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Watersheddings News and Views

Last week we paid another visit to Yorkshire and suffered another defeat in a game which, during the second half, was unworthy of the name of Rugby League Football. Why are some matches allowed to develop into an all-in fighting match? Is it the players that are to blame or the official in charge—otherwise the referee?

To have expert knowledge of the game and to put same into operation in practice is good, but the essential part of the whole outfit of a referee is to control the game of which he is in sole charge. There are plenty of good referees in the game, but far too much bad control, which must come under the heading of bad refereeing. Referees are surely aware that they are under the critical eyes of the most exacting critics. Referees can never satisfy spectators, but the trouble, as I see it, is the lack of control. There is nothing finer in sport than the game of Rugby League Football if played according to the Rules; to play the ball, not the man. Fair and vigorous tackling is allowed, and hard knocks must be given and taken, but let these come along by fair play. Certain players in our game are not content to tackle by fair means, but always tackle round the head with the intention of injuring the tackled player. It is appropriate to these remarks that the Disciplinary Committee have just issued a notice to Referees, N.L. Clubs and District Leagues that they are much concerned with the increasing tendency by players unnecessarily and deliberately to tackle opponents by aiming hand or arm at the face when a more orthodox tackle could be effected.

Referees are instructed that this class of tackle should be recorded as foul play, and should deal with the offending player in accordance with the Laws of the Game, that is, he should caution the offender and if the offence is repeated or, in the case of violent conduct, without previous caution, he shall be empowered to order the offending player off the field of play. All clubs are requested to ensure that their players are made fully aware of the possible consequences of this type of tackling. If these instructions are carried out, we shall be making progress in our efforts to clean up the game from foul tactics.

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Spotlight on our Visitors

We have visitors to-day in Batley, who are a point ahead in the N.L. Table with a similar number of matches played. Their team consists of a number of "seasoned" players and we may expect to have a good and hard game, with the result in our favour.

LEAKE (full back), playing his second game for Batley, having recently been transferred from Bradford.

PERRY (wing three-quarter), small, but fast, good goal kicker, has had previous service with Wakefield.

RICHES (centre), can be described as a big good 'un, County player and reserve for England.

ETTY (centre), a local player, Yorkshire County, formerly a wing.

CALVERT (wing), local, brought in the team owing to injury to regular wing, Harrison.

STEELE (out half), playing second game with his club, having been transferred from Hull K.R.

ROYAL (scrum half), player coach of the team, previously had service with Huddersfield and Dewsbury.

PILKINGTON (forward), man of four clubs, St. Helens, Oldham, Wakefield, and his present club.

CARTER (hooker), an experienced player, ex Leeds, Whitehaven player.

PICKERSGILL, a local player who is making good.

SEWELL, another local, ex Dewsbury player.

BRIGGS, ex amateur international player, joined Batley at the end of last season.

MAWSON, has served Halifax prior to being transferred this season.

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