FIXTURES - SEASON 1949-50

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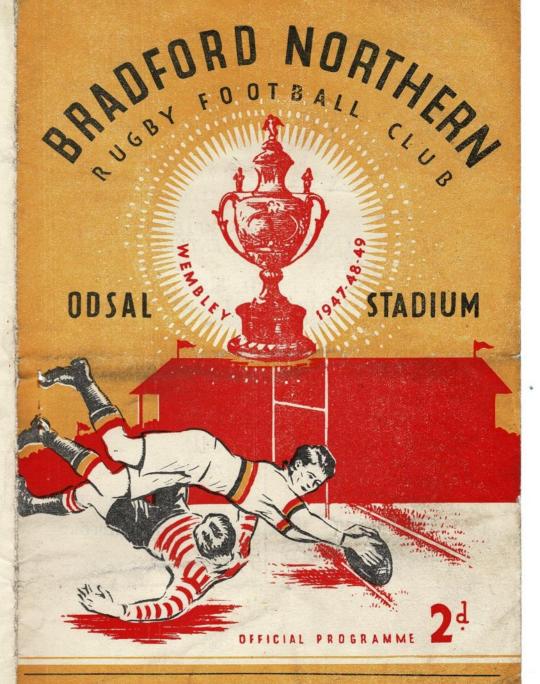
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Odsal News and Views

Two things uppermost in most minds today are, of course, the Rugby League Cup Ties and the selection of the players who will make up the party for the forthcoming Australian and New Zealand Tour.



Regarding Cup Ties, form suggests to some minds that the issue is narrowed down to a few Clubs—experience suggests to us that again, as in past years, the unexpected usually happens in Cup Ties.

With regard to Tour probabilities or possibilities. Although opinions have been collected from the members of the Selection

Committee, our opinion is definitely that the type of play of many players from now to March 1st will have a tremendous bearing on the situation.

We regret to have to return to a letter sent to our local newspaper by a person using a nom de plume "Red, Amber and Black," implying that Northern's style of football, although winning trophies, was not as open as he would like it to be. No doubt this letter was written with good intent, but. alas, in the words of Bobby Burns, "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft aglay."

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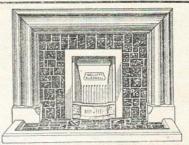
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The point has given some scribes who contribute to other newspapers, and who are, and always have been, ready to write destructively about our Club and its players, the

opportunity of enlarging upon this point, implying that Northern play nothing but stopping tactics. Therefore, will wellmeaning supporters kindly use our programme to express their views and write under their own names, otherwise we are always open to be shot at by unscrupulous people. It makes it so easy for any disgruntled person to exploit the situation. No sporting person hides behind a screen



and throws mud at persons standing in the open, who are doing their best to progress the common cause. Think the situation over, friends, and just to refresh your memory, look over Northern's Cup Tie Records over the last three years, then ask yourself a question. Who has tried to play the stopping type of football?

To our friends from Oldham we extend our usual hearty welcome, and trust that the good relationship which has prevailed during the past years will be continued for many years to come.

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Bradford offers of help towards raising a record sum will be greatly appreciated.

3 Rules of the Game

PLAYING THE BALL

A player having been tackled and retaining possession of the ball must be allowed to "play the ball" to restart play. The tackler must release his opponent without delay.

A player who is tackled in possession of the ball must "play the ball." He does this by regaining his feet, facing his opponent's goal-line, and dropping the ball vertically in front of him. He need not stand erect before dropping the ball.

An opponent, not necessarily the tackler, may stand opposite the player playing the ball. He may stand as close as he likes as long as he does not touch or interfere with the movements of the player in

When the ball reaches the ground either player may play the ball with the foot in any direction,

The usual practice is for the player in possession to heel the ball to one of his own side in order to start a passing movement. To allow this to be done a player of either side may take up a position not less than two yards behind his team mate who is playing the ball. This player is referred to as the "acting half-back."

All other players must make every effort to get at least three yards behind their own acting half-back them 'on-side' for subsequent play. If they deliberately stand off-side or take advantage of being inadvertently placed in an off-side position they may be penalised by the referee.

Infringements which commonly occur at a "play the ball" and which are penalised are as follows :-

(a) The tackled player delays regaining his feet to wait for his defence to recover.

(b) He puts the ball on to the ground instead of dropping it.(c) He "dummies" when dropping it in order to make his opponent strike prematurely.

The tackled player is obstructed in his movement by his opponent.

(e) The acting half-back tends to creep up too close.

(f) Other players not directly involved encroach into the offside area.

PASSING.

The ball may be thrown or knocked from one player to another in any direction except forward.

FORWARD PASS.

If a player throws the ball in a forward direction to one of his own team, the referee awards a scrum at the place the infringement occurs.

NOTE.—If a player makes a forward throw but before he or one of his side touches the ball again an opponent gains possession, the game is allowed to continue.

If a player throws the ball sideways or backwards and it falls to the ground and then bounces, or is blown forward, this is not an infringement and play continues.