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The "gate" at the Wakefield match must have caused the club management some worrying moments — such a poor attendance when both Rovers and City were away from home hardly indicates that there is any great enthusiasm for the Rugby League code in the Hull area! We do not think that this is true, and there must be many thousands of people who dearly love the game — but their enthusiasm can only be shown in a practical way by the cash coming through the turnstiles. To find only a bare 5,000 people here on a lovely Spring afternoon is most discouraging to the directors, staff and players. Surely we can do better than that?

We hope that there will be a good following to the "away" games to be played in the near future — the first being at **BATLEY** on Easter Monday.

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CLUB NOTES HULL v. OLDHAM

Saturday, 9th April, 1955

Kick-off 3 p.m.

WE ARE GLAD TO WELCOME to the Boulevard to-day, along with their supporters who are said to be following the team in considerable numbers, our Lancashire friends from OLDHAM. Contenders for the Championship, and in a position which makes a place in the "play-offs" certain, Oldham, with their convincing win over Wigan last Saturday, made their record into 26 wins and one drawn game out of the 31 games played. Oldham's big win over Wigan at the Watersheddings ground last week has virtually assured them of a home game in the semi-finals, although it is important to them to win every possible game in their remaining fixtures. It is significant that members of their Board of Directors were at the Boulevard last Saturday, presumably to assess the strength of the opposition they have to face to-day, a sure sign that Oldham regard their remaining games as being of paramount importance. (Yesterday, while we met Hull K.R., Oldham were at Swinton).

The Wakefield game produced some entertaining football and but for a little careless defence late in the game no doubt the win would have been by a more convincing margin than the final score of 24-16. Colin Hutton was in good form with his goal-kicking, and still has an outside chance of again reaching his century of goals. The injury to Roy Francis, which kept him out of the game after the first ten minutes, was a severely cut lip which required stitches. With only 12 players our team showed some clever touches and no doubt the second-half particularly satisfied the spectators, with Wakefield taking their share of the honours. One was left with the impression that if the Belle Vue team could get together instead of being a collection of individualists, they would be a powerful force. Certainly we have seen few centres move as did Bell and Mortimer last Saturday, but there was a sad lack of cohesion about the side. It was particularly good to see the form of our new Lancashire recruit Tom Finn, who not only had two tries but revealed some clever moves. Tom is to be married during the "close" season and will no doubt be settling down in Hull in the near future.

To-day's Visitors

The strong all-round combination from Oldham have had a most successful season, although like ourselves they were disappointed in their County Cup Final when they were beaten by Barrow, and when fancied for a Wembley place, also fell on the way, being beaten at Leigh in the second round. A

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recent injury requiring an operation to full-back Ganley deprived the team of their leading goal-kicker, although Bryn Goldswain, the old Rovers' forward, has taken on the job with considerable success. Their three-quarter line, with Alan Davies, Cracknell and O'Grady having 31, 20 and 23 tries to their credit up to last week-end, is a formidable attacking force, and other backs in Barrow and Pitchford have 12 and 16 tries respectively. Ganley heads the goal-kickers with 88 successful shots, but would no doubt have been well beyond the century mark but for his prolonged absence through injury.

In the pack Oldham are renowned for their strength, and both in the scrum and the loose they will prove a hard set to master. We are glad that Bryn Goldswain, after a severe injury in a recent game at Workington which was reported to threaten his future career in the game, has made a great recovery and is back in action once more. His leadership means a lot to his side. Few sides can boast the power of the wingers Cracknell and O'Grady, both Internationals and the latter a member of the 1954 Touring side, and the centre-play of one of the game's most promising backs in Alan Davies, another International.

Attendances

Recent letters to the local Press have revealed that followers feel that new blood should be sought — probably we all agree, but to find new players of proven ability means finding hard cash — and who could say that last Saturday's "gate" which produced only £438 (gross) is a satisfactory figure on which to start making plans for strengthening the playing staff? There was no counter-attraction in the district, and yet (in addition to Season pass-holders) only 4,000 adults and 780 juniors and O.A.P.'s turned up to watch the game under what must have been the best weather conditions of the season so far!

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four games at the Boulevard. Three will be Schools' League finals, and the afternoon will end with a junior game, probably between our under-17 side and Hull Boys' Club. Please roll up and encourage these young players!

On EASTER TUESDAY the "A" team will meet Keighley "A", with the kick-off at 5-30 p.m. It is appreciated that this is not a public holiday in this area, but these fixtures have to be played and we hope that a good attendance will be possible now that we have persuaded our visitors to agree to start the game in the evening.

Curtain-raiser

We hope to welcome to-day in a curtain-raiser against our "B" team, a side from the Coldstream Guards stationed at Pirbright Camp in Surrey. As they have been put to considerable expense in travelling so far, it is hoped that there will be a generous response to their collection after the game to-day.

All followers of the club will be sorry to hear that Harold Bowman, the old International forward, is seriously ill, and this has caused the withdrawal of his son Keith from the 1st team in recent weeks. We wish the old stalwart a speedy recovery.

Scorers to date

Goals: Hutton 79.

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FIRST TEAM			"A" TEAM			
1954	Opponents	Venue	1954	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 14	Warrington	Away	Aug. 7	HUNSLET	Home	W 20-3
16	(M.) FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	16			
25	(W.) Wakefield Trinity	Away	21			
28	WORKINGTON TOWN	Home	25			
Sept. 4	York	Away	28	Castleford	Away	L 5-22
6	(M.) YORK	Home	Sept. 3	(F.) HULL K. R.	Home	W 16-14
11	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	4	YORK	Home	W 19-14
	(Yorks. Cup 1st Rd.)		11	Featherstone Rovers	Away	L 26-33
18	Workington Town	Away				
21	Huddersfield (Y.C. 2nd Rd.)	Away	18	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	Home	W 23-16
23	HUDDERSFIELD (Replay)	Home	25	Leeds	Away	L 10-31
25	LEEDS	Home	Oct. 2	DEWSBURY	Home	W 18-7
30	BRADFORD NORTHERN	Home	9	Huddersfield	Away	L 13-27
	(Yorks. Cup Semi-final)		16	Keighley	Away	L 10-17
Oct. 2	Castleford	Away	23			
9	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	30	BRADFORD NORTHERN	Home	L 6-12
16	KEIGHLEY	Home	Nov. 6			
23	Yorks. Cup Final v. Halifax		13	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	W 17-13
30	Bradford Northern	Away	20	Batley	Away	L 10-18
Nov. 6	HUNSLET	Home	27	Bradford Northern	Away	P'stp'n'd
13	Doncaster	Away	Dec. 4	HALIFAX	Home	L 5-7
20	WARRINGTON	Home	11	CASTLEFORD	Home	W 18-0
27	CASTLEFORD	Home	18	Dewsbury	Away	P'stp'n'd
Dec. 4	Dewsbury	Away	25			
11	Leeds	Away	27			
18	HALIFAX	Home	1955			
25	HULL KINGSTON R.	Home	Jan. 1	BATLEY	Home	W 35-11
27	Hunslet	Away	8	LEEDS	Home	W 14-6
Jan. 8	Keighley	Away	15			
29	Huddersfield	Away	22			
Feb. 5	BATLEY	Home	29			
12	R.L. Cup 1st Rd. Swinton	Away	Feb. 5	York	Away	D 10-10
19	BRADFORD NORTHERN	Home	12			
Mar. 5	HALIFAX R.L. Cup Rd. 2	Home	26	KEIGHLEY	Home	P'stp'n'd
19	HUNSLET R.L. Cup Rd. 3	Home	Mar. 12	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	W 24-2
26	BRAMLEY	Home	19	Hunslet	Away	L 10-11
Apr. 7	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	Home	26	Dewsbury	Away	W 21-0
8	(G.F.) Hull Kingston R.	Away	Apr. 2	Wakefield Trinity	Away	W 16-8
9	(E.S.) OLDHAM	Home	9	Halifax	Away	
11	(E.M.) Batley	Away	11	(E.M.) Featherstone (Cup)	Away	
16	Bramley	Away	12	(E.T. 5-30) KEIGHLEY	Home	
18	(Mon.) Oldham	Away	23	Hull Kingston Rovers	Away	
20	(Wed.) Halifax	Away	25	(Mon.) Bradford N.	Away	
23	Featherstone Rovers	Away				
26	(Tues. 6-30) DEWSBURY	Home				
May 7	DONCASTER	Home				
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