to be benefitted by such a custom. In fact I think the present system is the best, when two teams meet it is to prove which is the best, and if one or two players gets hurt, it is the fortune or misfortune of war, and the team thus suffering must fight the fight with depleted ranks. It would also be necessary to have a few reserves handy at every match. This would mean additional players and extra expenses.


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### The Transfer Law with the Colonials.

It appears to me that our Colonial friends are hardly keeping to the letter of the interpretation of the transfer law, mutually decided upon by the parties interested. I believe one or two players who have gone back to Australia during our close season, have played football under the auspices of the New South Wales League. This seems to me to be a breach of the arrangements, and I understand that one prominent Northern League club is bringing the case of one of their players to the notice of the Union committee, who meet on Tuesday next.



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## Famous Australasians.



A. R. H. FRANCIS.

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## OLDHAM F.C. OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

### Oldham v. Australasians,

- AT -

Watersheddings, Oldham,

Saturday, November 11th, 1911.

### PAVILION GOSSIP.

Welcome! Australia!

The Leigh team are tough customers, but in the long run, *i.e.*, from goal to goal, Oldham chewed them up. But Leigh never grumbled, not they. They had nothing to grumble about; because even if defeated, they played good football.

What a fine pair the brothers Johnson make, they remind you of the once famous swimmer Johnson, they play their part so *swimmingly*.

Our old friend Jolley is about getting into the "sere and yellow leaf," of course he has changed from the "green," and now sports Leigh colours which are the same as those sported by Oldham. It is not often, however, that you find a "Linnet" changing its colour.

Oldham looked like having "Linnet Pie" to tea at one period of the game last Wednesday. The Runcorn team, as usual, rose to the occasion and when fifteen minutes had to be played it was heads or tails who won. However, with Tom White dropping a fine goal; Ferguson placing one of his best; and

George Smith darting in with a try, which simply non-plussed the Runcornites. Oldham won comfortably, and are now appearing in a respectable place in the League ladder.

I understand that our Office Boy has been informed that to-day's struggle will be a great one. He informs me that the Australasians cannot a(Ford) to loose this game. He (the O.B.) feels certain that the Watershedding's team will be able to *Oldham*.

"Hello! Wigan! Is that you? Just tell the colliers who supply our coal, that the Oldham team is *coal*ing next Saturday at Central Park. They intend going there like signalmen and bringing points back.

The Lancashire Senior Cup is still in the Oldham Free Library.

Whilst the first team are at Wigan next Saturday, the "A" team will be engaged with Pemberton at Watersheddings, and the receipts are for the benefit of Sam Irvin, the old English full-back. Those who find it inconvenient to go to Wigan will doubtless patronise Watersheddings.



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- 3—S. DEANE
- 4—J. LOMAS
- 5—G. COOK
- 6—E. A. ANLEZARK (Cap.)
- 7—T. BRICE
- 8—J. FERGUSON
- 9—A. E. AVERY
- 10—W. BIGGS
- 11—A. SMITH
- 12—T. McCABE
- 13—W. B. JARDINE
- 14—T. LLEWELLYN
- 15—J. OWENS

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### AUSTRALASIAN TEAM.

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- 14—HALLETT
- 9—RUSSELL
- 11—V. FARNSWORTH
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# Impressions of the Tourists.

No. 7—A. R. H. FRANCIS.

(By OBSERVER.)

The very fact that Francis is one inch over six feet in height, makes him one of the most prominent personages in the Colonial team. New Zealand has produced many dashing forwards, and the many stalwart giants who visited England with both the Amateur and Professional "All Blacks," will be long remembered by those who were privileged to witness their play.

Francis is perhaps the leader of the younger school, and by the way, is one of the most recent acquisitions to the Northern Union code in the Dominion.

## The Official Description.

In the official description, I find that the stalwart New Zealander is described as a 'star' forward, dashing and 'heady' in the open, and solid in the ruck. Uses his great weight to advantage when attacking.

I can, however, only admit of part of this official impression. My observations prompt me to declare, that like many of his celebrated countrymen, Francis considers his talents wasted in the "ruck."

He may bring into use the natural advantages in scrummaging, which a weight of 14 stones, 2 lbs gives to a player, but generally I should describe Francis like George Gillett and Charles Seeling, as a player of aggressive instincts.

But I do not criticise Francis for his preference for the method which undoubtedly suits him best. His long, raking

stride carries him quickly over the ground, and if there should be only one opponent between Francis and the line, I should feel inclined to write down that the try was made.

## A Player in the Open.

Like the general run of Colonials Francis secures more from the Northern Union code, than does the average British exponent. I do not mean to imply that the Colonials are more "heady," but I do think they get more out of our rules, and play a game which is like the original idea, which prompted the Northern Union to make their rules conducive to open play.

Francis is no party to hiding the ball. He believes in air, and plenty of it, and in the many matches I have witnessed, I pay tribute to his loose play, which would do credit to a finished three-quarter back.

He has also established his reputation as a goal kicker, and more than two-thirds of the 36 goals, standing to the credit of the tourists, have been placed by Francis.

Francis is a member of the Auckland club, and played for Auckland Province from 1904 to 1910. In 1905-6-7 he was "capped" for New Zealand, and secured the same honour last year. This season he joined the Northern Union, and was one of the early selections for the team to visit England.

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## The Lancashire Semi-Finals.

(By OBSERVER.)

The second round of the Lancashire cup competition resulted in only one surprising result. Oldham, Wigan and Widnes, all on their own grounds naturally anticipated a fairly easy journey, and even at Broughton, playing advantage was expected to favour the Rangers.

But Rochdale rose to the occasion, and their pronounced success was clearly the surprise of the round. They were superior in a department of the game which the Rangers have made their own, and now at Rochdale they have visions of further cup triumphs.

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### A Popular Competition.

As a correspondent pointed out last week, the playing of the semi-finals on the ground of the club which first comes out of the hat, confers a great slice of luck on the team securing this advantage. The original idea when the rule was made, was that better financial results would accrue if one club was at home, but now I am inclined to think that the taking of the semi-finals to neutral grounds would find little diminution in the way of public patronage.

Both in Lancashire and Yorkshire the competition has secured the attention of Northern Union supporters, and I may reasonably assume that the ardent supporters of all the four clubs in the Lancashire semi-finals would make the journey in equal numbers, were the games to be played on a neutral pitch.

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### The Match at Wigan.

The most interesting of the two games is that at Central Park, where Wigan will entertain old friends from Oldham. Was the match on a neutral ground, I should predict a great struggle for supremacy, but I know the strength of Wigan at home, and I am inclined to think that the holders of the trophy will be beaten.

However, all may be assured that both teams will play the game as it should be played. There will be little of what are popularly termed "cup tie tactics," but

plenty of that good and brilliant combination which invariably makes the meeting of the two teams doubly interesting.

The sides are well matched at full-back, but at half and three-quarter back, I am disposed to favour Wigan. Dean's abstinence during the qualifying period prevents his being included in the side, and the Colonial will be a missed man.

The forwards are powerful in the ruck and strong in loose play, but if Wigan reproduce the form which prevailed against the Australasians, the Oldham front rank men will have a hard task.

I anticipate a win for Wigan, but I shall be terribly disappointed if Oldham do not run their opponents to a very small margin of points.

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### The Tie at Rochdale.

Notwithstanding the League match at the Athletic ground on Tuesday, I am not inclined to think that the Hornets will qualify for the final without a most desperate struggle.

Widnes, in cup ties particularly, are formidable foes, and may be relied upon to struggle hard. No doubt they will be inferior in the scrummages, for their forwards do not possess the physique of the Hornets men. And this inferiority, as on Tuesday, will no doubt, handicap the three-quarter backs.

But often cup tie games and ordinary League games produce strangely different tactics, and the lessons learned on Tuesday should assist Widnes in their efforts next Saturday.

Rochdale, of course, should win. I cannot reason otherwise after the convincing display at Broughton, and with their forward and half-back advantage, the Hornets three-quarters should make sufficient of their opportunities to qualify for the final.

All the same, I look for a good game with Widnes playing hard to a finish.

## - - Centre Threes. - -

(By F.A.M.)

If the Northern Union possess many full-backs of more than average merit, I am afraid one cannot point to a superfluity in the way of centre three-quarter backs.

So pronounced is the deficiency in certain centres, that I have heard this reason being given as one which would, if they did not desire it otherwise, prevent the Lancashire County Union from adopting the birth qualification rule for their matches. Put in another way this is a candid admission that in Lancashire, at any rate, they do not possess a couple of native born centre three-quarter backs, of that class demanded for County matches. It is not my purpose in these short contributions to tackle the problem of supply and demand. My object is to give brief impressions of our leading players in the particular position under consideration.

### The Fartown Captain.

First and foremost I pay tribute to Harold Wagstaff of Huddersfield, as our most promising centre. He is young, but with ordinary freedom from injury, I think Wagstaff will be even more effective in a couple of seasons than he is today. His most valuable asset is that he is unorthodox in what he does. He follows no defined method or methods of play, but possesses sufficient intuition to do the right thing at the right time.

Wagstaff is denied the physique of many of our centre threes, and a player who realises that the "hustle and bustle" tactics would not bring fame, must adopt unorthodox ideas if he is to succeed. I need not unduly labour Wagstaff's characteristics. He is a natural centre, more perhaps on the lines of that great Australian, Gilbert, than any other player in the Northern Union. He is speedy, courageous and determined, but above all is naturally clever, and this quality brings with it that confidence which begets success. A great player is Wagstaff, and one who will go far.

### A Famous Welshman.

Now his colleague in the test match was "Bert" Jenkins—a player probably fully equal in merit to any centre playing the Northern Union game. But Jenkins, to me, is more a player of moods than the

Huddersfield captain, although on his day I know of no one who is more dreaded by opponents than Jenkins.

He possesses tact and resource in attack, and for defence, I rather prefer the Wigan player to Wagstaff. But this inferiority on the part of the Yorkshire man, will, I should say, soon be remedied with experience.

Another great centre is James Lomas of Oldham, a player who has reached even greater heights than are possible either to Wagstaff and Jenkins. But the Cumberland man has been blessed with superior physique, and though his methods are perhaps equally effective, I confess to a preference for the style of centres like Wagstaff. Lomas, however, has made tries, hardly possible to the majority of players, and though to-day, he will no doubt admit that his many seasons of active participation in the game are beginning to tell, I think few would have quarrelled with the selection committee, had they included Lomas in the Test match team. Space prevents my going into over much detail in regard to other centres of repute. Lynch and Poynton of Wakefield, are a most capable and effective pair. Willie Thomas of Salford, Joe Riley of Halifax, Llewellyn of Oldham, and Phil Thomas of Kingston Rovers, are all men of ability, but do they approach the necessary standard?

### Prospects for Aspirants.

Really, when one attempts to review the aspirants for representative honours—I do not take Colonial players in my calculation at all—I am obliged to confess that in the Northern Union there is a strange dearth of men who are qualified. The position perhaps, does not lend itself to the glory possible to the half-back and the wing three-quarter backs, for naturally in reviewing the game, the scorer is the person most frequently noticed, and a good centre does not score over many tries.

Players with ordinary ability, should, I think, devote themselves to a careful preparation for this important position, for the possibilities of distinction are, I think, much more numerous, and a capable player will soon be recognised and honoured.



## M. A. P.

Gifford added to his wonderful record for the Barrow club, by playing forward at Cavendish Park in the match with Salford.

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E. Ward, of Halifax, who was only transferred the day previous to the match with Bramley, scored three tries for his new club at Crown Flatts, last Saturday.

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The official kick-off for matches on and after next Thursday, is 2-45 p.m. This time will operate up to and including January 15.

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Sammy Brear, the one time Bradford half-back, has been transferred from Hunslet to Hull Kingston Rovers. A

famous partnership will thus be revived for Surman is also with the Rovers.

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E. J. Schofield, who played his first Northern Union game for Hull last Saturday, is a convert from the Rugby Union. He was a member of the Darnall club, played in the final Yorkshire trial, and was selected for the second trial a week ago. He has scored 56 points already this season.

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1911.							
Sep. 23—Midland & Southern Players	Coventry.....	1	6	20	1	3	11
„ 24—Yorkshire County...	Bramhall Lane...	3	9	33	2	3	13
„ 30—Broughton Rangers	Broughton.....	3	4	18	1	2	8
Oct. 2.—Lancashire County.	Blackburn.....	5	5	25	3	2	12
„ 7—Wales.....	Ebbw Vale.....	5	6	26	4	1	20
„ 11—Widnes.....	Widnes.....	4	5	23	0	0	0
„ 14—St. Helens.....	St. Helens.....	2	4	16	1	1	5
„ 18—England.....	Fulham.....	1	3	11	0	2	6
„ 21—Hunslet.....	Hunslet.....	0	1	3	0	1	3
„ 25—Northern League.....	Everton.....	2	4	16	0	1	3
„ 28—Wigan.....	Wigan.....	1	0	2	2	1	7
Nov. 1—Swinton.....	Swinton.....	5	6	28	3	1	9
„ 4—Hull.....	Hull.....	4	6	26	2	1	8
„ 8—Test Match.....	Newcastle.....	2	5	19	2	2	10
„ 11—Oldham.....	Oldham.....						
„ 15—Leigh.....	Leigh.....						
„ 18—Wakefield Trinity...	Wakefield.....						
„ 22—Cumberl'd County..							
„ 25—Barrow.....	Barrow.....						
„ 29—Runcorn.....	Runcorn.....						
Dec. 2—Huddersfield.....	Huddersfield.....						
„ 6—England.....	Trent Bridge.....						
„ 9—Salford.....	Salford.....						
„ 13—York.....	York.....						
„ 16—Test Match.....	Edinburgh.....						
„ 20—Wales and West.....	Bristol.....						
„ 23—Rochdale Hornets...	Rochdale.....						
„ 26—Halifax.....	Halifax.....						
„ 30—Warrington.....	Warrington.....						
1912.							
Jan. 1—Test Match.....	Birmingham.....						
„ 6—Leeds.....	Leeds.....						
„ 13—Kingston Rovers...	Hull.....						



## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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FISH (Warrington).—It was season 1908-9 Warrington finished at the head of the combination with the following record. 24 played, 17 won, 5 drawn, 2 lost, 293 points for 75 points against. Oldham and Wigan were the next in order of merit.

W. B. (Wigan).—The British Playing Fields take five per cent. of the final "gate" in the Lancashire cup competition.

J. B. (Sowerby Bridge).—Second round of the 1908-9 cup competition. Halifax scored 7 goals, 13 tries, to Beverley 1 goal.

TRUE BLUE (Winton).—You are wrong. Swinton have recorded draws in the two first rounds of the cup competition. This was in 1908-9, when they drew with Rochdale in the first round, and won the replay. They also drew with Oldham in the second round, but were well beaten at Watersheddings in the replay.

A. V. F. (Huddersfield).—We do not think J. W. Sutcliffe has ever kicked a goal in a League match. When he first went to Bolton he played in the forward line, and may possibly have scored from that position.

A. S. (Upperhead Row).—See the Editor's page.

HOWELL REES.—We are endeavouring to secure the information.

EXTRA (Oldham).—It is a matter for the club selection committee, and as we have not witnessed this season the play of the member in question, we prefer to say nothing.

POINTS FOR (Barrow).—You will find that the records are as we stated.

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The following is a list of officials appointed for next week's matches.

## Northern League.

November 14th.

**Batley v. Huddersfield.**—F. Renton (Hunslet); E. J. Kilvington, D. Longbottom (Halifax).

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November 15th.

**Hunslet v. Hull.**—R. Robinson (Bradford); C. E. Haydon (Halifax), J. W. Scholes (Dewsbury).

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November 16th.

**St. Helens v. Broughton R.**—E. H. Smirk (Wigan); F. Turner (Warrington), R. Jones (Widnes).

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November 18th.

**Batley v. Bramley.**—H. Edmondson (Bradford); J. E. Greenwood (Halifax), A. Slater (Keighley).

**Bradford v. Halifax.**—W. H. Wood (Huddersfield); J. F. Wilkinson (Hunslet), A. Loyne (Leeds).

**York v. Kingston Rovers.**—J. C. Lumley (Leeds); C. E. Haydon (Halifax), H. Whiteley (Wakefield).

**Ebbw Vale v. Dewsbury.**—A. Hestford (Broughton Rangers); W. Lewis (Merthyr), W. Williams (Treherbert).

**Huddersfield v. Coventry.**—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens); F. Crowther (H'fax), T. W. Smith (Keighley).

**Hull v. Warrington.**—E. H. Smirk (Wigan); J. W. Scholes (Dewsbury), W. Emmott (Leeds).

**Hunslet v. Keighley.**—E. Tonge (Swinton); J. R. Bowes (Halifax), J. Oakland (Batley).

**Runcorn v. Swinton.**—J. F. May (St. Helens); J. A. Blackburn (Leigh), F. Turner (Warrington).

**Salford v. St. Helens.**—W. McCutcheon (Oldham); A. Lee (Leigh), H. Ball (Wigan).

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**The Lancashire Cup Semi-Final Ties.**  
**Wigan v. Oldham.**—

**Rochdale Hornets v. Widnes.**

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**Lancashire and Yorkshire Combination.**

**Normanton St. Johns v. Hunslet 'A.'**—C. Peel (Bradford).

**Purston W. H. v. Huddersfield 'A.'**—H. Scholfield (Leeds).

**Leigh 'A' v. Rochdale H. 'A.'**—A. Webster (Highfield).

**St. Helens 'A' v. Salford 'A.'**—F. Mills (Oldham).

**Swinton 'A' v. Runcorn 'A.'**—J. Dutton (Warrington).

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