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## MEN AND MATTERS.

**The County Cups.** The County Cup competitions will this season, we think, prove more interesting than ever. The draw for the first round in both Lancashire and Yorkshire provides some most interesting games. The registration period for the tournament has now expired, so that new players, and old players who have not this season signed on for their clubs, cannot take part in the games.

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**Anlezark's Retirement.** The definite announcement this week that Anlezark, Oldham's Colonial half back, will not again play football, takes away from the Union a most interesting character. Anlezark, since coming to Oldham, has done much to raise the standard of play at Watersheddings, and his early retirement from the game, in which he was a pronounced success, is a loss to his club and the code generally.

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**Sport I** The questionable method adopted by the Devon County hon. secretary, to discover the connection between certain clubs and the Northern Union, is in several quarters especially commended. We presume the commendation is founded on the fact that the case was a desperate one, and that desperate remedies were required. But in our opinion the methods adopted are not sport.

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**Lancashire v. Yorkshire** Although the date of the Lancashire v. Yorkshire match was fixed some time ago, the Lancashire County committee had not selected the ground. Some clubs are not over anxious to have mid-week county games on their grounds, but we think the playing of the game at Watersheddings should considerably augment the county exchequer.

**Bramley and Bradford.** Much is made of the small attendances at some of the minor matches in the Northern League. At two of the generally worst patronised grounds in the Union, Bramley and Bradford, last week the takings were well above the ordinary. Bramley's "gate" realised £101 16s. 0d., and the Bradford ground was packed to its utmost holding capacity. The local "Derby" at Hull, brought in £408.

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**A Vote of Condolence.** We are desirous of joining in the vote of condolence, passed by the Lancashire County committee to the family of the late Thomas Hughes, of Leigh. He was a member of the West Leigh club, and taking part in one of their matches a fortnight ago, he sustained what at the time, was regarded as a slight accident.

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**Proved Fatal.** Unfortunately complications commenced the day after, and Hughes was taken to the Leigh Infirmary, where he passed away a week ago. At the inquest the evidence conclusively proved that the injury was the result of a pure accident, and that there was not the slightest degree of questionable play. We offer our condolence to the family and the club.

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**New Fixtures** The withdrawal of the Ebbw Vale club has left open dates for several of the League teams. To-day, in order to fill up a blank, the Leigh and Salford match has been brought forward and played. And the Salford club have also arranged home and away matches with Bradford Northern, the games to rank in the Northern League tournament.



## Northern Union League.—Results up to this morning.

## Northern Rugby Football League.

	P.W.D.L.	Points For	Per-Ags.	centge
Hunslet	4 4 0 0	96	23	100.00
Huddersfield	4 4 0 0	74	19	100.00
Leeds	4 3 0 1	70	29	75.00
Broughton	4 2 0 2	36	14	75.00
Batley	4 3 1 0	49	24	75.00
Salford	4 3 1 0	41	21	75.00
Widnes	4 3 1 0	53	30	75.00
Wigan	4 3 1 0	63	37	75.00
Dewsbury	4 3 1 0	41	26	75.00
Wakefield T	4 2 1 1	70	54	62.50
St. Helens	4 2 1 1	41	43	62.50
Hull	5 3 2 0	36	43	62.50
Hull K. R.	4 2 2 0	62	53	50.00
Swinton	4 2 2 0	16	27	50.00
Oldham	4 1 2 1	31	42	37.50
Rochdale H.	3 1 2 0	54	29	33.33
Warrington	5 1 3 1	20	45	30.00
Bradford	4 1 3 0	30	41	25.00
Runcorn	4 1 3 0	29	43	25.00
Leigh	4 1 3 0	18	27	25.00
York	4 1 3 0	25	47	25.00
Barrow	4 1 3 0	13	57	25.00
Halifax	4 0 3 1	23	51	12.50
Bramley	4 0 4 0	15	80	00.00
Coventry	3 0 3 0	24	75	00.00
Keighley	2 0 2 0	13	62	00.00

## YORKSHIRE RUGBY LEAGUE.

	P.W.L.D.	F. A. Pts.	Scores
Huddersfield	3 0 3 0	56	16... 6
Hull	5 3 2 0	36	43... 6
Wakefield	3 2 0 1	60	28... 5
Hunslet	2 2 0 0	52	9... 4
Leeds	2 2 0 0	45	18... 4
Batley	3 2 1 0	36	21... 4
Hull K. R.	3 2 1 0	58	39... 4
Dewsbury	3 2 1 0	29	21... 4
Bradford	3 1 2 0	30	38... 2
Halifax	4 0 3 1	23	51... 1
Keighley	2 0 2 0	13	62... 0
York	3 0 3 0	18	45... 0
Bramley	4 0 4 0	15	80... 0

## LANCASHIRE RUGBY LEAGUE.

	P.W.L.D.	F. A. Pts.	Scores
Salford	4 3 1 0	39	21... 6
St. Helens	3 2 0 1	36	20... 5
Broughton R.	3 2 0 1	27	5... 5
Wigan	2 2 0 0	28	6... 4
Widnes	3 2 1 0	41	19... 4
Warrington	4 1 2 1	17	27... 3
Swinton	2 1 1 0	11	20... 2
Barrow	3 1 2 0	10	43... 2
Leigh	4 1 3 0	18	18... 2
Rochdale H.	2 0 2 0	21	6... 0
Runcorn	3 0 3 0	15	37... 0

## LEAVES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

(By THE EDITOR).

THE first county match of the season resulted, as was generally expected, in a convincing victory for Cumberland. Lancashire placed a purely county born side in the field, and as they altogether failed to score, the experiment, in a playing sense must be accounted a failure. But I am not anxious, that, because of this failure, the County committee should change their ideas for the Yorkshire match. Lancashire born players, of County ability, are perhaps, hardly so prolific as one would desire, but there is no reason to "mix" the side because of this failure. If memory serves me right, I think Cumberland has beaten Lancashire when the side should have been described as a Lancashire League team.

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## Faulty Tackling.

In my endeavour to encourage the Lancashire locals, I must not omit to pay tribute to the clever Cumbrians. There is no gainsaying the fact, that somehow or other these Northern players do enter into the real spirit of county matches. They are out to win from the start, and though last week, the backs, as a combination, were by no means over brilliant, the forwards played up to the traditions of the county, and to make the case complete, the backs had sufficient ability to press home their advantage. Many times the Lancashire tackling was faulty, and I cannot condone this weakness. Even if a player cannot always rise to the occasion in attack, he should know that the golden rule of defence is to take your man low. Last Saturday, much of Lancashire's futile tackling was very high.

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## Broughton's Success.

As a result of last Saturday's League games, there was a further reduction in the number of clubs claiming the distinction of never having lost a game. In fact, the only full percentage clubs this morning are Hunslet and Huddersfield, two Yorkshire teams, who give evidence of a keen struggle for championship honours. Perhaps the most remarkable result of the day was the victory of

Broughton Rangers over Salford. The match was on the latter club's ground, and with the visitors' ranks depleted of five men by County calls, Salford naturally looked for a victory. But once more was the glorious uncertainty of our game demonstrated, for even though the margin was small, Broughton Rangers well deserved the maximum points.

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## A Famous Wanderer.

The return of William Anderson to Hull, completes, I should think, a sequence of events without parallel in the Union. Few players would, I think, have left a club like Wigan, but the Morecambe player had other ideas, and his transfer created a great sensation in the neighbourhood of Central Park. Then in course of time, came the sensational transfer to Batley, but at Mount Pleasant, I must admit that Anderson rarely gave a taste of his real qualities. Now comes a return to the Boulevard, and a brilliant re-appearance with the Hull team. That Anderson has yet many seasons of play before him, none can deny, and I hope that the wanderer's return will prove the turning point in the fortunes of the Hull club.

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## Trouble at Hull.

Looking at the League records, I cannot help expressing surprise at the position of Hull. Before the season commenced the officials, with commendable enterprise, collected together a team which capable critics declared to be the strongest in the history of the club. Record signing on fees had been paid, but naturally the big expenditure was thought to be justified. Certainly the possibilities were great, and where the weakness lies at present, without firsthand knowledge, I should not like to say. It has been suggested to me that the playing fees are not uniform at the Boulevard, and that certain players in consequence, only give a proportional return. I know this condition of affairs has prevailed in other clubs at times, but I trust the Hull officials are not troubled in this manner.

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## Notes and Notions.

(By A. S. M.)

SO far as matters of interest are concerned respecting the doings of the Union, Leagues, &c., there is nothing of outstanding nature, at least from the public point of view. The various committees are, of course, kept busy week by week by the usual regulation routine and business matters. New schemes, &c., appear conspicuous by their absence, and so far as I can ascertain, there is nothing on the "tapis" being considered to eventually appear on the football horizon.

### An Improved Critic.

Some two or three weeks ago I had occasion to draw my readers attention to an article written on Rugby Union matters, in which also the writer brought into prominence certain things—I cannot say facts—appertaining to the Northern Union. His remarks in the article referred to were undoubtedly of a very contradictory nature, but in his succeeding weekly articles, I must admit he is evidently candid and honest in his statements, although it is particularly evident he has little knowledge of our game and its workings.

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### Devon Enquiry.

In his article this week he deals with the affairs at present engaging the Rugby Union officials attention in Devon, and as will be seen from the cutting given hereunder, he is perfectly straightforward in the matter.

"Serious trouble is brewing in Devon respecting the "broken time question," which appears to be as prevalent in the district as was the case when a large section of Rugby club officials in the North, realising the impossibility of checking it where working men players are concerned, adopted the more honest course of paying them openly instead of surreptitiously. The team secretary of the late Plymouth club has told an interviewer "that the officials of every club in Devon know that it would be impossible for any of their XV's. to go on

trips without getting remuneration for wages lost." If this be true—there is no reason to think otherwise—the result will be that the commission which has been appointed by the Rugby Union to consider the alleged negotiations between some of the Devon clubs and the emissaries of the Northern Union will have a very much more serious task than was anticipated before them.

### A Gloomy Outlook.

If the numerous statements which have been made by impeached officials are true, the Union will have no option but to professionalise many past and present players of note. And howabout not unfrequent cases in small clubs, where there is often a whip round to pay the expenses of a good player who cannot afford the time or the money to take part in matches some distance away from home? The outlook for West of England Rugby generally is not hopeful.

### Of Little Interest.

The statment contained in the above paragraph, made by the late Plymouth secretary is certainly of a very sweeping character, but it only bears out what the Northern Union have all along contended, and supports the evidence given and asked of the N.U. on the occasion of the big Rugby Union "enquiry" of some few years ago. I have heard it suggested that the result of the present enquiry is being anxiously awaited in all official circles, and that much is expected therefrom. This I cannot accept, as from my personal meetings with the officials recently, I have never heard the affair mentioned except in a casual way. Certainly not with any ulterior motive. For my own part, I am afraid the powers that be, who are dealing with the question have taken a bite bigger than they can swallow. That is if they go about in in a thorough and conscientiousness manner.

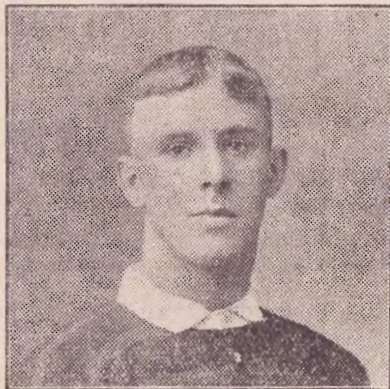
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# Famous Players.



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(Huddersfield).

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**DOUGLAS CLARK,**  
(Huddersfield).

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

### OFFICIAL NOTES

#### The Halifax Match.

The "local Derby," on our ground, was a great success, and the attendance 14,912, receipts £311:1:5, were highly satisfactory.

The score—29 pts. to 4 in our favour—may be considered rather flattering to our team, but our backs worked in some of their brilliant passing movements, and on the play certainly deserved to win by a very handsome margin.

Our forwards were not too convincing as they never really mastered the Halifax six, and if our backs had not been superior to the Thrum Hall back division it is quite possible success would have been in the balance.

The match was contested at a very fast pace, and though beaten the Halifax players were true to traditions and played most pluckily right up to the call of time.

When the return match arrives they will no doubt be much more difficult to beat at Thrum Hall.

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#### Bradford narrowly defeated.

The Cumberland v. Lancashire match made a call upon our players, Kitchin and Clark being again chosen for County honours, and we are gratified to hear that the pair had a good deal to do with Cumberland's success. Bradford had Hall, centre three-quarter, away for the same match, and, in addition, George Marsden was unable to turn out through an injured knee. The sides at Bowling were representative with these exceptions.

The fame of the Huddersfield team and the all-round improvement in the play of the Bradfordians drew a record gate to the Bowling enclosure, over 10,000 persons witnessing a contest brimful of interest and excitement from start to finish.

The forwards were again disappointing, and against the lively Northern six they had the worst of the encounter. Some of our backs were also shaky, and the work of the team was not nearly so strenuous as we should like to see it.

Wagstaff worked tremendously hard, and besides scoring two tries he was ever alert to seize an opening or defend with great skill and coolness. The captain set his men a splendid example, and to him much of the credit for the victory is due.

We are quite prepared to make considerable allowance for our players having to meet

a very keen side on a minimum ground where danger exists close to the touch lines owing to the fencing being much too close for safety, and when the play and tactics of a clever attacking side are bound to suffer, but the tameness of our forwards and the weakness in defence of some of the backs—when touch-line dangers did not exist—certainly leave the defaulters open to adverse criticism.

Bradford gave our men a very hard problem to solve, and fortunately they just proved equal to it. On this form Bradford will trouble most teams who visit Bowling this season. If at Park Avenue the Bradford N. U. Club would do still better, as the accommodation for spectators and the playing area are both inadequate on the present ground.

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#### First Round.-Yorkshire Cup.

Our team have next Saturday one of the big tasks of the campaign in meeting Hull Kingston Rovers, at Craven St., in the First Round of the Yorkshire Cup. The Rovers are always difficult to beat on their own ground, and will no doubt have great confidence in bringing off the event successfully.

Oldham have beaten the Rovers at Craven St. this season, and we think our men can equal this feat providing every man in the team goes into the fray in a resolute spirit, and is not too much impressed with the responsibilities of the engagement.

We expect to have more dashing work from our forwards, more solid packing, tackling and sparkle in the movements of our front-rankers. With these essential forward improvements our backs should do their part successfully, and the team go through to the Second Round. A determined effort will accomplish this, and we hope to see the form repeated which so handsomely defeated the Rovers in the Final at Wakefield last year.

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#### To-Day's Match.

Batley provide any team with keen opposition before admitting defeat, and to-day's match will be no exception. The team have this season defeated Hull at the Boulevard, and lost only one match to date. We hope to preserve our unbeaten record to-day with a display that will give every confidence for the match at Craven St. next Saturday.

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 3 E. Wrigley .. ..  
 4 H. Wagstaff, captain .. ..  
 5 W. F. Kitchin .. ..  
 HALF BACKS—  
 7 T. H. Grey .. ..  
 6 J. Davies .. ..  
 FORWARDS—  
 10 D. Clark .. ..  
 11 B. Gronow .. ..  
 8 J. Higson .. ..  
 12 F. Longstaffe .. ..  
 15 W. Trevarthen .. ..  
 14 H. Walton .. ..  
 Reserves—  
 16 S. Moorhouse .. ..  
 9 H. J. Davies .. ..  
 13 H. Sherwood .. ..

BACK—  
 1 Lyons .. ..  
 THREE QUARTERS—  
 2 Ward .. ..  
 3 Parker .. ..  
 4 Garforth .. ..  
 5 Hindall .. ..  
 HALF BACKS—  
 6 Laughlin .. ..  
 7 Brooksby .. ..  
 FORWARDS—  
 8 Battersby .. ..  
 10 Debney .. ..  
 11 Gath .. ..  
 12 Hodgson .. ..  
 13 Kitson, captain .. ..  
 14 Leek .. ..

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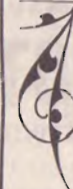
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## Captains I have met.

No. 5—H. WAGSTAFF, Huddersfield.

(By F.A.M.)

### A Great Centre.

Centre three-quarter backs of rare ability are very scarce in professional Rugby football. We have many clever wing men, but the centre position, as regards our own talent—I omit Welsh and Colonial importations, are very difficult to fill.

Few will, I think, question my statement, when I say that Wagstaff and W. Batten are our greatest men. And of the two, (I hope to give my reasons next week), I pay most tribute to the Huddersfield player.

I have heard it said that backs, and especially three-quarter backs, unless they possess abnormal strength, are of little use in Northern Union football. I can only say that the best reply to this is to ask the critics to visit Fartown and see Wagstaff play.

They will there see a young man, of ordinary physique, demonstrate without the slightest apparent effort, how tries can be made. If I were asked how Wagstaff makes his play, I should find it some what difficult to reply satisfactorily.

### Our best Centre.

But I can say that Wagstaff has so assisted his natural instincts for football, has so perfected his ideas and correctness of football detail generally, that to-day I regard him as the finest exponent of centre back play in the Northern Union.

He has, like others, had his drawbacks, but he has persevered, and like the natural player, has risen to the occasion, and as I said at the outset, the career of Harold Wagstaff should provide ample encouragement for the would be International.

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My task this week is comparatively easy, for I know of no captain in the Northern Union League whose career would be more interesting or afford more encouragement to enthusiastic juniors than that of Harold Wagstaff, the leader of the League champions. At Huddersfield they have a real cosmopolitan side. There are English, Welsh, Australian, and New Zealand players represented at Fartown, but the chosen leader of all is the modest local youth, who, through sheer determination and merit has risen to the topmost rung of the football ladder. My space is too limited to devote over much detail to Wagstaff's early doings. Until he joined Huddersfield he was perhaps little known outside his own circle, but when he arrived at Fartown his rise was rapid.

### A Brilliant Opening.

I well remember Wagstaff's first representative match. He had perhaps been 'boomed' somewhat at Huddersfield and as the powers that be were in a sort of experimental mood, the talented youngster was given a trial. But there were many who doubted the wisdom of the choice, for Wagstaff was practically a youth, and I should say his selection for International honours almost, if not actually, approaches a Northern Union record.

But Wagstaff came, saw, and conquered, and well do I remember eager pressmen asking me for some particulars of this hero of the match. Personally I felt pleased, if only for the simple reason that months before, after a visit to Huddersfield, I had written that Wagstaff, was one of the coming players.



## Devon Sensations.

Torquay, Newton and Teignmouth, says the "Sporting Chronicle," fulfilled their matches on Saturday, the suspended officials standing off for the day. There has been an unexpected change in the position at Torquay, where the officials have decided to recognise, at least temporarily, the suspension orders of the Devon Rugby Union in regard to two of their officials, the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, whom it was agreed should not take any official part in the game.

The decision, following the bold and defiant attitude adopted by the club earlier in the week, was received with considerable surprise among the Rugby supporters in Torquay, and it is almost certain that a further decision will create further astonishment.

After Saturday's game an informal meeting of the Athletic committee was held to consider the course of action, and it was eventually agreed that clubs should not make any further movements until the decision of the English Rugby inquiry, which is expected to take place at Exeter on Saturday, is made known.

It is understood that a section of the Torquay committee were in favour of strenuously adhering to the club's original policy, and of calling a meeting of members with a view to putting an important proposal before them for adoption, but it was considered that the moment was not yet opportune.

As to the suspension of Mr. H. Downing, the Teignmouth hon. secretary, it is probable that the committee will be called together during this week, and that Mr. E. Knapman will be reappointed hon. secretary, pro tem. This undoubtedly is the only step that can be taken, as it would be fatal to the club to continue in the face of the English Rugby Union's decision.

In Newton the suspensions are not treated seriously, and for the time being at Plymouth also, matters are dead, though an explosion is threatened at any moment from gentlemen who still press for the introduction of the professional game.

## M. A. P.

E. C. May, the Salford half-back, has this week been relegated to the reserve team.

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The "gate" at Bradford, last Saturday, when the local side entertained Huddersfield, amounted to £234.

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J. L. Clampitt and W. Winskill, the Broughton forwards selected for Cumberland, had the misfortune through an accident, to miss their train connection at Barrow.

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On arrival at Workington by motor car from Whitehaven, Fowler, the Leeds forward had taken Winskill's place in the Cumberland pack.

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The first round for the Yorkshire County cup will be played next Saturday; the Lancashire competition commencing on the 19th inst.

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George Callender, the wing three-quarter back, who has worked his way back to the Salford team, is a local player of great promise.

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George Davidson, the Broughton three-quarter, was injured in the county match at Workington, and had to retire before the interval.

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The veteran of Cumberland Northern Union football is Tom Fletcher, the one time Oldham three-quarter back. He played football a fortnight ago and was prepared to again don a Cumberland jersey last Saturday, had it been impossible otherwise to make up the team.

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It appears that the Cornwall County honorary secretary wrote to Mr. Platt last week-end, to the effect that his committee would not give the information required, respecting the suspension of the two Rochdale Hornets' forwards.

## Open Letter to Referees.

### No. 3—Mr. Frank Renton (Hunslet).

Dear Renton,

Looking back a long time, longer than even I care to remember, memory recalls a official on the field with mannerisms that cannot be described otherwise as eccentric.

These, my early impressions, were afterwards more forcibly confirmed, and yet I can truly say that you were eccentric with a defined purpose. (Some of us act in a peculiar manner sometimes, but I am certain that the result is not the same.

However, in my early days, your methods of interpreting the rules, were matters for amusing comment. No fault was found with your rulings, but with the way you gave them.

Yet for years I should say that you were rightly regarded as one of our strongest referees, and your agility and your keenness for sport, told in such a manner that players soon learned to respect you, and if you will pardon me there was "method in your madness."

A more orthodox referee would, perhaps, hardly have made the same progress in the affections of the powers that be. But you had a distinct style of your own, and that carried you to success. That you had ability much above the ordinary, even your most severe critics will admit. And even now when you have gone past your prime, you are still entitled to be regarded as a strong man, and the Lancashire County committee, only a week ago, gave you a token of their regard by selecting you for their match with Cumberland.

Perhaps your decisions have been less questioned than many other referees. Naturally you are not always perfect,

and on occasion your critics have been severe.

But through it all you are diplomatic. I need only give one case in point. It was in one of the test games between the Northern Union and Australasia, and really the Union should have appointed official touch-judges. I myself, have often found two extremely different opinions of certain incidents. When I have given mine it has been found to be also in opposition to the others. So that the incident I am about to relate is only typical of many.

It was an attempt to place a penalty goal, and both touch-judges were behind the posts. The representative of the kicker promptly put his flag to signal goal, but the representative of the defending side kept his down. It was a critical situation but your powers of interpretation promptly came to your assistance.

You questioned both touch-judges, and you decided in favour of the biggest. Really it was a most peculiar situation, but your interpretation commended itself to me, and I admire the man who can rise to the occasion.

I have seen you in positions which required most careful handling, but never once have I found you in doubt.

It is this spirit of determination, and the courage to give decided demonstrations of your opinion that has taken you to the high position you now occupy.

When the time arrives you will have an honourable retirement. That is the opinion of

Yours faithfully,

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Wilson and Jenkinson both accomplished the "hat trick" for Hunslet against Keighley.

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Hunslet and Leeds are two of the four undefeated sides in the League. This record will probably be broken to-day.

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Three games in the League competition, last Saturday, were only won by a solitary point margin.

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Danson, Broughton Rangers' junior full-back, gave further evidence that he is the best find the Manchester club has made for some seasons.

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Stuart Prosser, the Pontypool half-back, who has joined Halifax, gave an excellent account of himself upon his debut for Halifax against Wakefield Trinity.

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It is palpable that Keighley's long rest has not improved the side. Sixty-two points against, in two games is a terrible record.

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Hunslet give promise to taking one record from Huddersfield this season. The Parkside men, unless Leeds prove extraordinary defenders, should be the first side to attain a century of points.

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Broughton Rangers have taken the defensive honours for the first month of the season. In the four games played the Rangers' line has only been crossed twice.

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Robert Craven, Broughton's recent recruit from the Rugby Union, gave such a good exhibition on his first appearance with the seniors, that he was chosen to play against Halifax to-day.

Anlezark, the well-known Colonial half-back, has during the week been again approached by the Oldham officials, with a view to his again assisting the Watershedding's team. He however announced that his retirement was permanent.

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The explanation of the Leeds and Wakefield clubs regarding the late starts of their "A" teams at Oldham and Hull respectively were accepted by the Northern League committee. J. E. Pollitt (Swinton) was suspended up to and including October 19 for misconduct.

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F. Barron, the Leeds centre three-quarter, has been transferred to Halifax. Barron has been connected with the Leeds club for three seasons, and has proved a clever scorer. In their match with Hunslet at Headingley to-day, Leeds will be without Sanders, who had his arm badly damaged in the match with Bramley.

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The official appointments for the first round of the Lancashire Senior Cup, to be played on Saturday, October 19, were made as follows:—

BARROW v. SALFORD.—Referee, Mr. R. Robinson (Bradford); touch-judges, Messrs. W. Cross (Preston) and W. H. Hall (Holme).

RUNCORN v. OLDHAM.—Referee, Mr. J. W. Whiteley (Wakef'd); touch-judges Messrs. J. McGowan (Broughton Rangers) and E. Bennett (Liverpool).

WIGAN v. LEIGH.—Referee, Mr. F. Renton (Hunslet); touch-judges, Messrs. R. Wailing (Widnes) and G. Dickinson (Swinton).

SWINTON v. BROUGHTON R's.—Referee, Mr. G. F. Dickinson (Halifax); touch-judges, Messrs. E. J. Hannaford (St. Helens), and F. Miller (Oldham).

WIDNES v. COVENTRY.—Referee, Mr. C. Platt (Swinton); touch-judges, Messrs. E. J. Mee (Warrington) and J. Valentine (Salford).



## Referee's List.

The following is a list of officials appointed for next week's matches:—

- Barrow v. Warrington.**—J. W. Whiteley (Wakefield); W. Cross (Preston). W. H. Hall (Holme).
- Coventry v. Hunslet.**—R. H. Jackson (St. Helens); W. O. Johnson (Salford), A. Roscoe (Broughton).
- Leigh v. Broughton R.**—W. K. Hirst (Dewsbury); H. Ball (Wigan). E. J. Mee (Warrington).
- Oldham v. Swinton.**—F. Renton (Hunslet); J. E. Smith (Rochdale), R. Walling (Widnes).
- Runcorn v. Rochdale H.**—H. Edmondson (Bradford); A. Cross (St. Helens), E. Bennett (Liverpool).
- Salford v. Wigan.**—R. Robinson (Bradford); H. Yates (Runcorn), J. R. Lawton (Oldham).
- St. Helens v. Widnes.**—E. Tonge (Swinton); H. Lowe (Broughton), J. Valentine (Salford).

## Northern Rugby Combination.

- Normanton St. John's v. Batley 'A.'**—A. Brown (Wakefield).
- Broughton R's. x. Leigh 'A.'**—J. Winstanley (Warrington).
- Featherstone R's. v. Hull 'A.'**—T. Johnston (Bramley).

**Hunslet 'A' v. Leeds 'A.'**—F. R. Wilson (York).

**Wakefield T. 'A' v. Purston.**—R. H. Buck (Huddersfield).

**Rochdale H. 'A' v. Huddersfield 'A.'**—H. Wallwork (Swinton).

**Swinton 'A' v. Oldham 'A.'**—F. Crabtree (Rochdale).

**Widnes 'A' v. St. Helen's 'A.'**—J. A. Barrow (Preston).

**Wigan 'A' v. Salford 'A.'**—G. Moore (Runcorn).

**Wigan Highfield v. Pemberton.**—R. Jones (Widnes).

YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP  
COMPETITION.

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- Keighley v. Bradford.
- Hull Kingston Rovers v. Huddersfield.
- Leeds v. Bramley.

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