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	Season 407	N. Fox	1961-2
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CLUB NOTES

THE GROUND

On your visits to Belle Vue this season you will have noticed that attention has been paid to necessary preservation work. The stands have been re-painted, partly through generosity from outside sources. External surroundings, though evidently capable of some improvement, have not received the same attention.

The fact is, of course, that the financial situation of the club is not sufficiently able to undertake anything beyond what is necessary inside, with the result that some work beyond that however desirable it may seem, cannot be undertaken.

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Some of those intending to apply appear to have been taken by surprise by this. It appears that there were so many calls on the grant from all parts of the country that the amount allocated could soon be exhausted.

So it was that many schemes were put forward too late for consideration. Amongst these, unhappily, was Trinity's, and, as the Department's decision is for the present final, one can well understand that when such help again becomes available Trinity's claim will be submitted and, we hope, receive favourable consideration.

Efforts to that end will continue to be made.

THE AMATEURS

The Rugby League professional clubs at all times have acknowledged their indebtedness to the R.L. Amateurs for most of the players who come into our game. Those of us who follow these matters closely will have been perturbed by recent reports of differences between Amateur organisations and the Rugby League.

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PLAYERS' RECORDS (FIRST TEAM) 1973-74

1973-74 Season					Full Totals			
Full-backs	App.	G.	T.	Pts.	App.	G.	T.	Pts.
G. Wraith	6	0	2	6	208	15	44	162
L. Sheard	1	0	0	0	14	0	4	12
Three-quarters :								
D. Smith	7	0	9	27	59	4	38	122
B. Parker	7	0	3	9	7	0	3	9
T. Crook	7	5	7	31	81	83	19	224
R. Layton	4	0	2	6	25	0	10	30
G. Wrigglesworth	4	0	2	6	24	0	12	36
J. Hegarty	3	0	0	0	66	0	25	75
Half-backs :								
D. Topliss	7	0	5	15	168	1	96	290
J. Bonnar	3	0	0	0	111	0	25	75
K. Harkin	6	0	0	0	88	3	14	49
Forwards :								
R. A. Valentine	4	0	1	3	102	1	8	26
M. Summers	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
S. Lyons	4	0	0	0	71	0	10	30
D. Knowles	7	0	2	6	39	0	14	42
R. Bratt	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	3
G. Ballantyne	5	0	3	9	73	0	11	33
A. Tonks	7	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
M. Morgan	7	0	3	9	144	0	44	132
K. Endersby	7	0	2	6	51	0	3	9
N. Fox	6	32	5	79	560	1806	269	4419

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Different opinions there can always be on any matters, but when two organisations need one another, the eventual outcome is dependent on recognition of that.

FIXTURES

We have previously this season noted the extraordinary lengthened programme which the more successful clubs will find themselves facing, with the resultant risk of staleness among players. There is another aspect which may force itself into consideration and which may not at once be assessed by those not in close touch with financial affairs.

But such followers are bound to notice the many cases of small attendances and will be drawn to the inevitable conclusion that most matches played by some clubs must result in financial loss. The logical conclusion could therefore be that a short fixture list is preferable to a long one.

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More recently there has arisen the help of sponsorship. What that has meant to cricket has been easily discernible, but it seems that for our games those pleasing results are more difficult of attainment. Let us hope that they will arrive, given longer time.

These early stages have shown that in some cases the games must have resulted in further financial loss if gate receipts were the only source. So it is pleasing to note that, although the greatest rewards are reserved for the successful, those failing in earlier rounds are not being forgotten. Whether the allocation to them is sufficient is something which only those clubs can assess for themselves.

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For the Test Matches, seating tickets will be at £1.50 and £1, with ground admission 50p in respect of those played at Leeds and Warrington. Seating tickets at Wembley (November 3rd) will be at £2, £1.50 and £1.

Please note again that the match between Trinity and the Australians has been brought forward to Wednesday, October 3rd, kick-off 7.30.



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OLDHAM

To-day we welcome our friends from Oldham on one of their rare visits to our Belle Vue ground. This afternoon's visit is, in fact, only their second in ten seasons.

Oldham were last here in 1970/71, losing by 38-2 after our two sides had drawn 15-15 at Watersheddings in an earlier league game. Prior to those games one has to go back to 1962/63 when the two league meetings brought Oldham victory at Belle Vue by 19-12 and Trinity a victory at Oldham by 15-3.

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COMPETITION PROGRESS

Our emphatic victory over Blackpool Borough last week-end in the 1st round of the Players No. 6 competition takes us another step towards additional financial reward. Prize money ahead in this contest ranges from £300 (defeated second round clubs), £450 (losing quarter-finalists), £1,000 (defeated semi-finalists), to the £2,500 or £5,000 which goes to the runners-up and winners of this contest. The second round, incidentally, will be played on the week-end of December 15th.

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Right Centre	3	CROOK		
Left Centre	4	HEGARTY	5	
Left Wing	5	PARKER		
Off-half	6	TOPLISS		1
Scrum-half	7	BONNAR		
Prop Forward	8	VALENTINE		
Hooker	9	MORGAN		
Front Row Forward	10	BRATT		
Second Row	11	TONKS		
Second Row	12	ENDERSBY		
Loose Forward	13	ELLIS		1
Substitute Back	14	HARKIN		
Substitute Forward	15	KNOWLES		1

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Right Wing	2	ELLIOTT		
Right Centre	3	DAVIES		
Left Centre	4	WAINWRIGHT		
Left Wing	5	O'BRIAN		
Off-half	6	MURPHY		
Scrum-half	7	KAVANAGH		
Prop Forward	8	ASHCROFT		
Hooker	9	TAYLOR		
Front Row Forward	10	HALL		
Second Row	11	GOODWIN		
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Bat'ley at home in round one) and the BBC2 tv Floodlit competition in which Bramley, here are Belle Vue, will be our first round opponents.

OUR NEXT MATCH

On Wednesday evening, kick-off 7.30 p.m., Castleford form the opposition in the Yorkshire Challenge Cup semi-final. We can already point to one victory over 'Cas' this season—succeeding by 21-14 in the opening league encounter of the campaign at Wheldon Road.

The other semi-final of the County Cup will be played at Headingley on the previous evening between Leeds (the holders) and Bradford Northern. So, when Castleford and Trinity meet each other they will already know who the winners will meet in the Final to be played at Headingley on Saturday, 20th October.

COUNTY HONOURS

The four Trinity players who were on duty when Yorkshire defeated Cumbria at Bramley the other week, retained their positions

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in the engagement against Lancashire on Wednesday...DAVID TOPLISS (off-half), GEORGE BALLANTYNE (Prop), and MICHAEL MORGAN (hooker), plus GEOFF. WRAITH (sub. back).

Unfortunately Ballantyne's ankle injury forced him to withdraw.

100 TRIES

Throughout the Club's long history only 8 players have reached a century of tries for Trinity and so it is interesting to note here that one of our present side—David Topliss—is fast approaching this milestone quite early in his career and seems certain to shortly join this select band who have reached the 100-try mark:

Neil Fox (269), Fred Smith (188), Dennis Booker (127), Geft Coetzer (122), Herbert Goodfellow (114), Arthur Fletcher (114), 'Ted' Bateson (113) and Hen Hirst (100).

Topliss's try against Blackpool Borough last Sunday brought him to the 96 try mark in 168 games for Trinity.

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Referee: R. Campbell (Widnes).

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INJURIES

George Ballantyne suffered an ankle injury in the County game against Cumbria and was unfit last week-end. During the game with Blackpool Borough Geoff. Wrigglesworth and Barry Parker had to retire with injuries. It is hoped that all these players will be fit to resume this week-end.

The emphatic 47-13 victory over Blackpool Borough in the first round of the Players No. 6 competition was to be clouded, late in the game, by an injury to our player-coach Neil Fox whose 20 points (from 2 tries and 7 goals) brought his scoring total in six games this season to a remarkable 79 points.

Neil suffered a badly dislocated collar bone which could keep him out of action for up to three months. All will wish him a speedy recovery, and hope that he will be back in action earlier than first thought.

CAPTAIN MORGAN TROPHY

The 1st round will be zoned; Lancashire clubs paired together, Yorkshire clubs playing together. No zoning will be made in subsequent rounds, and the final will be staged on a neutral ground.

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Date	Opponents	Gr'd
1973		
Aug. 17 Fri.	Castleford	A
25 Sat.	ROCHDALE	H
27 Mon.	Dewsbury (6.30)	A
Sept. 2 Sun.	DONCASTER	H
	(Yorks. Cup 1st Rd.)	
7 Fri.	St. Helens	A
23 Sun.	OLDHAM	H
30 Sun.	Warrington (3.00)	A
Oct. 3 Wed.	AUSTRALIA	H
7 Sun.	LEEDS	H
13 Sat.	Wigan	A
20 Sat.	HULL K.R.	H
27 Sat.	BRAMLEY	H
Nov. 2 Fri.	Salford	A
11 Sun.	FEATHERSTONE	H
18 Sun.	Widnes (3.00)	A
25 Sun.	SALFORD	H
Dec. 2 Sun.	Bramley	A
9 Sun.	LEIGH	H
16 Sun.	Featherstone (2.30)	A
23 Sun.	WARRINGTON	H
26 Wed.	Leeds (11.30)	A
30 Sun.	Rochdale (3.00)	A
1974		
Jan. 6 Sun.	ST. HELENS	H
19 Sat.	Whitehaven	A
26 Sat.	WIDNES	H
Feb. 10 Sun.	Leigh	A
16 Sat.	Oldham	A
Mar. 3 Sun.	WIGAN	H
17 Sun.	Hull K.R.	A
Apr. 6 Sat.	WHITEHAVEN	H
12 Fri.	CASTLEFORD	H
15 Mon.	DEWSBURY	H

Kick-off

N.B.—Saturday Games 3.00 p.m.
Sunday Games 3.30 p.m.
Mid-week Games 7.30 p.m.
unless otherwise stated

SENIOR COMPETITION FIXTURES 1973-74

Date	Opponents	Gr'd
1973		
Aug. 17 Fri.	Castleford	A
25 Sat.	ROCHDALE	H
27 Mon.	Dewsbury (6.30)	A
Sept. 2 Sun.	DONCASTER	H
	(Yorks. Cup 1st Rd.)	
7 Fri.	St. Helens	A
23 Sun.	OLDHAM	H
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Oct. 3 Wed.	AUSTRALIA	H
7 Sun.	LEEDS	H
13 Sat.	Wigan	A
20 Sat.	HULL K.R.	H
27 Sat.	BRAMLEY	H
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1974		
Jan. 5 Sat.	Dewsbury	A
12 Sat.	HUNSLET	H
19 Sat.	HULL	H
26 Sat.	York	A
Feb. 2 Sat.	CASTLEFORD	H
9 Sat.	Featherstone R.	A
16 Sat.	BRADFORD N.	H
Mar. 2 Sat.	Batley	A
9 Sat.	Halifax	A
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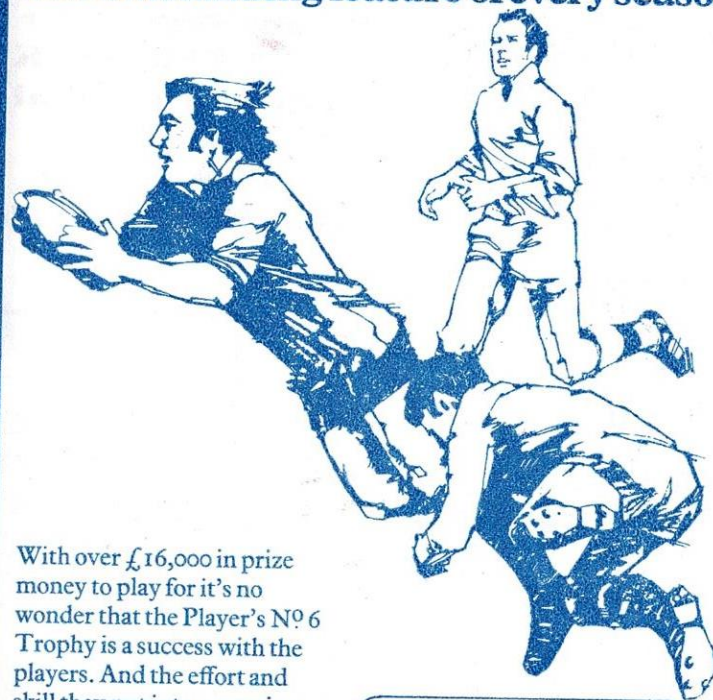
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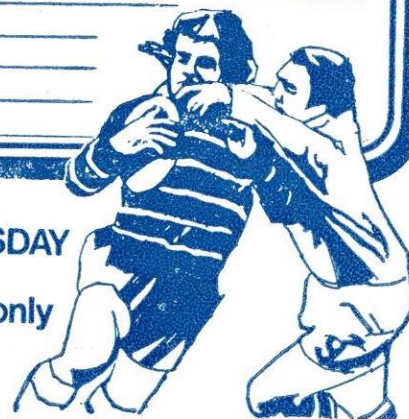
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- 5 PARKER
- 6 TOPLISS *try*
- 7 BONNAR
- 8 VALENTINE
- 9 MORGAN
- 10 BRATT
- 11 TONKS
- 12 ENDERSBY
- 13 ELLIS *try*

Substitutes :

- 14 HARKIN
- 15 KNOWLES *try*

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- 1 BLAIR
- 2 ELLIOTT
- 3 DAVIES
- 4 WAINWRIGHT
- 5 O'BRIAN
- 6 MURPHY
- 7 KAVANAGH
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