

TOTAL POINTS SCORERS (League and Cup only)

(up to and including Friday 31st October 1958)

Player	Season 1958/59				Total Senior Records			
	App (Poss. 13)	G	T	Pts	App	G	T	Pts
D. FOX	9	20	4	52	161	233	77	697
C. WOOLFORD	11	-	7	21	78	-	32	96
J. FENNELL	5	6	2	18	153	335	22	736
K. KINGSBURY	6	7	1	17	6	7	1	17
T. CLAWSON	4	5	-	10	11	5	1	13
M. REYNOLDS	7	-	3	9	17	-	4	12
C. LAMBERT	11	-	2	6	270	3	73	225
R. BELL	8	-	2	6	15	-	6	18
V. KINSEY	3	-	2	6	3	-	2	6
F. SMITH	8	-	3	9	37	-	16	48
F. MOORE	13	-	2	6	13	-	2	6
W. FAWLEY	7	-	1	3	183	5	27	91
K. NOBLE	1	-	1	3	4	-	1	3
R. BRADLEY	6	-	1	3	37	-	8	24
M. CLAMP	10	-	1	3	158	4	64	200
K. GREATOREX	3	-	1	3	3	-	1	3
G. COOPER	11	1	-	2	11	1	-	2
J. MULLANEY	7	-	1	3	170	5	47	151

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

	Points For					Points Against				
	Tries	Conv.	Pen.	Drop	Pts.	Tries	Conv.	Pen.	Drop	Pts.
League (home)	16	9	13	-	92	17	9	9	-	87
League (away)	17	6	10	-	83	24	19	12	-	134
Cup (away)	1	1	-	-	5	1	1	7	1	21
	34	16	23	-	180	42	29	28	1	242

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SATURDAY 1st NOV. 1958

ROVERS v. OLDHAM

THREE successive victories by the senior team have done much to blow away the early season clouds, and the resultant rise in both team spirit and league position could not have come at a better time. The football displayed in the Wigan and Bradford matches at Post Office Road was a revelation and a joy to see, but after giving full credit for those victories, we must reluctantly say that unfortunately our lads are not yet capable of extending such football to their opponents' grounds. Mount Pleasant last Saturday saw a Rovers team which was but a shadow of the previous two weeks, and it was only a late rally which gave us victory over the Batley side. A rather hollow victory perhaps, because quite frankly we never looked like winning until the last quarter, when the home side lost former Rover, Albert Fearnley, and we were able to slam home our advantage.

Joe Mullaney was perhaps our star man last Saturday, and it is good to see him displaying all his old form. He has naturally benefited from the return to form of his partner Don Fox, and there is no doubt that when these two players are on form, then the rest of the team usually celebrates. Last week unfortunately Joe stood out on his own, and our forwards in particular were out of it altogether. Mick Clamp was obviously

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missed, as was Walt Ward, for we certainly had our supply of the ball reduced. Admittedly the team as a whole was off colour, and many say did not deserve to win, but be that as it may, credit must be given for the late rally that was staged, despite a reduction in Batley's ranks, and so gained us two precious points. Perhaps our football was not worthy of two points, but there again the scales have only been levelled out, for remember that against Hunslet at Post Office Road earlier in the season we played far better football, and yet finished on the losing side. That's how football works, I suppose!

The deficiencies in our pack were so noticeable last week, that we welcome this week's news of the final fitness O.K. of Mick Clamp, and also the return of Wynn Jones. Wynn has not of course played for the Club since the Easter Monday fixture against Wakefield last season, but last week he decided to settle his differences with the Club and started training. His presence will be a big asset to our pack if he can display the form he showed last season, and we naturally hope that he will, as it were, make up for lost time.

If our senior team forwards failed last week, at least our reserve forwards did not, and it was their work which paved the way for a well-merited 24-6 victory over a strong Bradford 'A' side. Derek Carr was an outstanding figure, and the form of this 18-year-old prop forward has

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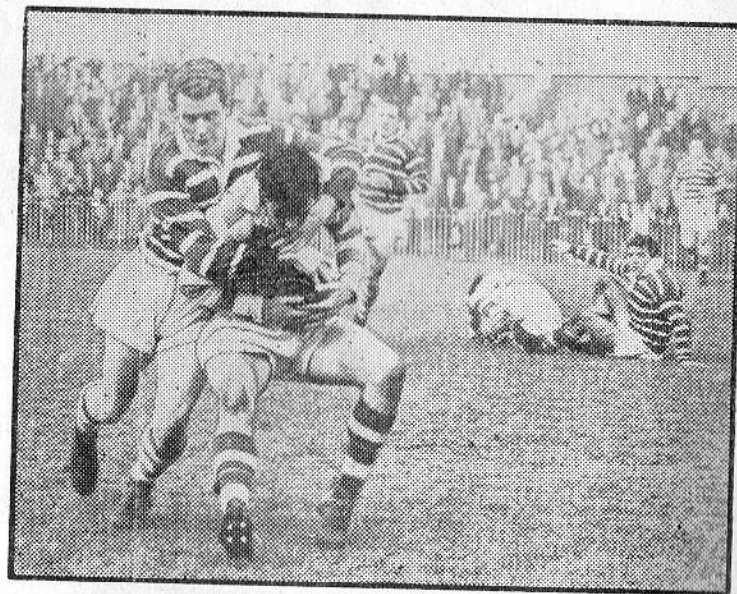
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been most encouraging during the past few weeks — so encouraging that he gains a place on today's senior team sheet. An interesting experiment made last week was the inclusion of Ron Armitage at prop forward. Ron has played fullback, centre, loose and second row forward with the Club, but his latest move seems, on initial showing, to be the most successful. These experiments have to be made at various times by the Committee in an effort to determine a player's best position — although some players do not think so at the time — and although some experiments may backfire, others prove successful. (Ray Cording moved from wing to stand-off, Mick Clamp from wing to second row, and certainly they were proved successful). Today in the 'A' team at Wakefield it was expected that Malcolm Barraclough, signed as a second row forward, was due to be tried in the hooking position, and there again, if successful, he could do himself a good turn. Our hooking problem is precarious, for Walt Ward and Willis Fawley are the only recognised hookers on our register.



Our third successive victory was obtained at Batley (a ground, incidentally, where we last lost a league match in 1953), and here Brian Kinsey makes sure Ireland, the Batley winger, does not escape. Brian's cousin, Vic, watches from the ground.

(Photo by courtesy of "Yorkshire Sports").



Leading try-scorer at present is Cyril Woolford, with 7 to his credit, which means that Cyril is determined not to be pipped at the post, as he was last season, for the honour of leading try-scorer. This is one try that the referee said "no" to, as Boston and Griffiths challenge him in the recent game with Wigan at Featherstone. But was it a try?

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| 1 | COOPER | Full Back |
| 2 | KINSEY B. | R. Wing |
| 3 | GREATOREX | R. Centre |
| 4 | WOOLFORD | L. Centre |
| 5 | SMITH | L. Wing |
| 6 | MULLANEY | Stand Off |
| 7 | FOX | Scrum Half |
| 8 | MOORE | Field Prop |
| 9 | WARD | Hooker |
| 10 | HOCKLEY / CARR | Blind Prop |
| 11 | CLAMP | 2nd Row |
| 12 | JONES | 2nd Row |
| 14 | LAMBERT | Loose Forward |

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| 4 | NOON | L. Centre |
| 5 | ETTY | L. Wing |
| 6 | KELLETT | Stand Off |
| 7 | PITCHFORD | Scrum Half |
| 8 | ROWBOTTOM | Field Prop |
| 9 | KEITH | Hooker |
| 10 | JACKSON | Blind Prop |
| 11 | WINSLADE | 2nd Row |
| 12 | McKEOWN | 2nd Row |
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Our last Lancashire visitors were Wigan, and here Frank Smith and Cliff Lambert are combining to stop Evans, the Wigan forward.

(Photo by courtesy of "News Chronicle").

OUR VISITORS

OUR visitors today need no introduction to the supporter of R.L. football, for the achievements of Oldham over the past few seasons have brought fame and trophies to their door. Particularly during the past two seasons have Oldham shown their strength, and on both occasions have appeared in the Championship play-offs. This season their determination to make it a "hat trick" is apparent, and they visit us today as League leaders, with only one defeat in 11 League matches. Only Hull have a better scoring average, and only Swinton and Hull have a better defensive record. To add to their laurels, last week Oldham defeated St. Helens in the Lancashire Cup Final, and so became holders of the trophy for the third successive season.

Such outstanding playing success must naturally mean that the side is studded with stars, and a glance through their line-up vividly illustrates this. Yorkshire provides four of these stars, the most recent of whom is Kellett, a stand-off from the Halifax district who has shot to the fore during this season. Etty, Cracknell and Turner complete the White Rose county contingent. Ganley, Davies, Pitchford and Jackson are all well-

known in the rugby world, whilst McKeown is a second row forward who is quickly gaining a name for himself. Such a formidable team means a formidable task for our players. From the record book, our last League encounter against Oldham was on 25th February 1956, when after a battle with the snow, the ground was declared fit by referee Appleton, and the Rovers obliged with a 14-4 victory, the stars of which were the Fox brothers and Jack Fennell. Of the encounters played at Post Office Road since the war, the score is level, both sides having registered two victories. It will therefore be third time lucky for either team today, and although we naturally hope that our lads will rise against the odds as they have so often done, at the same time we hope that we shall see a worthy game.

Present Positions	Home	Away	Psn.
Oldham	P11 W5 D0 L0	W5 D0 L1	Pts.For 275 Agst.131 1st
Rovers	P12 W3 D1 L2	W2 D0 L4	Pts.For 175 Agst.221 16th

BLUE-AND-WHITE SPOTLIGHT ON DON FOX



DON Fox, as our Senior Team Captain, has played an appropriate part in our successes of recent weeks, and on the field his inspiration to his team-mates has been evident. All his old verve and skill has returned, and it was therefore fitting that on Monday night he was called upon to replace Stevenson as Yorkshire's scrum half against Lancashire in the County Championship decider at Leigh on Wednesday.

By doing so, Don maintained the proud record that the Club holds (and which we all, quite honestly, thought had gone this season) of providing a member of the County side every season since 1954.

Apart from his general play, Don has once again assumed the role of goal-kicker, and his record of 16 goals out of the last three games shows that he has lost none of his old skill, so evident in Season 1954/55, when he kicked 88 goals as part of his Club Points-Scoring Record of 233. At this rate, Don has an excellent chance of overhauling Jack Fennell for the honour of being leading points-scorer, for Jack, temporarily in the "A" Team, has 736 points to his credit; Don has 697 points for his tally, and so 8 points today will give him his 700th point for the Club.

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I AM sure that many supporters thought that when Frank Moore was obtained from York just before the commencement of the season he would be merely used as a stop gap. After all, at 33 years of age, Frank had seen service with Wakefield, Leigh, Batley, Hull K.R. and York. Far from being a stop gap, however, Frank has proved to be a bargain buy, and not only have his displays improved each match, but he has the honourable distinction of being the only Senior Team player who has participated in all 14 games played this season. His strong foraging and powerful runs have rapidly become a feature of our play, and behind it all he lends his experience in a quiet and unassuming way.

(Photo by courtesy of "Yorkshire Evening Post").

THE RED ROSE CHALLENGE

DURING the past few seasons even the staunchest Yorkshire supporter has been forced to admit that as far as League football is concerned the Lancashire clubs have gradually gained an ascendancy over their White Rose rivals. Whilst we are one of the Clubs who must readily admit that as far as League encounters in Lancashire are concerned

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we are "also rans," nevertheless we can say that our home record against the Red Rose challenge is certainly one of the best held by a Yorkshire club. Over the past five seasons (and including this season's results) our record at Post Office Road against Lancashire clubs has been 12 victories, 3 drawn games, and 5 losses out of the 20 matches played — and considering the calibre of the top Lancashire clubs that we have met in the more recent years, this isn't a bad record at all. After all, such teams as Oldham, St. Helens, Wigan and Leigh have not gained one victory here during those five years, and perhaps our most notable season was in 1955/56, when we first defeated Workington by 17 points to 9, and then followed this up by defeating Oldham by 14-4, and Wigan by 13-6 — a noteworthy "hat-trick." Full details of our records over Lancashire opposition since the commencement of season 1953/4 are :

Wins—over Widnes, Salford, Workington, Wigan (3), Oldham, St.

Helens, Leigh, Whitehaven, Swinton, Rochdale;

Drawn Games—against Widnes and Workington (2);

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