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Odsal News and Views

To-day's Match

To-day should see another R.L. attendance record go by the board, as far as Northern League semi-finals are concerned. It is a clash of club interests in a semi-final which will no doubt have great public appeal.

Both the Bradford Northern and Huddersfield teams have been showing great form of late, and the issue must be very open indeed; of course both sets of supporters will be doing a bit of wishful thinking, but in most cases hope will be father to the thought.

The last time Bradford finished on top of the Northern League table

was in the year 1904. Of course they won the League Championship several times during the war, but these do not go down in the records, and rightly so as so many clubs had closed down for the war period and a special war-time competition was arranged for those clubs who found themselves able and WILLING to carry on.

Northern's Record

Next Saturday brings with it the League Final, and also the close of what has been a very open and remarkable season. Our club got off to a bad start, and then when the team settled down had a run

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3	MAGEEN	Ct. Threequarter
4	WARD, E.	Ct. Threequarter
5	McLEAN	Left Wing
6	HALEY, L.	Out Half
7	JONES, G.	Scrum Half
8	SHREEVE	Prop Forward
9	HALEY, N.	Hooker
10	RADFORD	Front Row
11	FOSTER	Second Row
12	TYLER	Second Row
14	TRAILL	Loose Forward

Reserves : HASTINGS
JONES, W.

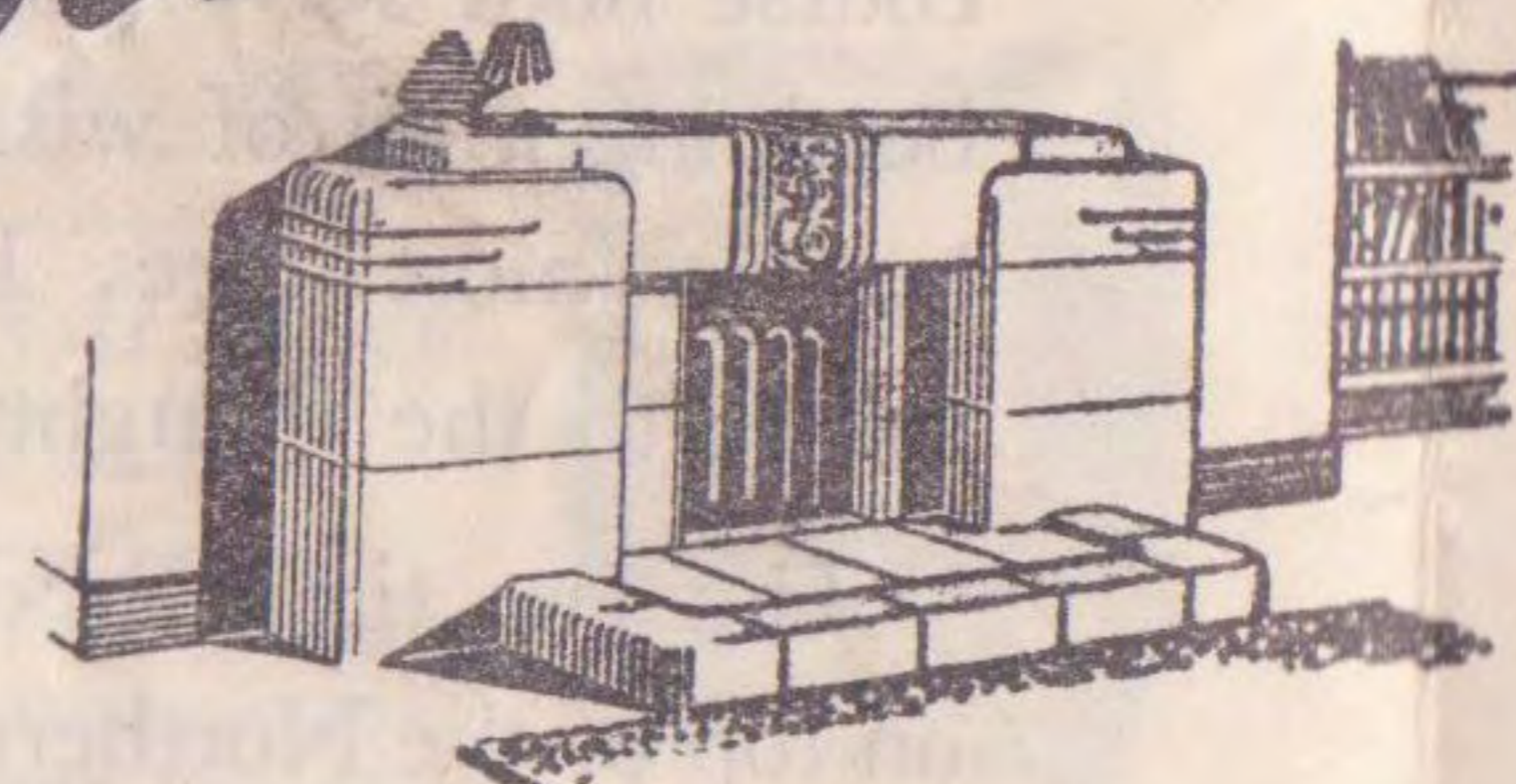
Referee : F. Smith (Barrow)

HUDDERSFIELD

1	DYSON	Full Back
2	HENDERSON or CRACKNELL	Right Wing
3	PEPPERELL	Ct. Threequarter
4	RYLANCE	Ct. Threequarter
5	COOPER	Left Wing
6	BANKS	Out Half
7	BATES	Scrum Half
8	CAVANAGH	Prop Forward
9	CURRAN	Hooker
10	GRIFFIN	Front Row
11	BROWN	Second Row
12	SLEVIN	Second Row
14	VALENTINE	Loose Forward

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The White or Red Rose

The news that Cardiff had decided to withdraw from the Northern League was not unexpected; they have had a tragic season, and it is evident that Cardiff—and we might say most of South Wales—have not taken kindly to R.L. Football, a fact which astounds R.L. fans.

The further news that the Management Committee had DECIDED that Bradford Northern should play as a Lancashire club next year came as a complete surprise to everyone. This decision, however, should not be taken too literally. What has taken place is that the Management Committee have decided to put the proposition that Bradford Northern, Leeds, Huddersfield and Halifax should each spend a year in turn in the Lancashire section, and that Bradford Northern should be the first to do so.

Such a proposition will have to be put to the clubs constituting the



of successes concluding with a defeat at Hull, and later finishing up the season with another run of successes.

We lost four of the first seven league matches during the first month of football, and yet we have only lost three during the whole of the season since, and one of those by a dropped goal.

Huddersfield, too, have finished up the season on a high note, and are sure to put up a good show.

At Wigan?

The other semi-final which is taking place at Wigan, between the home club and Hull, on form looks like being a bit one-sided, but everyone knows that Hull are capable of putting up much sterner opposition than they did in the match against Huddersfield on Saturday last, when they lost by 49 points to five, which score on the face of it, tells its own tale.

Northern League at the annual meeting, or to an extraordinary general meeting specifically called for the purpose of considering the proposition.

As an alteration to the Bye-laws is involved, such a proposition would have to be carried by a two-thirds majority, and we are inclined to think that most Yorkshire clubs, with the knowledge of what Northern's home games have meant to them, will hardly be in favour of the change; Bradford Northern certainly are not.

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Now that the ban is on with regard to New Zealand players, and a further ban on similar lines with regard to Australian players is likely, it seems imperative that some change in the arrangement of International matches will have to take place, and the Other Nationalities' Team drop out after this season or next.

Many people are questioning the wisdom of barring Union players from Overseas as not being in the best interests of the game; anyway, whatever views anyone might have on the matter, an International agreement has been made with New Zealand, and it will have to operate at least for three years.

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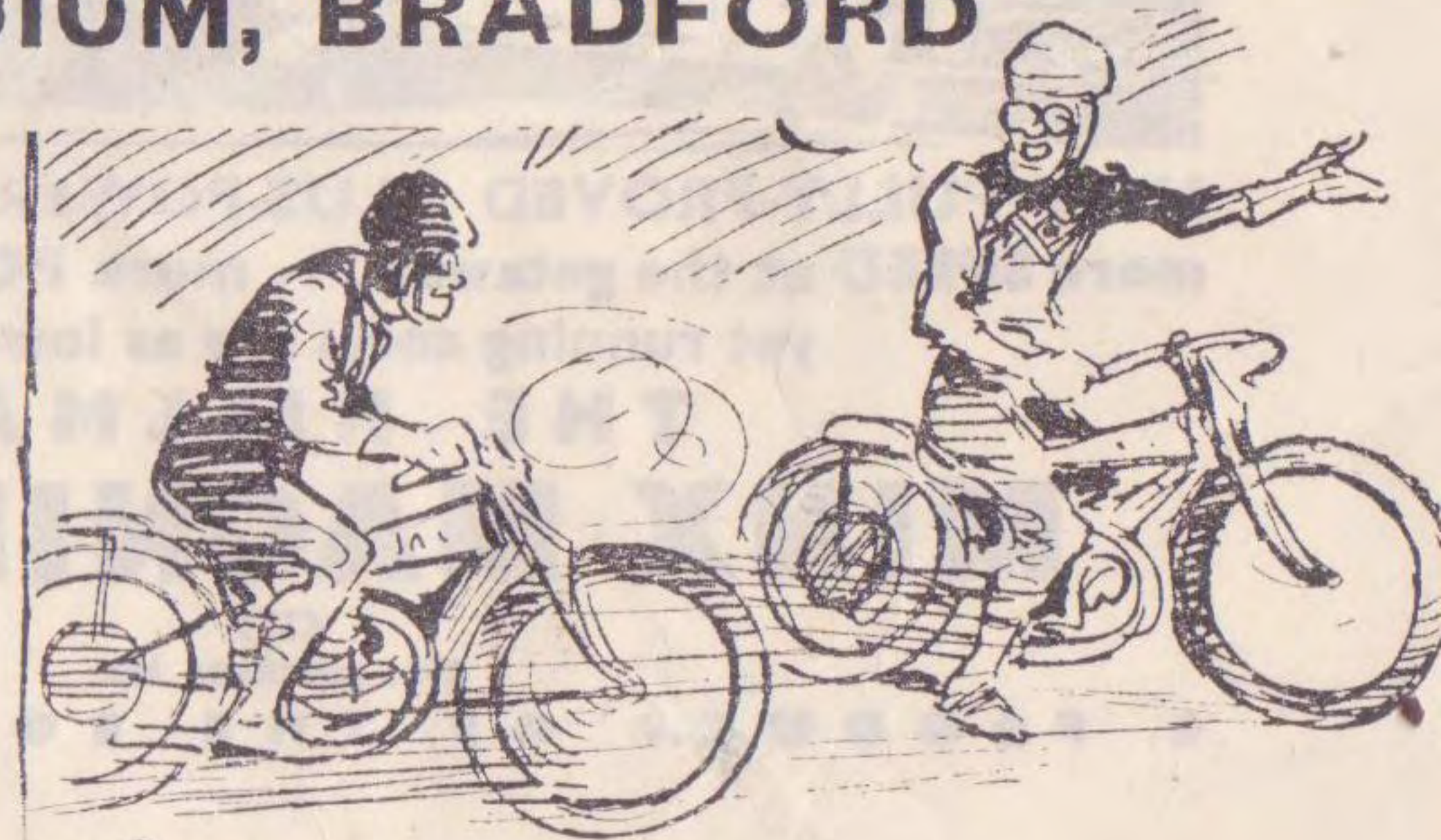
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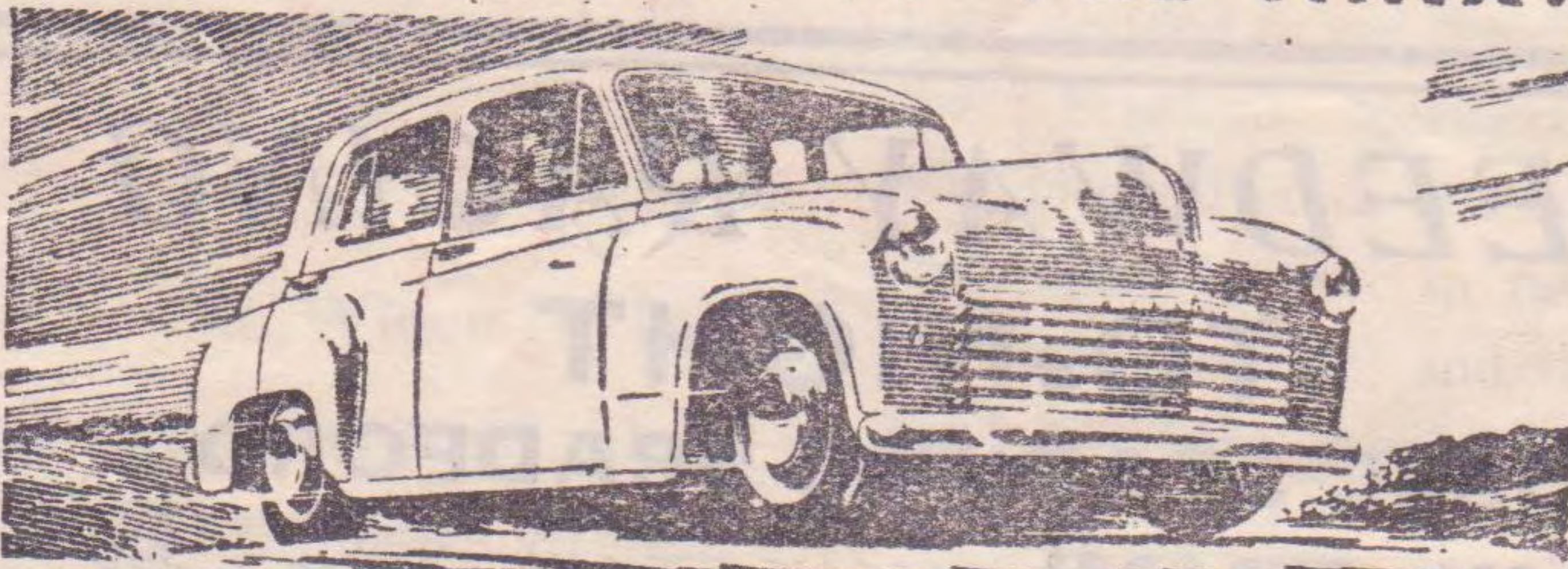
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