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CLUB NOTES

OUR VISITORS

Once again Oldham is one of the teams from over the border which Trinity is scheduled to meet, and once again the Schoolboy teams of the two towns have seized the opportunity to play their annual fixture on the same day. So this afternoon we welcome both the Oldham R.L. side and the Oldham Schoolboy thirteen.

The Oldham club, founded in 1870, was a founder member of the Northern Union, and its record is an impressive one. They were R.L. Cup winners three times, Lancashire Cup winners six times, League leaders and Lancashire Champions three times. Last season they finished 18th in the League Table and failed to defeat Bradford in the 1st round cup-tie. During this post-war period they have had team reconstruction worries but are now fast finding their feet.

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Through the considerable re-building of the Oldham R.L. team there may be in this programme names which appear rather strange to our followers, though some will undoubtedly be familiar.

Full back W. Ratchford a native of Wigan, transferred to Oldham from Belle Vue Rangers, is in his first season with the club.

Wing J. Warham, formerly with Swinton, though not big, is fast and one of the team's chief try-scorers.

Centre W. Mitchell, a local, is in his thirteenth season with them and has given splendid service. The other centre, Platt, is also a local boy whose chance has come through injury to Ward. Their utility player appears to be wing man Batten, born at Fitzwilliam and another of the famous family. He formerly played with Leeds. Another winger is A. Davies, the youngest member of the team, being not yet 18. From what we have seen of this lad in action he certainly appears to have a most successful career ahead of him.

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Out-half Heyes, quite a big man for this position, is a convert to the code from St. Helens Rugby Union club. The scrum-half is the Welshmam Silva. There is not much of this lad but he certainly makes his present felt. Scrum-half Tynan, transferred from Leeds, has been out of the game for a considerable time through injury.

Prop forward Ogden is a local. Another prop, A. Tomlinson, from a Warrington Junior club is coming on fast. Reith, the hooker, was signed from a Leeds Junior side. 2nd Row man Leyland is fast. Day is a Welshman who has found his way to Oldham via Warrington and Belle Vue Rangers.

Finally schoolmaster Goldswain, loose forward, needs no introduction. He is the well-known ex-Hull K.R. International and is Oldham's captain.

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THE SCHOOLBOYS

If ground conditions are suitable we shall once again see the Wakefield and Oldham Schoolboys in opposition in the curtain-raiser this afternoon. This is the annual friendly and is independent of League arrangements since the two teams are not in the same county. In recent contests Wakefield have been the more successful, but, as schoolboy teams are subject to almost wholesale changes as boys leave school, there is always uncertainty which adds spice to the meetings, past season's achievements being no guide.

The Mayors of Oldham and Wakefield will be present at the match.

It may interest readers to know how, in spite of these annual changes, a standard of play is reached each season. In Wakefield, at any rate, the coaching scheme, which is the result of many years' study of the most suitable methods, ensures this continuity. The success of the team therefore is largely dependent on the merits of the lads themselves as also the merits of the opposition.

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Some half-dozen masters, with one in over-all charge, take over this City training, and it is not long before two teams are in shape. Practice matches are played in which boys are moved from side to side or even at times from one position to another if advantage seems likely to be gained. When finally a nucleus team and reserves is decided upon there follows the really hard work of welding into a team. This coaching not only puts on the final tonches but also gives the boys confidence in themselves and in one another, so that, by the time the first inter-city match is played, the lads are well equipped in every respect.

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In addition to to-day's match permission has been given, ground conditions permitting for two other schoolboy matches as curtain raisers: December 9th, Wakefield v. Hull. January 16, Wakefield v. Leigh

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Mr John Wilson, who was closely associated in the management of the inter-war period 14-16 Team, has been able to resume his activities with this year's Juniors, whilst Harry Jones, the Trinity centre, is taking charge of the coaching assisted by Mr Tranter. The Juniors will be seen in curtain-raisers throughout the season, ground conditions permitting.



YORKSHIRE V. LANCASHIRE

General opinion seems to be that the football provided by both sides in this match at Huddersfield ten days ago was of a high order, and it is pleasing to note that Jack Booth had a satisfactory share in Yorkshire's win. Len Marson's injury prevented his playing.

Referees for Trinity matches

November I Ith v. Bramley. Mr. A. S. Dobson November 18th at Dewsbury. Mr. T. Armitage November 25th v. Bradford. Mr. S. Adams

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Indeed, not only for these Welsh clubs but for any others geographically well outside the NR.L area, the season's travelling expenses must be high. It is not difficult to estimate that few of the journeys would cost less than £100. The expenses involved in one or two journeys to Wales by Northern Clubs would be small compared

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with the total cost of the travelling north to be done fortnightly by the Welsh Clubs. Evidently there will have to be strong public support for the game in Wales if their clubs are to meet this problem successfully.

The Northern Rugby League Bye-laws state:
"New clubs desiring to join must make application not later than March 31st in each year, and must secure a majority of the votes of the clubs present and voting at a special meeting called to consider applications."

Also we may note:

"The qualification to entitle a Club to compete for the Northern Rugby League Championship shall be the playing of a full programme in either the Lancashire or Yorkshire Leagues, and home and away matches outside its own County League in accordance with Bye-law 9."

Bye-law 9 reads:

"Clubs in membership shall play home and away matches with each club in their own County Leagues and five fixtures outside. Clubs located in Cumberland shall play in the Lancashire County League."

Finally Bye-law 31 tells us:

"No alteration or addition shall be made in or to these Bye-laws except at the Annual Meeting, or at a specially convened meeting for the purpose, and such alterations and additions shall not be deemed carried unless supported by at least two-thirds of the votes of the members present."

THE "A" TEAM

Congratulations to the A Team on good football last Sat. when they defeated Huddersfield A 24-0. The off-half who had to leave the field injured was a trialist and not Watson recently signed from Morley.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY J. T.!

On behalf of the players, H. Goodfellow this week presented Mr J. T. Wood with a jumper and scarf as a birthday recognition.

R.L. CUP FINAL 1951

The Wakefield Trinity Joint Committee are once again taking a Day Excursion to London and Wembley on May 5th for the Rugby League Final. The arrangements that have been made up to now are slightly different to the itinerary for the last excursion. Owing to the limitation of numbers, you are advised to book now and so make sure of a place in this grand annual outing to London.

The party will leave Wakefield on Saturday morning instead of the usual Friday midnight departure as the organisers think that the members of the excursion will not find the outing as tiring and will therefore enjoy it more.

The temporary arrangements are as follows:

May 5th, Saturday

5-00 a.m. Depart Wakefield Westgate station

Breakfast on train.

9-30 a.m. Arrive at Kings Cross.

The party will spend the morning as they wish. There will be no organised visits as on previous occasions as the "Festival of Britain" interferes with transport facilities for such outings. It is expected that the party will make their own way to the "Festival of Britain" which opens at 10-30 a.m.

1-00 p-m. Lunch at Central Hall, Westminster.

3-00 p.m. R.L. Final at Wembley Stadium.

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The above arrangements are only temporary and the timings in London approximate — confirmation of them will be given in the programme at a later date.

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PROGRESS REPORT

Though the long list of injured players reported in previous weeks is now shorter, a new name has to be added. We refer to Mr Harry Beverley who is in hospital through an injury to his leg. He tried to remain in action but the trouble apparantly took a worse turn. All will wish him a speedy recovery.

For to day's match, at the time of writing Dennis Boocker, with a bruised chest is doubtful, as is Johnny Duggan owing to a knee injury. Len Marson is making good progress and hopes to be in light training shortly. Donald Robinson has been on light training this week but is not yet fit. Raymond Fewster turned up unexpectedly as spectator a fortnight ago. His arm is securely bound and he is not due for its release from inactivity till the middle of November. Bill Hudson and Ernest Luckman are expected to be fit.

INTRODUCING .

JACK WATSON, 24 year old off-half from the Morley R.U. Club. He is nicely built for the position, weighing slightly over 11 stones. A year or two ago he took over the off-half position made vacant when Harry Lewis left for Dewsbury R.L., and he has attracted considerable attention since.

ERNEST HEWITT from the Leeds Electric Club has signed for Trinity. He is the A. N. OTHER who played No. 8 prop forward for the A Team against Huddersfield last week. Age 24, weight 16 stone.

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