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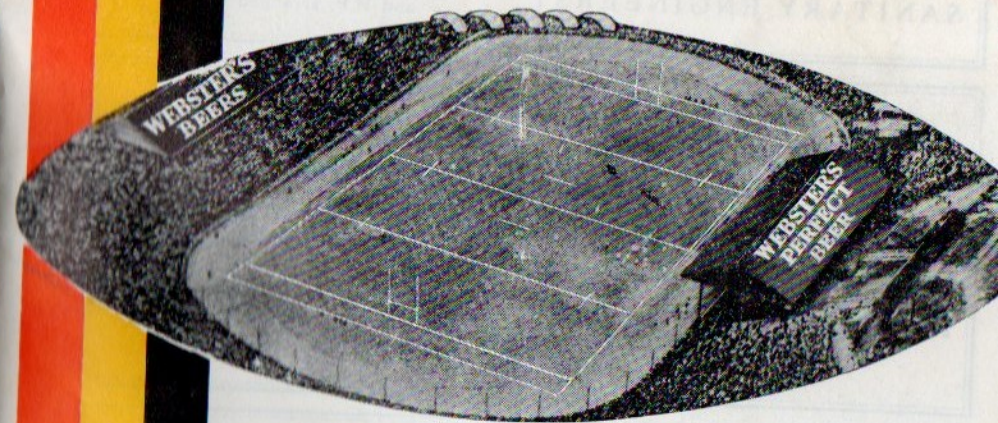
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(All games except friendlies)

Goals in a season—138 by Joe Phillips, 1952-53.

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Points in a season—305 (130 goals, 15 tries) by Joe Phillips, 1951-52.

Goals in a game—14 by Joe Phillips, v. Batley, September 1952.

Tries in a game—6 by Eric Batten, v. Leeds, September 1945.

6 by Trevor Foster, v. Wakefield Trinity, April 1948.

Points in a game—34 (11 goals, 4 tries) by Ernest Ward, v. Liverpool Stanley, Oct. 1945.

Club goals record—661 by Joe Phillips, 1950 to 1956.

Club tries record—261 by Jack McLean, 1950 to 1956.

Club points record—1,520 (574 goals, 124 tries) by Ernest Ward, 1938 to 1954.

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Biggest defeat—73-5, v. Wakefield Trinity, September 1961.

Odsal Stadium attendance record—102,569 at 1954 Cup final replay, Halifax v. Warrington.

(This attendance also constitutes a world record for a Rugby League game).

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third round v. Huddersfield, March 1953.

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ODSAL ITEMS

GEORGE AMBRUM — IN APPRECIATION

This is the last occasion this season and perhaps for ever, that we may be privileged to see this great player in action. A man although so robust in play, to my knowledge has never incurred the displeasure of the referee, and has proved himself in all respects one of the "whitest men" I know. It is a privilege to be allowed to pen this appreciation of his services. To this end I have given considerable thought to the subject and after racking my brains had almost given up in desperation, when on Sunday lunch-time, the first glimmer of an idea struck me when having my usual pint.

Off the field, George is the quietest and most unassuming person, liked and respected by all who know him, but one out on the field, what a transformation. Who can ever forget the sight of this great-hearted player running full pelt for ten yards with a seventeen stone Wakefield prop astride his broad back. One of their fans said to me, "He'll niver carry him so far." "It's to be hoped t'gate's shut," I replied, "or he'll finish up at Barnsla!"

But how does one describe his play? George possesses no apparent body swerve, no bewildering change of pace, nor devastating side-step to carry him clear of the opposition, therefore, just what does he possess that makes him the unanimous favourite of the fans and one of the greatest crowd-pullers it has been my good fortune to know, during almost 50 years in the game. That indefinable something that can bring a tremendous hush of thrilling expectancy to the stadium and a great roar of Yorkshire approbation as he commences his crashing, devastating runs for the line? He is speedy, but not fast in the "Jones" tradition, though possessing tremendous early pace, combined with splendid physique, superb physical fitness and tremendous bodily strength. It is this latter characteristic that he tends to use at every conceivable opportunity and which stands him in so great stead. Some of the photographs of his more spectacular tries have also depicted the prone bodies of four or five opponents lying in his wake. I have heard it said by many people both from the stands and terraces, that George needs room to work, or, give him the overlap and he will do the rest, but I realised very early indeed that all he needed was the "ruddy ball!" His tremendous confidence and faith in himself would do the rest. This is the true professional outlook.

I have heard and noted many comments regarding this human battering ram during his all too brief stay here, but it pleases my ego to think that three of my own very aptly summarise his playing career at Odsal, which are—

"BY GEORGE"!

"BUY GEORGE"!!

"BYE GEORGE"!!!

QUESTION CORNER

What famous Lancashire player represented four clubs during his career, each club by a strange coincidence having the same colours?

What Bradford Northern player scored five tries in one match and yet was not his side's top try scorer of the match?

Answers inside back page

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A glance at page 2 of your programme, under records, will convince you of the wisdom of this. The record for a Bradford Northern cup-tie stands at 70,000 approx. and the world's record Rugby League gate of 102,569 at the replayed cup final staged in 1954 here at Odsal between Halifax and Warrington. Incidentally this figure nowhere near represents the actual attendance, for I was one of the many thousands at the training end car-park entrances, who were caught up like a tidal-wave and swept into the ground as the barriers went down. I estimate that four-fifths of the crowd occupying the score-board end were comprised of this section and therefore not included in the attendance record! Yes, attendances at Odsal, as things are wont to be at Northern, exceeded all expectations, so do please be advised, and purchase early!

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- 4 GEOFF WRIGLESWORTH—Leeds Yorks. and Great Britain
- 5 GEORGE AMBRUM—North Sydney
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- 7 PAUL DALEY—Halifax
- 8 KEN ROBERTS—Halifax, Lancs. and Great Britain
- 9 TONY FISHER—R.A.F.
- 10 DAVID HILL—Queensbury and Yorkshire
- 11 TERRY RAMSHAW—Halifax, Yorks. and England Under 24
- 12 TERRY CLAWSON—Featherstone, Yorks. and Great Britain
- 13 JOHN RAE—Oldham, Cumberland and Great Britain
- 14 LES THOMAS—Keighley and England Under 24
- 15 TERRY ACKERLEY—Workington and Cumberland

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| Right Centre | JIM McCORMACK—Wigan | 3 |
| Left Centre | JOHN DONOVAN—St. Helens | 4 |
| Left Wing | MARTIN MURPHY—Leigh Juniors | 5 |
| Stand Off | WILF BRIGGS—Leigh CT | 6 |
| Scrum Half | TOM CANNING—Vulcan R.U.F.C. | 7 |
| Open Prop | KEN WILSON—Gloucester R.U.F.C. | 8 |
| Hooker | KEVIN TAYLOR—Oldham Amateurs | 9 |
| Blind Prop | GEOFF FLETCHER (Capt.)—Leigh, Lancashire, G.B. Shadow | 10 |
| Second Row | BOB IRVING—St. Joseph's Juniors and Gt. Britain | 11 |
| Second Row | CHARLIE McCOURT—Whitehaven and Cumberland | 12 |
| Loose Forward | ARTHUR HUGHES—Widnes, Salford and Lancashire | 13 |
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TODAY'S VISITORS — OLDHAM

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A warm Yorkshire welcome is extended this afternoon to our friends from the Red Rose County—Oldham.

In recent weeks our opponents have shown vastly improved form and appear to be striking a winning vein at the crucial stage of the season.

Wearing number one jersey today will be £5,000 signing Brian Curry, formerly of Huddersfield. Brian has taken some time to settle with his new club but is now showing good form and his goalkicking, as always, is excellent. The wing spots appear to rest between Mike Elliott, a coloured boy from Cardiff, ex-Halifax R.U. centre Terry Dolly and young Murphy, a player generally at home in the full-back position. John Donovan and big Jim McCormack are virtual certainties for the centre spots and these players were signed from St. Helens and Wigan respectively and have both proved sound investments.

The transfer of the mercurial Tom Warburton to Leigh for £5,000 also included as part of the deal the move to Watersheddings of Wilf Briggs, a more than competent off-half. Briggs will occupy this role today and his half-back partner will be Canning, a local product and a typically dour Lancastrian.

Pack leader and club captain is Geoff Fletcher, a fine player who has blossomed forth this season and is being freely tipped to make the World Cup squad. Open-side prop and ex-England R. International "Tug" Wilson is rated one of the best packmen playing today and his experience has played a vital part in the rapid rise to prominence of young hooker Kevin Taylor. Huddersfield born Bob Irving, a powerful runner, is thriving on the Fletcher distribution and has now regained the form that earned this 19 year old boy Test honours earlier this season.

Cumbrian Leslie McCourt will partner Irving in the Oldham second-row and he too is a fine mover and handler. Last man down is the former Widnes and Salford loose-forward, Arthur Hughes, an experienced player who provides the vital link between pack and backs.

Despite having two wins over our opponents this campaign the cup is always a great leveller and this afternoon will be a severe test for both teams.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Another personality who has left us to settle in Australia is our "Diane" who will be in Australia as these notes are written—may we wish her the best of luck in her new life 'down under.'

Once again the response for the "Miss Bradford Northern" contest has been, to say the least, very disappointing; a record entry of two have volunteered for the above event. When one sees all the young ladies at Odsal it makes one wonder if any at all has any interest in the club except for eighty minutes once a week. May we take this opportunity to wish our retiring Queen, Miss Margaret Simpson, the best of luck. Margaret, who has been our Queen for the last two years, has never been to call on when we have needed her for any social occasion. We know Margaret's one ambition was to win the "Miss Yorkshire" title last year but she was placed fourth; never mind, Margaret, let us hope you will realise your ambition perhaps next year.

We hope the hooligans who caused all the trouble at the Young Supporters' dance are proud of themselves now that several people who had nothing to do with the disgraceful behaviour of a few idiots have not been allowed to use the Clubrooms on a Thursday evening.

Don't forget the "Miss Bradford Northern" dance at Beck Hill Club, Thursday, March 7th, commence at 7-30 p.m. Tickets now on sale price 3/- each in the supporters' room today.

Can you walk twenty miles? If so, entry forms are now ready, so come along you fans and get your cards now. Our target—£1,000 for under-soil heating. We want your feet for approximately six hours. Cards available Tuesday or Thursday evenings in the Clubroom, before or after today's match in the supporters' room.

Two members of our side were playing their first game in the first team this season—Terry Ackerley who gave us a good share of the ball from the scrums, and 18 year old Keith Toohey, surely a star of the future, who kicked three goals and deputised very well for the injured Terry Price. Paul Daley received the Player of the Match Award.

MANAGER'S NOTES

After two unexpected defeats against Dewsbury and Hunslet which cost us the leadership of the League, we returned to winning ways.

The eagerly awaited Cup-tie at Crown Flatt saw our boys determined to avenge the home league defeat a fortnight previously. A particularly pleasing feature to me was the enthusiasm and determination shown throughout the game. This, coupled with our obvious pull in speed and skill, was too much for Dewsbury who, however, proved themselves worthy opponents. Our new boys, Dennis Toohey and Paul Daley, made excellent debuts and both are young enough to play a big part in Odsal affairs for many years to come.

In the League game at Doncaster, terrible weather spoilt both the game and the gate, and I would like to pay tribute to our 2,000 fans who made the journey. We gained a deserved 12 points to 2 victory to put us level pegging again with Leeds at the top of the table. Two members of our side were playing their first game in the first team this season—Terry Ackerley who gave us a good share of the ball from the scrums, and 18 year old Keith Toohey, surely a star of the future, who kicked three goals and deputised very well for the injured Terry Price. Paul Daley received the Player of the Match Award.

The week preceding the cup signing deadline was indeed a busy one at Odsal and several proved and popular players were allowed to leave. All had given valuable service to Bradford Northern and we wish them luck with their new clubs.

Apart from any new signings we have made or intend to make in the future, we have many young players in the "A" Team who will now get more opportunity to prove themselves in the First Team, indeed in addition to Keith Toohey who played at Doncaster our substitutes for that match were Mike Blacker and Tony Rogers, both under 20 years of age, and also in attendance was 18 year old prop forward Alan McCurley, a former Dudley Hill player of whom I am expecting great things.

Congratulations also to our Under 17 Team, who in this, their first season, have reached the semi-final of the Yorkshire Junior Cup by defeating Shaw Cross Boys' Club 18 points to 10. This is another reminder of the successful policy being followed at all levels by the Bradford Northern club.

THE MEN BEHIND OUR TEAM

ARTHUR BAXTER (Assistant Secretary)

An appreciation of almost a lifetime's loyal and faithful voluntary service and devotion to the Bradford Northern Club.



Working behind the scenes, Arthur has served the club in many ways. He was Secretary of the Supporters' Club from 1928 until this was disbanded by Harry Hornby in 1936. Asked to organise the sales of programmes, chocolates, cigarettes and tobacco in and around the ground he tackled the job with drive and zest and sales soared until he was called away to the Forces from 1942 to 1946.

On "demob" he was asked to re-form the Supporters' Club which he successfully accomplished and continued to serve until a disagreement on policy with the Chairman caused him to resign from office, though still retaining membership until the closure!

In April 1964, he was approached by Trevor Foster to render assistance in the re-formation of the new Bradford Northern. It is often said that "mighty oaks from little acorns grow" but never lose sight of the fact that many "trees" need "grafting" before they bloom and flourish!

After serving local government and Y.E.B. for 45 years he took a well deserved retirement, but was then persuaded to accept the position of Assistant Secretary in which capacity he continues to serve the club he loves. The question "what are your favourite hobbies?" elicited this inevitable reply: "Bradford Northern of course"!!

PLAYERS' RECORDS

	This season				Full totals					This season				Full totals							
	App.	G	T	Pts	App.	G	T	Pts		App.	G	T	Pts	App.	G	T	Pts				
Full-backs :																					
Price	24	87	6	192	24	87	6	192	Daley	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Toohy, K.	2	3	0	6	7	3	0	6	Forwards :												
Threequarters :									Roberts	20	0	2	6	30	0	2	6	20	0	2	6
Jones	26	0	19	57	34	0	22	66	Fisher	26	0	1	3	41	0	1	3	26	0	1	3
Toohy, D.	3	0	2	6	3	0	2	6	Mullins	3	0	1	3	29	0	3	9	3	0	1	3
Thomas, L.	8	0	3	9	8	0	3	9	Ackerley	1	0	0	0	56	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
Wriglesworth	21	0	9	27	26	0	13	39	Hill	26	0	2	6	55	0	2	6	26	0	2	6
Ambrum	25	0	16	48	25	0	16	48	Ramshaw	14	0	2	6	14	0	2	6	14	0	2	6
Half-backs :									Clawson	26	12	3	33	110	217	12	470	26	12	3	33
Stockwell	29	0	3	9	103	1	13	41	Taylor	19	0	2	6	32	0	5	15	19	0	2	6
Diabira	23	0	3	9	33	0	4	12	Rae	21	0	5	14	124	3	38	132	21	0	5	14

(This includes friendlies and players' actual appearances as substitutes).

DO YOU REMEMBER ?

March 13th, 1948. R.L. Cup, 3rd Round. Bradford N.orthern 30, Oldham 0, at Odsal.
Att.: 33,840.

Bradford Northern : Carmichael; Batten, Case, Ward (E.), Edwards; Davies, Ward (D.); Whitcombe, King, Smith (H.), Foster, Tyler, Traill.

Oldham : Barraclough; Woods, Harris, Mahoney, Inglesfield; Kenny, Smith; Ogden, Brooks, Taylor, Thomas, Pugh, Givvons.

Northern: Goals—E. Ward (5), Carmichael; Tries—Edwards (2), Batten (2), Tyler, Foster.

February 11th, 1950. 1st Round, Second Leg. Bradford Northern 6, Oldham 8.
Att.: 13,321. (First Leg—Oldham 5, Bradford Northern 6).

Bradford Northern : Leake; Batten, Ward (E.), Mageen, Walters; Davies, Jones (G.), Day, Darlison, Greaves, Radford, Tyler, Traill.

Oldham : Barraclough; Warham, Ward (K.), Mitchell, Batten (R.); Heys, Silva; Ogden, Dean, Anthony, Sugden, Leyland, Goldswain.

Northern: Goals—E. Ward (3).

Oldham: Goal—Barraclough; Tries—Mitchell (2).

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1967-68

1967	Rslt. F. A.	1968	Rslt. F. A.
Aug. 19 Batley	A 29-5 won	Jan. 6 Leigh	A 13-6 won
23 Oldham	H 28-10 won	20 Dewsbury	H 9-11 lost
26 Leigh	H 23-12 won	27 Hunslet	A 8-19 lost
28 Bramley	A 24-6 won	Feb. 3 1st Rd. Cup Dewsbury	A 12-2 won
Sept. 2 Dewsbury (1st R'd.		4 Doncaster	A 12-2 won
Yorks. Cup)		10 Wakefield Trinity	H
9 Featherstone Rovers	H 15-16 lost	17 Hull	A 2-12 lost
16 Leeds	A 20-10 won	24 2nd Round Challenge Cup	
23 Batley	H 54-0 won	Mar. 2 Hull Kingston Rovers	A
30 Keighley	A 14-2 won	9 Bramley	H
Oct. 7 Leeds	H 14-18 lost	16 Castleford (3rd R'd.	H
14 Oldham (Yorks. Cup		Challenge Cup)	H
Final)	A 25-14 won	23 Hull Kingston Rovers	H
21 York	A 33-14 won	30 Semi-Final Challenge Cup	
28 Doncaster	H 31-10 won	Apr. 6 Semi-Final Challenge Cup	
Nov. 4 Hull	H 13-2 won	13 Keighley	H
11 Featherstone Rovers	A 9-8 won	15 Huddersfield	A
18 Hunslet	H 26-14 won	16 Huddersfield	H
25 Wakefield Trinity	A 6-5 won	19 Top Sixteen Play-Off—	
Dec. 2 Australia	H 3-7 lost	1st Round	
9 York	H 33-8 won	24 Top Sixteen Play-Off—	
16 Castleford	A 3-7 lost	2nd Round	
25 Halifax	A 18-2 won	27 Top Sixteen Play-Off—	
26 Halifax	H 8-10 lost	Semi-Finals	
30 Dewsbury	A 16-7 won	May 4 Top Sixteen Play-Off	
		Final	
		11 Challenge Cup—Final	

NORTHERN GREATS

No. 2. ERNEST WARD (Centre threequarter)

Probably the No. 1 centre in the game since the war.

He was a great tactician, master of the art of giving a perfect service to his wingman, also a great tactical kicker and splendid goal kicker.

He signed for Northern in 1939 at the age of 16 from a Dewsbury junior club.

Played in many services R.U. Internationals during the war.

Became Northern's captain at the end of the war years and captained the team in their many triumphs during the next eight years, including three Wembley finals.

He won the Lance Todd Trophy in the 1949 final against Halifax.

Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1946 and 1950. Captained the Tour team on the latter occasion.

Represented his country in many home internationals as captain in most matches

He was transferred to Castleford in 1954 and became their player-coach.



ANSWERS TO QUESTION CORNER

Answer : Don Platt. (Clubs : Wigan, Batley, Leigh, Oldham). (Colours : Cherry and White).

Answer : Donald Ward. Donald scored five tries against Leeds in 1945 at Headingley in Northern's 54-3 win but Eric Batten scored six tries.