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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Return to Form.

A Bitter Cup.

We made a very hurried and undignified exit from the Lancashire Cup Competition last Saturday week. Having played so well in previous games, it was naturally thought that our chances of defeating Salford at Watersheddings were excellent. On paper they were; on the turf, as it was that day, they were not. The conditions could scarcely have been worse, and for once in a way this season we experienced a very bad day. The weather was sufficient to put a stop to all the finer arts of the game, and Salford more readily grasped the situation than did our fellows: why that should have been so was to most of us a mystery. Still, there could be no doubting the fact that our visitors adapted themselves finely to the existing conditions, and therein lay their success. Just a little bit of irony was felt in the fact that Peacock, one of our transferred players, should be the individual to score the winning try. On the day's play Salford merited their success, and we congratulate them upon their performance.

It was quite a pleasing return to form which we witnessed at Rochdale last Saturday when we tackled our old foes—the Hornets. In the past few games at the Athletic grounds we have not had much to crow about, but our display on Saturday was really excellent all round. Our new hooker, Scaife, was a decided success, and our forwards gained possession very cleverly. Our backs exploited the open game splendidly, and it was only because of Rochdale's splendid defence that they had not a much larger score piled up against them. Holliday appears to be gathering his form nicely, and his display against the Hornets left very little, if any, room for complaint. Joe Corsi generally comes in for a lot of good-humoured chaff from his old associates at Rochdale, but last week Joe could well afford to smile at the manner in which he got the better of his opponents. With the exception of one or two "incidents" which crept into the game towards the closing stages, the play was quite of a high standard, and thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd.

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Our Oversea Friends.

To-day we have the pleasure of extending a hearty welcome to our visitors, the "All Blacks" from New Zealand. Including the Maoris, this will make the fifth team that has visited us from Australia and New Zealand, each of the teams being met on our present ground, with the exception of the Maoris, who were met and defeated at Clarksfield on March 4th, 1889. On every occasion our followers have given our visitors a right royal, rousing reception, and we have not the slightest doubt that the reception given to our visitors to-day will be every bit as cordial. We trust that during their brief stay in our famous town they will have a real good

time, and a game worthy of being remembered in conjunction with the games with touring teams in the past.

The Team that Beat the Maoris.

It may be of interest to reproduce here the team that represented Oldham on the occasion when they beat the Maoris at Clarksfield on March 4th, 1889. It was as follows:—

Full-back:

T. B. Broadbent.

Three-quarter backs:

J. Hurst, W. McCutcheon and

W. H. Pennington.

Half-backs:

J. R. Mills and J. Nolan.

Forwards:

T. Whittaker, H. Court, J. Blomley, J. Armstrong, J. Mellor, S. H. Nuttall, H. Wolstencroft, W. Lees and H. Jowett.

At that time it was the custom of clubs to borrow players occasionally from other teams when they had a big engagement on hand. That was how it came about that Jack Hurst, Mellor and Jowett were included in the Oldham team on that occasion. The result was: Oldham: 1 goal, 3 tries and 4 minors to 10 minors: a decisive victory for Oldham. Of the above team we have, of course, W. McCutcheon still actively connected officially with our club; whilst Mr. "Jack" Armstrong is now our Clerk of the Peace. Mr. "Jack" Hurst is also still with us, and Mr. T. B. Broadbent is at present resident in Hull, where we generally renew our acquaintance with him on our visits to Humberside.

Station, and their journey by wagonette, drawn by four horses, to the headquarters, the Red Lion Hotel, was witnessed by thousands of spectators, who gave the visitors a tremendous welcome. They were entertained to the second house at the Theatre Royal, and afterwards held an informal reception at the Red Lion Hotel. Unfortunately, the weather on the following day turned out very bad—rain, sleet and finally snow being the order of the elements. That was the first occasion on which any of the visitors had ever seen snow, with the probable exception of G. W. Smith, who had twice previously visited England. We well remember how eagerly some of the visitors held out their hands for the snow to fall upon and then taste it! It was a great sensation for them.

The First "All Blacks."

Close upon nineteen years have elapsed since the late Mr. A. H. Baskerville made the bold venture of bringing over here the first New Zealand team to this country to play professional football under the auspices of the then Northern Rugby Union, now, of course, the Rugby Football League. We well remember the stirring times we had in Oldham that weekend.

The team arrived on the Friday evening, November 22nd, 1907, and the game, of course, took place the following day. The team had a wonderful reception at Clegg Street Railway

The Teams in 1907.

The following were the two teams that played in this all-important game:—

NEW ZEALAND:

Full-back:

H. S. Turtill.

Three-quarters:

J. Lavery, G. W. Smith, and W. Tyler.

Five-eighths:

H. Messenger and E. Wrigley.

Half-back:

A. Kelley.

Forwards:

D. Gilchrist, C. Pearce, T. Cross, W. Trevarthen, W. Johnston and H. Wright (capt.)

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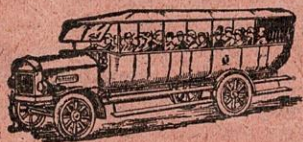
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Three-quarters:

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T. Llewellyn and A. Oldershaw.

Half-backs:

Tom White and D. Beynon.

Forwards:

J. Ferguson (Capt.), W. Long-

worth, A. Smith, A. E. Avery,

H. Topham and J. H.

Wilkinson.

The officials were Mr. R.

Robinson, Pradford, Referee,

and the Touch Judges, Mr. J.

H. Smith, of Widnes and Mr.

T. King of Salford.

The result of a really brilliant game, especially considering the weather conditions, was a victory for us by a single point, eight points to seven. Arthur Oldershaw and Dai Beynon scored unconverted tries for Oldham, whilst Ferguson landed a penalty goal. One of the features of the game was a wonderful goal kicked from the touch-line by "Dally" Messenger. After the game the teams and officials, together with a number of prominent townsmen dined at the Reform Club in Union Street, and when the team left Clegg Street at 8-10 in the evening they had a magnificent "send-off."

What the Old Lady Said.

In connection with the first visit of the "All Blacks," an amusing incident occurred at

Greenfield Station on the Friday evening. A crowd of people had gathered at the station to have a peep at the team as they passed through on their way to Oldham. Amongst the crowd was a fair sprinkling of the fair sex. Whilst the saloon stood in the station waiting to be attached to the train for Clegg Street, one woman ventured on the footboard and had a good look at the New Zealanders. As she dropped off on to the platform again she turned somewhat impatiently towards her friends and said: "Come on, let's go; there isn't a d—d one on 'em black!"

Still With Us.

It is pleasing to know that of the first "All Blacks," two of the members of the team who took part in that game against us are still in Oldham, viz., G. W. Smith, who, of course, joined us at the conclusion of that tour, and Arthur Kelley. The former is scarcely as good on his "pins" as he was in those days, but Kelley, who takes a great interest in our games, is still locking very fit.

Other Touring Teams.

When the first Australian team visited us on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1908, we won by eleven points to five, Tyson, W. Dixon (jun.) and Longworth scoring tries. Of that

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4. Holliday, T. E.
5. Corsi, J. A.
6. Heaslip, G.
7. Jeremiah, I.
8. Read, J.
9. Scaife
10. Ashworth, F. W.
11. Baker, A.
12. Sloman, R. (Capt.)
13. Brown, A.
14. Cartwright, P.

NEW ZEALAND

G. T.

14. Gregory, E. C.
15. Brown, L.
3. Davidson, B.
2. Sanders, J.
5. Desmond, W. L.
20. Brisbane, H.
6. Hall, A. W.
23. Mason, L.
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touring team A. E. Anlezark, Sid Deane and Tom McCabe subsequently joined our ranks. The next team was over here in 1911-12, and we defeated them on November 11th, 1911, by 14 points to 8. Of this team "Billy" and "Viv" Farnworth eventually joined us. After the war interval we again met the Australasians at Watersheddings, and on this occasion the Colonials registered their first victory somewhat easily, winning by 16 points to five. Subsequently we had a second fixture with them and, on a ground partially covered with snow, we beat them by 15 points to five. That game was played on Monday, January 16th, 1922.

"Penny Rush" are specially requested to learn this War Cry. It may help us to frighten some of our future opponents at Watersheddings

Te Mapu Racana—ee Ngu—
Ngu nei Anu—Anu—Anu—Ha
Wacane Takakahia, Ah Taka-
hia Kia Kino Ah, Kinga
Keiwaho mantonu.

Tankatan hei hei hei Tanka-
tan Kiumiga ote whira whan-
gaiamara nge—nge—nge—ara
tu ara tu ara tan.

Tahi Kariu toru Ka wha
Hcmal okupau Kia wete—wete
—a Hi—Ha—He.

Buhi Kuia Kuia Kuia Hi—
Ha—He.

Interpretation.

The 1st paragraph means
"The assembly of the human
lions."

The 2nd—"They are roar-
ing."

The 3rd—"Welcome."

Last—"We are going to
win."

The "All Blacks" War Cry: "Tankatan."

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