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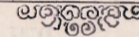
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I think our readers would like, before the season ends, to have reproduced in the "News" the photograph of our popular trainer, Arthur Bennett, who has been connected with the Fartown Brigade for over 20 years.

He is well liked and respected by all the players under his charge, and tries his utmost for the welfare of the Club, and we can rest assured that if our players will do, as I think they try to do, as Arthur wants, we shall have nothing to fear in the forthcoming cup-ties.

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<i>Full Back.—</i>				<i>Full Back.—</i>			
1 J. Bartholomew	...			1 F. Young	...		
<i>Three Quarter Backs.—</i>				<i>Three Quarter Backs.—</i>			
2 E. Sykes	...			2 E. Oliver	...		
3 E. Wrigley	...			3 W. Goldthorpe	...		
4 H. Wagstaffe	...			4 J. Fawcett	...		
5 W. F. Kitchen (Capt.)	...			5 R. Ward	...		
<i>Half Backs.—</i>				<i>Half Backs.—</i>			
6 J. Jagger	...			8 B. Dacre	...		
7 P. Holroyd	...			9 R. Jones	...		
<i>Forwards.—</i>				<i>Forwards.—</i>			
8 W. Ainley	...			11 F. Webster	...		
9 W. Brook	...			10 J. W. Birch	...		
10 A. Barker	...			13 W. Jarman	...		
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BY

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## N.U. Cup.

Now that the draw for the first round of the N.U. Cup is known, interest in the forthcoming ties is increasing, and when round 1 is completed I expect to find the Lancastrians in the majority, the County Palatine clubs having been very favourably drawn.

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## The Wallabies.

I hear that the negotiations between the Oldham club and a "Wallaby" have broken off, but it appears there is another of the "Wallabies" who has been "in touch" with the officials of another prominent N.U. club, and I am told that time will bring confirmation, or otherwise, of most interesting particulars. If so, well then we shall have the sensation of the season.

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## The Bradford Protest.

One result of the protest made by the Bradford club against the official decision in the Leeds match, is that in next season's rules proper provision will be made for these short time matches.

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## Cup Qualification.

The break in the weather last Saturday was welcome to the club officials who had got new men they wished to play, as Jan. 30th was the last day on which they could qualify for the cup-ties.

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## The Kangaroos.

In a fortnight we shall have at Fartown the "Kangaroos" for a second time this season, and I trust we shall all do our best to attend and make this match the record for takings during the tour. The admission has been reduced to 6d., so, my reader, get your "tauner" ready for the 20th.

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## My Post Bag.

Follower (Huddersfield)—Will answer your question next issue.

X.Y.Z. (Birchencliffe)—The referee cannot blow for time until the ball is dead.

F.C. (Hudd.)—Huddersfield r try, Wakefield r try.

Forward (Hillhouse)—The ball would be dead

F.E. (Paddock)—All issues for Xmas Day were sold out.

J.B. (Hudd.)—Thanks! Will see what we can do.

Have you seen the new District Cup?

Have they got one for the Intermediates yet?

## Physical Culture.

I would like my readers to scan the advt. of the Birkby School of Physical Culture if anything in their way, I see they have got a first-class Instructor, and anyone joining I am sure will be welcomed.

## Huddersfield Fixtures.

	H	O	
Sep. 5 Bramley .. ..	h 26	7	w
12 Bradford .. ..	a 14	11	w
19 Rochdale .. ..	a 8	5	w
21 Swinton .. ..	h 17	9	w
22 Wigan .. ..	h 3	10	L
26 York .. ..	a 18	12	w
Oct. 3 Merthyr .. ..	h 35	5	w
10 Wakefield (Yorks. Cup)	a 17	6	w
12 Hull .. ..	a 6	20	L
17 Leeds .. ..	a 6	16	L
24 Batley (Yorkshire Cup)	h 8	13	L
31 Halifax .. ..	h 0	8	L
Nov. 7 Batley .. ..	a 5	5	D
14 Keighley .. ..	h 9	8	w
21 Merthyr .. ..	a 3	3	D
28 Dewsbury .. ..	h 11	2	w
Dec. 5 Hunslet .. ..	a 7	12	L
12 Batley .. ..	b 14	8	w
19 Keighley .. ..	a 11	—	w
25 Hull .. ..	h 26	5	w
26 Wakefield .. ..	a 8	13	L
Jan. 1 Leigh .. ..	a 10	5	w
2 Bramley .. ..	a 21	7	w
9 Hunslet .. ..	h 7	13	L
16 York .. ..	h 28	8	w
23 Wakefield .. ..	b 21	4	w
30 Halifax .. ..	a 3	17	L
Feb. 6 Leeds .. ..	h		
13 Dewsbury .. ..	a		
20 Australia .. ..	h		
27 Northern Union Cup	—		
Mar. 6 Bradford .. ..	h		
13 Kingston Rovers ..	a		
20			
27 Kingston Rovers ..	h		
April 13 Swinton .. ..	a		
16 Rochdale .. ..	h		
12 Wigan .. ..	a		
18 Leigh .. ..	h		

Total Score up-to-date 342 232

## Huddersfield Football Club Notes.

BY

"Black Watch."

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## The Thrum Hall and Fartown Grounds.

The Fartown ground, under a covering of 30 tons of straw and hay, was unfit for play at 8 a.m. on Saturday last, and, with the temperature below freezing point, it was decided to cancel the "Reserve" match.

The day previous, being very sceptical about the reported fitness of the Halifax ground, I phoned Mr. Ricketts, who assured me their ground was decidedly on the soft side, and he was hoping for 15 degrees of frost to dry it up during the night. I considered this astonishing declaration open to grave doubt, but, on further pressure on the point, Mr. Ricketts accepted full responsibility that the match would be absolutely certain whatever frost intervened, and went further, and advertised the match in the local papers in these terms.

To convince our sceptical minds Mr. Ricketts phoned on Saturday morning inviting Mr. Joe Clifford and myself to go over in advance of the team when Mr. Councillor Dodd—the Chairman of the Ground Committee—would be pleased to supply full information as to the method of ground preparation. We accepted, and were astonished to find the ground in beautiful condition, superior—as one of our players said to me after the match—to any ground he had played on during the season.

And this result had come about through the application of rough salt, well brushed in, and afterwards rolled. The surface was like soft rubber and played remarkably well. What it may be after heavy rain one can only surmise—probably very sloppy and heavy—but for cheapness and effectiveness against a severe frost it is a marvellous success, and Coun. Dodd and Mr. Ricketts can be highly complimented upon the success of their initial experiment within the limits of a frosty period.

The gate receipts were £230, a nett gain of £160 compared with a postponement to mid-week.

## The Experiment at Fartown.

The Huddersfield Committee have decided to make several experiments before adopting the same method, as, irrespective of possible damage to the turf, the heavy clay and soil mixture at Fartown may be differently affected, and, beyond this, consideration has to be given to the effects of a mixture of salt and snow in other harmful directions.

## The Game at Halifax.

With inclusion in the top quartette possible for Kitchen & Co., everyone in Huddersfield hoped for the downfall of Halifax, and these hopes might have been fulfilled with Davies and Wagstaffe available.

The breakdown of Davies, who had pluckily been endeavouring all the week to overcome an injury to his knee, and had hoped up to Friday night to be able to play, coupled with Wagstaffe's absence, discounted the keenly desired overthrow of the Blue and Whites.

## Huddersfield well beaten.

Huddersfield were well beaten by a better team, and if Halifax were not 17 points to 3 superior, they well deserved their handsome victory. Beaten in every position bar centre, especially in the second half, our team were quite disappointing.

The forwards played wildly and without method, and the backs rarely combined properly and tackled badly. In no match this season has the defence been so poor.

Little, Williams, Thomas, Grey and Hilton were vastly superior to the players in the same positions on the Huddersfield side. Bartholomew suffered in comparison with Little. The wings, as expected, were out-classed, and no fault could be found with Ainley—pressed into service at the last moment.

Hilton had the measure of Holroyd and Wagger without the assistance of Grey.

Wrigley alone made no mistake, and had very few chances of displaying his abilities on the attack. Huddersfield lost, and would probably lose—similarly represented—4 out of 5 matches, but the team might, and should, have put up a better fight.

Such an exhibition with but two regular members of the team out cannot reasonably satisfy either the committee or their supporters, and not only warrants a strengthening of the Club's playing resources, but makes such action imperative for several positions. The barrenness of the reserve forces was laid bare, and the importance of the "main spring" at outside half very evident.

## Hammond and Brook.

An unfortunate feature of the match was the excessive keenness of both sides.

Hammond, and then Brook coming under the displeasure of the referee,

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Notes by Black Watch.—*continued.*

### The Referee and Barracking.

Mr. Priestley made several mistakes, some natural and excusable in a match of such a keen and exciting character, and although I deplore 'barracking,' some allowance should be made for local feeling, and noisy expressions, when local rivals meet and to ooo spectators of all grades are present.

I cannot admit the Huddersfield spectators fully merit the 'wiggling' they have received from a talented local writer for bad football manners at Halifax, any more than I can accuse them of an entirely blameless career in the past, but as a keenly interested observer, I did not hear—taking all the circumstances into account—very little to justify criticism, and therefore enter a plea of "not guilty" this time.

### To-day's Match at Fartown

Some changes have been made in the team to meet Leeds, and I think, to advantage.

Leeds, like Huddersfield, are somewhat erratic, but they have a big majority of successes in their favour against us to date, and the moral to our team should be obvious.

## Huddersfield and District League Notes.

By Half Back.

### Who will get the Cup?

Last Saturday saw the meeting of the two top clubs in the District League, and, after a hard struggle on a hard ground, Underbank won on the post.

### Referees.

I would just like to point out that the official in last Saturday's match at Moldgreen came from Halifax. Why? Are there no referees connected with the League capable of taking such a match? I think there are! and do not think it fair that the local referees should do all the donkey work and be robbed of the plums when there is such a match.

### Postponed Match.

One of the other matches was postponed, and will have to be fulfilled before the close of the season.

### Other Results.

Birchcliffe drew with South Street. Paddock got the better of Lockwood.

Intermediate results not to hand.

### Results up to and including Jan. 9th.

#### Hudd. and District League.

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Moldgreen .. ..	13	10	1	2	22
Underbank .. ..	11	10	1	0	20
*Milnsbridge .. ..	14	10	3	1	20
Birchcliffe .. ..	14	10	4	0	20
*Paddock Clarence.	13	7	6	0	13
South Street .. ..	13	4	6	3	11
Netherton .. ..	15	3	8	4	10
Lockwood .. ..	13	1	8	4	6
Lockwood Moor E	12	1	8	3	5
Rashcliffe S. St'ns.	13	0	12	1	1

\* One point deducted for Breach of rule

#### Intermediate League.

Hillhouse Cong. ..	11	10	0	1	21
High Street .. ..	11	9	2	0	18
Rastrick Juniors ..	9	5	4	0	10
Marsh .. ..	11	5	6	0	10
Lindley Juniors ..	10	4	5	1	9
Deighton U.M.C. ...	11	4	6	1	9
Lockwood M.E. Rs.	9	2	6	1	5
St. Paul's .. ..	12	1	11	0	2

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Will Leeds repeat their last year's performance?

Jim is recovering nicely from his injury.

Will Young have his goal kicking boots on? We hope not!

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Shall we have a N. U. Club in Scotland next season?

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