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Oldham

— SATURDAY, —
November 2nd, 1929.





W. SHANKLAND



H. STEINOHRT



F. McMILLAN

Our Visitors: A few Biographical Sketches.

Frank M'Millan (Western Suburbs, Sydney), age 29. Birthday December 14th, 1899, at Menindie, N.S.W. Is 5ft. 8in., weighs 11st. 4lbs., a motor-driver by occupation, and Australia's greatest full-back on this year's form.

Tommy Gorman, the captain, was 28 on June 26th, and first saw the light of day at Mackay, many miles above the tropic of Capricorn, where his Irish parents had settled after coming to Australia, via Torres Strait. His parents afterwards went to Toowoomba, where he learnt to play Rugger at the Toowoomba Christian Brothers' School, and has never played for any other club than a Brothers' team. He is 5ft. 9in., 12st. in weight, and has been a central figure in Queensland's representative team from 1920 to the present day. Played for Australia in 1924 and 1928, and captained Australia in all Tests last year. He has done what no other star has ever done in Australia before—still representing Australia in his tenth year at football. At his best he could be mentioned in the same sentence as Wagstaffe, Messenger, Gwyn Nicholls, W. J. Wallace, and a few others, and the combination between him and the famous E. S. L. ("Nigger") Brown as centres at one period was regarded as the best ever. Is a salesman, and is captain of the Q.R.L. Christian Brothers' team.

W. Spencer (now of Bundaberg, Queensland) was born at Toogoolawah, Queensland, about 33 years ago. He enlisted in the Great War, and went into the line at Pozieres. He and Eddie Root, the South Sydney forward, are the last of the "Diggers" to represent Australia. Spencer is a great winger, and first was developed as a footballer because he could run. He still can. Got tries sensationally when Toowoomba defeated England in 1924, and came back into the picture this year by getting tries when they were needed. Is weighty and fast, and outside of good centres, is a most prolific try-getter. Is an hotel keeper.

Jack Holmes, one of Australia's promising new outside half-backs, is 24, was born at Glebe (Sydney) on October 14th, 1905, is 5ft. 10in., weighs 12st., is an electrical engineer, plays for Newtown (Sydney), and has done well in every game he has played this year.

William Shankland is 21, was born at Bondi (Sydney) on July 25th, 1907, plays for Eastern Suburbs (Sydney), is 5ft. 10in., 12st. 12lbs., and although he played centre last year, and was a success, he has been a winner as a winger. He is working with an hotel broking firm in Sydney.

Fred Laws, of the Toowoomba Newtown club, is 24, was born on April 30th at Brisbane, is 5ft. 11in., and 12st. 6lb. Fred Laws has been one of the most solid and reliable players Toowoomba has had since he went there from Warwick. He is a plumber.

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Many of those Colonial players who have graced our playing fields in previous tours and who have taught us so much in the finer arts of our game, travelled many hundred miles to greet us in Australia. I was, indeed proud to hear the name of Oldham mentioned by them in glowing terms when the occasion of their visits to us was referred to.

The present visitors are a fine body of gentlemen and excellent exponents of the game, as we shall see. Let us then all strive to make them happy during their visit to-day, so that, in bidding them adieu they may carry away nothing but the highest appreciation and happy memories of Oldham and its "Rough Yeds."

Yours faithfully,
G. F. HUTCHINS.

The First Touring Team.

It may be of interest to reproduce here the team that represented Oldham on the occasion when they beat the Maoris at Clarksfield on March 4th, 1889. It was as follows:

Full Back:
T. B. Broadbent.
Three-quarter backs:
J. Hurst, W. McCutcheon and W. H. Pennington.
Half backs:
J. R. Mills and J. Nolan.
Forwards:
F. Whittaker, H. Court, J. Blomley, J. Armstrong, J. Mellor, S. H. Nuttall, H. Wolstencroft, W. Lees, and H. Jowett.

Baskerville's Team.

Close upon twenty-two years have elapsed since the late Mr. A. H. Baskerville made the bold venture of bringing over here the first New Zealand team to this country to play professional football under the

auspices of the then Northern Rugby Union, now, of course, the Rugby Football League. We well remember the stirring times we had in Oldham that week-end. We had a splendid crowd at Watersheddings for this game, despite the fact that snow was falling; the first time by the way that any of the visiting party had seen snow.

The match was played on Saturday, November 23rd, 1907, and the following was the team that played in this all-important game:—

NEW ZEALAND:

Full back:
H. S. Turtill.
Three quarters:
J. Lavery, G. W. Smith, and W. Tyler.
Five eighths:
H. Messenger and E. Wrigley.
Half Back:
A. Kelley.
Forwards:
D. Gilchrist, C. Pearce, T. Cross, W. Trevarthen, W. Johnston and H. Wright (Capt.)

It was a really brilliant game which we won by a single point—eight points to seven—amidst a scene of tremendous enthusiasm.

What the Old Lady Said.

In connection with the first visit of the "All Blacks," an amusing incident occurred at Greenfield Station on the Friday evening. A crowd of people had gathered at the station to have a peep at the team as they passed through on their way to Oldham. Amongst the crowd was a fair sprinkling of the fair sex. Whilst the saloon stood in the station waiting to be attached to the train for Clegg Street, one woman ventured on the footboard and had a good look at the "All Blacks." As she dropped off on to the platform again she turned somewhat impatiently towards her friends and said: "Come on, let's go; there isn't a d—d one on 'em black!"

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A Proud Record.

We are just a little proud at having been successful against all our overseas visitors who have honoured us with a visit to Oldham. True, on the occasion of the visit of the 1911-12 team of Australians we only managed to win at the "second time of asking." In the first game the Aussies were victorious by sixteen points to five. In the second fixture that season, played on Monday, January 16th, 1922, on a ground partially covered by snow, we were successful by fifteen points to five. Outside Oldham there will be very few people (if any) who fancy our chance to-day. As a matter of fact there are a good many in Oldham who will tell you that we "haven't an earthly." We are well aware of the brilliant combination which will oppose us to-day; their prowess having been amply demonstrated in all their big games. The manner in which they pulverised Lancashire, made mincemeat of the English team at Hull, and again swamped the senior club at Hull last Saturday, are performances which speak for themselves. However, we don't suppose that our players will be in any way awed by the magnificence of those performances. If we are to "die" we shall "die" hard. In any case, we are looking forward to seeing some brilliant football, and we feel sure that our anticipations in that respect will not be misplaced. We have not yet suffered defeat at Watersheddings this season, and that is something worth remembering.

The Kangaroos' War Cry.

Prior to the game commencing the Australians will give their famous War Cry. Here it is:—

Wallee, Mullarra, Choomooroo, Tingal.
Nah, Nah, Nah, Nah;
Canai, Barrang, Warrang, Warrang,
Yallah, Yallah, Yallah, Yallah.
Ah; Jaleeba booga boorooloong,
Yarnah meei meei meei,
Neeyarra, Weeyarra, Jeleeba,
Cahwoon,
Cooewah, Cooewah, Warr, Wooh.

The translation of which reads:—

We are a race of fighters descended from the War,

Beware, beware, beware, beware,

Where we fight there will be great bloodshed.

Go, go, go, go.

We are powerful but merciful; are you friends?

Good, good.

The Kangaroo is dangerous when at bay,

Come on, come on to death.

To the first boy in the "Penny Rush" who learns to sing that War Cry backwards in Welsh, there's a little gold watch awaiting him!

What Previous Touring Teams Have Done.

Here is a summary of the records of the two New Zealanders and the three Australian teams which have visited England.

Points.

M'h's W L D F A

1907-8—N. Zealand 34 18 14 2 393 281

1908-9—Kangaroos 44 18 20 6 568 477

1911-2—Kangaroos 36 29 5 2 673 287

1921-2—Kangaroos 36 27 9 0 763 248

1926-7—N. Zealand 34 17 17 0 562 554

It is interesting to note that H. H. ("Dally") Messenger, touring with the New Zealand team in 1907-08, scored 143 points. With the 1911 Kangaroos W. A. Cann scored 33 points, V. Farnsworth 54, and A. Francis 115. With the 1921 Kangaroos Harold Horder scored 127 points, Cec. Blinkhorn 117, Frank Burge 111, and Duncan Thompson 107. Burge was looked upon as the greatest try scoring forward who ever visited England, and Blinkhorn and Horder the most electrical pair of wings. What will history have to say about Shankland and Co.?

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2. Rix, S. (Capt.)		26. Spencer, W.	
3. Thomas, E.		18. Gorman, T. (capt.)	
4. Stephens, S. J.		16. Fifield, C.	
5. Johnson, A.		25. Shankland, W.	
6. Reynolds, J. B.		14. Busch, J.	
7. Oster, J.		28. Weissell, E.	
8. Read, J.		7. Madsen, P.	
9. Scaife, J. M.		2. Bishop, G.	
10. Clayton, A.		12. Steinohrt, H.	
11. Ashworth, F. W.		13. Treweeke, G.	
12. Entwisle, H.		1. Armbruster, L. V.	
13. Watkins, E.		9. Prigg, W.	
14. Hathway, R.			

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Test Match Records.

Below we give full particulars of all the Test matches played between England and Australia since the two teams have met under professional rules. They may be of interest for future reference.

In England.

Where played	Won by	Eng'd	Australia
1908-9.			
Park Royal	D	2 6 22	2 6 22
Newcastle	E	3 3 15	1 1 5
Birmingham	E	0 2 6	1 1 5
1911-12.			
Newcastle	A	2 2 10	2 5 19
Edinburgh	D	1 3 11	1 3 11
Birmingham	A	1 2 8	3 9 33
1921-22.			
Leeds	E	0 2 6	1 1 5
Hull	A	1 0 2	2 4 16
Salford	E	0 2 6	0 0 0

In Australia.

1910.			
Sydney	E	3 7 27	4 4 20
Brisbane	E	2 6 22	1 5 17

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amongst the spectators at both decisions which brought about Hunslet's two scores, especially the first one which meant five points; but those decisions apart, Hunslet were the better team on the day's play and just about deserved to win. We had innumerable chances to score; so had Hunslet, but neither team could complete a clean scoring movement. Once again we lost the toss, the ninth time, we believe, this season, and had to face the wind. Still we had none the worst of matters in this half. It was in the second half when Hunslet made headway; and yet we let a glorious chance of a try slip in the second minute! The Hunslet forwards infused a lot more vigour into their play in this half, and some of our forwards were somewhat chary of stopping those robust rushes. Our backs were also not free from blame in their defence; it was never very brilliant in the second half. We sadly missed Oster at stand-off half. Johnson worked hard, but there was just that sprightliness missing which would have made good openings. It was

not near so good a game to watch as our two struggles with Wigan, but naturally the result was very much to the liking of a big Hunslet crowd of about 12,000 who had quite a gala day on the occasion of the opening of a new covered stand erected by the Supporters' Club. The opening ceremony should have been performed by Lord Brotherton, but in his unavoidable absence, the Lord Mayor of Leeds acted as deputy.

The Rifle Band.

The Oldham Rifle Prize Band, which is due to supply the music at to-day's game, are well worthy of the support of our followers. On Sunday Evening, November 17th, they are giving a grand concert in the Electraceum, King Street. Commence at 8 p.m. We trust they will have excellent patronage. It is, perhaps not too widely known that our Rifle Band has won over £3,000 in prizes during its career.

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The draw for the Semi-final of the Lancashire Cup was made in Manchester, on Tuesday evening, and we have been again fortunate in being drawn at home. Our opponents are Warrington. The game will be played at Watersheddings next Monday week (November 11th) Armistice Day, and is certain to attract a great crowd. The kick-off is timed for three o'clock. Reserved seat tickets "E" stand or enclosure, 3/- each, may be had on application to Mr. R. E. Wylie, Pavilion, Watersheddings. Enclose remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

The present tour of the Australians will last, roundly speaking, five months, and the total costs for that period are estimated at £15,000. Quite sufficient an amount to make one a trifle anxious about the financial success of the tour. We are hoping to-day to give the "Aussies" a bit of a lift towards reducing that anxiety.

Amongst our guests at the match and dinner to-day to meet the Australians will be five old Colonials in the persons of Messrs. G. W. Smith, Arthur Kelley, J. A. Lavery, A. E. Anlezark and Phil Stephenson. The first three named players were members of Baskerville's "All Blacks" team of 1907-8; whilst Anlezark came over here with the "Kangaroos" in 1908-9.

Mr. Harry Sunderland, one of the joint managers, and Mr. Hennessey, the trainer, are the only two of the present Australian tourists who have previously visited England. Both were here with the 1921 team, the former in the capacity as a journalist, and Hennessey as a player.

When the last Australian team was over here in 1921 over £9,000 was taken in three test matches alone. There will have to be considerably increased attendances in the next two games if that figure is reached on this occasion. It is confidently expected, however, that the attendance at Leeds, next Saturday, will easily eclipse that at Craven Park, Hull, on the occasion of the first test game.

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1st TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	G'd	T	F	A
1929-30					
Aug. 31	Hunslet ...	Home	3-30	21	2
Sept. 4	Huddersfield ...	Away	16	4	
7	Dewsbury ...	Away	10	10	
9	Broughton R'g'rs ...	Home	6-15	12	7
14	Huddersfield ...	Home	3-30	8	5
21	Widnes ...	Away	5	12	
28	St. Helens ...	Away	13	20	
Oct. 5	Hull ...	Home	3-30	13	8
12	Wigan (L. C. 1st R.) ...	Away	10	5	
19	Wigan ...	Home	3-0	23	3
21	St. Helens Recs. ...	Home		8	2
	(L.C. 2nd Rd.) ...				
26	Hunslet ...	Away		0	7
Nov. 2	Australians ...	Home	3-0		
9	Leigh ...	Away			
16	Wigan Highfield ...	Home	2-45		
23	Rochdale H. (I.C.) ...	Away			
30	Halifax ...	Home	2-45		
Dec. 7	Hull ...	Away			
14	Salford ...	Home	2-30		
21	Wakefield ...	Away			
25	Swinton (Xmas Dy) ...	Home	2-30		
26	Rochdale H (Box. D) ...	Away			
28	Widnes ...	Home	2-30		
Jan. 1	Barrow ...	Away			
4	St. Helens ...	Home	2-30		
11	Warrington ...	Away			
18	Leigh ...	Home	2-45		
25	Barrow ...	Home	3-0		
Feb. 1	Salford ...	Away			
8	(1st Rd. R. L. Cup ...				
15	Rochdale H. ...	Home	3-0		
22	Wigan Highfield ...	Away			
Mar. 1	Dewsbury ...	Home	3-30		
8	St. Helens Recs. ...	Away			
15	Wakefield ...	Home	3-30		
22	Halifax ...	Away			
29	Warrington ...	Home	3-30		
April 5	Broughton Rangers ...	Away			
12	Leeds ...	Home	3-30		
18	Swinton ...	Away			
19	St. Helens Recs. ...	Home	3-30		
21	Leeds ...	Away			
26	Wigan ...	Away			

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	G'd	T	F	A
1929-30					
Sept. 21	Widnes "A" ...	Home	3-30	42	9
28	St. Helens "A" ...	Home	3-30	11	10
Oct. 5	Huddersfield "A" (F) ...	Away	16	17	
12	Leeds (F) ...	Home	3-30	22	3
19	Wigan "A" ...	Away	10	7	
26	Cadishead & Irlam ...	Home	3-0	52	8
Nov. 9	Leigh "A" ...	Home	3-0		
16	Wigan Highfield "A" ...	Away			
23	Bright'n R'ng'rs "A" ...	Away			
30	Halifax "A" (F) ...	Away			
Dec. 14	Salford "A" ...	Away			
26	Rochdale Hornets "A" ...	Home	2-30		
	(Boring Day)				
28	Widnes "A" ...	Away			
Jan. 1	Swinton "A" ...	Home	2-30		
4	St. Helens "A" ...	Away			
11	Warrington "A" ...	Home	2-45		
18	Leigh "A" ...	Away			
Feb. 1	Salford "A" ...	Home	3-0		
8	Swinton "A" ...	Away			
15	Rochdale Hornets "A" ...	Away			
22	Wigan Highfield "A" ...	Home	3-30		
Mar. 8	St. Helens Recs. "A" ...	Home	3-30		
15	Cadishead & Irlam ...	Away			
22	Halifax "A" (F) ...	Home	3-30		
28	Warrington "A" ...	Away			
April 5	Broughton R'g'rs "A" ...	Home	3-30		
12	Leeds (F) ...	Away			
18	Huddersfield "A" (F) ...	Home	3-30		
19	St. Helens Recs. "A" ...	Away			
26	Wigan "A" ...	Home	3-30		

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OUR VISITORS: A few Biographical Sketches.

Eric Weissell, a clever five-eights is from Cootamundra (N.S.W.) and played against the Englishmen in the drawn game there last year. He is a great all round sport, an ironmonger, and was an immediate success in the Test last year, when Australia won the third game. He played well with half-back Busch.

P. Maher, the vice-captain, a strong and rugged centre of the Dick Vest type, first played at Lismore, and then migrated to South Sydney, where he has played for New South Wales and Australia, and has been captain of New South Wales this year. Won his first match as captain against the English team for New South Wales last year. Maher is a school teacher, and very popular with his boys.

C. Fifield, the Western Suburbs (Sydney) centre, is a replica of Jimmy Craig in build. He has been a success in the centre, and showed his versatility by playing on the wing at Rochampton when called to do so.

Joe Busch, the Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) half-back, was picked out by J. D. Campbell (he who played so well for years at Leeds) when he was playing in the country at Grafton. He played for New South Wales when the Blues beat England last year, and also played in the second and third Tests.

George Treweek, of South Sydney, is the giant. He is a butcher, stands about 6ft. 3in. in socks, and has played enough big football now to know all the tricks. He came into prominence in 1927, played in all Tests against England in 1928, and was one of the few certainties before the trials were played this year.

Peter Madsen, of Toowoomba Christian Brothers, is 27, was born at Warwick on September 16th, 1901, is 6ft., weighs 14st. 7lb., likes the out-of-door work on railway and main road construction, and is regarded as one of Australia's greatest forwards. He is captain of the Toowoomba Christian Brothers' Club. All the Englishmen who played against Madsen at Toowoomba last year know how good he is in a real game of Rucker.

Arthur Henry Henderson, the Queensland hooker, once played for Coorparoo and is now at Ipswich. He is 28 years of age, weighs 12st. 4lbs., is 5ft. 9in. in height, a motor spring maker by trade. Henderson has had a great record with Queensland, but has never yet played for Australia.

Louis Victor Armbruster, one of the most versatile forwards Australia has, first appeared for New South Wales from Mullumbimby, on the North Coast, and then came to Queensland in 1924, playing for Toowoomba, Queensland, and Australia against England and being in a winning team in each case. He played in all Tests last year. He is 6ft. 1in., plays for the Brisbane Valley Club, weighs 13st. 9lb., is a motor salesman, and was born on July 12th, 1902, at Meerschaum Vale, Richmond River, N.S.W.

Herb. Steinhart, the tall Toowoomba Valley forward, stands over 6ft., is 13st. 6lb., fast, and handles well, and can play anywhere in the forwards. Is lock man for Toowoomba, and front row man for the State and Australia.



T. GORMAN (capt.)



G. TREWEEKE



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