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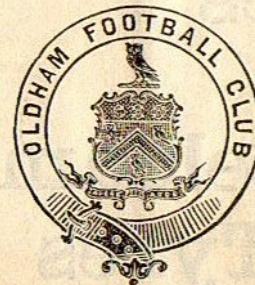
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Editorial Notes.

In the Top Flight.

As the result of our game with Huddersfield last Saturday, we still retain our proud 100 per cent. of victories. We figure fourth in the table consequent upon our defence having been somewhat inferior to the three clubs who head the League, viz.: Wigan, Leigh and Swinton.

Without being egotistical, we can safely say that it is nothing new to find Wigan and ourselves in the top flight; but it is quite a pleasing feature to find both Swinton and Leigh commencing so well. Especially are we pleased to see our old friends "The Lions" doing so well. If only they keep up their present form until Christmas Day, what a game we shall have at Watersheddings! Of course, that is looking forward with a vengeance, but all the same we would dearly like to see Swinton and Oldham meet on that occasion with both teams occupying similar positions in the League table as they do to-day. What a reminder of old times that would be. It is a few years since Leigh got so well off their mark, and they are another team we shall eagerly anticipate at Watersheddings.

Swinton have never yet either won the League or figured as a runner-up; but Leigh carried off the honours in season 1905-6.

Our Game with Huddersfield.

We have had some interesting and exciting tussels with the Huddersfield team both at Watersheddings and at Huddersfield; but it is doubtful if any game has given rise to such an amount of discussion as the one last Saturday appears likely to do. Not that the game was really brilliant; we have seen far better games between the two teams, but there were certain incidents in connection with the game under notice that will cause controversy for many a long day to come. Without any beating about the bush, we are frankly going to claim that despite any question as to the time played, we were entitled to a victory. In the first half we certainly had as much of the game as Huddersfield; whilst in the second half there would be no question as to Oldham's superiority. How the Huddersfield line escaped in that half was nothing less than a miracle. Some people may have thought it was a somewhat risky experiment in playing Beynon, Farrar, and Davies for the first time this season, in so important a game. We scarcely agree with that contention, and we think that the result fully justified the Committee's choice. The combination desired can only be obtained by giving it a good trial, and as Beynon has previously proved himself a most capable outside half, there was nothing

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more natural than that Davies and Farrar should have a chance of operating behind him. We are afraid though, that both Farrar and Beynon are not in the best of condition, and it required just such a game as the one last Saturday, to bring that fact vividly not only to the minds of those who watched the game, but to the two players themselves. We do not doubt but what that defect will speedily be remedied, and then we may expect to make things hum.

The Question of Time.

Questions of vital importance in the Near East paled into insignificance last Saturday evening when the question of the referee's timekeeping came to be discussed. It was the all-important topic, and will be we suppose for some time to come. We are not in a position to say what length of time the referee allowed for the various stoppages in the game; but it is quite evident that Mr. Renton did allow for some time being wasted. Then again it must not be overlooked that Huddersfield might just as easily have scored as did Oldham in that alleged overtime. We say alleged advisedly, because when all is said and done, the referee is the sole judge of time, and has sole power to allow extra time for any delays in the game. Some people have got the idea that such power to the referee only applies to cup-tie games. That is a mistake; the referee has similar power in all games.

Our Membership.

We had a good many people grumbling last Saturday at not being able to obtain members' cards for the side stands. It may

as well be stated at once that the full limit has been issued by the Committee for those stands, and it is not intended to issue any more. One peculiar feature in connection with this matter was the fact that a great portion of those who made belated applications for such cards were followers who live in the immediate vicinity of the ground, and yet they could have got one as far as five weeks back! There were a few centre stand cards left after last Saturday's game, and that was all. Our membership is now well into the region of 4,000, a fact which speaks well for the popularity of our Club, and for loyalty amongst our followers. Our hard-working secretary had a difficult task last Saturday in explaining that the whole issue of the side stand cards were finished, and he would naturally take it as a favour if he was not worried to-day as was the case last Saturday.

Our Visitors.

We feel sure that our followers will extend a very hearty welcome to our visitors to Watersheddings this afternoon. Our Leeds friends have played five games up-to-date, have won three, lost one, and drawn one. They scored a very handsome victory over Wakefield Trinity at Headingley last Saturday; and on the previous Saturday they created a surprise by defeating Hull on the Humberside. Therefore we can rest assured that the Tykes will make us think we have "something on our plate," before the game is over. They have a very capable back division, and that being the case we are anticipating seeing a good open game, and just about retaining our unbeaten certificate in the end.

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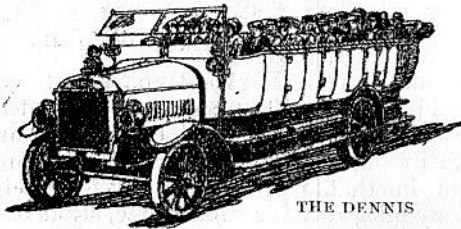
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Oldham Visit to Hull.

After a sequence of four home games, our first team journey away next Saturday, their destination being Hull. We have some mixed recollections of our visit to Hull last season, where we were the victims of some very cruel luck. Still we won the return game with a tremendous margin. We have in the past played some good games at Hull, and what Leeds was capable of doing there three weeks ago, we think we have a reasonable chance of emulating.

Oldham "A" Team again Defeated.

It would appear to be rather bad form our 'A' team being beaten two weeks in succession. We certainly gave an improved display at Pemberton, and were only beaten by the narrow margin of a couple of goals.

To-day's game will be at Cadishead, where they meet the Cadishead and Irlam team, and when it is to be hoped they will secure a couple of points.

The Junior League.

Oldham ground next Saturday will be the venue of an interesting game, when the Y.M.C.A., the winners of the Oldham Junior League last season, will meet a team selected from the Rest of the League. We hear very good reports of the splendid work being done by this League in bringing on our local youths. We trust that our followers will roll up in great numbers next Saturday and thus show their practical interest in the Junior League. They are sure to witness some very interesting football.

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We heard some Huddersfield friends suggest last week that Mr. Renton would make a splendid "knocker-up." So nice you know to have a "few minutes extra!" They didn't half play the duce about the referee; in fact they were at it "time after time."

Supposing Huddersfield had scored in that alleged overtime and won the game! Why Mr. Renton would have been one of the fairest judges of the game (and time) that ever blew a whistle.

Who were those followers of ours who went "big game" shooting the other day? We understand that they had a glorious time; in fact a much better time than those unfortunate people who tried to tackle the results of the shoot. There's been some *fowl* jokes about the affair.

Heard coming off our ground last Saturday. Huddersfield follower: "I wonder what sort of a watch owd Renton has?" Owdamer: "Why, mon, I should say it's a stop watch!" The Fartown follower wondered why the people in the vicinity laughed.

What Billy Hall said after he scored last Saturday: "Never mind what anybody says; it's all fish that comes to the net." And there was no fluke about it.

"Knappy" got an awful tap on his "napper" last Saturday; but still that did not prevent him from playing a good game. We might also say that the kick was not a case of Davidge being savage; it was a pure accident, such as might occur in any game.

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That was rather bad form of that Huddersfield gentleman to throw a sweet at the referee as that official was leaving the ground at the close of the game. Had it been a lady we might have excused her and called her a dear, *sweet* thing; but the action of the gentleman was decidedly wanting in taste, even if the sweets did taste good.

There is quite a motherly old lady who looks after the players' refreshments at half-time out Pemberton way. There was some capital tea and coffee at half-time; and when the old dame spied one of our officials sniffing at a cup she hastened to inform him how sorry she was that there wasn't a drop of the "cratar" in. It was an oversight which she promised would be remedied on the occasion of their next visit.

Our old friends the Rochdale Hornets put up a splendid fight

at Wigan last Saturday, and were only beaten in the last quarter of the game.

We were sorry that our Oldham cricketing friends failed to capture that handsome silver cup given by Alderman Wood, of Middleton. Of course, Rochdale folk will look upon their victory as some compensation for their missing the Infirmary Cup on the previous Saturday. A lot of our boys in the "Penny Rush" were anxious to see that cup; because as one of them said "It's first time a *Wood* silver cup has been offered for competition!" So there!

We believe that our president's son figures in the Y.M.C.A. team which is due to meet the Rest of the Junior League next Saturday at our ground.

A Sunday contemporary had a big headline last Sunday "Oldham Lucky." We are inclined to take a charitable view of that compositor's error; because in our own minds we know very well that the word he intended was "Plucky." Of course, these little mistakes are apt to occur even in the best regulated journals.

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