

OLDHAM v AUSTRALIA

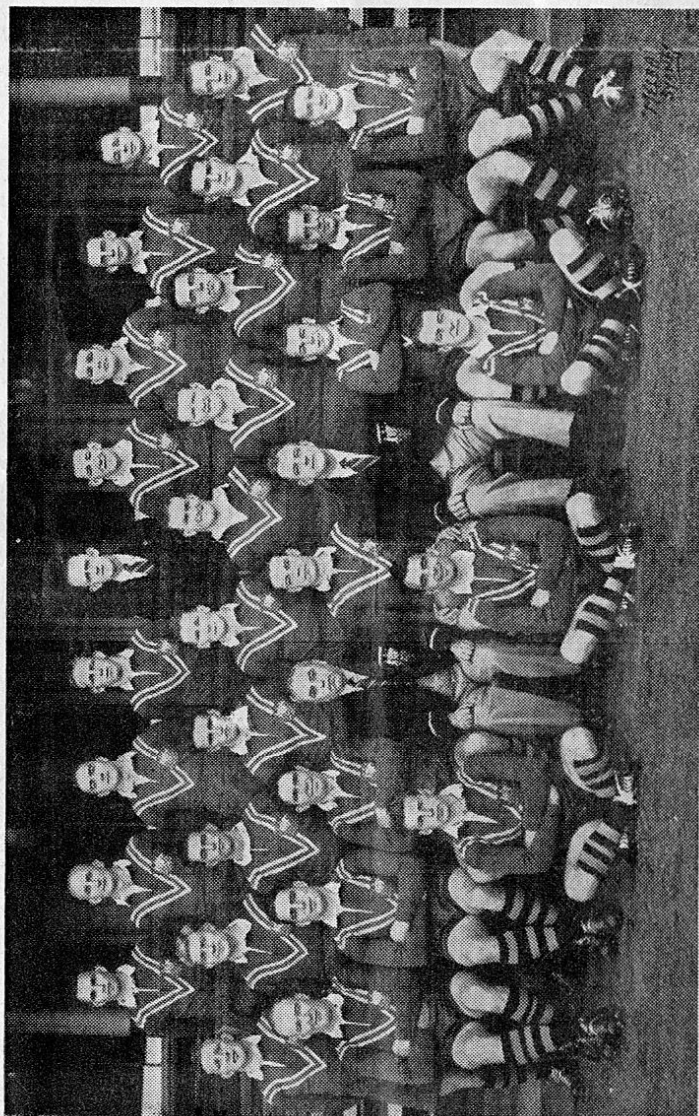
**Saturday, 4th December 1948
at**

**WATERSHEDDINGS,
OLDHAM.**

Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.

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Fourth Row: O. B. Hopkins, F. E. Johnson, N. G. Mulligan, L. G. Cowie, E. Furness (Trainer), D. A. McRitchie, P. McMahon, W. H. Thompson, W. P. O'Connell.
 Third Row: N. J. Hawke, F. L. de Beulin, R. Pegg, R. Dimond, J. Horrikan, R. J. Rayner, J. F. Holland, N. R. Hard, K. B. Schubert, A. Gibbs.
 Second Row: E. Brodhan, D. Hall, I. W. T'quid, E. J. Simmonds, C. M. Maxwell, W. G. Buckley, J. J. Bulgin, E. A. Denton, J. N. Graves.
 Front Row: R. J. Lullham, C. B. Churchill, G. K. Froome.
 (Vice-Capt.) (Manager) (Captain)

CLUB NEWS

Once again it is the Oldham Club's privilege and pleasure to bid "Welcome to Oldham" to our Australian visitors. Indeed to-day is a red letter day as we are playing the seventh Australian Touring Team to visit this country and, thanks to the authorities concerned, we have been allocated a Saturday match for each visit.

No matter what the result of to-day's match is we hope that we shall be treated to see Rugby League football at its best. Of course all teams are out to beat the Australians, and each match that they play they are up against the cup-tie spirit; however much as we would like our team to come out of the game with victory, the game will be played in the sporting spirit which we expect and on the day's play may the best team win.

It may be of interest to readers that there are no full-time professionals in Australian Rugby League football. They are really amateurs who receive a season's bonus at the end of each season according to the "gates", and they only play about half the normal English season.

Through the courtesy of our Mayor (Councillor S. Thornton) they have this morning been accorded a civic reception at the Town Hall and this evening this club entertains them to dinner at the Town Hall, when each member of the party will be presented with a silver serviette ring with the Town's coat of arms embossed and the name of each individual inscribed thereon.

Later in the evening they proceed to Hill Stores as the guests of our Supporters' Club to the dance they have arranged in their honour.

Later they return to the headquarters at Ilkley and we hope they will leave us with pleasant memories of their visit to Oldham.

DO YOU KNOW

That the first touring team of 1908 from Australia, the net receipts for the tour were only £4,995 2s. 0d. and the expenses of the tour £5,340 1s. 8d. Compared with the expenses of 1948 tour which are estimated at £24,000 and the receipts have amply covered this up to the present time.

That the best gate of the 1908 tour of the Australians was £283 16s. 0d. at the second test at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The visitors' share of the takings at the first test at St. James' Park, London amounted to £22 1s. 2d. and the third test at Birmingham, to £107 5s. 3d.

That at Widnes the Australians got £17 5s. 1d. out of the "gate" and at Glasgow their share totalled £32 15s. 4d.

In regard to the first test match, it might be mentioned that it cost £40 to transport the team to London from their headquarters in Southport.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

CHURCHILL, Clive Bernard. Full-back; Storeman; 21 years; 5ft. 7in.; 11st. 10lb.; Product of Newcastle (N.S.W.) schoolboy football, starting at the age of 12 years. Graduated through Junior ranks to Central Newcastle (N.S.W.) first grade Club in 1946. In 1947 represented Combined Country, transferring to South Sydney Club towards the latter end of season. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales and Australia v 'Kiwis'.

McMAHON, Patrick. Right winger; Fitter; 21 years; 5ft. 9in.; 12st. 7lb.; Transferred from Mount Isa (Qld.) to Toowoomba (Qld.) in 1946, and has represented Toowoomba and Queensland every year since then. Represented Australia in both Tests against the 'Kiwis' in 1948.

DIMOND, Robert. Right winger; Apprentice baker; 18 years; 5ft. 11in.; 12st.; Played for Dapto (N.S.W.) at age of 16 years. 1948 represented Combined Country and New South Wales v Queensland.

McRITCHIE, Douglas Allan. Centre-threequarter; Panel beater; 25 years; 5ft. 10in.; 13st. 6lb.; Product of Sydney schoolboy football, and graduated to St. George (Sydney) Club through Junior ranks. After playing in Army teams returned to St. George Club. Represented Combined Sydney and New South Wales in 1948.

HORRIGAN, JACK. Centre-threequarter; Shop Assistant; 24 years; 6ft.; 13st. 11lb.; Product of Queensland schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to Valley Club Brisbane (Qld.). Joined A.I.F. in 1942, playing in services competition as Lock Forward. On discharge returned to Valley Club Brisbane (Qld.), eventually represented Queensland v Brisbane and Queensland v 'Kiwis' and New South Wales in Brisbane.

HAWKE, Norman Jack. Five-eighth; Bookbinder; 22 years; 5ft. 8in.; 11st. 5lb.; Product of schoolboy football in Queanbeyan (N.S.W.), graduating to District side through Junior ranks. Transferred to Conberra (N.S.W.) in 1947. 1948 represented Combined Country against Combined Sydney, and New Zealand. Played for New South Wales v Queensland.

THOMPSON, William Henry. Half-back; Boilermaker; 24 years; 5ft. 6in.; 11st.; Product of Sydney schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to South Sydney (N.S.W.) Club. Represented Combined Sydney 1943 and 1944. 1946 played in country districts of New South Wales, representing Northern New South Wales against England at Tamworth (N.S.W.). 1947 transferred to Toowoomba (Qld.) Club, representing Queensland in 1947 and 1948. 1948 played against 'Kiwis' at Brisbane (Qld.) and toured New South Wales with Queensland side.

BULGIN, Victor John. Full-back; Metal Dresser; 20 years; 5ft. 9ins.; 11st. 10lb.; Commenced career as Loose Forward and Full-back in schoolboy football. Did not play for three years, then resumed as Full-back with Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) Juniors. Called into grade ranks in 1944 and has been selected to tour without having represented his State or Australia.

GRAVES, John Neal. Left winger; Boilermaker; 22 years; 5ft. 11in.; 12st. 4lb.; Commenced career in Maitland (Newcastle N.S.W.) District schoolboy football. Played in Newcastle v England game in 1946. 1947 represented Combined Country, transferring to South Sydney (N.S.W.) Club at end of that year. 1948 represented Combined Sydney New South Wales and Australia v 'Kiwis'.

LULHAM, Robert John. Left winger; Boilermaker; 21 years; 5ft. 6in.; 11st. 9lb.; Came to Newcastle (N.S.W.) from North Coast, transferring in 1947 to Balmain (Sydney) Club. Played in all representative matches for New South Wales in 1947, and in 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v Queensland twice, and was reserve for Australia v 'Kiwis' in the second Test.

PEGG, Leonard Richard. Centre-threequarter; 26 years; 6ft.; 12st. 7lb.; Fitter; Product of Queensland schoolboy football. Graduated through Junior ranks Brisbane (Qld.) to grade football. After a period of service R.A.A.F. returned to South Brisbane (Qld.) Club, and has represented Queensland each year since 1945. 1948 represented Queensland and Australia v 'Kiwis'.

O'CONNELL, Walter Patrick. Five-eighth; Sheet Metal Worker; 25 years; 5ft. 3in.; 11st. 2lb.; Graduated to Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) Club through Junior ranks. During war years played in all representative games. 1948 represented New South Wales v New Zealand and Australia v 'Kiwis' in both Tests, and New South Wales v Queensland.

HOPKINS, Colin Bruce. Half-back; Clerk; 21 years; 5ft. 8in.; 11st. 3lb.; Product of Sydney schoolboy football, graduating to Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) Club in 1943. 1944 to 1946 played Army football and Club football in various locations throughout Australia. 1947 transferred to Canterbury-Bankstown (Sydney) Club, representing Combined Sydney in that year, was selected for New South Wales but did not play owing to injury. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, also New South Wales v Queensland.

DE BELIN, Frederick Leslie. Second row Forward; Clerk; 27 years; 5ft. 11in.; 14st. 7lb.; Has played all first-grade football with Balmain (Sydney) Club, excepting period 1943 to 1945, when he was a member of the R.A.A.F. During this period he was obliged to play Rugby Union football but returned to Rugby League immediately on discharge in 1946. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v Queensland (three times), New South Wales v New Zealand and Australia v 'Kiwis' (twice).

FROOME, George Keith. Half-back; Boilermaker; 27 years; 5ft. 5in.; 10st. 8lb.; Commenced career in Junior ranks Newcastle (N.S.W.) district. After representing Combined Country transferred to Newtown (Sydney) Club. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales and Australia v 'Kiwis'.

MAXWELL, Colin M. Centre-threequarter; 30 years; 5ft. 11in.; 13st. 9lb.; Commenced career at Bowraville North Coast (N.S.W.) in 1936. Played in country districts, then transferred to St. George (Sydney) Club in 1941. Served with R.A.A.F. from 1942 to 1945, playing in service matches in that period. 1947 played in Newcastle (N.S.W.), participating in all representative fixtures. 1948 transferred to Western Suburbs (Sydney) Club, representing Combined Sydney, New South Wales, and reserve for Australia v 'Kiwis' in the first Test.

RAYNER, Rupert John. Second row Forward; Policeman; 27 years; 6ft. 2in.; 14st. 7lb.; Commenced career with Lismore (N.S.W.) High School and then did not play until in the Army. Joined South Sydney (N.S.W.) Club in 1946. 1947 represented Combined Sydney and New South Wales. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v Queensland and New Zealand and Australia v 'Kiwis'.

GIBBS, Alfred. Front row Forward; Forge Furnaceman; 27 years; 5ft. 11in.; 14st. 6lb.; Graduated to South Newcastle (N.S.W.) Club through Junior ranks. Has had a distinguished career throughout, representing Combined Country since 1942. Represented New South Wales v Queensland in 1946, 1947 and 1948. Younger brother of former 'Kangaroo' Jimmy Gibbs.

HOLLAND, John Frederick. Front row Forward; Railway worker; 25 years; 6ft. 1in.; 14st. 10lb.; Product of Army football. Following discharge in 1945 played Junior football St. George (Sydney) district. In 1946 and 1947 played for St. George (Sydney) Club. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v New Zealand, Australia v 'Kiwis'.

SCHUBERT, Kevin Bernard. Hooker; Apprentice Electrician; 20 years; 5ft. 10in.; 14st. 7lb.; Graduated to Wollongong (N.S.W.) Club through Junior ranks. 1948 represented Combined Country, New South Wales and Australia v 'Kiwis'. Celebrated 21st Birthday on 18th September, the date set down for Huddersfield game.

JOHNSON, Francis Edwin. Hooker; Electrical Inspector; 26 years; 5ft. 10in.; 13st. 10lb.; Product of Port Kembla (N.S.W.) schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to Port Kembla (N.S.W.) Club. After representing Combined Country, transferred to St. George (Sydney) Club, and has represented Combined Sydney. Now plays for Newtown (Sydney) Club. 1947 represented New South Wales v Queensland. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v Queensland.

TYQUIN, Ignatius William. Loose Forward; Traveller; 27 years; 6ft. 0in.; 13st. 10lb.; Product of Queensland schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to Southern Suburbs (Brisbane) Club. Transferred in 1941 to St. George (Sydney) Club and represented Combined Sydney and New South Wales v Queensland. During period 1941 to 1946 played in service matches whilst a member of A.I.F. 1948 represented Queensland v New South Wales, Queensland v New Zealand, and Australia v 'Kiwis'. Vice-Captain.

HALL, Douglas. Second row Forward; Fitter; 23 years; 5ft. 10in.; 14st. 7lb.; Product of Rockhampton (Qld.) schoolboy football. Graduated through Junior ranks to first grade, transferring to Brisbane this year, playing with Valley Club. 1948 represented Queensland v New South Wales and New Zealand, also Australia v 'Kiwis'.

MULLIGAN, Noel Gregory. Second row Forward; Public Servant; 22 years; 5ft. 9in.; 13st. 10lb.; Product of Port Kembla (N.S.W.) schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to Port Kembla (N.S.W.) Club. Transferred to Newtown (Sydney) Club in 1945 and represented Combined Sydney. 1946 represented New South Wales and Australia v England. 1947 represented Combined Country and New South Wales v Queensland. 1948 represented Combined Sydney and New South Wales v Queensland.

BROSAN, Edward. Front row Forward; Policeman; 30 years; 5ft. 11ins.; 15st.; Commenced career playing Rugby Union in Queensland country centres. Transferred to Rugby League in 1940 playing for Toowoomba (Qld.) Club. 1942 transferred to Brisbane (Qld.) and played with Past Christian Brothers Club. Has represented Queensland v New South Wales also, Australia v 'Kiwis', withdrawing from second Test owing to injury. Has unique record of only playing first-grade football since start of career.

HAND, Nevil Reginald. Front row Forward; Ice vendor; 25 years; 14st. 4lb.; Product of Sydney schoolboy football. During war period played with Army teams. Following discharge joined North Sydney (N.S.W.) Club. 1947 represented Combined Sydney and New South Wales v Queensland. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v Queensland, Australia v 'Kiwis'.

BENTON, Henry Alexander. Hooker; Builders' Labourer; 29 years; 5ft. 10in.; 12st. 10lb.; Product of Townsville (Qld.) schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to Townsville (Qld.) first grade side. Played Army football during period 1941 to 1946. 1948 represented Queensland v New South Wales, Queensland v New Zealand. Was coached as a Hooker by former 'Kangaroo' Mick Glasheen.

COWIE, Leslie Gordon. Loose Forward; Truck driver; 23 years; 5ft. 10ins.; 12st. 10lb.; Product of Rockhampton (Qld.) schoolboy football, graduating through Junior ranks to Rockhampton (Qld.) Club team. From 1943 to 1945 played in Army service teams. On discharge played for South Sydney (N.S.W.) Club. 1948 represented Combined Sydney, New South Wales v New Zealand, New South Wales v Queensland.

THE TEAMS

OLDHAM

Full Back—	1 BARRACLOUGH, I.
Threequarter Back—	2 BATTEN, R.
	3 MITCHELL, W. S.
	4 HARRIS, N.
	5 MAHONEY, J. B. (Cap.)
Half Backs—	6 CHALMERS, J. D.
	7 SILVA, J.
Forwards—	8 PILKINGTON, J.
	9 BROOKS, E.
	10 TOMLINSON, H.
	11 OGDEN, H.
	12 DONEGAN, J.
	13 LEYLAND, T. H.
Reserves—	GLANVILLE, H.
	SUGDEN, J.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips, of Widnes.
 Touch Judge: Mr. F. S. Rowley, of Barrow-in-Furness.
 „ Mr. S. Inman, of Wigan.

AUSTRALIA

COLOURS: Green & Gold.

1 C. CHURCHILL (South Sydney)	Full back
2 V. BULGIN (Eastern Suburbs)	Full back
3 P. McMAHON (Toowoomba)	Wing
4 J. GRAVES (South Sydney)	Wing
5 R. DIMOND (Dapto)	Wing
6 R. LULHAM (Balmain)	Wing
7 D. McRITCHIE (St. George)	Centre
8 L. PEGG (South Brisbane)	Centre
9 C. MAXWELL (Capt.) (Western Suburbs)	Centre
10 J. HERRIGAN (Valley Brisbane)	Centre
11 W. O'CONNELL (Eastern Suburbs)	Stand off
12 J. HAWKE (Canberra)	Stand off
13 K. FROOME (Newtown)	Half back
14 W. THOMPSON (Toowoomba)	Half back
15 B. HOPKINS (Canterbury-Bankstown)	Half back
16 W. TYQUIN (Brisbane)	Loose forward
17 L. COWIE (South Sydney)	Loose forward
18 F. DE BELIN (Balmain)	Second Row
19 D. HALL (Valley Brisbane)	Second Row
20 J. RAYNER (South Sydney)	Second Row
21 N. MULLIGAN (St. George)	Second Row
22 J. HOLLAND (St. George)	Prop forward
23 N. HAND (North Sydney)	Prop forward
24 A. GIBBS (Newcastle)	Prop forward
25 E. BRONAN (Past Christain Bros.)	Prop forward
26 K. SCHUBERT (Wollongong)	Hooker
27 H. BENTON (Townsville)	Hooker
28 F. JOHNSON (Newtown)	Hooker

The selected players for to-day's match will wear the numbers indicated.

ITINERARY OF THE TOUR

	For	Opponents
Sept. 18—Huddersfield	3	22 L
„ 20—Belle Vue Rangers	14	9 W
„ 23—Hull	13	3 W
„ 25—Wakefield Trinity	26	19 W
„ 29—Leigh	24	12 W
Oct. 2—Salford	13	2 W
„ 6—Castleford	10	8 W
„ 9—1st Test Match	21	23 L
„ 13—Cumberland	4	5 L
„ 14—St. Helens	8	10 L
„ 16—Dewsbury	14	4 W
„ 18—Hull K.R.	12	17 L
„ 20—Wigan	11	16 L
„ 23—Barrow	11	5 W
„ 27—Leeds	15	2 W
„ 30—Warrington	7	16 L
Nov. 6—2nd Test Match	7	16 L
„ 10—Bradford Northern	21	7 W
„ 13—Workington	7	10 L
„ 17—Swinton	21	0 W
„ 20—Wales	12	5 W
„ 24—Yorkshire	2	5 L
„ 27—Halifax		
Dec.—1—Hunslet		
„ 4—Oldham		
„ 8—Lancashire		
„ 11—Widnes		
„ 18—3rd Test Match		

Australian Rugby League Teams in England

	Manager:		Australia	Gt. Britain
	Captain:		T. G. Pts.	T. G. Pts.
1908-09	Jas. J. Giltinan.			
	D. Lutge.			
	First Test: London		4 5 22	6 2 22
	Second Test: Newcastle-on-Tyne		1 1 5	3 3 15
	Third Test: Birmingham		1 1 5	2 0 6
	Summary: Played 46; Won 18; Lost 22; Drawn 6.			
	Points for: 126 tries, 95 goals — 568 pts.			
	Points against: 107 tries, 78 goals — 477 pts.			
1911-12	Managers: J. Quinlan and C. Ford.			
	Captain: C. McKivatt.		T. G. Pts.	T. G. Pts.
	First Test: Newcastle-on-Tyne		5 2 19	2 2 10
	Second Test: Edinburgh		3 1 11	3 1 11
	Third Test: Birmingham		9 3 33	2 1 8
	Summary: Played 36; Won 29; Lost 5; Drawn 2.			
	Points For: 163 tries, 92 goals — 673 pts.			
	Points Against: 63 tries, 49 goals — 287 pts.			
1921-22	Managers: S. Geo. Ball and W. A. Cann.			
	Captain: Les. Cubitt.		T. G. Pts.	T. G. Pts.
	First Test: Leeds		1 1 5	2 0 6
	Second Test: Hull		4 2 16	0 1 2
	Third Test: Salford		0 0 0	2 0 6
	Summary: Played 36; Won 27; Lost 9.			
	Points For: 187 tries, 101 goals — 763 pts.			
	Points Against: 44 tries, 58 goals — 253 pts.			
1929-30	Managers: H. Sunderland and J. L. Dargan.			
	Captain: Tom Gorman.		T. G. Pts.	T. G. Pts.
	First Test: Hull		7 5 31	2 1 8
	Second Test: Leeds		1 0 3	1 3 9
	Third Test: Swinton		0 0 0	0 0 0
	Fourth Test: Rochdale		0 0 0	1 0 3
	Summary: Played 35; Won 24; Lost 9; Drawn 2.			
	Points For: 164 tries, 108 goals — 708 pts.			
	Points Against: 67 tries, 73 goals — 347 pts.			
1933-34	Managers: H. Sunderland and W. W. Webb.			
	Captain: Frank McMillan.		T. G. Pts.	T. G. Pts.
	First Test: Manchester		0 0 0	0 2 4
	Second Test: Leeds		1 1 5	1 2 7
	Third Test: Swinton		2 5 16	3 5 19
	Summary: Played 37; Won 27; Lost 10.			
	Points For: 162 tries, 134 goals — 754 pts.			
	Points Against: 47 tries, 77 goals — 295 pts.			
1937-38	Managers: H. Sunderland and R. E. Savage.			
	Captain: Wally Prigg.		T. G. Pts.	T. G. Pts.
	First Test: Leeds		0 2 4	1 1 5
	Second Test: Swinton		1 0 3	3 2 13
	Third Test: Huddersfield		3 2 13	1 0 3
	Summary: Played 25; Won 13; Lost 11; Drawn 1.			
	Points For: 67 tries, 46 goals — 293 pts.			
	Points Against: 40 tries, 56 goals — 232 pts.			

Kangaroo's War Cry

Wallee Mullara, Choomooroo ting al,
Na, Na, Na, Na,
Canai, Barrang, Warrang, Warrang,
Yallah, Yallah, Yallah, Yallah,
Ah, Jaleeba, Booga, Boorooloong,
Yarnah, Meei, meei, meei,
Neeyarra, Weyarra, Jaleeba, Cahwoon,
Coocewah, coocewah, Warr, wooh.

Translation:

We are a race of fighters, descended from the war gods;
Beware; Beware; Beware; Beware;
Where we fight there will be great bloodshed.
Go; Go; Go; Go;
We are powerful, but merciful,
Are you friends? good, good,
The Kangaroo is dangerous when at bay,
Come on, Come on, to death.