

# BRADFORD NORTHERN v OLDHAM

## Bradford Northern

Colours : White Jerseys, Red,  
Amber and Black Hoops.

### Full-Back

1 CARMICHAEL

### Three-Quarters

2 BATTEN  
3 BILLINGTON  
4 WARD, E.  
5 EDWARDS

### Half-Backs

6 [redacted] or BENNETT  
7 WARD, D.

### Forwards

8 WHITCOMBE  
9 DARLINSON  
10 HIGSON  
11 FOSTER  
12 ROBERTS  
14 HUTCHINSON

### Reserves

BEST  
MARKLEW

## Oldham

Colours :  
Blue and White Jerseys.

### Full-Back

1 THOMAS

### Three-Quarters

2 LARGE *Howard*  
3 BARR  
4 HIGGINBOTTOM  
5 BURKE

### Half-Backs

6 STODDART  
7 LOWE

### Forwards

8 GARDINER  
9 WHITEHEAD  
10 REES  
11 PUGH  
12 LAIRD  
13 WOOD

### Reserves

ROSTROM  
BROWN  
LOEE, K.

Referee — Mr. A. HOWGATE.

Touch Judges : B. LAUGHLIN and L. ILLINGWORTH.

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## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

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SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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## ODSAL NEWS AND VIEWS.

Once again the football season opens at Odsal, and the management extends to all friends, new and old, a hearty welcome.

It seems to be a generally accepted fact that this season will be the last played under war-time conditions, and it may be possible as the season progresses to augment the official fixture list.

The progressive policy of the past few years, which has stood the club in such good stead, will be continued, and every endeavour made to maintain the highest possible standard of football.

Post-war conditions will give birth to many problems, which will be tackled right away. The playing area, good as it now is, will receive particular attention. An attempt will be made to bring the team up to even better than the 1939 standard: a bit optimistic, you might think, but if we interpret the wishes of our ever-growing list of patrons and supporters aright, this is the policy they desire us to adopt, and with that view we most emphatically concur.

The speed of this development will naturally depend on the amount of financial support the club gets. On this score, however, we have no misgivings whatever, feeling confident that Bradford and all lovers of Rugby League Football within reasonable reach of Odsal Stadium, are quite prepared to foot the bill, providing we on our own part deliver the goods.

Debts contracted during the "lean years" naturally retard progress, and with a view to eventually clearing these, it has been decided to allocate all monies subscribed by patrons to a debt redemption fund. Never was the time more fitting, and to all who appreciate what has been done since 1938 at Odsal, may we suggest that your appreciation should take a practical form, and it will also help if you pass on the idea.

To-day, the heavy calls on our gate receipts for Tax, coupled with similar heavy taxation on season tickets, suggests that untaxed subscription towards a debt redemption fund is the only practical way to deal with the matter. We look forward to your answer with confidence.

Season Tickets at the same price as last season are now on sale. So come along, friends—you've done great things in the past, let's make this VICTORY season a real triumph over all the debts and backslidings of pre-Odsal days, and be able to start post-war developments without any handicap.

All our actions have as a basis that of providing the "greatest benefit" for the "greatest number," and well-considered criticism of a constructional nature is always helpful, so don't think that we are unmindful of your views, let's have them by all means. Anyone showing they "lack the courage of their own convictions" by hiding their identity behind a "nom de plume" can hardly be considered as worthy of such consideration. It should be noted, however, that these remarks do not apply to the letter under the "nom de plume" of "Thousands Cheer" which in our humble opinion displays good sense, good humour and good intentions.

Our opening match at Hunslet was marred by very bad weather conditions which prevented the finer points of the game being developed. A penalty given for a scrimmage infringement in an easy position from which a goal was kicked decided the issue. In the second half, with the wind and rain at their backs, Northern players put on continual pressure and a score seemed certain on several occasions—in fact, Hyson did score at the corner, but the touch-judge ruled that he had moved the corner flag. Credit must be given to the Hunslet team for the rock-like defence they put up in the second half. To-day Oldham are our visitors—always a hard team to beat, but with improved playing conditions a good and interesting game should be served up.