

# OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND PROGRAMME



They've told us several times on this tour... they love to come to Central Park to watch Rugby in the tense atmosphere of a big and knowledgeable crowd.

On Sunday afternoon the New Zealanders are here to play Wigan and we can look forward to an exciting game.

Here is the full touring party, back row, left to right: W. G. Burgoyne, K. L. Stirling, R. C. McGuinn, G. J. Woolard, R. F. Williams, Second row: M. P. Brereton, M. J. McLennan, B. R. Lowther, J. H. Fisher, R. Orchard, P. Orchard, J. C. O'Sullivan.

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(Front: D. S. Dowsett, G. R. Cooksley, D. Sorensen.

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## world

Official Newspaper of Wigan FC

Friday, 8 October, 1971 v. Oldham (7.30 p.m.)  
Sunday, 10 October, 1971 v. New Zealand (3 p.m.)

## Welcome to Wigan's Central Park

# FLOPS? KIWIS GET LAST LAUGH

AN ANGRY New Zealand tour party will look anxiously at the Test gate at Castleford on October 16. A repeat of the Salford First Test crowd flop would be disastrous for their finances.

Says Co Tour Manager Jack Williams. 'It's a bitter disappointment to find only 3,764 people bothered to pay to get in.'

Salford chairman, Mr. Brian Snape, angrily told us: 'You couldn't blame the Salford public. The New Zealanders had been written off by all the press, radio and TV. They weren't given a chance against Great Britain, especially after their disappointing early tour results. In this country we seem to do everything in black and white... and the game suffers. In the event, the Kiwis put up a tremendous performance... and won.'

Commented Mr. Williams about that: 'So what happened? All the critics hit out at a miserable British performance, and forgot to take into account a team plays only as well as it is allowed. We got no credit at all.'

disappointed. We want something better.'

That's why, with a Test win under their belt, the New Zealanders will be looking anxiously at the gate receipts at Castleford. And tonight.

## Sunday seats warning

TICKETS for Sunday's New Zealand match (3 p.m.) are selling so well that people needing seats are advised to buy them in advance.

Season ticket holders who do not claim their seats by tonight (Friday) CANNOT BE GUARANTEED THEIR OWN PLACES.

Seats are available to the general public at 35p, 40p and 45p. The office is open for tonight's match against Oldham (7.30), between 9 a.m. and noon tomorrow (Saturday) and from 9 a.m. until kick-off on Sunday.

## Surprises

The Kiwis face the fact that, one up with two to go, they could still lose the series.

'But,' they say, 'after we had beaten Australia, we surely deserved a better reception than we received from all the media. We are surprised and somewhat

## SUSPENSIONS

EDDIE CUNNINGHAM was suspended for three games by the Rugby League last week and missed both the Oldham and New Zealand matches. Colin Clarke, suspended for two games missed the Oldham visit, but is available against the New Zealanders.

## OPINION

WHEN A SHIP gets blown off course, everybody tends to think they can do better than the officers on the bridge.

It's a fair analogy with what is happening in Wigan today. Numbers of our supporters in this Rugby League minded town are alarmed by our four defeats by the first Saturday in October... the worst start in years.

So are we as a club. No stone is being left unturned to strengthen the staff, but in fairness to the players it must be stressed just how chaotic the injury list has been. ONE NIGHT LAST WEEK ONLY SIX WERE FIT ENOUGH TO TURN UP FOR TRAINING, AND TWO OF THOSE WERE SUSPENDED PLAYERS.

We do agree that new names are needed at Central Park. We are looking forward to announcing a signing or two in the very near future.

But do remember that no clubs can carry the sort of injury list we have done this wretchedly upsetting season without some faltering. Turn-outs of almost 'A' team proportions beat Hull KR here last time out, and then held Huddersfield to a very close margin last Saturday.

It indicates that every cloud has a silver lining somewhere. In this difficult period we would ask our supporters to remember that.

## Yes, we're getting that new stand!

### CENTRAL PARK IS TO GET A NEW LUXURY MAIN STAND.

That was made certain when the Rugby League Finance and General Purposes Committee decided last Wednesday to grant Wigan FC a sizeable loan for the purpose. The balance of the money will be raised locally.

Explains Wigan secretary, Mr. G. Sutcliffe: 'The Board know there will be critics of a stand venture at a time when we need new players.

### It's vital

'But the Board have to be a little less short-sighted than most.'

In the long term Wigan will only attract people into the ground by top class facilities.

'Our ground must be the best, and so must the team.'

Chairman Mr. N. Bibby says: 'No stone is being left unturned to make Wigan tops on and off the field. The next generation will give us no thanks if we



neglect our stadium. We must keep in step with the age in which we live—or live to regret it.'

BUILDING OF THE NEW STAND WILL NOT BEGIN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

## TEST TICKETS

Seat tickets for the Second Test against New Zealand at Castleford on October 16 (kick off 3.15 p.m.) are available from The Secretary, Castleford F.C., Wheldon Road, Castleford. Prices £1.50 and £1.

Tickets for the same price are available for the Third Test at Headingley on November 6 from General Manager, Leeds R.L.F.C., Headingley, Leeds 7.

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WORLD OPINION

ANONYMOUS letter writers  
never really make their  
point. If you want to be  
heard, don't be afraid to add  
your name and address to  
any letter you write to the  
club, or to the World.  
Otherwise they won't be  
printed.

Neither Wigan RLFC, nor  
Wigan World is frightened of  
constructive criticism. Too  
many have been helped by it  
in the past, and will be in the  
future.



# ALL PALS TOGETHER UP IN THE STAND

THE BEST WAY to make friends and influence people?  
Don't read books ... just go down to Central Park at

Wigan together.

That's the recipe  
offered by Mr. and Mrs.  
Blatteridge of  
Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Says Mister B: 'We have  
been coming to the ground  
for ten years and in all  
that time we have had the  
same seat.'

'So we have got to  
know everyone round us.'

Result: all those people  
are now their friends and  
good friends.

Says Mrs. B.: 'Going to  
see Wigan is a real  
entertainment, anyway.  
But when you go down  
and meet friends you've  
made from Rugby it adds  
an extra spice and a new  
interest.'

They both recommend  
married couples to take  
out a season ticket and  
follow their footsteps.

It's a wonderful way to  
develop a common interest  
they say, very firmly.

Might not be a bad idea  
if the Marriage Guidance  
people got hold of this  
idea.

You've only got to look  
at Mr. and Mrs. B. to see  
how happy they are  
together at Wigan Rugby  
League.

Footnote: Mr. and Mrs.  
Blatteridge have missed  
only one game in ten  
years ... when they were  
away on holiday.



A picture of the six trophies available for competition in Rugby League  
football. Poser: Which is which? No prizes for correct solutions.

## FIRST TEAM RESULTS (and the remaining fixtures)

Date 1971	Opponents	Grd	Score
July 20 Thurs	WARRINGTON (Ward Cup)	H	26-13
Aug. 5 Thurs	Huyton (Lancs Cup)	A	16-6
Aug. 18 Wed	Swinton (Lancs Cup)	A	12-2
Aug. 20 Fri	LEEDS	H	36-4
Aug. 25 Wed	Wakefield Trinity	A	16-20
Aug. 28 Sat	WIDNES (Lancs Cup Final)	H	15-8
Aug. 30 Mon	LEIGH	H	13-5
Sept 3 Fri	Widnes	A	5-6
Sept 8 Wed	Oldham	A	23-7
Sept 11 Sat	BRAMLEY	H	53-3
Sept 15 Wed	BARROW (BBC 2)	H	23-11
Sept 18 Sat	Dewsbury	A	7-24
Sept 20 Mon	Barrow (BBC 2)	A	19-11
Sept 24 Fri	HULL K.R.	H	33-10
Oct 2 Sat	Huddersfield	A	13-17
Oct 8 Fri	OLDHAM	H	
Oct 10 Sun	NEW ZEALAND	H	
Oct 15 Fri	Leigh	A	
Oct 23 Sat	KEIGHLEY	H	
Oct 30 Sat	Batley	A	
Nov 6 Sat	HALIFAX	H	
Nov 13 Sat	Players No. 6 (1st Rd)		
Nov 20 Sat	Hull	A	
Nov 27 Sat	Players No. 6 (2nd Rd)		
Dec 4 Sat	WIDNES	H	
Dec 11 Sat	Bramley	A	
Dec 18 Sat	WORKINGTON	H	
Dec 27 Mon	ST. HELENS	H	
1972			
Jan 1 Sat	Leeds	A	
Jan 8 Sat	BATLEY	H	
Jan 15 Sat	Castleford	A	
Jan 22 Sat	WAKEFIELD T.	H	
Jan 29 Sat	R.L. Challenge Cup (1st Rd)		
Feb 5 Sat	DEWSBURY	H	
Feb 11 Sat	Salford	A	
Feb 19 Sat	R.L. Challenge Cup (2nd Rd)		
Feb 26 Sat	Keighley	A	
Mar 4 Sat	R.L. Challenge Cup (3rd Rd)		
Mar 11 Sat	HULL	H	
Mar 18 Sat	Halifax	A	
Mar 25 Sat	HUDDERSFIELD	H	
Mar 31 Sat	St. Helens	A	
Apr 3 Mon	SALFORD	H	
Apr 7 Fri	CASTLEFORD	H	
Apr 14 Fri	Featherstone	A	

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & SCORERS

	App	BBC Flood-Lit Cup	Ward Cup	Lancs Cup	Lge	Total Tries
Ashcroft	13	-	-	-	-	-
Ashurst	11	-	-	1	1	2
Ayres	14	-	-	3	6	9
Burdell	1	-	-	-	-	-
Clarke	13	-	-	-	4	4
Cunningham	11	-	1	-	4	5
Eastham	9	-	-	1	3	4
Fletcher	13	1	1	-	3	5
Francis	13	2	-	1	2	5
Fuller	9	-	1	-	1	2
Gandy	7	1	-	-	1	2
Hill	13	-	-	-	2	2
Hogan	8	-	-	-	-	-
Hollingsworth	1	-	-	-	-	-
Jones	2	-	1	-	-	1
Laughton	9	1	1	-	1	3
Molyneux	1	-	-	-	1	1
O'Loughlin, K.	15	-	-	-	2	2
Parr	1	-	-	-	-	-
Park	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rowe	11	-	-	-	1	1
Robinson	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tyrer	10	1	-	-	2	3
Wright	8	-	1	1	3	5
	195	6	6	7	37	56

GOAL SCORERS

	BBC Flood-Lit Cup	Ward Cup	Lancs Cup	Lge	Total Goals
Ashurst	1	4	8	13	26
Tyrer	11	-	3	31	45
	12	4	11	44	71

## NOW OUR NET SPREADS

WHEN WILL WIGAN SIGN NEW BLOOD TO  
REINFORCE OUR STAFF WHICH HAS BEEN HIT BY  
A RUN OF INJURIES WHICH IS PROBABLY THE  
WORST IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY.

That's what you're all  
asking, and the club's  
reply is that no stone is  
being left unturned to get  
at least one new man.

But Wigan's Board  
refuse to splash out in a  
short-term panic buying.

We must look ahead,  
and bring players here who  
will fit into the side when  
our resources are back to  
full strength.

We can tell you:

1. Moves have started to  
interest a top class wing  
man now laying in  
South Africa to come to  
Wigan. There is no  
telling yet what our  
chances are.

2. Only two directors were  
at Huddersfield last  
Saturday. The rest were  
checking at a top clash  
Rugby Union game in  
the Midlands.

OUR MESSAGE TO  
IMPATIENT SUPPORT-  
ERS, AND WE  
UNDERSTAND THEIR  
RESTLESSNESS, IS  
THIS: WE ARE TAKING  
EVERY POSSIBLE  
STEPS TO REINFORCE  
OUR DEPLETED STAFF.

WHAT ABOUT New  
Zealander Bernie  
Lowther? You'll have read  
Press reports that we are  
interested in him, but at  
this stage we are not  
prepared to go further  
than confirm we have been  
checking on Lowther for  
some time.

## A LACK OF CONVENIENCE

THE SCREAMS of the  
ladies could be heard all  
over the club ... it  
sounded as though they'd  
seen a pack of mice.

Yes, just like that.

And the noise came  
from the ladies' toilet in  
the Wigan Social Club last  
Thursday.

What happened, then?  
Electric wires in the ceiling  
fused, producing a  
blinding blue light. And a  
broken electric bulb or  
two.

The girls, three or four  
of them, so we're told,  
rushed out of the place  
like scalded cats.

All's well that ends well,  
they say. And it ended  
well here. The lights were  
soon fixed, the wires were  
fixed the next day, and  
the girls were back in the  
toilet within the half hour.

After they'd had a  
drink. Of course.

## WIGAN MISSING



THERE ISN'T one Wigan  
player in the Test team  
which meets New Zealand  
in the Second Test at  
Castleford ... and who can  
remember that happening  
before?

But it's certain that Doug  
Laughton would have been  
there but for his knee injury  
which looks like keeping  
him out of the game for  
some weeks.

We have said so much about  
our injury bogey this  
season ... but the fates still  
seem to be against us and  
the numbers out of action  
continue to pile up.

In fact last Saturday's team at  
Huddersfield had the look  
of an 'A' side rather than  
the first team.

So let's cheer up a bit and  
look back to last year's  
World Cup series when the  
above picture of our captain  
Doug (complete with tash  
now gone) with Keri Jones.  
Now they're both out, and  
Keri permanently.



## Servants of the public



A new picture of some of the Wigan Social Club Committee. Left to right: Harold Heyes (Secretary), Arthur Young, Harold Hince, John Carver, Arthur Traynor, Joe Farrimond (Chairman).

### No Grounds

IN REPLY to Mr. Keane's comments in the last issue of *Wigan World*, I would like to point out that he doesn't mention the most important thing lacking in this town—and that is grounds to play on.

Why does he talk about insurance having a lot to do with it? I would like to draw his mind back a couple of years to the time when some lads came to the Supporters' Club Committee asking us to help them start a team.

This we did, and gave them every assistance possible. Then we went to Mr. Keane asking if our team could get into the Wigan Amateur League. If I remember rightly his reply was that they had no chance as there were no grounds for them to play on.

The lads were not to be beaten. They went off into the Salford League and played all their matches away. As a matter of interest, they won every one.

So come off it, Mr. Keane, there are more organisations like us in this town who would gladly sponsor amateur rugby teams. Let us highlight the main reason why the Wigan Amateur League is in need of teams: lack of grounds.

D. Boden  
1 Delph Street,  
Wigan.  
(Supporters' Club  
Committee Member).

### WIGAN SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Membership Fee: 10p (5p Under 18)

5p Old Age Pensioners.

Further information of the Association's activities will be published in *Wigan World* and the local Press

**How to Join.** Fill in the Application Form below and take it to the desk at the entrance to the Social Club, before or after any match, or hand it to a member of the Committee.

Please enrol me as a member of the Wigan Rugby Supporters' Association. I am over/under 18 years of age.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

## WEMBLEY? ONLY STANDING

ALL SEATS FOR the 1972 Rugby League Challenge Cup Final at Wembley have been sold.

In a circular to clubs this week The League announces that the only seats left are those which will be allocated to the eventual finalists. Not one is left for purchase by the public.

Indeed, standing accommodation is becoming restricted although some tickets for the under-cover Enclosure are still available. At 50p these are being quickly snapped up, and our readers are advised to write without delay if they want to make sure they see this season's Final.

Send you applications, enclosing 50p and a stamped addressed envelope to: The Secretary, Rugby League Offices, Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

### Curtain raiser

There will be a curtain-raiser Schools match at Central Park before the New Zealand game on Sunday starting at 2 p.m.

It will be the Blau Cup Final between St. John Fisher and Pemberton School's teams.

The winners will go on to represent Wigan in the all-Lancashire Evening News Lancashire Tournament of which St. John Fishers are the holders.

Answers to Quiz in Issue Four:

1. Lewis Jones; 2. Keith Holden; 3. Wigan 10-7; 4. Reintroduction of the tap penalty; 5. Brian Nordgren, 64 tries; 6. 38-5, Wakefield T. v. Hull, 1962; 7. Yorkshire.

Another Quiz in our next issue.

### CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	9	8	0	1	249	79	16
Castleford	9	7	1	1	161	113	15
Bradford N.	10	6	2	2	251	137	14
Swinton	8	7	0	1	151	81	14
St. Helens	9	7	0	2	175	126	14
Leeds	9	6	1	2	184	129	13
Wakefield T.	9	6	0	3	220	116	12
Featherstone R.	10	6	0	4	180	138	12
Huddersfield	9	6	0	3	145	127	12
Blackpool	10	6	0	4	122	139	12
Barrow	10	5	1	4	141	149	11
Wigan	9	5	0	4	199	94	10
Hull	9	5	0	4	166	136	10
Leigh	9	5	0	4	124	106	10
Hull K.R.	8	5	0	3	134	125	10
Rochdale	8	5	0	3	99	85	10
Bramley	10	5	0	5	115	163	10
Widnes	8	4	1	3	98	81	9
Dewsbury	8	4	0	4	101	118	8
Warrington	8	3	1	5	139	101	7
Whitehaven	10	3	0	7	134	190	6
Workington	8	3	0	5	94	134	6
Oldham	9	2	1	6	124	172	5
Hunslet	10	2	0	8	122	180	4
Halifax	9	2	0	7	116	201	4
York	10	2	0	8	117	208	4
Doncaster	9	2	0	7	62	161	4
Huyton	9	2	0	7	75	177	4
Batley	8	2	0	6	45	163	4
Keighley	10	1	0	9	92	206	2

### LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE

#### COMBINATION TABLE

Compiled up to and including Saturday 25th September

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Oldham	5	4	—	1	98	51	8
Warrington	4	3	1	—	69	32	7
Workington T	6	3	—	3	111	81	6
WIGAN	3	3	—	—	42	16	6
Swinton	4	2	—	2	56	35	4
Salford	5	2	—	3	67	81	4
Rochdale H.	4	2	—	2	45	67	4
St. Helens	4	1	1	2	58	66	3
Barrow	4	1	—	3	60	66	2
Widnes	3	1	—	2	23	40	2
Huyton	3	1	—	2	26	76	2
Leigh	3	—	—	3	33	77	0

## THE MARTIN RYAN COLUMN

# No cloud without a silver lining . . .

WITHOUT DOUBT, it's tough going for Wigan right now. But let's hear less about the cruel luck we've had with injuries.

I know we haven't fielded a full-strength team this season. I know it's tough.

I know half the town is asking when we are going out to buy . . . and I know what a difficult task faces the Wigan Board, because I am a member of that body.

I also know what a tremendously difficult job faces our coach Eric Ashton at this time. He is having to make bricks without straw, so to speak.

What I suggest to the Rugby enthusiasts of this town is . . . even the darkest cloud has a silver lining.

### MAKING THE GRADE

What's ours at this time? The fact that so many of our 'A' team, many of them Wigan born, bred and developed, are being thrust into the crucible of first team football . . . and making the grade.

THOSE OF YOU WHO WENT TO HUDDERSFIELD LAST

SATURDAY WOULD HAVE SEEN THEM MATURING BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES.

Make no mistake, we almost won this one. Carrying a young and inexperienced pack, we still might have done it.

Right, so we lost in the end . . . but in the long term, I am convinced, we shall look back on this period and give thanks.

So many of our young 'A' team men have shown so much promise when thrust into the top class before their time, that I believe it's going to pay off very handsomely.

### NAME TWO NAMES

It may be invidious to name names when no-one has let us down, but I feel I must say how much hooker Hollingsworth has impressed me, especially at Huddersfield last Saturday, and Kieron O'Laughlin.

Just a touch more experience, and these two will be pushing hard for the places normally filled by seasoned players. They have talent, spirit and guts and they are not alone in this 'A' side.

Those fans who are screaming for blood right now may remember this sticky patch with gratitude. Our 'A' team youngsters couldn't buy

the experience they're getting for either love or money.

It's going to stand us in good stead before long and I am convinced that Wigan will be right in there battling for all the honours at the end of the season.

So why not go and watch this 'A' team in action? They're fun.

### TREMENDOUS TACKLING

I watched them beat an experienced Swinton team last week and I was so struck by their tremendous tackling.

The art of tackling in League football has been lost with the introduction of the four-tackle rule. We see too much of two and three players mauling into an opponent.

Here we had man-to-man tackling, and it was needed. Swinton were getting the ball from the scrum, but Wigan's fierce tackling blunted them.

Give these Kiwis their credit, they are fine tacklers, and this is one department of the game where they can teach us lessons.

I trust our 'A' team don't lose the knack as they graduate to senior football.

In this department they can teach a lot of players in a lot of teams a lot of lessons.

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Eric  
Ashton  
SAYS....



ONE THING people forget when they criticise New Zealand's Rugby League standards... and that is they are amateur players who play for fun.

This touring side which came here did so in that spirit. Back home the honour is the thing, and I have always felt that if there was a difference of £30 in the pack packet between winning and losing, you'd see a different set of Kiwis. They would learn to be professional... which is what is happening on this tour.

Living and playing together as a party day in and day out, with their game the main pre-occupation of them all, day in and day out, they have improved out of all recognition since the tour started.

People who thought they were anybody's push-overs ignored the psychology of a Kiwi Rugby League player... they ignored the fact that New Zealanders are quick learners.

In my view all they lack is experience—which they are absorbing each day that goes by—and professionalism.

#### CONVINCED—

I went to the First Test convinced that Great Britain would win with a bit to spare, and for ten minutes or so I had no reason to change my mind. Eight points up, Great Britain looked as though they'd coast it... and they eased up mentally.

That's when the Kiwis

got back in, and a great try by their stand-off Graham Williams was the turning point, although there was some sloppy tackling from our lads at that point.

When they turned round only 13-12 behind it was obvious the Kiwis, who had been losing the scrums up to then, only had to get a bit of the ball and they could shock everybody. And they did, to win.

When touring sides get the smell of success in their nostrils they don't let the chance go and this Kiwi side—don't matter they are raw—showed speed, strength and determination.

They have a lot to offer, they have some really fine players, and I believe by the end of the tour they will have settled down into a really strong combination. What a pity they'll go back to their old ways of the game's the thing when they get back home.

#### STEREOTYPED—

It is their happy-go-lucky approach to the game, I'm sure, which stops New Zealand producing great sides. This lack of thought for the game leaves them somewhat stereotyped both in tactics and ideas. They have little change of pattern, their style doesn't vary, no matter what the state of the game.

Please don't imagine I am knocking our guests, I'm not. I have a great admiration for them, and I have nothing but admiration for the way they took hold of a surprised Great Britain side in that First Test and held on for a deserved win. Mind you, our lads had a well below par look that day. Most were right off form. In this game the New Zealanders looked fitter and stronger than Great Britain, and I have to ask whether, as the New Zealanders absorb a more professional approach to

their game, *WE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE FORGETTING THE CARDINAL PRINCIPLES.*



It's not enough to call players together for a team talk at a hotel before a big game, without training sessions, give them a meal and a bed and introduce a snooker competition.

#### DROPPING OUT—

That's what happened before Lancashire played Cumberland and Yorkshire, and I'm afraid it's not good enough.

Why are the top-class players dropping out from County games? Simply because they know that this sort of preparation isn't good enough and that their displays are not likely to enhance their reputations.

That's my opinion, I'm afraid, and I don't think I'm far wrong.

It's not as bad, yet, with the Test team. But the way things are developing it isn't likely to be long before we have reached this pass there, too.

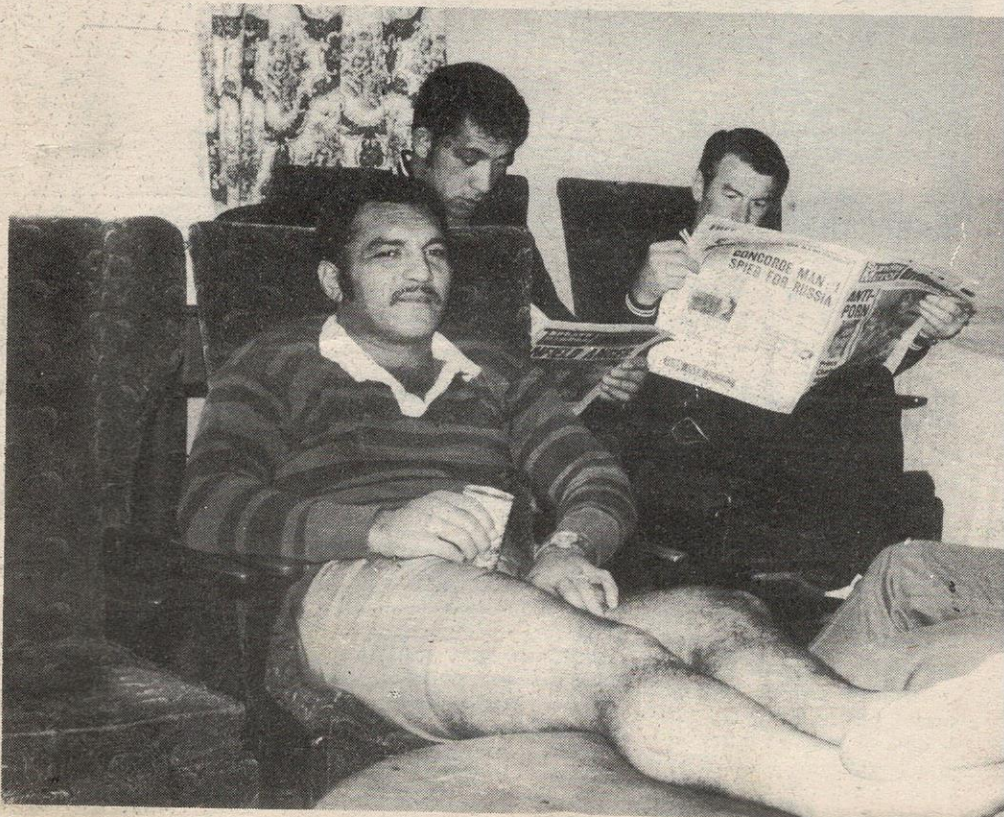
*AND WE WON'T WIN ANY MEDALS FOR BRITISH RUGBY THAT WAY.*

# THE KIWIS . . . . MO NIGHT BEFORE

THAT WAS a night that was... the Saturday night two weeks ago when the written-off New Zealand beat Great Britain in the first Test at Salford.

Back in their hotel at Stockton Heath, just outside Warrington, they made whoopee. Most through. 'We kept getting phone calls from excited fans back home. One pub in one back open 18 hours after the win,' said manager Jack Williams. 'They celebrated longer than we did.'

At 10 a.m. on the next morning when our photographer Ken Vincer called them relaxing... soaking in their triumph.



Second row forward Donald Mann of Auckland sips a can of beer while two more Kiwi's read paper Test report.

## Tucked away, there's the coach



Right at the back, far left, is the man who has welded this Kiwi side into an outfit to be reckoned with. He is D. L. (Lory) Blanchard, former Kiwi forward of the 50's, one of the finest coaches and Down Under.



Our injured Test skipper Doug Laughton wishes good luck to Kiwis Tony Krilitich, John Whittaker and W. Delan.



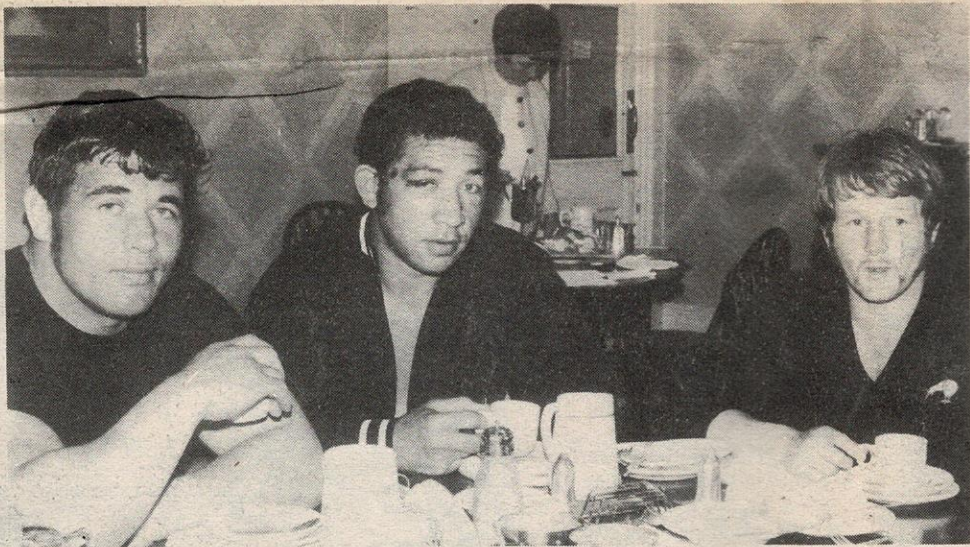
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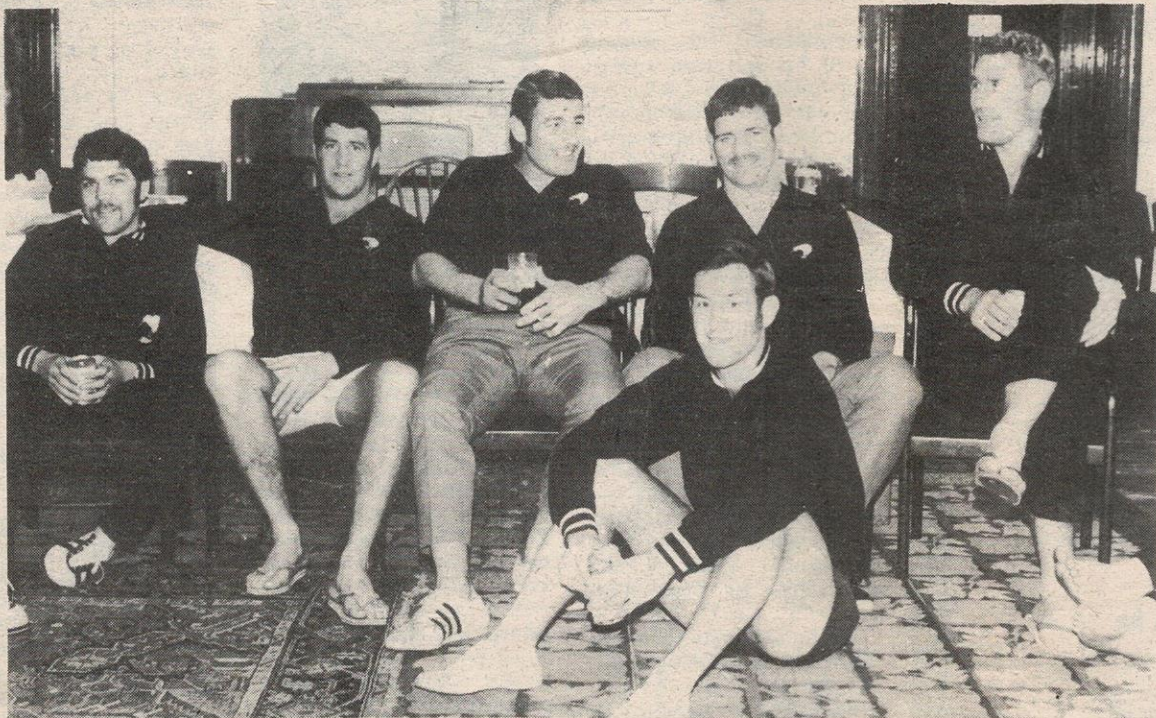


These Kiwis will always sing . . . and so often they'll produce lilting Maori choruses. When they do, their star pianist is Henery (yes Henery) Tatana, prop forward from Auckland.

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Kiwis' at breakfast after a long night.



Oh yes, on special occasions you can have a beer at 10 a.m., and this was a special occasion. Look closely and you'll see the cans. Notice too, how alert these Kiwis look after hours of celebrations!

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None of the New Zealanders has his wife or girl friend with him, although some have their parents visiting England to coincide with the tour. Graham Cooksley (above) has met a New Zealand girl while in Britain and here she is with him above. Name? Graham's keeping mum.

... just to remind you  
they're playing  
Wigan on Sunday



Just to remind you that the New Zealanders are at Central Park on Sunday, October 10 to play Wigan . . . and here Patsy Vincer poses with our new club sash, complete with club motif.



# A page taking you behind the New Zealand scene

## GROWING IN STATURE ALL THE TIME

WELCOME TO CENTRAL PARK to the eighth Kiwi team to tour this country. We've had a sneaking feeling all along that they could well be the most successful party ever to leave New Zealand's shores and, with one Test win under their belt and two games to go, the chance is theirs.

Certainly since their shock win over Great Britain at Salford on September 25 they have been playing with more confidence and a greater freedom.

New Zealand Rugby League is all amateur, and its Headquarters are in Auckland where most international matches are played on The League's own ground at Carlaw Park. The Auckland League has always been the strongest in the country, but many international players have come from other areas.

Whangarei is the centre of the Northern League, while the South Auckland League takes in Huntly and Ngaruawahia. Taranaki, on the West Coast of the North Island, is another Rugby League

stronghold embracing New Plymouth, Inglewood, Waitara and Stratford.

Overseas touring teams invariably play matches at Wellington, while matches against Maori teams are played in the Rotorua area which is famed for its hot spring geysers and its trout fishing.

In the South Island, Rugby League is played on the West Coast where the game's headquarters are in Greymouth. Dunedin and Christchurch are also Rugby League centres.

The game in New Zealand is governed by the New Zealand Rugby League Council which consists of resident delegates representing the various provinces, and includes a Maori representative.



England. Also in the Kiwi side which beat Australia, scoring two tries. Scored one of the tries in the New Zealand win in the First Test a fortnight ago.

**Robert McGuinn** (Otahuhu Club, Auckland). Aged 23, 5 ft. 9 in., 12 stones. Played for Auckland for two years. Made the World Cup team last year. Played in only one match, against Australia, but was injured and replaced.

### CENTRES

**David Sorensen** (Otahuhu Club, Auckland). Aged 22, 5 ft. 6 in., 11 st. 6 lbs. Freezing worker. Brother of a very famous Kiwi, Bill, who had his initial tour 20 years ago. Was a member of the squad which played Australia this season.

**Dennis Williams** (Te Atatu Club, Auckland). Aged 18, 5 ft. 8½ in., 13 st. Wages clerk. One of the youngest players ever to represent New Zealand. Despite his youth he has been playing the code for 12 years and had impressed with his strength against players of greater maturity. Played for New Zealand against Australia this year and attracted the interest of Australian scouts. Scored a try against Britain in First Test.

**Bernard Lowther** (Richmond Club, Auckland). Aged 21, 6 ft., 13 st. 7 lbs. Salesman. Started his international career last season against Great Britain, toured

England and France for the World Cup series playing in all three tests. This year he took part in the test against Australia at Auckland. He has scored three tries in his total of 12 matches in a Kiwi jersey.

**Fletcher Christian** (Otahuhu Club, Auckland). Team captain. Aged 27, 5 ft. 11 in., 13 st 4 lbs. Clerk. A very experienced player who first played for New Zealand in 1965. Has played a total of 49 games for New Zealand of which 22 have been Tests. Scored nine tries, four in Tests. Of his 21 appearances in internationals his first 13 were consecutive and after a break has now put together another string of 9. This is his fourth tour. At home he has taken part in five series against other countries.

### STAND-OFF HALVES

**Graeme Cooksley** (Christchurch-Eastern Suburbs Club, Canterbury). Aged 22, 5 ft. 4 in., 10 st. Real Estate Agent. Has played Rugby League since he was five. Although he failed to gain selection in the tests against Great Britain last year he did make the World Cup team as a scrum half, his original position, and played in all three tests. Also substitute in the First Test.

**Gary Woollard** (Mt. Albert Club, Auckland). Aged 28, 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 4 lb. Radio technician. Played his first test, against Australia, in 1969 and went to England and France for last year's World Cup series.

### SCRUM HALVES

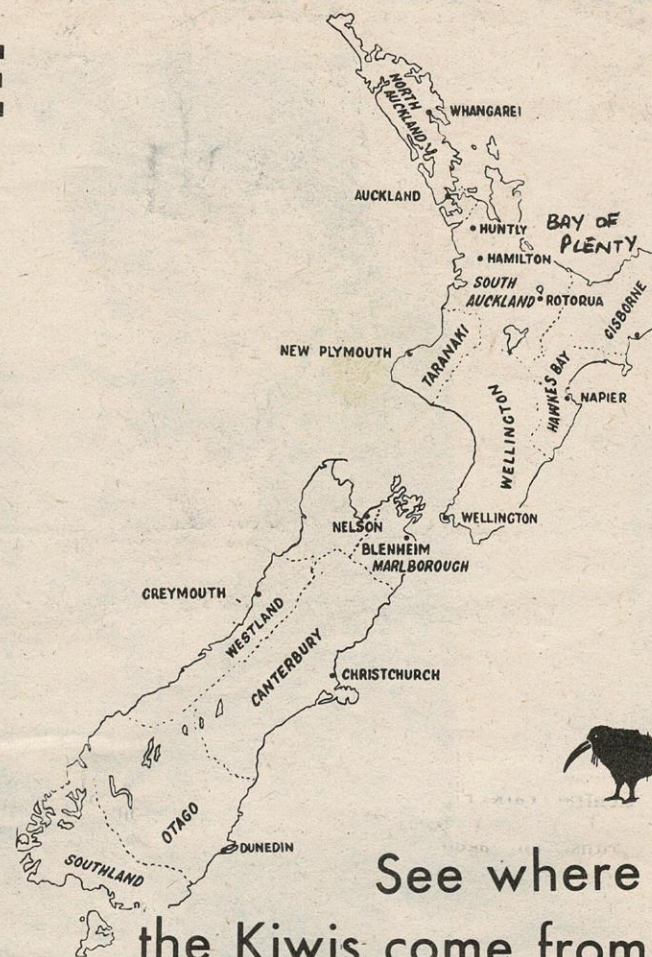
**David Dowsett** (Otahuhu Club, Auckland). Aged 25, 5 ft. 7 in., 11 st. Television technician. Another of the team who toured Australia two years ago with the New Zealand under-23 team.

**Kenneth Stirling** (Ellerslie Club, Auckland). Aged 21, 5 ft. 7 in., 11 st. 4 lbs. Plumber. Another who has played the code almost all of his life, and has now 17 seasons behind him. Came into prominence this season with his selection against Australia. His selection repeats a fine family double as his father was a member of the 1939 Kiwi side. In the First Test side.

### PROP FORWARDS

**John Greengrass** (Linwood Club, Canterbury). Aged 24, 6 ft. 1 in., 14 st 10 lbs. Freezing worker. Had his first appearance for New Zealand last year when he surprised by being selected for the World Cup team. Played in all eight games on tour. This year he failed to gain test selection but played for the New Zealand XIII against Australia. In First Test side.

**Douglas Gailey** (Ellerslie Club, Auckland). Aged 23, 5 ft. 11 in., 15 st. Bricklaying contractor. In England and France last year for World Cup, played in six matches. In First Test side.



See where the Kiwis come from

### Sportraits of the players

#### FULL-BACKS

**Michael McLennan** (Mount Wellington Club, Auckland). Aged 27, 5 ft. 10 in., 12 stone. A freezing worker, played his first and only Test against Australia earlier this year. A running full-back, but has also played as a winger. Played RL for 14 years, four seasons for Auckland.

**John O'Sullivan** (Ponsonby Club, Auckland). Aged 21, 5 ft. 11 in., 12st-6 lbs. Company rep. Although brought over as a full back his versatility is an asset to the side. Played RL for 16 years and represented Auckland in every season, through from schools' and junior codes.

#### WINGERS

**Philip Orchard** (Ngongotaha Club, Bay of Plenty). Aged 23, 5 ft. 10

in., 14 stones. Plasterer. Can also play at centre. Has attended three coaching schools and is renowned for his powerful running. Has played in four Tests, one against Australia and the rest versus Great Britain.

**Maurice Brereton** (Marist-Western Suburbs Club, Canterbury). Aged 24, 5 ft. 10 in., 13 st. 7 lbs. A policeman. Two seasons with present club after playing for four years with his native West Coast province. Played 15 games in the Kiwi jersey, including ten Tests, and scored seven tries. Came to England for last year's World Cup series.

**John Whittaker** (Randwick Club, Wellington). Aged 21, 6 ft. 2 in., 14 stones. A butcher. Has come through all grades of the game. Was on last year's World Cup side in

**Henery Tatana** (Mt. Albert Club, Auckland). Aged 26, 6 ft. 1½ in., 16 st. Watersider. Toured Australia in 1967 and in England and France last year for the World Cup. Has played in four tests so far and has a total of 12 Kiwi appearances. Has tremendous success as a kicker for New Zealand and Auckland this year and kicked three goals in First Test.

**Robert Orchard** (Ellerslie Club, Auckland). Aged 26, 6 ft., 16 st. 7 lbs. Shopkeeper. Making his fourth tour overseas. On the World Cup tour last season. Has a total of 36 matches for New Zealand. So far he has played in 12 tests. Total try tally is 12. A sub in First Test, scored a try.



#### SECOND ROW

**William Deacon** (Ngaruawahia Club, Waikato). Aged 26, 6 ft. 2 in., 14 st. 12 lbs. Electrical fitter. Schoolboy Kiwi in 1959, first appearance as a Kiwi on 1965 tour of England and France. Was in England and France again last year for the World Cup. 35 appearances for New Zealand and his Test total is 13.

**Donald Mann** (Ponsonby Club, Auckland). Aged 28, 5 ft. 11½ in., 14 st 10 lbs. Fitter. Plays as prop for his club and Auckland. His versatility is of great value to the team managers.

**Garry Smith** (Marist Club, Wellington). Aged 29, 6 ft. 3 in., 15 st. 10 lbs. Customs Officer. First played for New Zealand in 1966. Has played 25 Kiwi matches including one as a reserve and this total takes in 11 tests. Has scored six tries and one goal. In First Test team.

**Anthony Kriletich** (Marist Club, Auckland). Vice-captain. Aged 27, 5 ft. 10 in., 14 st. Panel Beater. Much of his football has been played as a loose forward. First played as a Kiwi when he toured Australia in 1967. Played in 1968 and 1970 World Cup series. Taken part in three test series at home, two against Australia and one against Great Britain. Totalled 26 matches, one as a reserve, and this includes 15 successive tests. Scored five tries. In First Test.

#### LOOSE FORWARDS

**Murray Eade** (Ellerslie Club, Auckland). Aged 23, 6 ft. 1½ in., 14 st. 7 lbs. Carrier. Another who can play in the second row or on the back of the scrum. Has played Rugby League for eight years.

**Ray Williams** (Richmond Club, Auckland). Aged 25, 5 ft. 10 in., 14 st. Plumber. Was injured in a match against Great Britain last year. Has been expected to make Kiwi honours for a while and his strong attacking games has now brought its reward.

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## MONEY FOR JAM . . .



FORMER Wigan player John Richards, now 'mine host' at The British Own Hotel at Pemberton, accepts two gold watches from Central Park Pools Organiser Ken Broome.

He runs an agency among his customers and won a watch for Mr. J. Gibson, 22 Church Street, Pemberton, and one for himself.

John has been selling Wigan Development Fund chances for months and months. But Frank Hilton, 26 Ravenswood Drive, Hindley, near Wigan, only

started as an agent a week last Wednesday.

First time out he sold the £100 First Prize ticket to earn himself a £10 agents bonus for doing so, in addition to his commission.

'Not only is it fun,' grinned Frank, 'but it's very rewarding in more ways than one.'

WHO HAS played most matches for Wigan—Billy Boston or Jack Cunliffe?

That's what Mr. R. Fishwick of 16 Canberra Road, Marsh Green, asked

us—obviously thinking that one of the two holds the Central Park record.

Billy Boston's Test brochure claims that he made 473 appearances for the club and, though the club records are incomplete, we know that will be about right. And that's a lot more than Jack Cunliffe although here again, our records are not complete.

But neither can beat our present coach, Eric Ashton. He played 502 games in the Wigan first team.

## Inexperience caught up with Wigan



Star of the match Eddie Cunningham going over for a try against Hull Kingston Rovers.

Wigan .....33  
Hull KR .....10

A MUCH-WEAKENED Wigan side dominated an almost full strength Hull to produce a brilliant victory which delighted a crowd which feared the worst before the start.

Man of the match was Eddie Cunningham, whose strong running, and powerful breaks, created havoc among the visitors who never really got to grips with him.

His 60 yards try, which left the Hull centre trailing badly, would have done credit to a centre and he was well supported by captain-for-the-day Colin Clarke whose leadership was first class. Colin Tyrer had a good game, too, capped by six goals.

Man for man, Wigan should have had little chance here and only one word sums up the

performance of the whole team: FANTASTIC.

Cunningham (2), Eastham (2), Ayres, Francis and Tyrer scored the tries and Tyrer kicked six goals.

Wigan: Tyrer, Wright, Francis, Rowe, Eastham, Gandy, Ayres, Hogan, Burdell, Clarke, Cunningham, Ashcroft, O'Laughlin.

Huddersfield .....17  
Wigan .....13

WITH JUST two experienced players in a pack consisting of 'A' team men, Wigan could have won this. As it was, a sadly depleted side went down on a ground where we normally expect to win.

No-one could have asked more of the side, who gave everything they had to the limit of their

ability, but the ball didn't run for us.

Ayres knocked-on with the line at his mercy. Then it happened to Park. Wigan were made to pay when Huddersfield caught us napping twice—once out of the scrum, and once from a play the ball—to snatch two tries out of the blue.

It was sheer inexperience that caused it, and underlines the extremely difficult situation facing the experienced players still available.

Wright, Hill and Molyneux were the Wigan try scorers. Tyrer kicked two goals.

Wigan: Tyrer, Wright, Francis, Hill, Eastham, Gandy, Ayres, Hogan, Hollingsworth, Ashcroft, Park, Molyneux, O'Laughlin (Kevin). Subs: O'Laughlin (Keiron), Ramsdale.

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# Full test line-up by Kiwis on Sunday

In their last game before next Saturday's Test with Great Britain the Kiwis are certain to field their projected team for the Great Britain match.

## SUNDAY LINE-UP

WIGAN		WIGAN		NEW ZEALAND	
		Tries	Goals		
1	COLIN TYRER			14	JOHN WHITTAKER
2	STUART WRIGHT			5	PHIL ORCHARD
3	BILL FRANCIS			16	BERNIE LOWTHER
4	DAVID HILL			4	RAY CHRISTIAN
5	CHRIS FULLER			5	M. BRERETON
6	A. N. OTHER			17	DANNY WILLIAMS
7	WARREN AYRES			7	KEN STIRLING
8	BRIAN HOGAN			8	HENERY TATANA
9	COLIN CLARKE			9	JIM FISHER
10	GEOFF FLETCHER			11	ROBIN ORCHARD
11	BILL ASHURST			21	GARY SMITH
12	DENNIS ASHCROFT			22	TONY KRILITICH
13	KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN			13	BARRY EADE
14	DAVE GANDY/ PETER ROWE			14	GARY WOOLARD
15	JIM MOLYNEUX			15	DON MANN

# Star Union trialist plays against Oldham

Wigan plan to field a very well known Rugby Union stand-off half against Oldham tonight (Friday). There will be no announcement as to his identity, for obvious reasons, but if his form warrants it an early signing is indicated. That's Mr. A. N. Other on your team sheet below.

## FRIDAY LINE-UP

WIGAN 28		WIGAN		OLDHAM 13	
		Tries	Goals		
1	COLIN TYRER			1	MARTIN MURPHY
2	STUART WRIGHT			2	MIKE ELLIOTT
3	BILL FRANCIS			3	PHIL LARDER
4	DAVID HILL			4	TREVOR BUCKLEY
5	CHRIS FULLER			5	NORMAN HODGKINSON
6	A. N. OTHER			6	ALAN KELLETT
7	WARREN AYRES			7	CLIFF HILL
8	BRIAN HOGAN			8	CLIFF SAYER
9	TERRY HOLLINGSWORTH			9	KEVIN TAYLOR
10	GEOFF FLETCHER			10	ALAN OGDEN
11	BILL ASHURST			11	BOB IRVING
12	DENNIS ASHCROFT			12	JOHN ALCHIN
13	KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN			13	RAY CLARKE
14	DAVE GANDY/ PETER ROWE			14	TONY SCAHILL
15	JIM MOLYNEUX			15	DICK BONSOR

## Drop goal worth only one point

THE DROP GOAL scores only one point in all games against the New Zealand tourists, so remember that when the Kiwis play at Central Park on Sunday.

The New Zealand League raises no objection to our continuing with our practice of lobbing the ball

gently into the scrum, but insists on the International Rule being observed and that their players be allowed to put the ball in with a downward motion or roll it along the ground into the scrum.

The New Zealand League will not agree to

our British rule regarding players who are substituted themselves acting as substitutes. Against New Zealand two substitutes can be used at any time up to the final whistle, but the players substituted are not able to return to the field of play.

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