

Hunslet go behind in a thriller

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Pickles had the Swinton defence under pressure but John Cooke reminded the situation with a deep kick into the Hunslet 25. Tempers frayed when Horrocks and Bruen exchanged punches after the Hunslet sub. had tackled Green. But Hunslet had a slice of bad luck when a promising move looked certain to bring a try for Horrocks, but the referee blocked the final pass.

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Hunslet suffered a setback when their speedy scrum-half Peter Rycroft was carried off on a stretcher. Paul Jackson went close when his penalty shot from 35 yards whistled past the post. Beaten in their last two home games the Lions were finding Hunslet much tougher than they expected. Then, BOB FLEMAY finished off a move from a scrum on the Hunslet "25" by diving right over full-back Pickles to touch down spectacularly in the corner.

Half-time:—
Pts.
Swinton 7
New Hunslet 4
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