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CLUB NOTES

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 1953

ROVERS v. OLDHAM

OUR VISITORS. Today we entertain visitors from across the border in Oldham, who still have an outside chance of making the "First Four." Recently injuries have caused them to have to alter their team and they have been dropping valuable points. Included in their team today is one of the best club half-back combinations in the League in Daley and Stirrup. This pair will require careful watching. O'Grady, their leading try-scorer, is a speedy winger who is dangerous in possession. Ganley, their full-back, has already kicked his century of goals this season, and our lads must try not to give him the chance to increase his "bag" by conceding penalties within kicking distance. In the centre is Johnny Feather, the ex-Leeds utility back, who is no stranger to this ground. Our team will have to give of their very best to win and if they can strike the form they showed against Doncaster and Hull K.R., an excellent game should result. However, may the better team win.

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Except for this memorable try and a promising display by Brian Wildridge, who scored two tries, there was little to enthuse about in the team's display against Liverpool. Numerous scoring opportunities were thrown away, whilst mistakes were eagerly turned to good account by our opponents. Indeed, three of their four tries were the result of errors made by our players. Knotty Ash remains our bogey ground, and we have yet to record our first win there.

The "A" team put up a good performance in running Hull K.R. "A" to two points—losing by 18 points to 16. They played most of the match without Sid Emery, who strained his knee ligaments. Derek Davies was our outstanding forward, and kicked five goals. His recent form in the second row has earned him a place in the pack today, and his goal-kicking ability will be a useful asset. Three trialists appeared and two of them scored a try each, while the other, Flower, from Sharlston Rovers, gave an exceptionally promising display at centre, and he was signed on on Thursday evening. Unfortunately, Bryan had to return to his Unit in Germany on Friday, but as he completes his National Service in July he will be available for next season. He is just 21 years old, 5ft. 10ins. tall, and weighs nearly 12 stone.

THE INJURED LIST. The hard grounds have resulted in a crop of injuries and when the team was selected doubts were entertained respecting the fitness of John Heritage, but he was declared fit after a test on Thursday evening. Atkins is also unfit with a knee injury, and Ray Evans is under suspension. Brian Kelly reported unfit on Thursday, having injured his thumb at work, and is not expected to be fit for the Easter games.

Ray Cording's dislocated shoulder is healing, but it is not anticipated that he will appear again this season.

Keith Golding has got his shoulder out of its strapping, and is training, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to play again this season.

Peter Newton has been training, but can still feel the leg he fractured, and his early return cannot be anticipated.

Sid Emery is not expected to be available for another fortnight.

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Longley	..	7	Lambert	..	2
Cording	..	6	Ogden J.	..	2
Mitchell	..	4	Kelly	..	1
Evans	..	4	Shaw	..	1
Ogden M.	..	4	Atkins	..	1
Fawley	..	4	Hulme	..	1
Heritage	..	3	Sinclair	..	1
Wildridge	..	3	Smales	..	1
Blackburn	..	2			

GOALS—

Mitchell	..	24
Miller	..	22
Davies	..	13
Heritage	..	12
Allen	..	9
Fennell	..	2
Shaw	..	1
Cording	..	1
Evans	..	1

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