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MEN AND MATTERS

Six Vacant Places. The Australasian Sub-Committee made further progress in the tour arrangements during the week by announcing half-a-dozen further selections. The players chosen up to date are twenty in number, and the remaining six may be announced next week.

The Week's Favours. The latest favours were awarded to A. E. Wood (Oldham), full back; F. Williams (Halifax), wing three-quarter back; F. Smith (Hunslet) scrummage half back; S. Prosser (Halifax), outside half back; D. Holland (Oldham), forward; and W. L. Beattie (Wakefield), forward.

Changes at Dewsbury. They are evidently spring cleaning at Dewsbury this week, for at the meeting of the League Committee no

fewer than twenty-eight players were crossed off the register at Crown Flatts, the most important being, of course, the transfer of Milner to Hull.

Officials. The referees chosen for the cup ties next week are: Huddersfield v. Hull, at Leeds, Mr. R. Jones (Widnes); Broughton Rangers v. Wakefield Trinity, at Rochdale, Mr. F. Renton (Hunslet); and should Broughton win the tie, the final game will be played at Oldham, but if Trinity win, the deciding match will be played at Halifax.

Bradford Fined. The investigation into the complaint made by Mr. Arnet Smith against the Bradford spectators resulted in the Yorkshire club being fined £20, and ordered to post warning notices on the ground, a copy of the notice to be sent to the League Committee.

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

Results up to this morning.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points		Per-centage.
					F.	A.	
Huddersfield	30	25	3	2	739	232	86.66
Wigan	29	22	5	2	562	213	79.31
Salford	28	21	6	1	276	128	76.78
Hull	22	22	7	0	427	167	75.86
Barrow	25	17	8	0	271	204	68.00
Rochdale Hornets.	27	17	8	2	321	171	66.66
Hunslet	29	17	11	1	387	302	60.34
Kingston Rovers..	27	15	10	2	295	232	59.25
Leeds	28	15	12	1	269	214	55.35
Widnes	27	14	12	1	204	166	53.70
Warrington	28	14	13	1	235	280	51.78
Swinton	26	13	13	0	198	190	50.00
Dewsbury	30	14	14	2	304	328	50.00
Batley	27	12	13	2	208	228	48.14
Oldham	28	13	15	0	287	264	46.42
Wakefield Trinity.	28	10	15	3	194	263	41.07
Broughton Rangers	27	11	16	0	179	238	40.74
St. Helens	26	10	15	1	276	349	40.38
Halifax	27	10	16	1	314	265	38.88
Runcorn	27	9	18	0	137	402	33.33
Leigh	25	8	17	0	109	262	32.00
Keighley	27	7	19	1	127	358	27.77
Bramley	26	6	20	0	137	398	23.07
Bradford	30	6	23	1	194	433	21.66
York	29	5	24	0	186	612	17.24

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Wigan	19	16	3	0	32
Salford	19	14	4	1	29
Barrow	17	11	6	0	22
Rochdale H.	17	10	6	1	21
Warrington.	19	10	8	1	21
Widnes	19	9	9	1	19
Broughton R	19	9	10	0	18
Swinton	20	9	11	0	18
Oldham	17	8	9	0	16
St. Helens..	18	6	12	0	12
Runcorn	20	5	15	0	10
Leigh	21	4	17	0	8

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Huddersfield	21	20	0	1	41
Hull	20	15	5	0	30
Hunslet....	21	14	7	0	28
Kingston R.	20	12	7	1	25
Dewsbury ..	22	12	10	0	24
Leeds.....	20	11	8	1	23
Batley	20	10	8	2	22
Wakefield T.	21	9	9	3	21
Halifax	20	8	12	0	16
Bradford ..	21	6	14	1	13
Keighley ..	22	5	16	1	11
Bramley ..	21	5	16	0	10
York	20	4	16	0	8

My Note Book.

(By THE EDITOR.)

The third round ties of the Challenge Cup competition clearly demonstrated the superiority of the Yorkshire clubs, for with equal representation in the last round, the only Lancashire team qualified for the penultimate stage is Broughton Rangers. This unsatisfactory condition of things was mainly due to the unexpected defeat of Wigan at Wakefield.

The attendances and receipts were again satisfactory, as the following returns imply:—

Wakefield Trinity v. Wigan, 12,000	£334
Rochdale Hornets v. Broughton R. 11,000	£305
Halifax v. Hull, 18,000	£438
Huddersfield v. Widnes, 16,058	£538

I extract the following from the "Athletic News":—"Before leaving matters of interest connected with the tour, I must mention the negotiations which at present are in progress between Oldham, Hull, and Sid Dean. The latter is, of course, the well-known centre three-quarter back who played in the Colonial representative games last season, and will, no doubt, do so this. Dean is yet on the Oldham register, and there was a possibility of his return to Watersheddings at the commencement of the present season."

"Even now the then differences between Oldham and their Colo-

nial player appear to me to have been easy of solution. However, the negotiations broke down, and now Hull are in the field. Oldham, I learn—unofficially, of course—have fixed the transfer fee at £600, and the present idea is that the matter should be fixed up, and that Dean should come back with the tourists."

"The Oldham club officials know their business best, but if Dean is worth £600 to Hull, what is his value to Oldham, considering the present unsatisfactory position of the Watersheddings team? Anyhow, the "deal" is legally possible, because the matter is a simple transfer and not a new registration, so that the new qualification law for Colonials does not operate. I might add, in conclusion, that Dean is rather favourably inclined for the Boulevard, and it is evident Hull mean to build up a great team."

The York Club announce the placing on the transfer list of James Lomas and Francis Boylen. Lomas has only served a season at Clarence Street, and I do not doubt but that his services will be welcomed by the majority of clubs, providing the transfer fee is not too high. Boylen is the ex-Rugby Union International forward who went to Hull from Hartlepool Rovers.

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PAVILION GOSSIP.

Since the team last played at Watersheddings they have met with a reverse which has knocked them out of the Northern Union Cup Tournament, for the present season at any rate. On the day's play at Widnes, the better side won, but with the chances which came our way, we should have entered the third round. However, it is no use crying over spilt milk now.

Despite the defeat at Widnes, we went smiling to Wakefield and gained a great victory. To beat the Trinity on their own ground is a smart performance, and especially so when one considers that at the interval the "bhoys" were six points behind. But in the second half the Watersheddings thirteen played really good football, and the work of all was very praiseworthy.

"Hast yerd owt yet," was a popular phrase uttered on Monday on the trip to Wakefield. The reference was relating to the selections for the N.U. tour. What a smile came over Alf. Wood's face on Tuesday when he learned that he had been honoured.

If ever a player deserved the honour, it is such a player as Alf.

Wood. He is undoubtedly the most fearless defender in the Union, a strong kicker, and a smart fielder of the ball; in fact, in the opinion of many, he should have been selected first. We congratulate him on his selection, and we desire also to pay tribute to Dave Holland, who has also been honoured. A better forward and a more genuine player never went on to a field, and we feel sure that he, Wood and Billy Hall will add more laurels to their name and the club also.

We learn that Tommy Jones might possibly be selected for the trip. He is worth a place in the side, and would no doubt do the team good.

The 'A' team continue on their way rejoicing, and some of their play might be copied by the seniors. The office boy thinks so.

Should Broughton beat Wakefield, and we think they will, then the final for the Northern Union Cup will be played at Watersheddings. We are worthy of the honour, and we trust the game will take place on our historic ground.



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- 8—FERGUSON
- 9—AVERY
- 10—HOLLANDS
- 11—MARLOR
- 12—D. B. DAVIES
- 13—WILTSHIRE
- 14—HILTON

BARROW TEAM.

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- GIFFORD, right-wing
- HICKSON, ”
- DOBSON, left-wing
- WILLIAMS, ”
- MITCHELL, half-back
- THOMAS, ”
- FREDERICKS, forward
- MOUNT, ”
- HOWARTH, ”
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B	Leeds	G	Runcorn
	Wigan		Hunslet
C	Broughton Rangers.....	H	Keighley
	Widnes		Leigh
D	St. Helens	J	York
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Club Gossip.

The match between Salford and Rochdale Hornets, postponed from March 21, will be played at Rochdale on April 7, the kick-off being timed for 5-30.

R. H. Neville, the wing man, who has been a regular playing member of the Leigh team for the last decade, has been transferred to Wigan, and the Hindley Green sprinter turned out for his new club on Wednesday. His loss will be felt at Mather Lane, where this season he has been displaying form warranting his consideration for representative games. The transfer fee is said to be substantial.

The Huddersfield club were fined 10s. for a late start at Bramley. F. Watson (Bramley) and Joseph Beardmore (Pemberton) were suspended up to and including April 11 and 13 respectively.

The Featherstone Club have been fined two guineas for having reduced the playing space of their ground in the recent Cup tie with Hull.

Guerin, the Hunslet forward, placed nine goals out of twelve attempts in the League game last Saturday.

W. L. Beattie, who would probably have been the one Scot in the party, has had to decline the invitation of the Northern Union to form one of the team to tour Australasia. Business circumstances have forced him to decline the trip.

Rochdale Hornets' visit to Runcorn on Wednesday was disastrous. They were well beaten, and what was more they lost the services of Jones, who, with A. Hughes, of the home team, were ordered off. It may prove an expensive action by the Hornet.

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The Cup Semi-Finals.

(By THE TRAVELLER.)

THE pairing of the teams for the Cup semi-finals has, I think, worked out most advantageously for the clubs concerned, both in a playing and a financial sense. Wakefield Trinity and Broughton Rangers are, as regards League records, on an equality, and, with Hull as the opponents for the leaders, a superior contest is more possible than would have been the case had either the Trinity or the Rangers been called upon to visit Leeds.

Three of the quartette are past holders of the trophy, and Hull were in the final for three successive seasons, so that on the ground of experience the competing teams are well matched, and a capital penultimate stage is assured. Whilst the Northern Union take the whole of the "gate" in the final, the competing clubs next Saturday take a third share of the respective takings.

Without in any way underestimating the attractiveness of the tie at Rochdale, the Headingley match claims first attention. Huddersfield, the present holders, are naturally favourites for the trophy again, for their record in both League and Cup Competition is most convincing. As will be seen from the previous round scores, Wagstaff and his colleagues have made the most points of any team in the tournament, and their defence is also exceptional.

HUDDERSFIELD'S progress.		Pts. for	Pts. agt.
First Round—	Swinton Park (h)	119	2
Second "	Kingston Rovers (a)...	17	2
Third "	Widnes (h)	21	10
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		157	14

Hull have, of late, shewn a return to form reminiscent of their early season display. The draw has by no means favoured them, for they have only once appeared at the Boulevard. Like the Fartowners, their defence has all along been exceptionally good, and, as both sides play the open game, a great contest is assured. I rather fancy the holders will qualify.

HULL'S Record.		For	Ag't.
First Round—	Salford (h)	8	5
Second "	Featherstone (a)	27	3
Third "	Halifax (a)	13	3
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		48	8

Broughton Rangers and Wakefield Trinity is a match, the result of which is most difficult to predict. Both teams possess capable forwards, whose tactics should be serviceable in a cup battle. Their backs are more of the useful rather than the brilliant order, but I think the Rangers have a slight pull in the rear division, and I look for a Lancashire team in the final. The respective scores in the preliminary rounds are:—

BROUGHTON RANGERS.		For	Ag't.
First Round—	Bartow (a)	11	6
Second "	York (h) ..	24	4
Third "	Rochdale Hornets (a).	9	7
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		44	17

WAKEFIELD TRINITY.		For	Ag't.
First Round—	Swinton (h).....	2	0
Second "	Leeds (h).....	9	8
Third "	Wigan (h).....	9	6
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		20	14

