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CLUB NOTES

WELCOME

May I start our Club Notes by extending a warm welcome to the Officials, Players and Supporters of the Oldham Club.

As our Clubs did not meet last season, their team has undergone a number of changes and in consequence we can only speculate as to their performance. However under the guidance of former Great Britain coach Jim Challinor they have the reputation of playing "open-type" football, and as our own team are not lacking in this direction we, the spectators, could have a fine game in prospect. Often big spenders in the past, our visitors have also kept an eye for promising juniors and have cast their net into this area on occasions — winger Steve Lund from Castleford being a particular case in point. Stand-off Dave Treasure also hails from this neck of the woods, but formerly played for Bradford Northern after graduating through our own Juniors. Tony Wainwright was a shrewd signing from Leeds, but perhaps the best-known player on their team is goalkicking centre Phil Larder.

TODAY'S REFEREE: MR. JOHN ENTWISTLE

Born 29.3.47. Height: 5ft. 7½ins. Weight: 10st. 7lb. Single.

Hobbies: Squash, Cricket, Boating, Music, Sports in general.

Occupation: Insurance Administration Supervisor, Automobile Association.

YORKSHIRE CUP

After two very exciting duels Castleford finally beat Hull to provide the opposition for Rovers in the second round of the Yorkshire Cup Competition. That match, incidentally, has been arranged for next Sunday, 14th September, kick-off 3.30 p.m. The competition is again sponsored by the Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd., and after the first round appears to have all the makings of an exciting tournament.

TONY SULLIVAN

To help cope with our scrum-half difficulties, Rovers have obtained on loan from York experienced halfback Tony Sullivan. We hope his stay will be a pleasant one, and if he gives the same service as the other recruit from York, Clive Hill, Rovers will be more than satisfied.

THE JOHN PLAYER YEARBOOK

The new edition of this excellent publication will shortly be available, price £2.50 each. Orders can now be placed with the Secretary.

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Elected Northern Rugby Football League — June 1921

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Challenge Cup — Winners 1967, 1973; Runners-up 1952, 1974

Northern Rugby Football League Championship — Runners-up 1928

Yorkshire Challenge Cup — Winners 1940, 1959; Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966, 1969, 1970

Yorkshire League — Runners-up 1928, 1962

Yorkshire Senior Competition Cup — Winners 1946; Runners-up 1955, 1960

Yorkshire Senior Competition Shield — Winners 1946, 1962, 1972

GROUND RECORDS

R.L. Cup Attendance — v. St. Helens; March 1959; 17,531

R.L. Cup Receipts — v. Salford; February 1970; £3,556

Yorks. Cup — v. Leeds; Sept. 1959; Attendance 10,700; Receipts £1,190

League — v. Wakefield; January 1962; Attendance 14,990; Receipts £1,400

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Great Britain — T. Askin, J. H. Bridges, T. Clawson, M. Dixon, D. Fox, G. Jordan, A. Morgan, S. Nash, J. Thompson

Under-24's — V. Farrar, T. Ramshaw, V. Thomas, J. Thompson, L. Tonks

Under-21's — M. Clamp, D. Fox, D. Metcalfe

England — M. Dixon, J. Hirst, A. Morgan, J. Mullaney, J. Thompson, A. Wood

Other Nationalities — J. Daly

R.L. XIII — M. Clamp, G. Johnson, B. Lockwood

Eastern Division — T. Clawson, L. Hammill

R.L. Tourists — T. Askin, J. H. Bridges, G. Cooper, C. Dooler, D. Fox, A. Morgan, S. Nash, J. Thompson

Yorkshire —

T. Askin, C. Annable, E. Barraclough, T. Clawson, W. Clements, C. Dooler, J. Denton, M. Dixon, V. Farrar, D. Fox, L. Hammill, D. Hartley, J. Hirst, M. Hirst, A. Longley, D. Metcalfe, A. Morgan, P. Morris, J. Mullaney, S. Nash, J. Newlove, C. Plenderleith, J. M. Smith, R. Stone, W. Stott, W. Tennant, J. Thompson, G. Waterworth, E. Winter, A. Wood, C. Woolford, E. Wright

"AFTER YOU, CLAUDE"

A Personal View by
BOB PEMBERTON (Former Daily Telegraph R.L. expert)

SOME people think that Rugby League is too tough. That referees should help clean up the sport. What nonsense! Save us from these squeamish prigs who can't bear to see a little bit of devil put into the play. Take the brawn out of Rugby League and we might as well be left with watching the girls of St. Trinian's playing netball. Have YOU ever seen an exhibition game of Rugby League played in the "After you, Claude" manner? Awful, isn't it?

Rugby League is a man's game. If you play it, you must be prepared to have an ear torn, lose a few teeth, receive the odd black eye, have a broken jaw (you won't eat solid food for a couple of months), dislocate your shoulder, crack a few ribs, fracture a finger — any of a hundred-and-one aches and pains that don't let you sleep nights.

No-one worries about such trivialities! What really worries a Rugby League player is the fear of receiving an injury that will put him out of the game for ever, an injury which would send him back to a normal life in which he can use a knife and fork without twitching, a life in which his wife would have no worries about her "gladiator" getting home in one piece. One or two players have been successful all-in wrestlers. I love that sport — but I love a tough Rugby League match that much better.

Internationally, the game is even tougher than our own domestic competition. You don't win the World Cup wearing kid gloves and doing a soft shoe shuffle. There are some mighty tough guys playing in Australia, New Zealand, France and here in Britain. The Australian Press didn't name Vince Karalius the "Wild Bull of the Pampas" for nothing. Vince always played hard and fair, and he passed this on to his Widnes team when he took up coaching.

Some critics of the game point to the large number of dismissals every season. But the early bath is as much part and parcel of Rugby League as a scrum or a drop goal. If you go on the field with the intention of throwing your weight about — and it's all part of the game — then someone, sometime, somewhere is not going to take it lying down. Would you?

Some "naughty boys" are for ever before the Disciplinary Committee. Personally, I have no time for rugby "thugs" who should be banned from playing. But for the rest: keep up the good work, play the game hard and fair. We love every minute of it!

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SENIOR TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground
1975		
Aug 17	Su Bradford N. ...H	23-17 W
22	F St. Helens ...A	3-17 L
30	S Huddersfield ...A	19- 7 W (Y.C., 1st Rd.)
Sept 7	Su Oldham	3.30...H
13/14	S/Su Yorks. Cup, 2nd Rd. Castleford/Hull	...H
21	Su Bradford N.	3.00...A
28	Su Player's No. 6, 1st Rd.	
Oct 5	Su St. Helens	3.30...H
12	Su Widnes	3.30...H
19	Su Swinton	3.00...A
26	Su Warrington	3.00...H
Nov 1	S Wigan	3.00...A
9	Su Player's No. 6, 2nd Rd.	
16	Su Dewsbury	3.30...A
23	Su Hull K.R.	2.30...H
28	F Salford	7.30...A
Dec 7	Su Wigan	2.30...H
13	S Leeds	3.00...A
20	S Huddersfield	3.00...A
26	BD Castleford	...H
28	Su Widnes	3.00...A
1976		
Jan 1	Th Wakefield T.	3.30...A
4	Su Keighley	2.30...H
11	Su Leeds	2.30...H
18	Su Warrington	3.00...A
24	S Huddersfield	2.30...H
Feb 1	Su Hull K.R.	3.00...A
7	S Dewsbury	3.00...H
15	Su R.L. Cup, 1st Round	
22	Su Keighley	3.00...A
29	Su R.L.Cup, 2nd Rd.	
Mar 7	Su Swinton	3.30...H
14	Su	
21	Su Salford	3.30...H
28	Su Oldham	3.00...A
Apr 4	Su	
11	Su	
16	GF Wakefield T.	5.30...H
19	EM Castleford	7.30...A

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground
1975		
Aug 16	S Bradford N.	3.00...A P
23	S Wakefield T.	...H 10-13 W
30	S	
Sept 6	S Wakefield T.	3.00...A
13	S York	3.00...H
20	S Y.S.C. Cup, 1st Rd.	
27	S	
Oct 4	S Leeds	3.00...A
11	S Hull	2.30...A
18	S Y.S.C. Cup, 2nd Rd.	
25	S Batley	3.00...A
Nov 1	S Bradford N.	3.00...H
8	S New Hunslet	2.30...H
15	S Dewsbury	2.30...H
22	S Hull K.R.	2.30...A
29	S York	2.30...A
Dec 6	S Leeds	2.30...H
13	S Dewsbury	2.30...A
20	S Huddersfield	2.30...H
27	S Castleford	3.00...A
1976		
Jan 2	F Keighley	7.30...A
10	S Huddersfield	3.00...A
17	S Batley	2.30...H
24	S New Hunslet	3.00...A
31	S Halifax	3.00...H
Feb 7	S	
14	S Hull K.R.	3.00...H
21	S Keighley	3.00...H
28	S Halifax	3.00...A
Mar 6	S Bramley	3.00...A
13	S Hull	3.00...H
20	S Bramley	3.00...H
27	S Castleford	3.00...H
R.L. CHALLENGE CUP		
1st Round	...	February 14th
2nd Round	...	February 20th
3rd Round	...	March 13th
1st Semi-final	...	March 27th
2nd Semi-final	...	April 3rd
Final (at Wembley)	...	May 8th

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- 8 Barry HOLLIS
- 9 Keith BRIDGES
- 10 Mick GIBBINS
- 11 Pete SMITH
- 12 Keith BELL
- 13 Charlie STONE
- 14 Roland HOLDEN
- 15 Jimmy THOMPSON

Goals Tries Points

Referee: MR. J. ENTWISTLE (Manchester)

Touch Judge, Red Flag:
MR. F. MARSHALL

Touch Judge, Yellow Flag:
MR. A. FORTH

OLDHAM

- 1 Martin MURPHY
- 2 Mike ELLIOTT
- 3 Phil LARDER
- 4 Tony WAINWRIGHT
- 5 Stephen LUND
- 6 David TREASURE
- 7 John HAMMOND
- 8 Ray HICKS
- 9 Kevin TAYLOR
- 10 Bob WELDING
- 11 Fred HALL
- 12 Stephen HERBERT
- 13 Dicky BROWN
- 14
- 15

Half-Time.....

Result.....

Attendance.....

Receipts.....



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APPEARANCES and POINTS SCORERS

Player		Season 1975/76					Total Senior Records			
		App	T	G	Pts		App	T	G	Pts
BELL K.	...	3	-	-	-	...	60	4	5	22
BOX H.	...	3	-	6	12	...	142	16	370	788
BRIDGES J.	...	3	2	-	6	...	137	29	5	97
BUTLER P. (3 D.G.)	...	1	-	-	-	...	23	-	3	3
COVENTRY P.	...	3	1	-	3	...	115	36	-	108
FARRAR V.	...	1	-	-	-	...	236	49	-	147
FENNELL D.	...	2	-	-	-	...	2	-	-	-
GIBBINS M.	...	3	-	-	-	...	66	2	-	6
HOLLIS B.	...	3	-	-	-	...	85	15	9	63
HILL C.	...	3	1	-	3	...	11	4	-	12
KELLETT K.	...	3	2	-	6	...	114	40	-	120
NEWLOVE J. (1 D.G.)	...	2	2	-	6	...	298	102	3	311
SMITH M.	...	3	1	-	3	...	355	113	1	341
SMITH P.	...	1	-	-	-	...	35	3	-	9
STONE R.	...	2	-	-	-	...	153	16	-	48
THOMPSON J.	...	3	-	-	-	...	210	33	-	99
TUFFS N.	...	2	2	-	6	...	15	4	21	54

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

TRIES — **Match:** 6, M. J. Smith (1968); **Season:** 31, C. Woolford (1958-59);
Career: 162, D. Fox (1953-1966)

GOALS — **Match:** 12, D. Fox (1964); **Season:** 139, C. Kellett (1972-73);
Career: 557, C. Kellett (1968-1974)

POINTS — **Match:** 27, D. Fox (1964); **Season:** 294, D. Fox (1963-1964);
Career: 1,492, D. Fox (1953-1966)

APPEARANCES — **Season:** 46, C. Woolford (1959-60); **Career:** 440, J. Denton (1921-34)

FASTEST CENTURY OF POINTS — T. Smales (1966-67) — 9 matches

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS — 12 (1972-73)

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS — 9 (1972-73)

HIGHEST SCORE — v. Whitehaven, 1971 — 65 points

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THE SAXTON PAGE

STEVE NASH

ALTHOUGH Steve is, in my opinion, the best scrum-half in rugby league, it is a fact that his first five games in the Rovers first team were at stand-off and his chance came because of the 1967 cup run to Wembley. As is usual in these circumstances key players were left out of the games before the cup-ties, and Steve stood in for Mick Smith. Allan Watts was the scrum-half stand-in for Carl Dooler, as he was during the early part of 1967-68, but sometime during that season Steve Nash made the transition from No. 6 to No. 7, because on Boxing Day against York he made his first appearance in the first team at scrum-half.

His career record with the Rovers is :

Season	Appearances	Tries	Goals	Points
1966-67	5	1	0	3
1967-68	12	0	1	2
1968-69	30	5	3	21
1969-70	41	14	17	76
1970-71	16	6	7	32
1971-72	26	6	5	28
1972-73	35	10	18	66
1973-74	25	5	20	55
1974-75	11	5	1	16
Total	201	52	72	299

The cost of his transfer to Salford was the highest involving two English clubs. The following list shows where the money has been in recent years in the Northern Rugby League:—

£20,000 ...	M. Stephenson (Dewsbury to Penrith), 1973.
£15,000 ...	M. Reilly (Castleford to Manly), 1971.
£15,000 ...	W. F. Ashurst (Wigan to Penrith), 1973.
£15,000 ...	S. Nash (Featherstone R. to Salford), 1975.
£14,000 ...	J. Grey (Wigan to North Sydney), 1975.
£13,500 ...	E. Prescott (St. Helens to Salford), 1972.
£13,000 ...	H. P. Charlton (Workington T. to Salford), 1969.
£12,000 ...	C. Dixon (Halifax to Salford), 1968.

As befits his record fee tag, Steve Nash has played in more international games than any other player and I will deal with this aspect of his career next time.

RAY EVANS

(Ex Featherstone Rovers, Rochdale Hornets
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FEATHERSTONE Fans will be pleased to note that in the BBC Radio Leeds Rugby League Quiz, the Rovers team (consisting of Trevor Walker, Jack Sykes, Keith Bell and Dale Fennell) beat the New Hunslet team in the Preliminary Round. They then beat Keighley by 15 points to 11½ points and reached the Semi-Final. The Quiz was held at the Wakefield Liberal Club, and the Question Master was Roy Francis. The other quarter-final tie was Wakefield Trinity versus Halifax in which Halifax won by 17 points to 14½ points.

The other two Semi-Finalists are from Bradford Northern, Bramley, Dewsbury and Huddersfield, who played last Wednesday evening, but at the time of writing the results of these were not known.

The Semi-Finals should be held in the very near future, and BBC Radio Leeds will decide the date and venue.

The rounds of this Quiz, the questions of which have been compiled by Tim Heeley, Rugby League commentator of BBC Radio Leeds, are due to be broadcast on Radio Leeds within the next few weeks.

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