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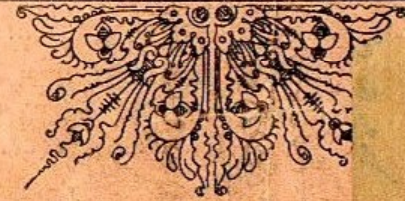
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### Matches and Officials for Saturday next

Bradford v. York—Referee, T. Johnson (Bramley); touch judges, J. A. Hall (Batley) and J. Speight (Wakefield).

Halifax v. Leeds—Referee, J. F. May (St. Helens); touch judges, R. L. Smith (Bradford) and F. W. Tattersall (Normanton).

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Hull v. Oldham—Referee, A. Hestford (Broughton); touch judges, T. F. Wilkinson (Hunslet) and C. Hirst (Wakefield).

Hunslet v. Keighley—Referee, R. Robinson (Bradford); touch judges, E. Wharton (Huddersfield) and J. Wormald (Halifax).

Rochdale Hornets v. Dewsbury—Referee, C. Platt (Huddersfield); touch judges, J. Horrocks (Leigh) and W. (Oldham).

Salford v. Hull Kingston Rovers—Referee, J. C. Lumley (Leeds); touch judges, H. Ball (Wigan) and J. A. Blackburn (Leigh).

Warrington v. Swinton—Referee, B. Enion (Wigan); touch judges, A. Cross (St. Helens) and H. Yates (Runcorn).

Widnes v. Wakefield Trinity—Referee, H. G. Roebuck (Huddersfield); touch judges, W. Mainwaring (Salford) and A. Roscoe (Broughton).

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## MEN AND MATTERS

The International match is dealt with elsewhere in this issue and we need only say that with two strong sides in the field a most interesting game should be seen next Saturday.

The happenings of the week have made the possibilities for the "first four" competition of the League more interesting than ever. There may be more surprises to-day and on Saturday week comes the all important return engagement of the Huddersfield and Wigan teams. There will in our opinion be more astonishing results before the all important question is decided.

With the exception perhaps of Clubs Disappointed three the clubs who during the last month have been particularly busy in their efforts to secure additional players of repute, have very little to report in return for their enterprise. Record signing on bonuses have been offered and playing fees have been promised but with perhaps three exceptions, the temptations have been refused. Probably before the season expires one or two men of repute will change their minds and it will be found that the registrations were merely delayed.



## NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

### Results up to this morning.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points		Per-centage.
					F.	A.	
Huddersfield	24	19	3	2	545	200	83.33
Wigan	23	18	4	1	453	140	80.43
Rochdale Hornets.	22	17	4	1	298	104	79.31
Salford	22	16	5	1	195	99	75.00
Hull	24	17	7	0	364	132	70.83
Barrow	21	14	7	0	228	162	66.66
Kingston Rovers..	23	14	8	1	254	203	63.04
Widnes	23	13	9	1	188	142	58.69
Warrington	22	12	9	1	190	229	56.81
Leeds	23	12	10	1	225	180	54.34
Hunslet	24	13	11	0	239	272	54.16
Oldham	23	11	12	0	230	156	47.82
Broughton Rangers	24	11	13	0	163	205	45.83
Halifax	23	10	12	1	291	225	45.65
St. Helens	23	10	12	1	255	301	45.65
Swinton	20	9	11	0	137	166	45.00
Wakefield Trinity.	23	9	12	2	165	203	43.47
Dewsbury	24	10	14	0	251	304	41.66
Batley	22	8	13	1	133	212	38.63
Keighley	21	7	13	1	103	250	35.71
Runcorn	21	6	15	0	97	309	28.57
Leigh	20	5	15	0	90	228	25.00
Bramley	21	5	16	0	114	268	23.80
Bradford	24	4	19	1	153	370	18.75
York	24	4	20	0	158	461	16.66

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Salford	16	12	3	1	25
Wigan	15	12	3	0	24
Rochdale H.	13	10	2	1	21
Barrow	14	9	5	0	18
Warrington	16	8	7	1	17
Widnes	17	9	7	1	19
Broughton R.	17	9	8	0	18
Oldham	15	7	8	0	14
St. Helens	16	6	10	0	12
Swinton	16	6	10	0	12
Runcorn	14	2	12	0	4
Leigh	16	1	15	0	2

### YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Huddersfield	17	16	0	1	33
Hull	18	13	5	0	26
Kingston R.	17	11	5	1	23
Leeds	18	10	7	1	21
Hunslet	17	10	7	0	20
Wakefield T.	18	8	8	2	18
Dewsbury	19	9	10	0	18
Batley	16	7	8	1	15
Halifax	16	7	9	0	14
Keighley	16	5	10	1	11
Bramley	16	5	11	0	10
Bradford	17	4	12	1	9
York	17	3	14	0	6

## My Note Book.

(By THE EDITOR.)

Once more Huddersfield take the lead in the League tournament. Rochdale's well-merited victory over Wigan on Tuesday was, I should imagine, the result of play in direct contrast to that served up by the Hornets at York on the previous Saturday. A few weeks ago it appeared a sort of acknowledged fact that neither Wigan or Huddersfield could be deposed from the leading positions, but a glance at the records this morning reveals an outlook abounding in possibilities.

The League leaders, after their game this afternoon, have to entertain Wigan, Kingston Rovers, and Hull. They have, of course, other fixtures, but I am only giving the games which will necessitate changes in the leading half-dozen teams. Then Wigan, apart from the great test at Fartown, have to play Barrow and their victors of Tuesday, Salford (at Wigan), Dewsbury, Leeds, and Salford away. The tasks which lie before the leaders in the immediate future are particularly difficult, and in my opinion the percentages of both Wigan and Huddersfield will be again reduced before the end of March.

One rather surprising feature of the season has been the pronounced superiority of Lancashire clubs when opposed to the teams

over the border. Last year the story read the other way, but this term the Palatine superiority is most pronounced. There were only two inter county games last Saturday, but both were won by the Lancashire teams, even though the victories of St. Helens and Rochdale Hornets were made with a very little margin of points.

I am sorry to hear that Councillor Henderson, the chairman of the Wigan club, has felt obliged to resign his position. The display of feeling at the recent requisition meeting called to consider the Todd transfer is given as the reason for Mr. Henderson's decision. I thought that the matter had ended, at any rate until the Annual Meeting, for now no good purpose is served by further discussion of the points in dispute. Todd now belongs to Dewsbury, and even from a sentimental point of view, the Wigan members would be well advised to let the matter drop.

Arthur Smith, the Oldham forward, who was only transferred to Halifax last week, has soon got into trouble. After hearing Smith's version, the League Committee suspended him up to and including March 14, and Halifax were ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry.



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### PAVILION GOSSIP.

On behalf of the members of the Club, we desire to congratulate A. E. Wood and W. Hall on their securing International honours. Each of them thoroughly deserve the honour, and we felt sure that they will enhance their reputations by their displays at St. Helens next Saturday. We hope so, for if ever two players went on the field of play determined to do their duty Wood and Hall always do. We trust they will "come off," and then their prospects for the tour should be all the brighter.

We extend a hearty welcome to our visitors to-day. Huddersfield are undoubtedly one of the cleverest sides in the Union, and spectators are generally treated with a fine display from them, and we hope to-day's battle will be no exception to the rule, but as partisans "we want our own team—Owdham," to win. Will they do so?

The encouragement of local talent by the club officials has won favour throughout the town, and there are many anxious faces amongst budding juniors as to when their turn will come.

The securing of Willie Thomas from Wigan Highfield has caused surprise in the camp of another important club; but Thomas preferred Oldham, and may he have a successful future with us.

The passing of our backs last week was pleasing, and it only goes to show that if they will handle the ball and swing it about, they will do far better than they would by frequent kicking; and the forwards put some "devil" into their work. It is that what is wanted. It has been lacking long enough.

Hilton, the local youth, proved a "rare worrier" last Saturday.





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- 16—MOORHOUSE.
- 5—TODD
- 18—ROGERS
- 6—DAVIES
- 10—CLARK
- 13—CHILCOTT
- 11—GRONOW
- 8—HIGSON
- 7—E. JONES
- 9—LEE
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## Club Gossip.

Oldham's total last Saturday was the highest of the season.

Hull Kingston Rovers have by no means given up prospects for the first four.

Prior to the Widnes game Salford had never this season failed to record a scoring point.

Only Halifax in the lower half of the League tournament have more points to their credit than against.

There were eight thousand spectators at the Bradford match last Saturday.

Salford's defeat at Widnes practically puts them out of the Lancashire League Championship.

W. D. Sharp, Broughton Rangers new half back from Melrose, has scored 40 tries during the last three seasons.

Four of Leigh's five victories have been made against Yorkshire opponents.

Wigan's record of points in the Northern Combination is rapidly approaching the five hundred.

Huddersfield need to make only six more points out of their seven remaining Yorkshire League games to again secure the championship.

Thomas Gotheridge, one of Leigh's young forwards, did not put in an appearance for the team on Saturday. His absence was rather romantic, for it turns out that he was quietly married on Saturday morning.

The League champions have not yet won a match this season on Lancashire soil. Has this defect been remedied to-day at Watersheddings?

	Points		Points
<b>A</b> Barrow.....		<b>F</b> Leeds .....	
Rochdale H .....		Warrington .....	
<b>B</b> Broughton .....		<b>G</b> Halifax.....	
Wigan .....		Dewsbury .....	
<b>C</b> Leigh.....		<b>H</b> Wakefield T.....	
Widnes.....		Keighley .....	
<b>D</b> Runcorn .....		<b>J</b> Hull Kingston .....	
Salford .....		Bramley .....	
<b>E</b> St. Helens .....		<b>K</b> Burnley .....	
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## England v. Wales.

(By THE TRAVELLER.)

The official mind as to the best twenty-six players of English and Welsh nationality on the registers of Northern League clubs is now revealed. The Selection Committee have chosen the following:—

### ENGLAND.

WOOD (Oldham)  
MOORHOUSE (Huddersfield) WAGSTAFF (Huddersfield) HALL (Oldham) REID (Widnes)  
MILNER (Dewsbury) JONES (Rochdale)  
CLAMPITT (J. L.) (Broughton) LONGSTAFFE (Huddersfield) RAMSDALE (Wigan)  
ROMAN (Rochdale) JOHNSON (Widnes) CLARK (Huddersfield)

### WALES.

THOMAS (G.) (Wigan)  
WILLIAMS (Halifax) JENKINS (Wigan) DAVIES (W. A.) (Leeds) FRANCIS (Hull)  
ROGERS (Huddersfield) THOMAS (G.) (Wigan)  
RICHARDS (Wigan) THOMAS (Salford) BEAMES (Halifax)  
GRONOW (Huddersfield) COLDRICK (Wigan) CHILCOTT (Huddersfield)

Huddersfield supplies seven players and Wigan six, so that the resources of the League leaders have been fairly drawn upon. And I do not think any adverse criticism will be bestowed upon these selections from Fartown and Central Park. In fact, I make bold to say that possibly the attacking strength of the English side would have been improved had another three-quarter back been called up from either Huddersfield or Wigan. And out Fartown way, they will no doubt cavil at the non-inclusion of Holland.

This, however, is merely a matter of opinion, and, personally, I have little fault to find with the sides other than that the wing three-quarter backs might have been improved upon. Frankly, Reid, of Widnes, a plucky and persevering player, is the surprise selection of the whole team. Owing to the injury sustained in the county match he has been out of football for some time. Yet his first appearance brings him into the national side.

I do not doubt that at least half-a-dozen wing men have equal claims to Reid for the honour, but in justice to the selectors, I should remind critics that many of the players of ability have an extreme aversion to playing out of position. They want their own particular wing. The half backs on the English side were a foregone conclusion, and I am pleased to see that preference has been given to a lot of sound scrummagers who can, as the occasion demands, be seen to equal advantage in the loose.

The Welsh side is distinctly strong so far as the back division is concerned, though I should have preferred Hugh Davies, of Leeds, playing with his club colleague, in preference to Francis. The Hull player is good, but from personal observation I have a high regard for Hugh Davies, and should have liked to see the Leeds pair playing under conditions more favourable to their style, than usually prevails at Headingley. The forwards are all men of experience, and if they do their duty in the scrum, I look to the superiority of the back division, particularly the intermediate line, to record a notable victory for the men of the Principality. But it should be a great game for all that.



