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We have all had cause to celebrate this Christmas period with the team's two fine wins over Hull Kingston Rovers and Hunslet, when some attractive football was served up — can anyone remember such a successful brace of wins at this time of the year? And under the conditions, particularly on Boxing Day, the quality of football did credit to the 26 players taking part.

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Along with all followers of the game we deeply regret to learn of the sad death of referee Laurie Thorpe of Wakefield, on Christmas Day. Always a great lover of the 13-a-side code, Laurie was well respected wherever he went, and his loss will be keenly felt in the ranks of our referees.

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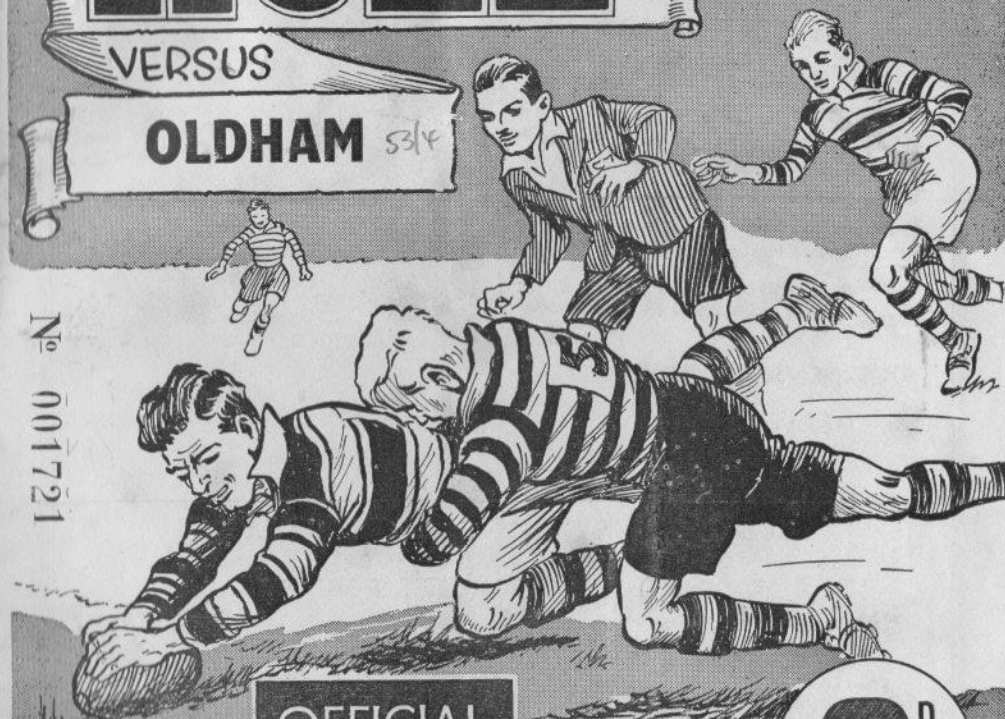
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CLUB NOTES

HULL v. OLDHAM

Saturday, January 2nd, 1954.

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Records to Date — Northern Rugby Football League: Points

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.	Posit'n.
HULL	21	13	8	—	380	230	8th
OLDHAM	22	10	11	2	308	243	16th

The team's performance at Christmas turned out to be one of the best tonics our supporters could have wished for — both games won, and by a margin of 72 points to 2 — it must be a long time since anyone can recall a better record over the holiday period.

Against our local rivals perhaps it is true to say that many more points might have been scored with a little more care in finishing, but on Boxing Day no chance of adding to the score was neglected, and Hunslet can rarely have been beaten more decisively in their history. True, they had cruel luck in losing the services of Williamson, but the result was in no doubt long before that time. Eighteen tries were recorded in the two games, and both Watts and Francis exceeded even "hat-tricks" with their four each on the two days. It was good to see Harry Markham in action again, and although taking some little time to feel his feet after a long lay-off through injury, he gave signs that it will not be long before he is again in top form.

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Congratulations, too, to Colin Hutton, who has now registered 74 goals, and who kicked well in both games in addition to having first-rate games in his loose play. Another 26 should not be beyond this player in the remaining games this season, and all will wish him well on his route to the century mark.

To-day's Visitors

We are pleased to welcome Lancashire visitors in OLDHAM for to-day, the opening Saturday of the New Year. They last came to Boulevard in the R.L. Cup 1st Round, 1st Leg, in February, 1952, when we were greatly impressed with the all-round power of their side. It will be remembered that after a drawn game here, we were well-beaten at Oldham in the 2nd leg.

Injuries have hit few teams as they have Oldham, and from being one of the favourites for honours last year, they failed to carry off any trophies, and are at present well down the Northern League table. Again they have met the injury problem, and at one time this season were without as many as eight first-team men, all out of action through injuries. No club can be expected to battle against this sort of bad luck without giving way to the more fortunate — and Oldham's League position must not be taken as any guide to the potential strength of their side. They will take a lot of beating, and we are under no misapprehension about the magnitude of our task to-day.

Exit 1953 !

As this Saturday sees the opening for us of the 1954 programme, a review of our progress in the first half of the present season may be of interest.

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League games	Played 21	Won 13	Lost 8	Pts. for 380	Agst 230
Yorks. Cup	5	4	1	74	39
1 game abandoned ..	1	—	—	3	2
TOTALS	27	17	9 (1 aban.)	457	271

We have scored 91 tries and 92 goals in all games, against opponents 51 tries and 59 goals; and while on seven occasions the team has registered five or more tries in a game, in no fewer than 17 games opponents have been restricted to one try only, or prevented from crossing our line at all. This gives a favourable points balance, which can be very useful when the final reckoning of League positions comes round.

In the last nine games of 1953, seven of which were won, 191 points were scored, against 50 by opponents — including 39 tries against only eight.

Departures

Last week we said farewell to three players who have been with the club for some time — George Northern (scrum-half) went to Batley, for whom he had been playing while on a month's trial; Des. Foreman (prop forward) has joined Bramley along with Peter Huggins, another forward who has

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		Hockley 12	Whiteley 13
Ogden 8	Keith 9	Jackson 10	Tomlinson 11
		Winslade 12	Goldswain 14
Emmitt 5	Davies 4	Pitchford 7	O'Grady 2
		Mitchell 3	
		Ganley 1	

OLDHAM Colours : Red and White

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played most of his football in our “A” team. In each case the transfer fees were moderate, with a view to helping the clubs concerned and also enabling the players to have a greater chance of gaining first-team places with their new colleagues. We wish all three players the very best of luck.

The Late Mr. Laurie Thorpe

It came as a great shock to the R.L. world to hear that Mr. Laurie Thorpe, the Wakefield referee, had died when in charge of the Whitehaven v. Barrow game on Christmas Day. He had to be taken off the field after collapsing during the second-half of the match, and died only a few minutes afterwards.

Civic Visit

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1953	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 15	LEEDS	Home	W 23 - 14
22	Belle Vue R.	Away	W 16 - 7
29	KEIGHLEY	Home	W 48 - 9
Sept. 2	(W.) Huddersfield	Away	L 8 - 11
5	BRAMLEY (Yks. Cup)	Home	W 30 - 14
8	(T.) Bramley (Yks. Cup)	Away	W 17 - 9
12	Halifax	Away	L 11 - 15
19	WAKEFIELD T.	Home	W 25 - 12
21	(M.) Hull K.R.	Away	W 15 - 4
26	Featherstone R.	Away	W 17 - 29
28	HALIFAX (Yks. Cup)	Home	W 16 - 4
Oct. 3	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	L 4 - 18
10	York	Away	L 4 - 18
17	YORK	Home	W 20 - 3
21	Hunslet (Yks. Cup)	Away	Ahan. 3 - 2
22	Hunslet (Yks. Cup)	Away	W 9 - 5
24	Bradford N.	Away	L 8 - 40
31	Bradford N. (Yks. Cup)	Leeds	L 2 - 7
Nov. 7	BRADFORD N.	Home	W 14 - 3
14	Warrington	Away	L 2 - 9
21	SWINTON	Home	W 24 - 8
28	Batley	Away	W 22 - 10
Dec. 5	Doncaster	Away	W 38 - 2
12	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	W 12 - 7
19	Dewsbury	Away	L 7 - 9
25	HULL K.R.	Home	W 32 - 2
1954	26—HUNSLET	Home	W 40 - 0
Jan. 2	OLDHAM	Home	
9	BELLE VUE R.	Home	
16	Leeds	Away	
23	CASTLEFORD	Home	
30	WARRINGTON	Home	
Feb. 6	R.L. Cup, 1st Rd., 1st Leg		
13	R.L. Cup, 1st Rd., 2nd Leg		
20	Wakefield T.	Away	
27	DONCASTER	Home	
Mar. 6	R.L. Cup—2nd Rd.		
13	Swinton	Away	
20	Oldham	Away	
27	DEWSBURY	Home	
Apr. 3	Hunslet	Away	
10	Castleford	Away	
17	Keighley	Away	
19	(M.) HALIFAX	Home	
24	CHALLENGE CUP FINAL—WEMBLEY STADIUM		

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17	Doncaster	Away	W 62 - 7
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21	Castleford	Away	W 15 - 10
28	WAKEFIELD T.	Home	L 19 - 20
Dec. 5	HUNSLET	Home	W 22 - 3
12			
19	DEWSBURY	Home	W 24 - 5
25			
26	Bradford N.	Away	Postponed
1954			
Jan. 2			
9	Batley	Away	
16	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	
23	Halifax	Away	
30	Hunslet	Away	
Feb. 6			
13			
20	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	
27	Hull K.R.	Away	
Mar. 6			
13	BRADFORD N.	Home	
20	HULL K.R.	Home	
27	Bramley	Away	
Apr. 3	DONCASTER	Home	
10	Keighley	Away	
17			
20	(T.) CASTLEFORD	Home	
	(To be arranged—Y.S.C. Cup-ties)		

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