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Football Notes.

The Australians come to Fartown to-day with a brilliant record of success during their tour in the old Country. They are welcome visitors.

Having been beaten in the first test 6 points to 5, and at Highbury, v. England, again by the odd point, 5 points to 4, only Warrington and York, of the club sides they have met, have succeeded in overcoming them.

Against these 4 defeats the invaders can place that remarkably convincing victory won on the Boulevard, on Bonfire Day, 16 points to 2, a victory which has set everybody studying out a team likely to have a possible chance of putting old England on top in the next test.

The Tourists won 10 successive games against league teams before meeting with defeat in the encounters against Warrington and York. And in both these matches the visitors had important absentees, meritorious as were the victories won by the two clubs named.

In view of the Semi-Final, Bramley made no serious attempt to be the third club team to conquer the tourists, and this runaway game gave the fast and resourceful players, who can make openings from opponents' blunders with a quickness that makes you gasp, the opportunity of amassing the record score of the tour, 92 points to 7.

These scoring experts from down under, up to meeting Warrington, had made double figures totals against the 10 league clubs they had met, and on 7 of these occasions they had exceeded a score of points in each game.

Leeds kept down the adverse balance to 11 points 5. Wigan lost 14 points to 6, but Broughton Rangers could not do better than 6 points to the Australians 18. Last season's Yorkshire Cup holders, playing at Craven Street, found the visitors their masters by 26 points to 6.

These figures suggest that the present touring forces are brilliant in attack while also dogged and sure in defence. York, with 9 points scored in their successful meeting with the tourists, have made more points than any other side against them. It seems strange that we are still looking for double figures from one of our teams—representative or club. For we had heard a rumour—it must have been of poor quality—and only a rumour—that the tourists might break down when subjected to heavy attacks. I have not heard of the debacle as yet nor do I expect it.

Instead of breaking down under pressure I believe some of the best touring movements have commenced when they appeared to be in a very dangerous position. The great skilfulness of the side has often been demonstrated in turning defence into successful attack, and therein you see real merit and grit.

It may be of interest to give the famous three quarter's views who did so much for the Northern Union game when over here for a period of years, I refer to Dinny Campbell, always a grand sport. Writing prior to the tour he stated, "They—the Tourists—ought to win practically all club engagements as there are no clubs standing out pre-eminently like Huddersfield and Wigan of the past. There are several of about equal strength which will extend the Australian team.

Club duties have prevented me from seeing our visitors on more than one occasion when they had an evening match with Bradford Northern on September 28th. Poor Northern lost that match 53 points to 3. We witnessed, while admitting some weak defence on the part of the home side, some great running and passing by the victors. Horder was playing glorious football, and one of his runs from line to line down touch will long be pleasantly remembered by those present.

The touring wings, Horder and Blinkhorn, were magnificent, and my impressions of the side were very favourable. There was a delightful unselfishness in the play and wonderful backing up which very often reminded me of the dazzling exhibition given by the Amateur All Blacks years ago against poor Yorkshire, who that afternoon had a sorry experience on the loaned Northern Union ground at Headingley.

The Touring party have had some bad luck in, I believe, 3 cartilage cases, Cubitt, Brown and Gray. A recent report, following visits to the eminent specialist, Sir Robert Jones, is very favourable and we hope all these players may be fit for football before the end of the Tour.

MUDDERSFIELD TEAM.

	G.	T.
FULL BACK—		
1 THOMAS		
THREE-QUARTER BACKS—		
2 JESSOP		
3 DAVIDGE		
3 WAGSTAFF		
5 MOORHOUSE		
HALF BACKS—		
6 ROGERS		
7 WILLIAMS		
FORWARDS—		
15 SWINDEN		
12 GRONOW		
8 FENWICK		
9 STAMPER		
13 CLARK		
11 SHERWOOD		
RESEEVES—		
THORNTON		
GREENWOOD		
TOTAL		

AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

	G.	T.
FULL BACK—		
17 C. FRASER ... 18 R. NORMAN		
THREE-QUARTER BACKS—		
16 C. BLINKHORN		
15 R. VEST ... 13 H. PETERS ...		
27 G. GARSTAIRS 11 H. HORDER		
12 J. CRAIG		
HALF BACKS—		
10 H. CAPLES 9 D. THOMPSON		
19 A. JOHNSTON		
FORWARDS—		
1 S. PEARCE ... 26 W. RICHARDS		
3 W. SCHULTZ 4 F. BURKE ...		
8 C. PRENTICE 25 R. LATTA ...		
2 F. RYAN		
21 N. POTTER		
24 E. McGRATH		
RESERVE—		
TOTAL		

It will no doubt be interesting to compare to-day's Australian team with the victorious side on the Boulevard in the 2nd Test. The 2nd Test team was Fraser, full-back; Horder, Carstairs, Vest, Blinkhorn, three-quarters; Thompson, and Caples, half-backs; Burge, Latta, Prentice, Watkins, Pearce, and Schultz, forwards.

The North Sydney Club, in Harold Horder, C. Blinkhorn, three-quarters, and Duncan Thompson, half-back, supplies three of the most prominent players of the party. Horder has received many fine tributes to his prowess and those who have seen him, know him as the most dangerous three-quarter playing the N.U. game to-day. Blinkhorn is another topline, a powerful runner who goes through if the tackling is not of the very best. Duncan Thompson is declared to be the Johnny Rogers of down under, and Mr. John Wilson has stated that "Thompson is the best inside half we saw, either in Australia or New Zealand." Fraser, the full back, was here on the last Tour. He has won great distinction as a full-back. Johnston is said to be equally "at home" at inside or outside half, a sturdy player who "gets there." Caples can play a very effective game at outside half, as Parkin is said to have discovered on the Boulevard.

Those who know the best N.U. forwards at home and down under tell me there is only one Frank Burge, a forward player probably without an equal to-day. He scored four tries against Wakefield. You will find him busy to-day if fit to be in the team, I am sorry a leg injury was reported to be troubling him in the 2nd Test. I am told Watkins is a splendid forward, but so much has been written about the players that further details may be unnecessary.

In Test games between England and Australia, results are equal to date, 6 wins each. In these contests England's score stands at 28 goals, 41 tries, 179 points; Australia 23 goals, 42 tries, 172 points. The third Test at Manchester in January on these figures could not be more interesting.

It is pleasing to note that following, shall I say, the successful venture by Messrs. Gronow & Wagstaff in the Motoring business—haulage and passenger services—two other famous members of our team, Messrs. Douglas Clark and Johnny Rogers, have gone into the Coal business. I have not heard if the coals are swift, but they should be one would imagine. The best of luck to both firms and any others who may follow this example.

H.L.

Northern Rugby League.					Yorkshire Senior Competition.				
1921	Club	Venue	Kick-off	F A	1921	Club	Venue	Kick-off	F A
Aug 27	Wakefield	away	3-30	11 6	Aug 27	WAKEFIELD	home	3-30	29 9
Sep. 3	ST. HELENS	home	"	38 3	Sep. 3	Sharlston	away	"	0 10
F.M. 5	WARRINGTON	home	"	21 6	F.M. 5	"	"	"	"
10	HUNSLET	home	"	41 3	10	Hunslet	away	"	0 3
17	Dewsbury	away	"	5 16	17	DEWSBURY	home	"	6 3
24	YORK	home	"	22 6	24	York	away	"	7 38
Oct. 1	St. Helens Rec.	away	"	3 19	Oct. 1	WYKE	home	"	3 0
8	WIGAN	home	"	10 13	8	Knottingley	away	"	8 17
15	Leeds (Y Cup, 1R)	away	"	2 11	15	SHARLSTON	home	"	5 11
22	Hull	away	3-0	0 8	22	HULL	home	"	5 16
29	BRADFORD	home	"	30 8	29	Selby	away	"	3 10
Nov. 5	Oldham	away	"	54 0	Nov. 5	"	away	3-0	"
12	KEIGHLEY	home	"	"	12	Keighley	away	"	3 7
19	AUSTRALIA	home	2-45	"	19	Castleford	away	"	"
26	Hull Kingston	away	"	"	26	HULL KINGSTON	home	"	"
Dec. 3	Leeds	away	"	"	Dec. 3	LEEDS	home	2-45	"
10	ST. HELENS REC.	home	2-30	"	10	Wyke	away	"	"
17	BATLEY	home	"	"	17	Batley	away	"	"
24	Bradford	away	"	"	24	KNOTTINGLEY	home	"	"
B.D. 26	Halifax	away	"	"	B.D. 26	HALIFAX	home	"	"
27	HALIFAX	home	"	"	27	Halifax	away	"	"
31	HULL KINGSTON	home	"	"	31	Hull Kingston	away	"	"
1922					1922				
Jan. 2	Warrington	away	"	"	Jan. 2	NORMANTON	home	"	"
7	Bramley	away	"	"	7	ELLAND	home	"	"
14	Featherstone	away	2-45	"	14	Dewsbury	away	3-0	"
21	DEWSBURY	home	"	"	21	Wakefield	away	"	"
28	WAKEFIELD	home	3-0	"	28	CASTLEFORD	home	"	"
Feb. 4	St. Helens	away	"	"	Feb. 4	Leeds	away	"	"
11	LEEDS	home	"	"	11	BATLEY	home	3-30	"
18	Batley	away	3-30	"	18	"	"	"	"
25	N. U. Cup—1st Rd.	"	"	"	25	"	"	"	"
Mar. 4	York	away	"	"	Mar. 4	YORK	home	"	"
11	N. U. Cup—2nd Rd.	"	"	"	11	"	"	"	"
18	BRAMLEY	home	"	"	18	Elland	away	"	"
25	Wigan	away	"	"	25	SELBY	home	"	"
Apl. 1	HULL	home	"	"	Apl. 1	Hull	away	"	"
8	Keighley	away	"	"	8	KEIGHLEY	home	"	"
15	Hunslet	away	"	"	15	HUNSLET	home	"	"
E.M. 17	OLDHAM	home	"	"	E.M. 17	Normanton	away	"	"
E.T. 18	FEATHERSTONE	home	11am	"	E.T. 18	"	"	"	"

NEXT HOME MATCH—

Huddersfield v.

St. Helen's Recreation,

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