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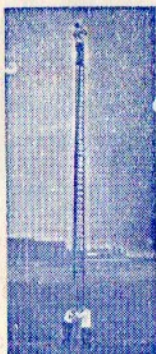
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No. 1

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The summer of the calendar and the summer of reality have seemed to be two very different things. During the last few disappointing months when cricket followers have so often been denied the pleasures which do not seem to be of long enough duration even in a normal season, we have often heard the remark that football could have been a possible

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substitute. It could now be in accord with our unpredictable climate that the start of the winter game should be greeted by the arrival of summer.

Whatever the conditions, to-day sees the beginning of our competitive Rugby League programme. In some places there will be hopes, in others expectations, and we do not hesitate to place Trinity and Oldham supporters amongst those who look forward to a happy season.

OLDHAM

So we greet our friends from over the border for our first league match. Games between the two teams are always real sporting events, bringing out much of what is best in R.L. football. Though for some seasons Oldham have not gained any tangible honours their football has been worthy of their long-standing reputation. The matches between

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LAST MEETING

It is two seasons since the teams were in opposition, and finished with honours even, Oldham being successful in Lancashire by 24—7 and Trinity winning at Belle Vue by 15—4.

In the home match Burton kicked three goals and Howes (2) and Storey were the try scorers.

On that day the Oldham Schoolboys were also at Belle Vue for their annual fixture with the Wakefield Schoolboys. We are sorry that they cannot be here again to-day, but the Schoolboy football season has a later start.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS

The Special League Meeting held during the close season had before it the two following proposals from the Wakefield Trinity club :

1. That representations be made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for a review of the system of taxation at present operating, and suggesting that :
 - (a) Taxation based on the various admission prices shall cease;
 - (b) Taxation shall in future be based on the gross amount of each gate;
 - (c) Northern Rugby League clubs shall be allowed the first six hundred pounds of a gate of any League match or Cup-tie free of tax.
2. That the maintenance of competitive interest for many more clubs over a greater part of the season has now become of such paramount importance that a Special Committee or Sub-Committee be appointed at once to review the League system at present obtaining, and to make recommendations, such proposals to cover as wide a field as the Committee shall think

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necessary either in the adjustment of the present League system or in a two-division scheme.

The Special General Meeting accepted these Trinity proposals with the exception that rather than set up any special sub-committee it referred them to the N.R.L. Management Committee. We note the following from the proceedings of the Management Committee at its meeting on June 19th.

FIXTURE FORMULA

A resolution had been passed at the last Extraordinary General Meeting requesting the Management Committee to look into the present League structure with a view to submitting a scheme which would provide more competitive interest in League games in general. The Secretary was instructed to draw up a scheme to form the basis of discussion and members of the Committee were requested to forward any ideas or suggestions to the Secretary.

ENTERTAINMENT DUTY

It was agreed that every effort should be made to obtain a further reduction in Entertainment Duty, as the reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per admission granted by the Chancellor in his last Budget was far from adequate. It was agreed that as a general policy attention should be focussed on the plight of the poorer clubs with a view to endeavouring to obtain concessions which would be of advantage to those clubs. One suggestion was that the first three or four hundred pounds of gate receipts should be tax free.

ONWARD

And that is as much as is known officially to us. On July 25th, however, the R.L. Correspondent of a prominent newspaper reported that a new two-division plan was envisaged, with a detachment of the County League programmes from the Northern Rugby League and the playing of County League fixtures towards the end of the season under a group system with play-off games for the championships. The writer pointed out, however, that in order to be approved, the scheme would need a two-thirds majority of the 31 clubs, and that, in any case, it could not operate before the season 1955-56.

This is, of course, well appreciated, so that, for another season at least the lower two-thirds of the clubs in the Northern R.L. Championship competition will be hoping for a successful R.L. Cup run in order to sustain interest further towards the end of the season, and, once again, there must be many clubs feeling the pinch which lack of competitive interest always brings with it. It is none the less pleasing to

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feel that awareness of these matters is becoming so acute that some action to secure improvement seems probable in the immediate future. What course will eventually be taken it is impossible to forecast. That will be for the clubs to decide when the various proposals—and alternatives are almost certain to be submitted—are before them

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Owing to the printers' annual holiday it has not been possible to include the team lists in the usual centre space. A separate sheet team list will be found with each of to-day's issues.

PROGRESS

Last season **John Shaw** was unfortunate owing to recurrent dislocation of shoulder, seven times in all. During the close season an operation was performed to stabilise the joint. Since then he has received daily treatment, his progress has been excellent and, if not on the field to-day, it is confidently expected that he will be fit for play in the near future.

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OVERLAP

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His interest in Trinity had been maintained to the end. We have lost a strong, if unobtrusive supporter, and one who will be hard to replace. Though this is a somewhat late expression, our sympathy goes to Mrs Holdsworth in her loss.

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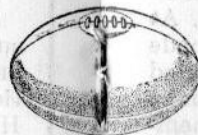
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OUTLINES DONALD FROGETT



It sometimes seems that time has quickened its measured tread and arrived at the present with a leap. So it is that one may scarcely realise that Don Froggett is entering on his seventh season with Trinity.

Living near the ground and attending the two local schools, Donald has been in a Trinity atmosphere since his earliest days. At the age of ten he had made up his mind that he wanted to play for Trinity when he grew up. Someone remembered that, and took care that Donald was not lost to sight. The fifteen years which have passed have been enough for the full achievement of his ambi-

tion—and perhaps for a little more.

After his first efforts in the game at school came a period in local Junior football which was in turn followed by his military service. But there was no interruption of his football progress and his games whilst in the Army were demonstrating that in him was something more than just promise. Here was a lad of sufficient physique and skill to warrant expectations of immediate success in higher company.

His first match with the First Team was at York on November 13th, 1948. The club lost no time in signing him and he became a Trinity player before his return to civil life. In 1946 he had watched at Wembley when our centres in that great victory were Billie Stott and Jim Croston, both nearing the end of their football careers. Two years later he was ready to step into their places. There had been an anxious youth and a decidedly anxious committee. For both there was now considerable relief.

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but we have no doubt that for him there is yet much to come. The something more to his youthful football ambitions is that he has played both for Yorkshire and for England. He is easily within time range of two visits to Australia should he be fortunate enough to gain selection. Whatever success may come his way he will remain a modest and thoroughly reliable club man. To him can well go our good wishes for many happy years with Trinity and continued recognition for representative matches.

PLAYER'S RECORDS 1953-54

A certain similarity of appearance between figures 5 and 3 seems to have been the cause of an error in last season's records, Hirst being credited with two goals less than he kicked. We are therefore giving the amended list at the earliest opportunity, with an apology to the player and to those who keep these records annually.

FIRST TEAM

		Matches	Goals	Tries	Points
Full Backs	E. Luckman	8	4	1	11
	D. Chalkley	1	4	0	8
	L. Hirst	32	103	4	218
Three-quarters	E. Cooper	22	0	12	36
	F. Reynolds	6	0	1	3
	H. Burton	16	1	5	17
	D. Froggett	33	1	23	71
	F. Mortimer	13	1	3	11
	A. N. Other	2	0	0	0
	D. J. Boocker	32	0	32	96
	K. Holliday	31	0	6	18
	C. Bell	7	0	5	15
Half-backs	R. Fewster	14	0	7	21
	A. Houlden	1	0	0	0
	E. Lockwood	21	0	8	24
	R. Evans	7	1	0	2
	A. Fletcher	34	0	8	24
Forwards	J. Booth	40	3	8	30
	S. J. Shaw	34	0	8	24
	W. Adams	21	0	2	6
	D. Harrison	1	0	0	0
	D. Horner	5	0	1	3
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P. Armstead	2	0	0	0
R. I. Hughes	2	0	1	3
E. Varley	1	0	0	0
D. Lamming	3	0	0	0
Transferred : W. J. D. Howes	4	0	1	3
J. Higgins	2	0	0	0

WORTHY OF NOTE :

Boocker's 32 tries are a record for individual Trinity player in a season.

Froggett scored two tries for Yorkshire.

Booth played in all matches.

Kelly played in one match as hooker.

Hirst's 103 goals was 5 less than his own record and 8 short of the club record held by Sam Lee.

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The Testimonial Fund from all sources, including the special match at end of last season, has now reached £350. A cheque will be presented to Jack sometime during this afternoon, probably at half-time.

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 25th, at 6-30	HULL
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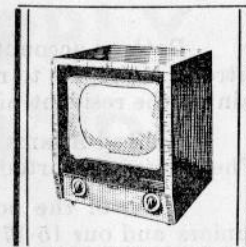
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Some of the boys from last season's very successful Trinity Juniors and our 15-17 side—have been training and will probably be making their first appearance in the "A" team in the near future.

Congratulations to Dennis Parkinson, Wakefield's first "Sportsman of the year".

THINKING ALOUD

The necessity for a two-thirds majority often provides a safeguard against snap decisions on questions of doubtful solution, and when it is a matter no less important than the re-formation of the league principle, it can operate to some advantage. If it were to become nothing more than a barrier to projected reforms it might outlive its usefulness.

We are therefore glad to see that there is a wider recognition that the present scheme of things has been static long enough to show that it is capable of improvement. It seems probable that past unwillingness to make a change has not been from satisfaction at the present state of things but rather from fear of matters being made worse.

Under these circumstances it could be a reasonable condition of any new league system that it should be given a trial for a limited time, **after which it must receive a two-thirds majority for its continuance.** Trinity's insistence that something must be done to maintain interest in more clubs for a longer period of the season has received support such as to have the matter placed before the Management Committee for suggestions as to the form that action should take.

Looking back over the years it is not difficult to note how the means of satisfying leisure hours have increased for the multitude. Though football never had a monopoly it used not to be nearly so much challenged by other sports and amusements as it is to-day. But the competitive interest can still be of major importance. We must move with the times. It may be that the conditions of the old days are gone for ever. So it is sheer necessity that we adjust our plans to present problems and dismiss the hope that the old lines will eventually see things turning out alright.

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1954					1954				
Aug. 14	OLDHAM	-	home		Aug. 21	Bradford N.	-	away	
Mon 16	Halifax K.O. 7-0	-	away		Fri. 27	Bramley K.O. 6-45	-	away	
21	Swinton	-	away		Sept. 1 wed	Castleford K.O. 7-0	-	away	
Wed 25	HULL K.O. 6-30	-	home		4	HUNSLLET	-	home	
28	DONCASTER	-	home		11	Keighley	-	away	
Sept. 4	Hunslet	-	away		18	Hull	-	away	
11	DEWSBURY YC 1st rd.	-	home		25	HALIFAX	-	home	
18	St. HELENS	-	home		Oct. 2	Featherstone	-	away	
25	Oldham	-	away		9	YORK	-	home	
Oct. 2	WHITEHAVEN	-	home		16	Dewsbury	-	away	
9	York	-	away		23	LEEDS	-	home	
16	DEWSBURY	-	home		30	CASTLEFORD	-	home	
23	Keighley	-	away		13	Halifax	-	away	
30	SWINTON	-	home		20	DEWSBURY	-	home	
Nov. 6	HALIFAX	-	home		27	HUDDERSFIELD	-	home	
13	Bradford N.	-	away		Dec. 4	Batley	-	away	
20	Huddersfield	-	away		11	HULL K R	-	home	
27	HUDDERSFIELD	-	home		18	York	-	away	
Dec. 4	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	-	away		25	BRADFORD N.	-	home	
11	YORK	-	home		27				
18	Castleford	-	away		1955				
25	LEEDS	-	home		Jan. 1	Huddersfield	-	away	
27					8	Hunslet	-	away	
1955					15	Hull K. R.	-	away	
Jan. 1	Bramley	-	away		22	FEATHERSTONE	-	home	
8	BATLEY	-	home		29	KEIGHLEY	-	home	
15	BRADFORD N.	-	home		Feb. 5				
22	St. HELENS	-	away		12	HULL	-	home	
29	Batley	-	away		19				
Feb. 5	CASTLEFORD	-	home		26				
12	R.L. Cup, 1st Rd	-	home		Mar. 5				
19	Doncaster	-	away		12	BATLEY	-	home	
26	HUNSLLET	-	home		19	Leeds	-	away	
Mar. 5	R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd	-	home		26	BRAMLEY	-	home	
12	Whitehaven	-	away						
19	KEIGHLEY	-	home						
26									
Apr. 2	Hull	-	away						
8									
9	BRAMLEY	-	home						
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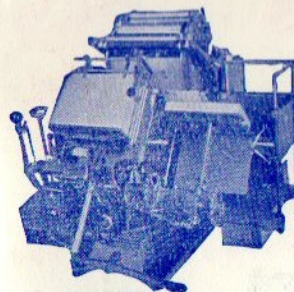
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