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**THIS WILL NOT DO.
Come on, Lads, Let's Change the
Order of Things.**

By the Editor.

DON'T tell me you are disappointed with what has been happening during the last few weeks. I'm just as disappointed as you, and I can tell you that the players have just the same view.

We were all looking for something different when we had got that footing in the first four. Everything looked as though it were going to be rosy all the way up to Christmas, but alas, the ways of mice and men . . . ?

Yes, I agree it is very upsetting, but it is no more so to all of us than it is to the players themselves. I know full well that they had some great hopes for this season, and, all of sudden, they have struck a bad patch. They don't know how they have done so, or why, but all of them in their own way are trying to get out of it.

The Players are trying, but — !

Perhaps that is the cause. Perhaps they are trying so hard that they just cannot get out of it. Whether so or not, it is hard luck on

them, and though some of us may grumble and moan about it, that isn't going to get us anywhere. It is a long lane, indeed, that has no turning, and I am fancying that turning isn't far away.

Anyhow, you can know this. Whatever our disappointments, they are exactly the same for the players, but the players have a different outlook. They do go on trying to make things better. They may not always succeed, but they try. They are honest in their intentions, but what of those supporters who started grumbling almost straight away? I wonder whether they were as keen to try to make things run smoothly and bring back the lost luck and confidence as the lads who don the jerseys? But that, I suppose, is a different matter.

Anyhow, I am going to be honest, I'm going to back the players to turn this corner and come up smiling at the end of it all. Remember this. Nearly every club has a bad patch sometime or other during the season. I am looking upon this as Northern's unlucky period. They'll come out of it, make no mistake about that, and before Christmas you'll hear of Odsal in the news again. I can forecast that in more ways than one, and also on the playing side, and by the turn of the year all will be set for plain sailing for the cup-ties and other recognitions.

Let's Drive the Blues Away.

Don't forget that I know it may seem risky that I should be saying it now when luck isn't smiling on the lads and we are two or three months ahead of the vital period, but I've forecast such happenings before, and I have't then been as sure about things as I am now. Confidence counts for a lot, and a cheer to-day will help to carry away all those blues that have't got a right to settle on Odsal. So don't forget folks—a few cheers to-day and they wont do any harm.

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It is possible for me to divulge certain of the efforts which are being made to bring improvement in the team. For the first time since he joined the club, Team Manager Dai Rees was hoping to-day to be making a trip quite a long distance away from Bradford. There are at least two players in the opposing teams he will be watching concerning whom Northern have had good reports. If they prove good enough for the team manager, they will be fixed as soon as possible; in fact, he may bring them back with him.

An International — For a Fortune.

Three players were watched last week, one an international, and had a reasonable fee been acceptable, instead of the extraordinary one demanded, he would have been in the side to-day. He is unquestionably a man of the ability whom it is desired to secure, but there are going to be no fortunes thrown away from Odsal. The weaknesses are known, but it will neither serve the purposes of supporters or of the club to waste money.

For that reason, 75 per cent. players are not to be secured for the first team. If the player is good and young, shows the promise that he will serve the club for several years and advance with the training and coaching he receives, there will be no objection to the payment of a substantial fee or bonus, but there is not going to be any panic buying just to bring in new faces. Money can quite easily be wasted in that way, and I am assured that those in control of the club do not intend to fritter away their hard-earned cash by such methods.

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you to know of it, you would be just as confident as I am that the corner is going to be turned very shortly. Obviously there is not a lot of money available owing to demands outside that of the team, but it is realised by those in control that the team must have first consideration.

As to what luck will come from the several enquiries which are being made, and the efforts extended in half-a-dozen ways, both in this country and further afield, time alone will tell, but nothing is being spared in personal effort or persuasion to not only end the misfortune which has so suddenly hit the team, but to again bring back the limelight to Odsal. It has slipped somewhat of late. We don't like it, the players don't, nor do the officials. We have all sampled and enjoyed what we have had in the past, and we don't want to lose it. It has got to come back, and every one has got to help. Let's hope to-day brings a little of it by the beating of Oldham.

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Rugby League Fixtures, 1938-39

Date	Opponents.	K.O.	Venue	Rslt.
Sept. 28	Hunslet	6-15	Home	
Oct. 1	Huddersfield	3-30	Away	
8	Swinton	3-30	Home	
15	Batley	3-30	Home	
22	Halifax	3-30	Away	
29	Hull	3-0	Home	
Nov. 5	Batley	3-0	Away	
12	Oldham	3-0	Home	
19	Barrow	2-45	Away	
26	Featherstone	2-45	Home	
Dec. 3	Salford	2-45	Away	
10	Warrington	2-30	Home	
17	Hull K.R.	2-30	Away	
24	Swinton	2-30	Away	
XD 26	Bramley	2-30	Home	
BD 27	Bramley	2-30	Away	
31	Salford	2-30	Home	
1939				
Jan. 2	Wakefield	2-30	Home	
7	Hull	2-30	Away	
14	Huddersfield	2-45	Home	
21	York	2-45	Away	
28	Castleford	3-0	Home	
Feb. 4	R.L. Cup (1st Rd)	3-30		
11	Hunslet	3-30	Away	
18	Widnes	3-30	Home	
25	Hull K.R.	3-30	Home	
Mar. 4	Oldham	3-30	Away	
11	Leeds	3-30	Away	
18	Leeds	3-30	Home	
25	Warrington	3-30	Away	
April 1	Keighley	3-30	Away	
G.F. 7	Keighley	3-30	Home	
8	Wakefield	3-30	Away	
E.M. 10	Barrow	3-15	Home	
15	Dewsbury	3-30	Home	
22	Castleford	3-30	Away	

Yorks. Senior Competition "A" Team Fixtures, 1938-39

Date	Opponents.	K.O.	Venue	Rslt.
Sept. 17	Dewsbury	3-30	Home	
24	Halifax	3-30	Away	
Oct. 1	Huddersfield	3-30	Home	
8	Swinton (C)	3-30	Away	
22	Halifax	3-30	Home	
29	Hull	3-0	Away	
Nov. 19	Barrow (C)	2-45	Home	
Dec. 3	Wakefield	2-45	Home	
10	Warrington (C)	2-30	Away	
17	Hull K.R.	2-30	Home	
24	Swinton (C)	2-30	Home	
1939				
Jan. 7	Hull	2-30	Home	
14	Huddersfield	2-45	Away	
21	York	2-45	Home	
28	Castleford	3-0	Away	
Feb. 11	Hunslet	3-30	Home	
18	Hunslet	3-30	Away	
25	Hull K.R.	3-30	Away	
Mar. 4	Wakefield	3-30	Away	
11	Leeds	3-30	Home	
18	Leeds	3-30	Away	
25	Warrington (C)	3-30	Home	
April 1	Keighley	3-30	Home	
10	Barrow (C)	3-15	Away	
15	Dewsbury	3-30	Away	

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