

THE PIONEERS—NEW ZEALAND IN ENGLAND, 1907-1908.

	Opponents	New Zealand.			Opponents.		
		G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
Oct. 9—	Bramley	5	5	25	0	2	6
" 12—	Huddersfield	2	5	19	1	2	8
" 16—	Widnes	4	6	26	1	3	11
" 19—	Broughton Rangers	4	4	20	4	2	14
" 23—	Wakefield Trinity	1	1	5	1	1	5
" 26—	Leeds	1	2	8	1	0	2
" 30—	St. Helens	3	6	24	1	1	5
Nov. 2—	Merthyr Tydfil	3	7	27	0	3	9
" 5—	Keighley	0	3	9	2	1	7
" 9—	Wigan	1	2	8	0	4	12
" 14—	Barrow	0	1	3	0	2	6
" 16—	Hull	3	4	18	2	3	13
" 20—	Leigh	3	1	9	3	3	15
" 23—	Oldham	2	1	7	1	2	8
" 27—	Runcorn	0	0	0	0	3	9
" 30—	Dewsbury and Batley.....	3	4	18	1	2	8
Dec. 4—	Swinton	4	1	11	1	0	2
" 7—	Rochdale Hornets	2	5	19	0	0	0
" 10—	Bradford	1	0	2	2	1	7
" 14—	Halifax	2	0	4	0	3	9
" 18—	Yorkshire	7	3	23	2	0	4
" 21—	Warrington	2	1	7	1	2	8
" 26—	Hunslet	4	1	11	4	1	11
" 28—	Salford	0	3	9	1	0	2
Jan. 1—	Wales	1	2	8	0	3	9
" 4—	Hull Kingston Rovers.....	0	2	6	0	1	3
" 9—	Cumberland	3	1	9	3	5	21
" 11—	England	2	4	16	3	4	18
" 18—	Lancashire	2	0	4	1	6	20
" 25—	England	0	2	16	1	4	14
" 29—	York	0	1	3	1	1	5
Feb. 1—	Ebbw Vale	0	1	3	1	0	2
" 8—	England	3	4	18	0	2	6
" 15—	England	1	2	8	1	1	5
" 22—	St. Helens	3	5	21	2	2	10
		72	90	414	42	70	294

Played 35. Won 19. Lost 14. Drawn 2.

Members of Team and Points Scored.

C. Byrne (6), A. H. Baskerville (3), T. Cross (3), A. Callam (0), C. Dunning (0), D. G. Frater (0), D. Gilchrist (0), J. G. Gleeson (0), W. Johnston (15), A. F. Kelly (3), A. Lile (6), J. A. Lavery (6), W. Mackrell (0), D. McGregor (6), H. H. Messenger (146), C. J. Pearce (0), H. F. Rowe (30), G. W. Smith (8), W. Trevarthan (3), W. T. Tyler (12), H. S. Turtill (9), H. Tyne (9), L. B. Todd (24), H. R. Wright (15), E. Wrigley (37), E. Watkins (0), R. Wynyard (45), W. T. Wynyard (18).

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Second Row: D. L. Blanchard, D. Richards, R. J. Cranch, D. H. White, W. R. McLennan, C. R. Johnson, W. Sorensen, W. G. David.
Sitting: T. O. Baxter, J. J. Curtain, J. S. Haig, T. F. McKenzie (joint team manager), M. H. Robertson (captain), D. A. Wilkie (joint team manager), G. J. Burgoyne, A. Berryman, T. A. McClymont (coach).
In front: D. A. Barchard, J. F. Dodd, W. B. K. Hough, G. Menzies.

Pen Pictures of Our Visitors.

MAURICE ROBERTSON.

Captain of the team; came over with the 1947 Kiwis; has a devastating side-step and is a much shrewder player than on last visit.

BRUCE ROBERTSON.

Brother to the above player; just 18 years of age; he made his first representative appearance at the age of 17 years and plays like a veteran. Very fast off the mark; has a deceptive change of pace; a side-step like his brother and an uncanny anticipation of play. Good tackler and the best prospect of the three brothers Robertson.

GEORGE MENZIES.

From the West Coast of South Island; reputed to be the fastest man off the mark seen in New Zealand; handles and defends well. Requires big match experience to develop into a Test player.

CYRIL EASTLAKE.

Quietly spoken, slimly built Auckland utility back; another star in the making.

WILL SORESENSEN.

A 6-foot, 12-stone centre; a crashing, spectacular runner; will develop as the tour goes on.

ANDREW BERRYMAN.

The only Maori in the party; stocky; and in this player the South Aucklanders think they have another George Nepia; has played in every position in the backs. Chosen as full-back, appears more impressive as centre.

JIM EDWARDS.

A winger; whilst not very fast, he has perfect balance and amazing acceleration.

TOMMY BAXTER.

13st. centre; is in his third international year although only 21 years of age and good example of the foresight of the New Zealand selectors.

JIM HAIG.

Came with the last touring team; still rated as the best scrum half in New Zealand. A broken ankle in the first match in the 1947 tour kept him out of the game for some time; still in peak form and contributed largely to England's downfall in the Test last year. He was voted one of the four New Zealand sportsmen of the year in 1950.

DES BARCHARD.

Also came in 1947. One of the most unlucky men in New Zealand, not to go into the "All Blacks" R.U. team of 1947, and has been in every Kiwi team since turning over to League, except in 1949 when injuries kept him out.

CLIFF JOHNSON.

Another perfect physical specimen who is ideally suited by build and temperament for his position—prop forward.

CHARLIE McBRIDE.

Is playing as well, if not better, than he did on the 1947 tour. Fiery, fast and aggressive, he is a glutton for work.

GEORGE DAVIDSON.

Will be remembered as the young hooker of the last tour. Is a much better and aggressive footballer now than four years ago. Not over big, but has been successful in Kiwi teams for the last three years.

LAURIE BLANCHARD.

From Canterbury; has been both Union and League hooker and has just missed Kiwi selection for the last two years.

RAY CRANCH.

Is also a likely prospect for hooking position; led the New Zealand Baseball team last summer.

ALISTER ATKINSON.

Quiet spoken Canterbury man; has several times represented Canterbury and the South Island. He is very fast.

FRANK MULCARE.

Snowy headed; will be a star forward if he maintains New Zealand form in England.

The team, whose average age is 23½ years, is the youngest to leave New Zealand. They are 21lbs. a man lighter than the last Touring Team, yet they are taller men and considerably faster. The average weight of the backs is 12st. and of the forwards slightly under 14st. The Managers are David Wilkie and William McKensie, both from the West Coast. Both are very capable and easy going, yet stern disciplinarians.

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Watersheddings News and Views.

Once again it is our privilege to entertain a Commonwealth Rugby League Touring Team—and we say welcome, New Zealand, to Watersheddings. Many thousands of miles have you come from the far outpost of the British Empire to play on this famous enclosure of ours and our thanks are due to you for this fixture that has been granted. It is a proud record of ours that we have played against all the touring teams that have visited this country, with the exception of the 1939/40 New Zealand Team who were forced to return through the outbreak of war.

Today is a red letter day of our 1951/52 season. We have been looking forward to this day and to give our visitors a share of that welcome that is so generously given them wherever they visit. We at Oldham do not intend to be behind in giving our visitors a welcome that they will feel at home.
How the Tours began.

Today we have as special guests of our club, four Commonwealth ex-players, Messrs. G. W. Smith, A. F. Kelly and P. C. Stephenson of New Zealand and A. E. Anlezark of Australia. The first three are resident in this town and Mr. Anlezark resident in Wilmslow. To one who blazed the trail from this country to Australia was G. W. Smith.

George came to this country with the 1905/6 New Zealand All Blacks who played Rugby Union, and on this tour played 32 matches and won 31, scoring 831 points against 38. The only match that was lost was played against Wales at Cardiff when Dr. Teddy Morgan scored the only try that counted. It is on record that Robert Deans of the All Blacks scored a try that was disallowed, and amongst older patrons of the game this disputed try causes a lot of discussion when brought up. George returned to New Zealand with the touring team and settled down with his club—Auckland City. This club later toured Australia and George, being a friend of Victor Trumper, who had at that time a sports outfitting shop in Market Street, Sydney, called in the shop and the talk turned to Rugby. Trumper, who had toured England with the Australian cricket team just prior to the 1905/6 Union Team, was interested in our league game in so far as payment for services, with the result that George W. Smith was invited to scrape a team of New Zealanders together to come to England to play the professional league game.

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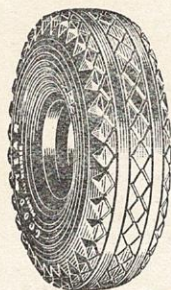
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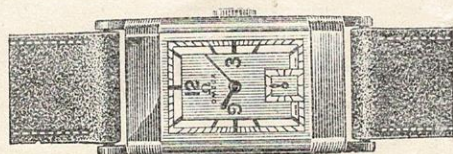
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13 GOLDSWAIN, B. V. (Capt.)

Reserves—OGDIN, H. O'GRADY.

Referee: Mr. C. F. APPLETON, Warrington

Touch Judges: Mr. A. Burge, Leigh (Red Flag). Mr. J. Woodward, St. Helens.
(Blue Flag)

Reserves—4 EDWARDS 15 MULCARE 18 RICHARDS

16 ATKINSON

26 ENGLISH 19 McBRIDE

23 JOHNSON 22 BLANCHARD 25 McLENNAN

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In 1907 the fortunes of our game were at a low ebb. Our players were extremely orthodox, and public patronage was weakened. The advent of Baskerville's "All Blacks" gave a wonderful impetus to our game. This Commonwealth Team quickly demonstrated the great possibilities of modern Rugby and before the tour was a month old our players smartened up their latent resource and followed the New Zealand example, indulged more in spectacular combination and resourceful defence. The Rugby League owes an inestimable debt of gratitude to the New Zealand pioneers of 1907, the men that blazed the trail and have made all tours possible. To George Smith and Arthur Kelly, who are with us today, we lift our hats to you for playing that little part in bringing the enjoyment we have had from past teams, and we hope, the future teams that will visit this country.

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2	Berryman, Andrew	20	5 10	12 6
3	Forrest, John Alexander.....	27	5 9	12 2
4	Edwards, James Robert.....	24	5 8	12 0
5	Eastlake, Cyril Aston.....	20	5 9	11 5
6	Hough, William Bevan Keith.....	22	5 8	11 0
7	Sorensen, William	19	5 11	12 3
8	Baxter, Thomas Owen	21	5 8	13 6
9	Robertson, Maurice Hunter Winsor.....	26	5 11	11 7
10	Robertson, Bruce Edward.....	18	5 9	11 4
11	Dodd, John Fraser.....	23	5 6	12 1
12	Menzies, George	20	5 8	10 12
13	Haig, James Scott	26	5 5	12 0
14	Barchard, Desmond Alfred.....	28	5 5	12 0
15	Mulcare, Francis Gerard	22	5 11	12 6
16	Atkinson, Alistair James.....	25	5 11	12 5
17	Burgoyne, Graham John	23	6 2	13 4
18	Richards-Jolley, Douglas	26	6 0	13 12
19	McBride, Charles Joseph.....	26	5 9	13 8
20	Curtain, Joseph John.....	25	6 2	14 0
21	Davidson, William George	25	5 10	12 12
22	Blanchard, David Lory.....	26	5 11	13 7
23	Johnson, Clifford Raymond.....	22	6 1	14 7
24	Cranch, Raymond James	28	5 11	13 7
25	McLennan, William Richard	23	6 1	15 11
26	English, Kenneth Hamilton	24	5 11	14 0