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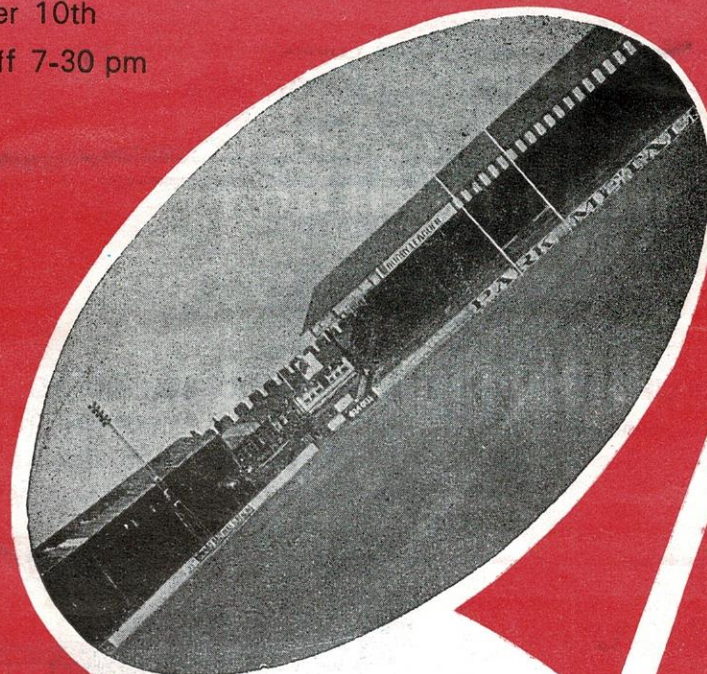
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BRIAN BATTY OF THE DAILY MAIL —

English Rugby League fans will have little difficulty recognising most of the stars of the Australian pack during their present tour.

The names of Artie Beetson, John O'Neill, Bob O'Reilly, Bob McCarthy and Elwyn Walters trip easily off the tongue.

They are all men who have faced Great Britain at Test or World Cup level and who share a reputation for producing power rugby.

But it is fair to say that little is known of Terry Randall, a boy who is expected to make a big impression before the Aussies choose their side to play in the First Test at Wembley on November 3rd.

Second row forward Randall is making his first Kangaroo tour and he owes his selection to a gamble that was taken by his club two years ago.

Randall was a 21-year-old centre, striving to win a regular first team place with Sydney's top club Manly, when World Cup centre Ray Brannigan arrived on the scene to become Bobby Fulton's partner.

The future looked distinctly bleak for Randall until the day it was decided to switch him to the pack where he became an overnight success.

Randall's dedication helped him win a permanent place in a pack that has twice swept Manly to Grand Final successes. He decided that he was on the light side at 13 stone 3 lbs. and gained an extra stone with a body building course.

The result was that he won recognition from the New South Wales selectors and prospered from playing alongside such Manly giants as Malcolm Reilly, Bill Hamilton, John O'Neill and Fred Jones.

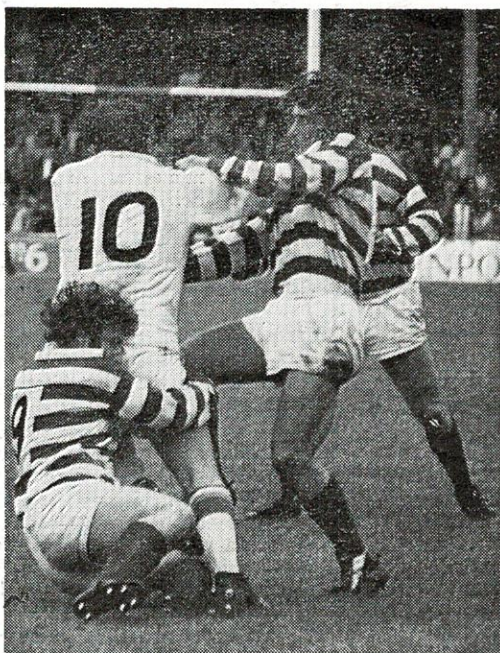
Randall has emerged as one of the finest tacklers in Australia, taking his man low in copy-book style and there isn't a fitter player in the 26-man tour squad.

He has always spent his summers surfing and sprinting on the beach and works as the green-keeper of a bowling club.

'I love the fresh air and the outdoor life,' he says. 'This trip has just completed the finest season of my career. Now I hope to win a Test place.'

'It may take me a while to get used to the softer grounds over here. But they could well be in my favour for my style is to go low — for an opponent's legs.'

With so many high and unnecessary tackles around the head these days perhaps the Randall style will rub off on a few of our players and improve this feature of our game.



Action Replay



On the Inside with DAVE PARKER

Although Neil Fox has received a tentative approach from Australian club Penrith, who signed Mick Stephenson and Bill Ashurst during the close season, to go as a coach, it could be New Zealand where the former Great Britain centre eventually moves. For the past two seasons Neil's critics have been knocking his and the team's performances, but Trinity have always been in the running and this season they are in the Yorkshire Cup and after the win at Warrington last week are handily placed in Division One. The Auckland League, New Zealand's premier set-up, have made overtures to him.

St. Helens and former Barrow forward Mick Murphy, who is still travelling down to Knowsley Road from the Furness district, finds time to relax out of the game by learning the intricate arts of Judo. So you other forwards watch out!

Keighley's stay-away hooker Derek Feather has been granted a permit and is now player-coach with Worth Village.

Blackpool are very pleased with the form of former Wigan second row forward Jim Molyneaux, who is now showing the form which took him to Central Park.

I understand that Huddersfield, who are allowing the Australian tourists to train at Fartown, have already snapped one player up on a 2-year contract when the tour ends in France in December. The player has got himself a job with a West Riding based building firm. Speculation has it that the player is Western Suburbs winger David Waite.

Huddersfield winger Dave Hooson has had his hernia operation and is recuperating very slowly. In the meantime his close friend Les Coulter, a goalkicking full back from Halifax junior football, has been meeting officials of the Doncaster club. Last season Les played a six-match trial with Blackpool Borough, who were keen to sign him.

It seems ironic that this week I heard a Rugby League record brought to light when in the company of New Hunslet players. How many of you know that the old Hunslet became the first club to win all four major trophies in one season? They did it in the season of 1907-08.

Keighley, who are trying to secure St. Helens and former Wigan R. U. winger David Brown on loan while he is at Leeds University, have in the meantime taken Bradford Northern cast-off hooker Brian Outlaw on a month's trial. The Lawkholme Lane club are to use their new signing Kenny Loxton as pack leader from the loose forward position. Don Fox, Billy Banks and Tommy Smales are players who have reverted from the number 7 shirt to that role successfully, and in present day football Halifax's Gordon Baker with 7 tries in four games is doing a similar job.

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The first Test match between Australia and Great Britain will be at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, November 3rd, kick-off 3 p.m. Seating tickets at £2.00, £1.50 and £1.00 can be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. A limited number of restaurant tickets at £4.00 are also available.

It is hoped that supporters in the North will attend this game to lend support to the British team, because there is no doubt that the Australians will have a big following as there are many Australians temporarily residing in this country.

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Rugby Quiz

1. When were Rochdale's floodlights first used?
2. Who was the youngest forward to make his first team debut?
3. Which was the largest crowd to watch Hornets at the Athletic Grounds?
4. Who did Rochdale play when they reached the Floodlit Cup Final in 1971?
5. When did Hornets play a home League match at Watersheddings?

ANSWERS

1. In September, 1966 when Rochdale defeated Huddersfield 9-4 before a crowd of 3,912.
2. Terry Fogarty, who was 16 years and 9 months old when he made his debut for Halifax against Batley.
3. In season 1948-49 a crowd of 22,277 saw Huddersfield win 11-0 at Rochdale in a Challenge Cup tie.
4. Oldham (home) 28-2; Oldham (away) 14-16; Salford (away) 17-15; Widnes (home) 6-5 and Hull (home) 30-8 before losing 8-2 at St. Helens in the final.
5. In 1965-66 Rochdale's home League match against Wigan was played at Watersheddings. Wigan won 35-5.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

OLDHAM v. AUSTRALIA: Friday, 19th October, kick-off 7.30 p.m. ALL PAY—Admission—Ground: 40p. O.A.P. & Boys: 20p. Transfer to Seats—Enclosure: 10p, E Stand: 5p.



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- 3—BROPHY T.
- 4—ASPINALL W. *goal*
- 5—KUCUVE J.
- 6—BUTLER J.
- 7—HAMMOND J.
- 8—FOGERTY T.
- 9—CLARKE P.
- 10—HOLLIDAY W. *goal*
- 11—SHEFFIELD W.
- 12—HODKINSON A.
- 13—WHITEHEAD S.
- 14—TAYLOR D.
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OUR VISITORS

During the past couple of seasons Rochdale Hornets have built up a very powerful first team squad which before very long is almost certain to capture one of the League's major honours.

At full back the Hornets have Jim Crellin, an experienced player who Working-ton Town signed from Moresby R.U.F.C. in 1965. After representing Cumberland and turning in several good club displays he was transferred to Oldham. Whilst at Watersheddings he also showed his prowess at goal-kicking, for against Keighley in a League match in 1969 he landed 9 goals as well as scoring a try. In 1970 he moved to Rochdale in a player exchange deal. He represented Rochdale in the 1971 Floodlit Cup Final and, no doubt, he will be making a determined effort to reach the final again this season.

On the wing Rochdale have two speed merchants in Norman Brelsford and Rod Tickle. Brelsford is an Oldham born lad and naturally enough he joined his home team club in February, 1965. He was unable to command a regular spot in the Oldham line-up so he moved across to Rochdale on a free transfer. At Rochdale, Brelsford has been much more successful for he scored 20 tries last season and 18 the season before last. He played in the 1971 Floodlit Cup Final and last season, in the first round of the Lancashire Cup, he scored 5 tries for Hornets in their 24-19 win at Whitehaven. This season he has twice represented Lancashire in their County Championship success so he must have at least an outside chance of gaining a Test place against the touring Australians.

On the other wing is the coloured flyer Rod Tickle, a native of Newton-le-Willows. Leigh signed Tickle from Warrington Colts and he, too, has represented Lancashire. In season 1970-71 he won a Lancashire Cup winners medal with Leigh but after a series of injuries he faded from the first team scene. Last July he was transferred to Rochdale and he made his debut in the Law Cup game against Oldham when, as Oldham supporters will not need reminding, Hornets won by 30 points to 14.

Rochdale's leading try scorer this term is Willie Aspinall, an experienced 30 years old whose previous club was Warrington. He began his professional career in 1962 after starting in junior matches with Pilkington Recreation. In his nine years at Warrington, Aspinall made 272 appearances and scored 317 points. In 1966 he toured Australasia with Great Britain and he has also represented Lancashire. In season 1970-71 when Oldham visited Wilderspool he crossed for 2 tries and also landed 3 goals as Oldham lost 25-17. It was in July, 1971 that Frank Myler forked out £2,000 for this tricky attacker and although he has since suffered his share of injuries he poses many problems for opposing defences.

In the other centre position Rochdale have another former stand off in the shape of Tom Brophy. He was born in Widnes and made a fine name for himself in rugby union circles when he played for Lancashire and England. In 1966 Barrow gave him £6,000 to leave Liverpool R.U.F.C. and play professionally. At the end of his first season in rugby league he found himself at Wembley although disappointment followed with Featherstone winning the cup 17-12. Brophy also appeared in the Lanca-

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shire team but then became dissatisfied on Furnaceside and in August, 1972 he moved to Rochdale in an exchange for Joe Chamberlain and £2,000. Last season he scored 18 tries and 33 goals with his biggest haul coming in the 34-7 defeat of Blackpool Borough when he scored 2 tries and 5 goals.

Last month Hornets persuaded Colin Simkin to turn professional from Broughton Park R.U.F.C. with a cheque for £1,500 after he had played in the 15-14 victory against Swinton in the first round of this competition.

At stand off Rochdale have Johnny Butler the former England U19 star who joined Keighley from St. Helens junior football. Last February he joined Rochdale for £1,000 and he has slotted into the Hornets line-up with great effect.

Scrum-half Peter Gartland is another former St. Helens junior who Rochdale signed from the St. Helens senior club during the summer of 1971 for a bargain £500. He had the pleasure of appearing against his former club in the 1971 Floodlit Cup Final and is a hard working type of player.

Providing the cover for the half-back positions is Oldham born Johnny Hammond who was signed from St. Anne's juniors shortly after representing the England amateur side against France. Although he has been in and out of the side this season, last term he made 38 appearances.

The Hornets pack is sure to cause Oldham plenty of trouble this evening for the talent available is such that Rochdale could quite easily field two packs of first team strength.

Prop forward Peter Birchall finds himself back with his home town club who he originally signed for in 1960. After playing in the England Under-24 side, Birchall was transferred to Bradford Northern for £2,750 but then, after a short spell at Huddersfield he returned to the Athletic Grounds for a mere £250. He is a steady, efficient worker who last season was substitute in both Lancashire's County Championship matches.

Another prop forward on Rochdale's books who has represented England at under-24 level is 25-years-old Eddie Brown. He joined Rochdale from the local Mayfield junior club in September, 1966 and two seasons later he was in that Young England side as well as making the first of his four Lancashire County appearances. Before turning professional Brown represented Lancashire at under-17 level.

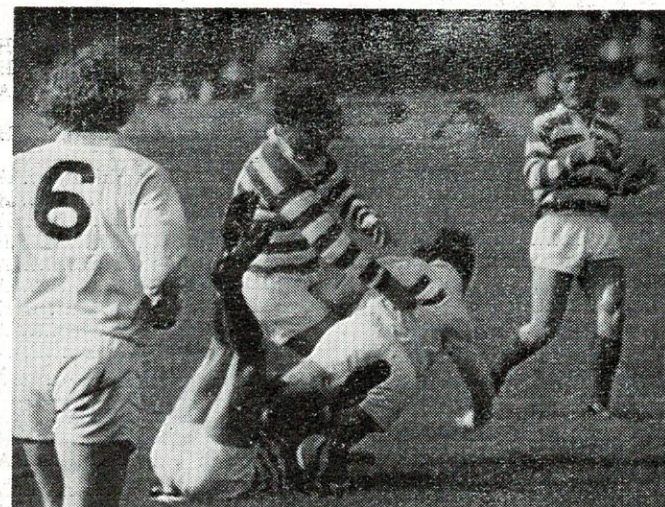
Twenty-eight-years-old Peter Clarke is a much under-rated but quick striking hooker who was signed from Latchford Albion juniors.

Rochdale's latest signing is Terry Fogarty, the Glossop born lad who made his name with Saddleworth Rangers before signing for Halifax in 1960. In 1965 he became the very first holder of the Harry Sunderland Trophy for his outstanding display in the Championship Final when Halifax defeated favourites St. Helens by 15 points to 7. In season 1965-66 Fogarty represented Other Nationalities against the New Zealand tourists and the following summer he himself went on tour with the Great Britain team. Fogarty then had a spell playing in Wigan's colours after they had splashed out £7,500 for his services but in 1970 he was back with Halifax after another hefty fee had exchanged hands. Last month Rochdale managed to talk Halifax into again transferring Fogarty but he cost them £7,000 which is some indication of the skills possessed by this fine 29-years-old ball playing forward.

Fogarty is the second Halifax forward transferred to Rochdale this year for last March Tony Halmshaw was bought by the Hornets for £5,000. Halmshaw is a product of the famous Shaw Cross Boys' Club nursery who joined Halifax in 1965. He has played four times for Yorkshire and in season 1971-72 he was a member of the Great Britain team which defeated New Zealand 12-3 at Headingley.

Leigh-born Alan Hodgkinson has a reputation for his hard tackling style and he is another of Hornets bargain buys for he only cost £750 when Rochdale signed him from Salford.

The Rochdale goal-kicker and yet another good, experienced forward is Bill Holliday. He began his professional career in 1958 with Whitehaven, and since then has had spells with Bradford Northern, Hull Kingston Rovers and Swinton. He has numerous Cumberland appearances to his name and he has also played several times for Great Britain. He cost Swinton £6,000 when they signed him in September, 1968 but Rochdale only parted with £1,000 when he joined them last November. By the end of the season he had scored 3 tries and 67 goals for Hornets and he seems to be just as active this season judging by the try and seven goals he scored at Huyton in the first round of the Lancashire Cup.



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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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| 1973 | | |
| Aug. | 18—Leeds | A |
| | 25—Dewsbury | H |
| Sept. | 1—Wigan, Lancs. Cup ... | H |
| | 8—Bramley | H |
| | 15—Player's Competition | |
| | 22—Wakefield | A |
| | 26—Castleford | H |
| | 29—Wigan | A |
| Oct. | 6—Whitehaven | H |
| | 14—Dewsbury | A |
| | 19—AUSTRALIA | H |
| | 27—Featherstone | H |
| Nov. | 2—St. Helens | A |
| | 11—Widnes | H |
| | 25—Wigan | H |
| Dec. | 1—Featherstone | A |
| | 8—St. Helens | H |
| | 16—Warrington | A |
| | 23—Leigh | H |
| | 26—Rochdale H. | H |
| | 30—Whitehaven | A |
| 1974 | | |
| Jan. | 1—Salford | A |
| | 6—Hull K.R. | H |
| | 13—Leigh | A |
| | 20—Warrington | H |
| Feb. | 2—Challenge Cup (1) | |
| | 10—Bramley | A |
| | 16—Wakefield | H |
| | 23—Challenge Cup (2) | |
| Mar. | 2—Leeds | H |
| | 9—Challenge Cup (3) | |
| | 17—Widnes | A |
| | 23—Chal. Cup (Semi-final) | |
| | 31—Hull K.R. | A |
| Apr. | 7—Castleford | A |
| | 13—Salford | H |
| | 15—Rochdale H. | A |

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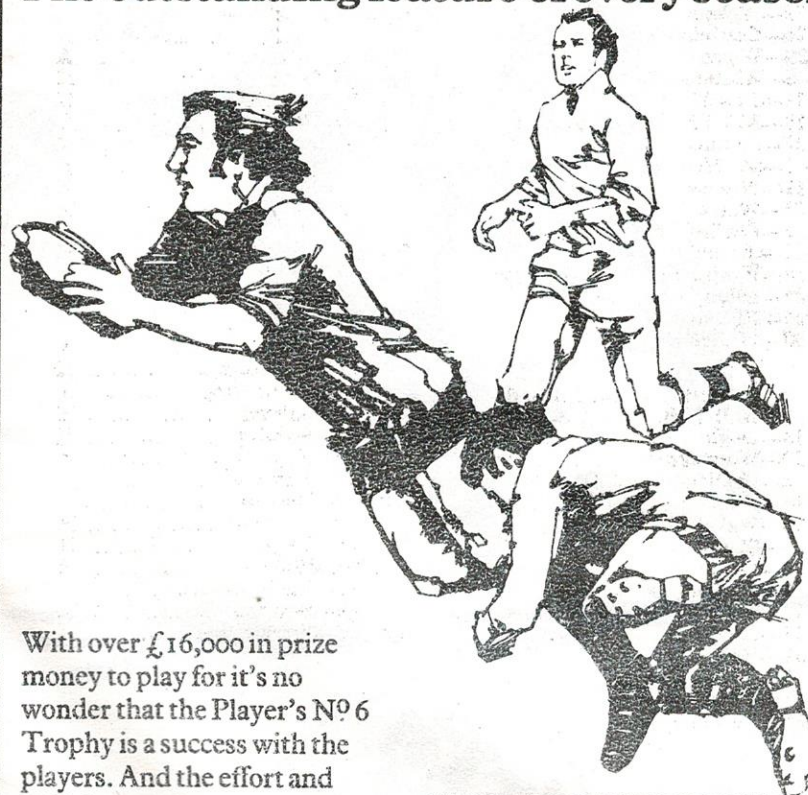
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| Aug. | 11—Rochdale | H |
| | 18—Barrow | H |
| | 25—Workington | A |
| | 29—Rochdale | |
| | (1st leg Shield) ... | H |
| Sept. | 8—Rochdale | |
| | (2nd leg Shield) ... | A |
| | 22—Barrow | A |
| | 29—Wigan | H |
| Oct. | 13—Swinton | H |
| | 20—Swinton | A |
| | 27—Workington | A |
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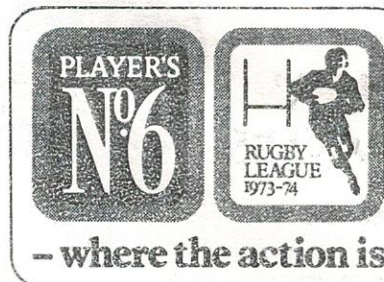
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