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#### MEN AND MATTERS.

Another lem, in so much as it concerns representative games. Colonial the Northern Rugby Football Invasion. Union, will in the near future be further complicated. At

least eight or nine leading players of the New South Wales Leagues are in communication with Northern League clubs, and there is reasonable grounds for announcing that this large party will shortly leave New South Wales for Eng-

Hull's only consolation in the "Yorkshire cup competition, is one of

finance. In the three prev-Consolation. ious rounds they shared "gates" of £954, and with last Saturday's final, they participate in a division of £1,478.

Since the formation of the Northern Union, and including Saturday's match, Hull and Batley have met on 36 occasions. Batley have won 21 games, losing 13 and drawing 2, scoring 50 goals and 65 tries to Hull 37 goals and 55 tries.

A letter this week from the President of the New Zealand League tells Another of the wonderful progress rour! made during the past season. With a balance in hand of £800. the League is morethan hopeful of the future. The Northern Union Committee may also be asked to give further consideration to New Zealand affairs, for now that no British team will go out next year, the new point to be raised is an invitation from the Northern Union for a purely New Zealand team to come to England next October.

Lealand, Wigan, by a combination of every sense of the term. And this hapcircumstances, generally securing their pened half-a-dozen years ago.

We have information from a reliable good things from the Dominion. The source that the Colonial prob- new player, last season, played in all the

> The big batch of registrations which we give on another page, des-More Locals pite rumours of wholesale for the Colonial immigration, tells the simple story that resources are by no means exhausted. Surely from such a number a "star" will be discovered, and at infinitely less cost than some of the outside registrations.

> We read with interest the threatened revelations respecting alleged "Quid pro professionalism in connection que." with the French Rugby Union. It appears that a certain club took the bold step of advertising for good players, and the "quid pro quo" was to be a good situation. Altogether the arrangement was to be satisfactory to both club and player.

> The providing of a situation in return for football ability is against Against the strict canons of amateur-Amateur ism. And the vengeance of Principles the various British Rugby Unions is to fall upon the unfortunate French clubs, who without visits from British teams will have poor programmes.

We think that this arrangement of "quid pro quo," however is not con-A Futile fined to French clubs. We well Effort. remember being interested several years ago in an effort which was made to bring a prominent Welsh three-quarter North. The player to terms with a well-known of the Northern Union found on closer wigan's New Colonial three-quarter back. Colonial. The "capture" on this the hours were very elastic. They were occasion comes from New made to suit the mood if the player in

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#### Northern League Meeting. BIG LIST OF REGISTRATIONS.

League committee, was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, Mr. J. B. Cooke (Wakefield Trinity) occupying the chair.

The dates of the following matches were re-arranged :-

Rochdale Hornets v. Leigh, from November 16 to December 10.

Salford v. Hunslet, from November 16 to November 27.

Leeds v. Bradford, from November 23 to December 4.

Wigan v. Widnes, from November 16 to January 22.

The following players were suspended for alleged misconduct:-Farrell (Normanton St. John's), Sherwood (Halifax 'A,' and Robertshaw (Halifax 'A,' up to and including December 7; Riley and Walker (Normanton St. John's, up to and including December 14.

The committee ruled that under Combination Rule 7 all matches must be of eighty minutes duration, etc., as stated in League rule. The following players were placed on the registers of the clubs first named :-

Batley.-Wharton (White Lee) and T. Haley (local).

Bradford.-W. H. Irving (York).

Bramley.-P. Unsworth (Wakefield) and O. Anderson (Lane End United).

Broughton Rangers.-S. Costigan (Heywood United F.C.), A. Valentine (Halifax), W. McVeigh (Whitehaven Recreation), T. Downs (Leigh), J. W. Royle (Pendleton), and H. Ormesher (Douglas

Coventry.-A. Nicholls (local), W. Bradford (Normanton St. John's) and A. Grandige (local).

Halifax ]- J. Blackmore (Hull Kingston RoversRovers) and C. Broadbent (Camp-

Huddersfield .- T. Gleeson (Glebe, New South Wales).

Hunslet.-R. Wise (Rothwell), P. Fearn (York), W. Ashall (Shirdley Athletic), P. Cryon (Shirdley Athletic), and F. Robinson (Leeds Tramway).

Leeds .- F. Colquhoun (Leeds Moorland) and G. Smith (Leeds Moorland). Oldham. R. Metcalf (Broughton Moor), A. Tattersall.

A meeting of the Northern Rugby A. Simister (Healey Street Mission), G. Taylor (Hollinwood Rovers), and G. Liversedge (Hevside).

Runcorn.—T. Hughes (Castner-Kellner) and T. Rose (local).

Salford.—J. H. Smith (Teignmouth), H. Evans (Pendleton), and J. H. Routledge (Rockcliffe).

St. Helens .- H. Roughside (White Rosel.

Swinton.-J. Heaps (Douglas Bank), and T. Buckley (Deane Rovers).

Wakefield Trinity.-W. Telford and H. Booth (Flockton), R. Megson (Primrose Hill), W. D. Quarmby (Harrogate), and G. Smith (Dewsbury Saville).

Warrington.—J. Brown (Weaste), A. Brown (Weaste), and F. Wright (local).

Widnes.-B. Gleigan (St. Helens).

Wigan.—F. Rigby (Widnes). York.—J. E. Brown (Hunslet) and C. J. Burbidge (Leeman Wanderers).

Featherstone Rovers.-I. A. Booth (local).

Wigan Highfield.-R. Atherton (Hind-

Leigh Shamrocks.-T. Farrell (Bedford Rovers), and F. Eatock (Albion Wanderers).

Normanton St. John's.- J. Riley (Dewsbury).

Pemberton.—J. Beadsmore (Pemberton Rovers), W. Winstanley, G. Willcock, ad W. Moss (local), and T. Cunliffe (Old-

Preston.—F. Morgan (Knottingley).

The following players were struck off their respective registers:-

Barrow. T. Booth.

Broughton Rangers.-I. Warren and I.

Halifax.-E. Johnson, F. Hunt, and T. J. Blackmore.

Hunslet .- J. Brown.

Oldham. - I. Cunliffe.

Salford .- J. O'Gara, R. Wardle, and H. Tench.

St. Helens .- E. Toole, J. G. Ashcroft, and J. Foster.

Swinton .- W. Oldham and F. Davies Wakefield Trinity .- P. Unsworth and

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## - M. A. P. -

Sam Stacey, Keighley's well-known three-quarter back, played at half-back kicker. Five tries last Saturday, and not against Halifax last Saturday.

T. Gleeson, Huddersfield's new Colonial three-quarter back, appeared last Saturday in the match against Dewsbury.

Tindall, the Batley wing three-quarter back, should be in the running soon for Councy honours.

Huddersfield are now thirty-two points ahead of their nearest rivals in the race for the thousand points.

Coventry's draw at the tenth attempt now gives every team in the League a percentage.

Bradley and Curwen, the Wigan threequarter backs, again qualified for overcoats last Saturday.

Wigan's record week-111 points in two matches. But what has happened to-day? That match mainly concerned the Wiganers.

Well done, Coventry! The days of miracles are not yet passed, for with a bit of luck, the Midlanders would have to weakness in the three-quarter line. sent the Rovers home pointless.

The 29 members of the Springbok team scale an average of 12st, 9lb., the average height is 5ft. 8lins., and the average age works out at 231 years.

In 1st season's final for the Yorkshire Senior Cup, Huddersfield v. Rovers, at Wakfield, the receipts were £725 11s. The final between Batley and Hull last Saturday, realised £523,

According to a Reuter's New York message, eleven persons have been killed and over a hundred injured in football in the United States. No college players. however, have been killed.

berland selected side to appose York- partner Rosenfeld. This wing would shire, from the team which beat Lan- probably be the fastest in the Union, for makire. Fowler, of Hunslet, who came as speedy as Rosenfeld is, it is believed in at reserve, is now chosen in prefer. Gleeson can at least give him a few ence to R. Clampitt.

York are much in want of a goalone converted.

Wattie Davies, of Batley, has accepted the position of player and coach of the Keighley Zingari team, which is appearing in both the Halifax and District Leagues. It has been said time and time again that his career was closed. but he showed on Saturday that he is still not only speedy, but tricky; in fact, his display was a brilliant one.

The Selection Committee of the Barrow F.C. were so satisfied with the display of the side against Keighley that precisely the same team has been picked to meet Runeorn to-day. It was expected that the New Zealand half-back would have been included, but apparently the club have first of all to make peace with the authorities.

Will Davies, the Halifax three-quarter back, at the close of last season, definitely intimated that he was reting from the game, and it was generally expected that he would not again don the jersey. The poor form which Halifax have shown this season has been mainly attributed and Will Davies, though he is doubtless aware he is not the player he was, feels that he has still some football left in him. He, therefore, recently expressed his willingness to again go into training to see if he could be of any further service to the club.

It is feared that Edgar Wrigley, Huddersfield's New Zealand International centre three-quarter back, who was injured in the match with Dewsbury, at Fartown, on Saturday last, will not be able to assist the Fartown organisation in their home fixture with Leeds to-day. If that is so the probability is that Thomas Gleeson, the Huddersfield's club recent acquisition from Australia, who made such a creditable debut as left Only one change is made in the Cum- wing three-quarter on Saturday, will inches.

## Huddersfield C. & A. C. Supplement.

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OFFICIAL NOTES

#### The Dewsbury Match.

Our players continued their splendid run of success though Dewsbury came to Fartown determined to do their utmost to inflict the first League defeat of the Season upon them.

The match derived considerable importance from the fact that Tom Gleeson, our recently acquired Colonial, made his first appearance in the Huddersfield colours, and he soon removed any doubts as to his qualifications for inclusion in the Huddersfield team. His debut, we consider, was quite satisfactory, and we hope future matches may show that our ranks have been permanently strengthened.

The forwards, ably led by Gronow, gave possibly their best display of the Season when, during the second half, they had considerably the best of the opposing six, and one dribble in particular, practically from goal to goal, roused extraordinary enthusiasm, and also demonstrated the fact that a combined forward dribble, backed by the requisite dash and power, is not only wonderfully effective but is calculated to please the crowd quite as much as in the days when good dribbling was a more regular feature of effective forward play. Fortunately we have in our front rank some capital dribblers and as an occasional variation from back play such movements will add to the effectiveness of our team.

The accident sustained by Wrigley in the first half rendered him almost useless, but we contend that his strong desire to remain on the field during the second half if he could be of the slightest service was not only an example of pluck, but also enabled Gronow to keep his place in the forwards when any weakness in our front line might easily have afforded the Dewsbury players a capital opportunity of overhauling our half-time lead of 13 points. Being able to keep our forwards intact had a great deal to do in the second half with the scoring of 10 additional points and keeping the opposition score to a modest 3 points.

Every player on the Huddersfield side gave us satisfaction, and Holland performed most creditably at full back.

Dewsbury played hard, well, and in a fine sporting spirit, and showed no desire for close tactics. Their endeavours to open out play, if not so successful in results as the efforts of our men, none the less deserve commendation. Dewsbury are an improving side, and are certainly following on the lines which bring success—the best possible exploitation of the open game. With Jackett and Sharples back in their ranks they should win a good proportion of their engagements.

The attendance was rather interfered with by a few heavy showers prior to the match, but we were well satisfied with the figures registered at the turnstiles—15,356; receipts, £315:4:10; a great advance upon former figures when the teams have met at Fartown, and striking evidence of the great popularity of the Northern Union game when well played.

#### Reserves Lose.

The Dewsbury Res. rather astonished us in getting the best of the "thirteen" chosen to meet them at Crown Flatts. It was a case of good chances for scoring not being accepted by some of our Reserve backs. We hope similar lapses may not occur again for some considerable time, and that our Reserve team may keep up to the high standard of play and results they can show when in their usual form.

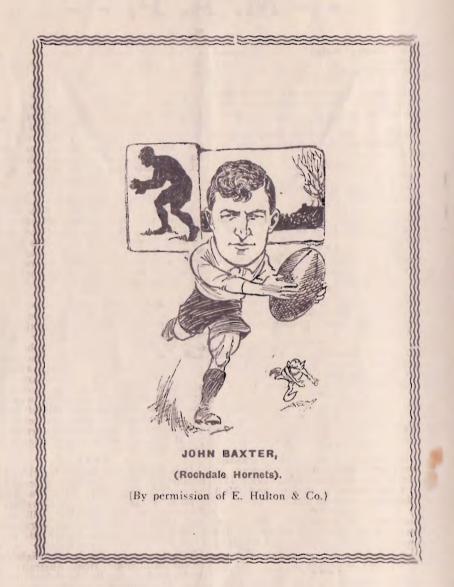
#### To-day's Match.

The severe injury to Sanders, the clever Leeds half-back, has had a most adverse effect upon the recent play and results shown by the Leeds team, an important event which must have escaped the notice of some of the critics out Headingley way.

The play of Campbell, the Colonial centre; Ganley, the talented ex-Leigh half-back; Haycox. full back; and other players of real ability included in the Leeds team, should help to make to-day's match a real attraction to the crowd.

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## Players I have met.

No. 13-JOHN BAXTER (Rochdale Hornets).

(By F.A.M.)

most unfortunate players who ever best remember him as a great half-back. wore a jersey, was Johnny Baxter. And I think, even to-day, facts certainly justify the statement, for a hint on half-back play. He replied "that were now, playing in the full-back posit- I hold decided views on half-back play. I on, Baxter's appearances are most pre- suppose it was my originality which place, for Rochdale need Baxter, particularly in a cup-tie.

Born at Barrow-in-Furness, he commenced playing Rugby football before he left school. "We never saw an Association game in those days" he once declared to me.

Perhaps his real connection with the game, was made when he was 16 years of age. He then joined the Dalton White Stars—the team which brought out Birdie" Dixon, of Oldham.

Then he generally played at half-back, but went into the three-quarter line when required. At 18 he joined the Dalton team, playing first with the reserves and then with the seniors.

#### Rapid Rise.

He only regarded himself as a good ordinary type of footballer, but the Rochlale officials thought otherwise, and Baxter was brought to Rochdale in the summer of 1901.

The Hornets were not a convincing force about that period, and Baxter's inclusion did not bring over many sucthe team were in the second division of the League, but the season after they visably improved. Baxter had so made a name for himself that he was elected for Lancashire, played in every county game and also for England and other Nationalities.

commencement of his misfortunes, and of three years Baxter was practically of 1/- P.O. to E. R. Swin of serious football. Now, of course, Fountain Street, Manchester.

WROTE years ago that one of the he plays full-back for the Hornets, but I

I asked him on one occasion to give me

"If a half-back is to be regarded as any class at all, he must be original. Orthodox methods are of no use in the Northern Union game. If you can only go in one direction, or if you have a habit of indulging in certain tactics which one would describe as only orthodox, then you are of little service to your side."

#### Must have Initiative.

"A successful half-back must have initiative. My best move was probably a break away from the scrummage, but it was not always accomplished by the same break."

"To play Northern Union football successfully, you must be quick of observation, try to think out your move in a twinkling, and be always ready to take advantage of the slightest hesitation by your opponents."

To-day, as I said before, Baxter plays at full-back. But he is yet a dominating force in football, and his sureness and correctness of method, mean much to Rochdale both in attack and defence. It he can rid himself of the surprising lia-bility to accident, then I think Rochdale's rise would be much more pronounced than it is to-day in the League tournament.

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## Should Colonials play in England?

That the Northern Union Committee will soon need to seriously consider the Colonial invasion, in so much as it applies to the registration of Colonials with Northern League clubs, is admitted in official circles. I give points for and against, secured from a club official, in favour of securing talent from the Colonies, and a club official who believes that the best interests of the game is served by fostering local talent.-Editor, "N.U. News."

#### Affirmative.

Why all this fuss about registering Colonial players ? To me. I see no difference in principle at all, between a one from New South Wales. Is merely a brought in from an area, say extending difference of mileage. To sustain interest in our game we must give exhibitions of first-class football, and I contend that Colonial exponents have thoroughly justified their inclusion in our teams.

There may have been failures I grant. but the number, in respect to the total registered, compared with the Welshmen who have reigned for a few weeks only, is strikingly in favour of the Colonials.

And as one who has to do with the management of a club. I contend that we should know our own business best, We do not ask for financial assistance to buy our men, and so long as Colonials conduct themselves as gentlemen off and on the field, I think they are well worth

Candidly, I think the majority of our leading teams would have been extinct years ago had they relied upon the home-bred article. A judicious blending of Colonial and British talent has made Huddersfield, Wigan, and Oldham what

And do not make any mistake. If our critics had the cash, and they had the chance of a good Colonial they would take him.

#### Negative.

My reason for taking a strong objection to the proposed wholesale registration of Colonials, is that I can see a bit Halifax 'A' 2, 4-16. Normanton beyond the end of my nose. It is a short-sighted policy at the best, which to include an outsider, drives a local youth out of you team. This has been done this season and will be done again.

And some of us have our own opinions as to the playing abilities of the two men.

Our teams go by the name of their

apply, for as a rule the proportion is at the rate of about one player in ten claiming any local connection.

My objection to outside registration player secured from South Wales and applies with equal force to players beyond fifteen miles. If Northern Union football cannot produce thirteen capable exponents in a district so extended, then it is evident that there is no great call for the game.

> Outside players will never raise the Northern Union game to one of permanent attractiveness. Colonial stars will shine only temporarily, and when their day is gone, the darkness will be more dense than before. If clubs with money to spend would go in the highways and byeways and assist the juniors by making it less difficult to run their clubs, a discovery of only two players a season would be a sufficient reward.

> In conclusion, may I ask the powers that be to take the matter in hand forthwith, and let our deserving and enthusjastic lads come back to their own. What matter if our standard be a bit reduced ? Local enthusiasm will more than make up the difference.

#### Combination Results.

November 23rd, 1012.

Hull A 2, 7-25. Beverley, 0, 8-9, Salford 'A.' I, 1-5, Oldham 'A' 2, 3-13 Leigh 'A' 9, 1-3. Widnes 'A' 0, 2-6,

St. Johns 0, 1 3 Dewsbury A' 2, 2-10. Huddersfield A

Hull K.R.'s 2, 5-19. Pursion 0, 0-0 Fratherstone I, 5-17. Leeds A B, 0 0 Broughton R. 'A' 1, 0-2, St. Helen, 'A

Hunslet 'A' 1, 5-23. Bathey 'A' 1, 3-11. Warrington 'A' 6, 7-33, Wigan H.

There the description ceases to Runcorn A 0, 0 0, Wisson A 1, 0 2

## A Secretary's Reminiscences.

The representative of the "Yorkshire Lyoning Post" had a chat with Mr. Wm. Must, the other day, and the genial secmany of the Huddersfield club gives more interesting reminiscences.

"If I have experienced the summit of with Huddersfield, I have also known what is was to be in the depths of desalmost on the point of throwing up the springe, and had it not been for the plendid sporting spirit shown by a few affuential gentlemen in Huddersfield we hould have had to do so.

"Then the turn came, and we have wome forward until to-day it can be said hat the Huddersfield club is in a better mortion than ever it has previously been in it 60 years' history. It will be news to many people that the annals of our July carry us so far back as 1846. Following upon our success in the field we have now a bigger bank balance than ever we had before, for in the last five we have put by £1,500, besides having spent £4,000 on the ground.'

If was in 1908 that we felt the necmanty for playing a different style of monthall, and it was our desire to emulate Wimm, who probably played the classout football at that time. In the light of what has transpired since it must be admitted that it was Jim Davies, who very largely helped us to attain our minute Previously he had played for us as a centre three-quarter, but his success as a stand off half was pronounced from the very first day he took the position. then was the beginning of a new era manuscrity for Huddersfield, though the Wag staff and the introduction of Window are responsible in a very large minimum for the success that has been achieved."

#### Huddersfield's Createst Bargain.

Mr. Bliese confessed that that trio were the backbone of the ream. "Davies." and he "has a remarkable head on him. and as for Wagstaff. I consider him the that restre three-quarter I have seen, mat as I think W. Batten of Hunsbet, is the heat winger. Wagstaff really is a marrel considering that he has only been playing football six years. Everywoody admires him, for he is such a perfect semileman on the field, and so very mode any assistance to the poorer clubs in and unassuming. Buddersheld were Cancashire and Yorkshire." imited fortunate when they signed him

on from Underbank, and it was perhaps lucky for the club that Wagstaff very shrewdly specified in his agreement that he was to have a trial in the first team straight away.

"It was Mr. John Clifford, our present chairman, who signed Wagstaff on at a very triffing cost, and very proud he is Hite or six years ago we were to-day of the capture he made. The signing-on of Wagstaff is the cheapest bargain we at Huddersfield ever made We have made other good bargains of course Moorhouse cost us practically nothing-but we have also made bad bargains. Still we have never paid so much money for a player as Hull have done, if it be true that Gilbert cost them nearly £100. The record fee paid by Huddersfield lies between Wrigley, Rosenfeld, and our latest capture, Gleeson, but none of these cost us anything like

A Matter for Envy.

Mr. Hirst was asked if he had any big "misses" to report. "Well," said he, "we have generally been able to get the man we wanted. I must admit, however, that we should have liked to obtain Ganley, the present Leeds half-back. We did at one time enter into negotiations with Leigh about him, but at that time he would not leave his native place. When subsequently we found he had gone to Leeds we were naturally a bit disappointed."

In reply to the question which club Huddersfield feared most, the reply came promptly, "Hull Kingston Rovers. We consider them the worst in the Union to beat, and next to them I should place Hunslet and Oldham. It was a great joy to us to win a fortaight ago at Craven Street, which has generally been our Waterloo." On this subject Mr. Hirst is of eninion that there has been an andoubted levelling up of the teams in the Northern League this season, and that to him is a hopeful sign. "I can see," he says. "a good future before the Northern Union, if only the powers that be will give more encouragement to dubs in dieir own area. I don't see myself, that expansion in the Colonies is going to help such clubs as Bradford and Bramiley very much, or that the forms tion of a Western League would be of

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### Correspondence.

#### ARE REFEREES FAIR?

To the Editor of the "Northern Union News."

like to follow up your remarks by making another. "Are referees selected fair ?" Now, perhaps this seems irrev-

In the first place, who selects the referees? I know perfectly well that there are 20 who are voted by all the clubs, and are recognised as the League referees, but still there are only 8 clubs represented at the meeting where the officials are appointed for each match. Now what will happen if a club who is represented happens to be playing a club that is not represented on this selection committee.

Don't you think the official will always give the benefit if he has any doubts to the club that can put another A 15s. or 21s. in his way. I frequently watch the clubs that play in the Manchester district, and I have found this to be very often the case. Referces are only human, and they are just as keen as the player in getting their fee. If you could only spare the time to look over the appointments that have appeared in your paper from the commencement of the season up to the present time, you will find that whereas several referees have been out practically every week, others have been frequently idle. I think the Northern Union ought to take this matter up. Why not increase the list to say 24 or 26. I think there are 12 or 13 matches every Saturday, then referees could be selected in rotation, and those who have not a match should be put on the touck line, for there is plenty of room for improvement is that department. In this way, all would get an equal share, if a man could go on the field knowing that no club representative it is very important, could have him dropped if he did not interpret the rules to his way of thinking, then, I think, the standard of reference

### M. A. P.

Wigan's activity during the last week has taken their points record over the second century.

Percy Thomas, of Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand, was signed on by the Bar-Sir,—In last week's issue of the row club at Queenstown, on his arrival-there Union News," you have an there from his home in New Zealand, via. row club at Queenstown, on his arrival aritcle under the above heading, and if San Francisco. He comes off parents you will kindly allow me space I should who used to reside at Dalton-in-Furness, and he has relatives at Lancaster and Manchester. Born at Auckland, he cel-chrated his 24th Birthday on the voyage. elant to the question, but I think a little He is 5 ft. Hins., but sturdily built, and elant to the question, but I think a fittle careful thought will prove that referees, weighs 10st. 8lb.. He has played Rugby will, under certain conditions, favour certain clubs. was a member of the Auckland City team that won the Ranfurleigh Shield (Championship of the Dominion) two seasons in succession. He is a stand-off half-back, well recommended by a Barrovian in Auckland. He has had several offers to join the Northern Union, but refused, only taking the step and coming to Barrow so that he can improve himself at his trade and be near his relatives. This is the player whose registration is not yet complete.

#### SECRETARY'S REMINISCENCES. (Continued).

#### The Best Training-Work.

Mr. Hirst had a compliment to pay to the Huddersfield trainer, Arthur Bennett, whose methods of training, whether they are up-to-date or not, are most effective in keeping the Huddersfield team in a condition second to none. "There is no uniform system of training here," said Mr. Hirst. "Different training is applied to different players, and those who are in regular employment have nothing like the training of those who devote themselves purely to football. Personally, I hold that the finest training for a footballer is work."

would be much higher, and there would be less cause for grumbling all round.

Hoping that you will find a little room for discussions on this matter, as I think

I am, yours, etc.,

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#### December 4th.

Leeds v. Bradford.—J. W. Whiteley (Wakefield); F. Emmott (Halifax), R. L. Smith (Bradford).

#### December 7th.

Batley v. Salford.—G. Moore (Runcorn); H. Heap (Huddersfield), W. Long (Halifax).

Coventry v. Rochdale H.—D. Longbottom (Halifax); A. Cross (St. Helens), R. J. Pye (Salford).

Halifax v. Bramley.—W. Whiteley (Wakefield); A. E. Kaine (Dewsbury), R. L. Smith (Bradford).

Hull v. Leigh.—J. F. May (St. Helens); W. Bogg (Bramley), H. Adams (Dewsbury).

Keighley v. Bradford.—E. Tonge (Swinton); F. Hardwick (Hunslet), J. Birtwhistle (Halifax).

Leeds v. Broughton R.—W. McCutcheon (Oldham); C. Denham (Huddersfield), F. Crowther (Bradford).

St. Helens v. Dewsbury.—G. F. Dickenson (Halifax); E. Bennett (Liverpool), A. Lee (Leigh).

Swinton v. Runcorn.—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens); J. A. Blackburn (Leigh), A. Widdison (Winton).

Wakefield T. v. York.—W. W. Taylor (Hunslet); J. Leadbeater (Pontefract), J. A. Hall (Batley).

Warrington v. Huddersfield.—F. Renton (Hunslet): R. Jones (Widnes), E. J. Hannaford (St. Helens).

Widnes v. Hull K.R.—W.K.Hirst (Dewsbury); H. Ball (Wigan), H. Lowe (Broughton).

Wigan v. Hunslet.—A. Smith (Halifax); J. R. Lawton (Oldham), J. A. Barrow (Preston).

## \* \* \* \* Northern Rugby Combination.

Broughton R. 'A' v. Morecambe.--J. Jones (Wigan).

Leigh 'A' v. Leigh S .- C. Platt (Swinton).

Dewsbury 'A' v. St. Helens 'A.'—H. Redfern (Huddersfield).

Normanton St. John's v. Purston.—W. H. Wood (Huddersfield).

Featherstone R. v. Halifax 'A'-A. Brown (Wakefield).

Rochdale H. 'A' v. Pemberton.—F. Mills (Oldham).

Runcorn 'A' v. Swinton 'A.'-A. Web-ster (Highfield).

Huddersfield 'A' v. Warrington 'A.'-C. Peel (Bradford).

Hunslet 'A' v. Wigan 'A.'—P. Hardy (Huddersfield).

Beverley v. Wakefield 'A.'-R. H. Cooper (Hull).

Wigan Highfield v. Oldham 'A.'—A. Hestford (Broughton).

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