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UNDER 24 INTERNATIONAL
WATSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM
Wednesday, 20th October, 1965

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PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER

Tonight's game will be the second International match between England and France for players who are less than 24 years of age—Les Espoirs—as the French call them. The first game was played at Toulouse on the 3rd April, 1965 when England beat France by 17 pts. to 9 pts. and the England team on that occasion was:—

1. T. Bedford (Castleford)
2. R. Tickle (Leigh)
3. L. Thomas (Keighley)
4. M. Collins (Leigh)
5. K. Senior (Huddersfield)
6. P. Kitchin (Whitehaven)
7. J. Boylan (Blackpool B.)
8. P. Birchall (Rochdale H.)
9. K. Ashcroft (Rochdale H.)
10. L. Tonks (Featherstone R.)
11. T. Ramshaw (Featherstone R.)
12. M. Hicks (St. Helens)
13. D. Laughton (St. Helens)
- Substitutes 14. J. Melling (Warrington)
15. B. Gaines (Keighley)

Mervyn Hicks, England's Captain gave a creditable performance and had a personal tally of 8 points from four goal kicks.

At half time England were leading 7 points to 2 with a try by Ken Senior and two goals by Mervyn Hicks. The second half saw tries by Jim Boylan and John Melling, who had come on as substitute and a further two goals by Hicks, with England running out worthy winners. France's scorers were Carrigues (three penalty goals) and a try by Doulieu.

Of the players taking part in this game, Mervyn Hicks, Phil Kitchin and Ken Senior received higher honours when they were selected to represent Great Britain in the First Test against the Kiwis in September.

FRENCH R.L. PIONEERS

On the 24th May, 1905 in the extreme south-west of France in the small town of Ille-sur-Tete, a baby was born to the Galia family who was later to become one of the greatest Rugby players France has ever known. The baby was christened Jean. Jean Galia obtained his first Rugby Union cap for France on 2nd April, 1927 and won twelve caps before relations with the Home Countries were broken because of professionalism in French Rugby Union football. During this period French rugby enthusiasts were in contact with English Rugby League officials, and the outcome of negotiations was a Rugby League match played at the Stade Pershing in Paris on 31st December, 1933. Jean Galia attended this game and immediately became enthusiastic about this modern rugby in which the ball was passed from hand to hand and was not incessantly booted into touch.

Fine Athletes Converted

Galia got together a group of players, all of them fine athletes and many of international standard. The names of these pioneers are worth recording. They were:—

Galia, Cassagneau, Lambert,
Novel, Barbazanges, Samatan,
Amila, Mathon, Recaborde,
Duhau, Petit, Vignal, Porra,
Carrere, Blanc, Dechavanne,
Fabre.



These players came to England and played a series of matches against English Clubs. Considering it was their first taste of Rugby League football they performed very creditably indeed—well enough to appreciate the finer points of play. They returned to France elated with the “new” game, and the French Federation was formed.

Tragic Loss

Jean Galia saw the restoration of the French Rugby League following the suppression of the game by the Vichy Government during the war years but unfortunately died very suddenly at the age of 44 on the 17th January, 1949. It was a tragic loss to the game.

To perpetuate the name of Jean Galia, his widow very kindly presented a Cup for international competition between French and British teams. At the time the Jean Galia Cup was presented, four teams—France, England, Wales and

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THE ENGLISH TEAM

The average age of today's England team is 21, the oldest member being Taylor, of Dewsbury, who was 23 on the 17th April last and the youngest is Roger Millward who was 18 on the 16th September, although Robert Irving, one of the substitutes, will not be 18 until next February.

Roger Millward will be no stranger to spectators who were also Sunday afternoon television viewers the season before last. In the Intertown Competition televised by A.B.C. Television he played brilliantly for the Castleford Under-17 side helping them to become Yorkshire winners that season. He was then signed by the Castleford senior club and after a spell in the "A" team has been called upon to play in the senior side. In Castleford's defeat by Hunslet in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup he scored all his sides points—two tries and two goals.

ODD MAN

All but one of the team are products of Rugby League amateur football. The exception is William Prosser of St. Helens who played Rugby Union for Newport for four years and was a Welsh R.U. trialist in 1963 before becoming a professional this year.

Les Tonks, of Castleford, is the only player in the team who played in the previous encounter at Toulouse last April although Brain Gaines of Keighley who travelled as a substitute now gets his place.

PREVIOUS INTERNATIONALS

Five players have previously represented England in Amateur Internationals against France, four of them in the Junior games for Under-19 players and one in the Open-age group. These are:

Under-19

Les Tonks (Featherstone) in 1960 at Bordeaux.
Colin Tyrer (Leigh) in 1962 at Limoux.
William Kirkbride (Workington) in 1963 at Wakefield.
John Maloney (Hull) in 1965 at Rochdale.

Open-age

Robert Wear (Barrow) captain in 1963 at Roanne.

STATISTICS

The smallest players are Millward (5ft. 4in.—10st. 4lb.) and Prosser (5ft. 5½in.—11st. 6lb.). The tallest is Tonks at 6ft. 3in. and weighing 18st. The weights of the other members of the pack are McGlone 14st. 2lb., Taylor 15st., Kirkbride 14st., Gaines 14st. 7lb. and Robinson 13st. 8lb. Robinson has scored nine tries so far this season.

THE CAPTAIN

Terry Major, height 5ft. 10in. and weighing 13st. is today's captain. He signed for Hull Kingston Rovers in October, 1959, after playing for the local Craven Park Junior team. Since then he has played for Yorkshire and was a member of the Hull Kingston Rovers Cup Final team at Wembley in 1964.

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of Huddersfield,

who scored the first try for England Under-24 Team at Toulouse on the 3rd April. Ken also played for Great Britain at Swinton in the First Test Match against New Zealand.

TEST MATCH TICKETS

Seating tickets for the Test Matches against New Zealand are still available.

Second Test — Bradford — 23rd October — £1 (Old Stand) 15/- and 12/6 (New Stand — covered) and 10/- (New Stand — uncovered) from Bradford Northern R.L.F.C., Odsal Stadium, Bradford 6 or Rugby Football League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

Third Test — Wigan — 6th November — £1 and 12/6 (Douglas Side Stand) 15/- (New Stand) 7/6 (Track) from Wigan Football Club Ltd., Central Park, Wigan or Rugby Football League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

GREAT BRITAIN

Colours: White Jerseys with Red and Blue 'V'. White Shorts

1. **C. TYRER** (Leigh)
Full Back
2. **V. THOMAS** (Featherstone R.)
Right Wing
3. **T. MAJOR** (Hull K.R.) — Capt.
Right Centre
4. **J. F. MALONEY** (Hull)
Left Centre
5. **R. WEAR** (Barrow)
Left Wing
6. **R. MILLWARD** (Castleford)
Out Half
7. **W. R. PROSSER** (St. Helens)
Scrum Half
8. **L. TONKS** (Featherstone R.)
Front-row Forward
9. **K. TAYLOR** (Oldham)
Hooker
10. **B. TAYLOR** (Dewsbury)
Front-row Forward
11. **W. KIRKBRIDE** (Workington)
Second-row Forward
11. **W. KIRKBRIDE** (Workington)
Second-row Forward
13. **D. ROBINSON** (Swinton)
Loose Forward

Substitutes: C. Hesketh, R. A. Irving

The Teams

FRANCE

Colours: Light Blue Jerseys with Red and White 'V'. White Shorts.

1. **YVES CHABERT** (Cavaillon)
Full Back
2. **JEAN-CLAUDE MARTY** (Lezignan)
Right Wing
3. **DANIEL COMTE** (Montpellier)
Right Centre
4. **GUY ANDRIEU** (Limoux)
Left Centre
5. **DANIEL PELLERIN** (Villeneuve)
Left Wing
6. **ROGER GARRIGUES** (Saint Gaudens)
Out Half
7. **MARIUS FRATTINI** (Avignon)
Scrum Half
8. **JEAN-CLAUDE SOGORB** (Lezignan)
Front-row Forward
9. **PATRICK MAZARD** (Lezignan)
Hooker
10. **CHRISTIAN SABATIER** (Villeneuve)
Front-row Forward
11. **HERVE MAZARD** (Lezignan)
Second-row Forward
12. **JEAN POUGET** (Perpignan)
Second-row Forward
13. **JEAN-PIERRE CLAR** (Villeneuve)
Loose Forward

Substitutes: 14—Jean-Claude Cros (Albi), 15—Adolpe Alesina (Carcassonne)

Referee: E. LAWRINSON (Warrington)

Touch Judges: R. SYERS (Warrington), A. SHAW (Leigh).

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FRENCH R.L. PIONEERS — contd.

Other Nationalities—took part in an international tournament. Later, because of the reduction in the numbers of Welsh and overseas players playing for English clubs, it was agreed that the Jean Galia Cup be competed for by teams representing France and Gt. Britain.

A Great Man

Some splendid games have been witnessed between French and British teams, particularly in this country where both sides are allowed to play their natural games. In France the quality of some of the games has been below expectations. Supporters over here will have read with some concern of the criticisms which have been made in the press about the refereeing standards in France. It will be the earnest wish of all that any cause for complaint be eradicated in the future so that these annual encounters between two great countries, playing a great game, can do justification to the memory of a great man—Jean Galia.



France 1939

This photograph of a French team was taken in the year 1939 when France, for the first time, became International Champions, having beaten England at St. Helens and Wales at Bordeaux.

THE HAKA



Munga Emery, the Maori front-row forward, makes sure in the early part of the Kiwi tour that the non maori contingent learn the war cry. This war dance will be performed on Saturday next at Odsal Stadium in the Second Test.
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KIWIS DO FLY



This one, Brian Reidy has certainly left the ground in scoring a spectacular try in a club game earlier in the tour. Brian has been an automatic choice for several seasons and will be in action at Odsal Stadium on Saturday next in the Second Test.
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RUGBY LEAGUE TOPICS

An innovation this year has been the Floodlit T.V. Competition which is being organised on Tuesday evenings in the Autumn period. The matches are televised on B.B.C. 2 which is due to open in the north towards the end of October. The programme of matches is set out below. It will be seen that eight clubs take part and each plays two qualifying games. The four clubs which succeed in obtaining the widest margins between points scored for as against points scored against will go through to the semi-finals and these will be played on November 30th and December 7th. The final will be on the following Tuesday evening, December 14th.

5th October—St. Helens v. Leigh

12th October—Warrington v. Widnes

19th October—Swinton v. Oldham

26th October—Castleford v. Leeds

2nd November—Leigh v. Warrington

9th November—Widnes v. Swinton

16th November—St. Helens v. Leeds

23rd November—Oldham v. Castleford

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Could the new system of scoring in the qualifying rounds of the Floodlit T.V. Competition prove the answer to defensive football which is all too common nowadays and is all too easy to put into operation because of the way in which the play-the-ball rule allows the tackled player's side to retain possession of the ball? There is no doubt that if clubs were to win competitions by scoring many points more than they allow against them, then it would encourage attacking Rugby rather than defensive Rugby.

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Amateur Rugby League will once again be shown on Commercial Television this season although not quite as extensively as in the past two seasons. Already games have been played earlier in the season at Blackpool and Bradford. On Sunday next at Doncaster, kick-off 1.15 p.m., the Under-19 Yorkshire Inter-Town Amateur Final will be televised. If you are round Doncaster way at the time, drop in and see the game. The following Sunday, Hull and Dewsbury contest the Yorkshire Inter-Town Open-Age Final at Craven Park, Hull. Once again the kick-off will be at 1.15 p.m. Transmission times for the matches are at approximately 1.55 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

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RUGBY LEAGUE TOPICS — contd.

On Sunday, November 28th, one of the Lancashire Inter-Town Knock-out Competitions will be televised from Wilderspool, Warrington.

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Congratulations to Hull Kingston Rovers on being the winners of the First Period in the Mackeson Contest this season. This Contest has now become firmly established as a favourite with clubs and supporters. The team with the best scoring average in each of five periods throughout the season win the period prizes and the team with the best scoring average over the whole of the season wins the major prize. There was a terrific struggle for the major prize last season when Halifax, the eventual League Champions, pipped League Finalists St. Helens at the post. Incidentally the Floodlit T.V. matches will not count in the Mackeson Contest because they are not played in accordance with the rules governing ordinary League and Cup competitions.

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Next May, on May 30th to be exact, a British Rugby League team will leave for Australia and New Zealand. There will be a departure from the usual itinerary because the party will disembark at Darwin and play games at Darwin and in Northern Queensland before proceeding to Sydney. The game at Darwin is a new venture. Evidently Rugby League Football is well established in the Northern Territory and the arrival of the British Rugby League Touring Team is eagerly awaited. In past tours, the team has gone straight to Sydney and during the visit to Queensland for the Second Test, it has also gone up to Northern Queensland to fulfil fixtures there. During the 1966 tour, three Test Matches will be played against Australia—two in Sydney, one in Brisbane, and two Test Matches will be played against New Zealand, both at Auckland.

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Only very keen students of the Laws of the Game will have noticed a recent change in the Laws. If this change had been made many years ago it would have constituted a major upheaval. It is the abolition of the Free Kick from a Mark. In olden days the Fair Catch was quite a feature of Rugby and its abolition would have meant a major change in policy but in modern Rugby it served little purpose and it was doubtful if any one team made more than one claim for a Free Kick per season. The presence of the Free Kick in the modern Laws served only to complicate referees' examination papers. No one will miss it.

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Golf is becoming a very popular pastime with Rugby League officials, players and supporters. Nowadays two Rugby League Golf Competitions are held each year. In the Spring, enthusiasts play for the trophy donated by the late Wilfred Robinson, of York, and in the Autumn the competition is for the Alfred B. Sharman Trophy, which was contested for the first time earlier this month. There have been some good turn-ups in recent years. Anyone interested in golf should make enquiries at the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Any golfer who has played or taken an active part in the administration of Rugby League, or written about it for newspapers, or refereed, is eligible. Not only is it a chance to play one of your favourite games, it is a chance to meet old faces and swap stories. If you play golf at all, write to the Rugby League and get details of future competitions.

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The Benson and Hedges Award Scheme is proving to be popular particularly with the recipients of the prizes which are awarded to the two players who are

judged the best on their respective sides in games played by the New Zealand Touring Team. The New Zealand players themselves also have their points awards totted up during the tour and the eventual winner will receive quite a magnificent trophy from Gallaher Ltd., the cigarette firm which is sponsoring this Benson and Hedges Award Scheme. Don Hammond, Maunga Emery and Bill Snowden are among the leaders at the present time but the issue is still wide open.

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The Summer Coaching holiday organised by the Rugby League at the C.C.P.R. Centre at Bisham Abbey, near Marlowe, on the Thames, is a hardy but very very popular annual. About forty young players of teen age receive a week's coaching and at the same time indulge in all the other recreational activities, the facilities of which are found at this magnificent abbey, including of course, aquatic sports, with the river being so handy. In fact, nothing is appreciated more by the players than a dive into the river after a good "sweat" on the field. If you would like to know more about this course, write to the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

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Junior club captains and coaches as well as Senior club players and coaches find the coaching course at Lilleshall which is organised by the Rugby League in the Summer of each year most useful in improving their general knowledge of the game and also their coaching techniques. Other courses such as tennis, golf, judo, ballroom dancing, table-tennis, etc., are run concurrently with the Rugby League course and there is plenty of social activity in the evenings to round off the day's "work". Further details can be obtained from the Rugby League Offices.

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New Zealand are the current holders of the Courtney Goodwill Trophy. This trophy was first presented pre-war for international competition but the rules governing its award have changed from time to time. In recent years however, the rules have been finalised and starting in March 1960 it was decided that the team having the best international record (excluding World Cup results) over any period of five years would be awarded the trophy. New Zealand just pipped Australia for first place in the first five-year period which ended in March of this year. The current series of Test Matches played between Great Britain and New Zealand count in the International League Table which is being compiled for the current five-year period. The 1966 British Rugby League Team which will leave this country next Spring could easily win a sartorial award as the best dressed sports team to leave this country. Not much can be said at the present time but look out for photographs of the team next May. Incidentally, the touring team itself will be selected some time in March. It has not yet been decided whether tour trial games will be played to guide the selectors' choice. On occasions these games have proved helpful in the past but sometimes they can be misleading. A player having a good game in a trial could quite easily go on the tour although his form throughout the whole of the season might have been inferior to that of a colleague.

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The game in Australia seems to be going from strength to strength particularly from the financial point of view where the revenue from the "one-armed bandits" in social clubs is simply fantastic. One junior club is reported to have set up in business by stacking a derelict hotel with poker machines and showing over £200,000 profit in the first year's working. An attendance of 78,000 at Sydney Cricket Ground earlier in the year for the Championship Final shows that the game also is attracting great support.