

TEAMS

BRADFORD NORTHERN

Red, Amber and Black Band

Full Back				
1				
Carmichael				
Three-quarters				
2	3	4	5	
Batten	Kitching	Ward, E.	Edwards or	
	Case		Walters	
Half Backs				
	6	7		
	Davies	Ward, D.		
Forwards				
8	9	10	11	12
Whitcombe	King	Smith	Foster	Tyler
		or Greaves		14
				Traill

Referee :
F. Smith



Touch Judges :
W. Harrison and
J. E. Harmer

Givvons	Pugh	Thomas	Taylor	Brooks	Ogden
13	12	11	10	9	8

Forwards	
Smith	Kenny
7	6

Half Backs			
Inglesfield	Mahoney	Harris	Woods
5	4	3	2

Three-quarters	
Barracough	
1	

OLDHAM

BRADFORD NORTHERN

FOOTBALL CLUB, LIMITED

Official Programme.

2d.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13th, 1948

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Odsal News and Views

The Forty-four thousand One hundred and thirty-two (44,132) spectators at Odsal last Saturday possibly did not realise that they had in all probability broken the crowd record for a second-round Rugby League cup-tie; we do not know of any to equal this number but possibly the press will correct us if we are wrong.

The match itself was of the same tough order as was the previous one played two weeks ago at Belle Vue, which ended in a draw of three points each, the main incidents being

Northern's ability to overcome Wakefield's superior scrum possession, and their all-round superiority as a team; our Wakefield friends were the first to admit this undoubted fact after the match.

The adjustments made by the management with regard to turnstile and ticket arrangements, allowed the large crowd to gain entrance with a minimum of delay, but it certainly would add to the comfort of spectators generally if reserved seat holders would take their places say fifteen minutes before the game started, and spectators also timed their arrival a little earlier.

Our reserve team, under the care and guidance of our old international player, Len Higson, is being built up very nicely; so far they have done nothing to brag about, but there are some promising youngsters in the team who are gaining valuable experience and of these more will be heard at a later date.

Good team work off the field was evidenced on Monday last when tickets for the reserved stand were available at the office at Odsal at four o'clock, although the news that the match had to be played on Saturday had not come through from the R.L. meeting in Manchester until noon. Good work, Mr. Printer, for which please accept our thanks for both the present and the future when the same promptness in delivery will naturally be expected.

The question of why cup-tie football between two well-matched teams always seems to develop into a forward struggle, is one rather difficult to answer; the usual style of play with tactical developments from the scrums and the playing of the ball, or better still the fast following up and passing as developed by the Colonial and French sides, are certainly more spectacular. Is it that there is more concentration on the prevention of opponents scoring, more covering up than is usual with open football such as we like to see in League games?—which type certainly entails a certain amount of risk such as intercepted passes, etc.

Perhaps the real answer is that the public undoubtedly do like to see our knock-out cup-tie football matches, the winning of which takes their club one step nearer to the final at Wembley Stadium.

It is some time since our opponents of to-day have visited Odsal, and we extend to them a 'Col-Odsal' welcome and at the same time express our regret that the death of one of the Rugby League's greatest legislators, namely the late Mr. Fred Hutchins, has lost both to them and the Rugby League Council his valuable administrative ability. Undoubtedly no one excelled, and few equalled him in R.L. legislation.

On Saturday next we have as our visitors the famous Hull Kingston Rovers team which has provided so many first class players to other R.L. clubs, amongst them our own George Carmichael, the lad who refuses to grow old. Bereft as we are on this occasion of the services of four of our Welsh stars doing their duty for their country at Swansea in the match against France, we shall not be able to field a team up to our usual strength, but the match will give our 'up and comings' a chance to show their prowess and development along with the regular members of our team.

The match for the Whitcombe, Case and Ward benefit has not yet been allocated but the fund for same has been opened and an appeal to all Odsalites to support same has been sent out under the names of the President and the Chairman. May we respectfully suggest that the measure of our appreciation will be recorded by your financial support to this appeal.

NEXT HOME MATCH

BRADFORD NORTHERN

versus

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20th, 1948

KICK-OFF



3-0 p.m.
