

ALL ABOUT THE KIWIS

Players	Club	Occupation		Age	Height	Wgt.
Fullbacks:						
Roy Moore	Mt. Albert	Printer	Single	27	6.1	12.10
Dick Haggie	Otahuhu	Storeman	Single	21	5.8	12.0
Wings:						
Bruce Robertson	Richmond	Clerk	Single	22	5.9	11.0
Vern. Bakalich	Richmond	Cutter	Married	26	5.9	12.1
Bob Hawes	Marist (Greymouth)	Salesman	Married	29	6.1	13.8
Neville Denton	Marist (Auckland)	Joiner	Single	21	5.9	12.2
Les. McNicol	Blackball	Sawmill Worker	Single	23	6.1	13.1
Tom Baxter	Richmond	Plumber	Married	26	5.8	13.3
Ron McKay	Marist (Auckland)	Driver	Married	23	5.8	12.5
Five-eights:						
George Menzies	Runanga	Rope Splicer	Single	23	5.8	11.6
Bill Sorenson	Ponsonby	Labourer	Married	23	5.11	13.4
Keith Roberts	Marist (Christchurch)	Railway Employee	Married	23	5.9	12.1
Halves:						
Pat. Creedy	Marist (Christchurch)	Tiler	Single	26	5.7	12.0
Selwyn Belsham	Richmond	Clerk	Single	24	5.9	10.9
Lock forwards:						
Alister Atkinson	Linwood	Salesman	Married	30	5.10	12.12
Ian Grey	Pt. Chevalier	Patternmaker	Married	23	5.10	12.10
Second Row:						
Jim Riddell	Richmond	Carpenter	Married	25	6.0	13.8
Rex Percy	Ponsonby	Labourer	Single	21	6.2	13.0
George McDonald	Frankton	Timber Worker	Single	21	6.1	13.12
Jack Butterfield	Sydenham	Labourer	Married	23	5.11	14.7
Front Row:						
Bill McLennan	Blackball	Miner	Married	25	6.1	15.10
John Bond	Papanui	Freezing Worker	Married	23	6.1	15.2
John Yates	Otahuhu	Freezing Worker	Single	25	6.0	15.0
Hookers:						
Laurie Blanchard	Linwood	Contractor	Married	31	5.9	14.4
Trevor Kilkelly	Sydenham	Railway Employee	Single	24	6.0	13.10

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OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB



OLDHAM

versus

NEW ZEALAND

at

WATERSHEDDINGS, OLDHAM

on

SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER

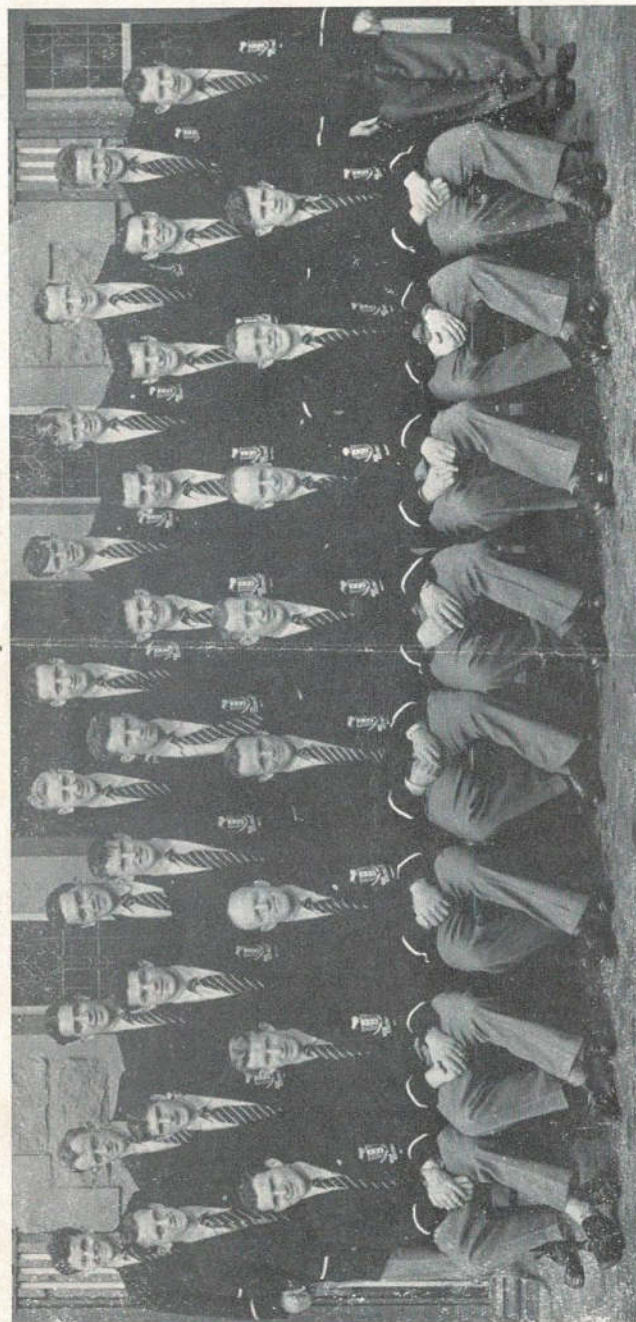
1955

KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.



SOUVENIR PROGRAMME SIXPENCE

THE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE KIWIS OF 1955



Back Row—Menzies, Kilkelly, Maxwell, Yates, Moore, McNicol, Percy, Riddell, Hawes, Roberts
Middle Row—Belshaw, Bakulich, Sorensen, Bond, McDonald, Butterfield, Blanchard, Grey, Atkinson, Haggie
Front Row—Robertson, Denton, Siddie, Baxter, McLennan, Tetley, McKay, Creedy

WELCOME THE TOURISTS

CLUB NEWS

Once again it is the Oldham Club's privilege and pleasure to bid "Welcome to Oldham" to our New Zealand visitors.

It is indeed a red letter day we have been long looking forward to, and we say that it is an honour to us that we have now played every Commonwealth team that has visited this country. Thanks also to the authorities concerned that we have allocated a Saturday match for each visit.

To-day we look forward to our best game of the season, and to see Rugby League football at its best, and however much as we would like our team to come out of the game with victory, the game will be played in the best sporting spirit, and may the best team win.

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HOW THE TOURS BEGAN

In the year 1907, this was a memorable year in the history of professional Rugby Football, a band of New Zealanders carefully selected by the late A. H. Baskerville, came to challenge the then Northern Union teams in England. It was for these hardy "All Blacks" a venture into the unknown, one of their party had only seen our game once—the pioneer of the tours—the late G. W. Smith. They were unfamiliar with the rules in regard to those essentials of play which differ from the Rugby Union, but they came. Shall I say they conquered?

The advent of Baskerville's "All Blacks" gave a wonderful impetus to our game. Their players quickly demonstrated the wonderful possibilities

of modern rugby, and before the tour was a month old, our players smartened up their latent resource and following the New Zealand players' example, indulged in spectacular combination and resourceful defence.

The Rugby League owes an inestimable debt of gratitude to the New Zealand pioneers of 1907.

We must sympathize with our visitors at the primitive training quarters which has come to their lot. Although they have been given a most wonderful welcome by the natives of Ilkley—their headquarters—it is regretted that a section of the Rugby Union authority has banned them from the Ilkley Rugby Union ground through them playing professional Rugby League football. May we point out that all the "Kiwis" play our game as amateurs.

Our game of Rugby League is a game for every class and all classes to play. It is not a caste game. Any game that brings together on the field of sport, men and boys of every type, must be a nation builder, for the hour that calls upon the manhood of a country to put aside its playthings and come to grips with the common enemy. The war proved that it is essential that every class in a community should understand and appreciate the worth of every other class. Real sport, such as provided by the Rugby League, is one of the finest mediums of achieving that end.

The Rugby League recognises that football must not be carried on at the expense of the flower of its exponents. Therefore it provides that the men who give their time in this way shall not be losers in any direction. That this is wise for those concerned, and for the nation, there cannot be any shadow of doubt. It is the only sane way in which a democracy can enter into International sport, without putting unfair strain and temptation upon the men who make that sport.



OLDHAM v. NEW ZEALAND



OLDHAM (Red and White)

- 1.—STIRRUP, F.
- 2.—CRACKNELL, R.
- 3.—NOON, J.
- 4.—DAVIES, A. (Capt.)
- 5.—O'GRADY, T.
- 6.—KELLETT, A.
- 7.—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8.—OGDEN, H.
- 9.—KEITH, J.
- 10.—LITTLE, S. D.
- 11.—WINSLADE, C.
- 12.—ROGERS, J.
- 13.—GOLDSWAIN, B. V.

Reserves :

JACKSON, K. DALEY, F.



T. O. BAXTER - CAPTAIN

OFFICIALS

Referee :

Mr. T. ARMITAGE
Huddersfield

Touch Judge (Red Flag) :

Mr. J. WOODWARD
St. Helens

Touch Judge (Blue Flag) :

Mr. C. A. MOSELEY
Manchester

NEW ZEALAND (Black and White)

- 1.—MOORE, R.
- 2.—HAGGIE, D.
- 3.—ROBERTSON, B.
- 4.—BAKALICH, V. A. N.
- 5.—HAWES, R. P.
- 6.—DENTON, N.
- 7.—McKAY, R.
- 8.—McNICHOL, L.
- 9.—BAXTER, T. O. (Capt.)
- 10.—MENZIES, G.
- 11.—SORENSEN, B.
- 12.—ROBERTS, N. K.
- 13.—CREEDY, P. J.
- 14.—BELSHAM, S.
- 15.—ATKINSON, A. J.
- 16.—GREY, I. N.
- 17.—McDONALD, G. S.
- 18.—RIDDELL, J.
- 19.—PERCY, R. W.
- 20.—McLENNAN, W. R. (Vice-Capt.)
- 21.—KILKELLY, T. T.
- 22.—BUTTERFIELD, J. R.
- 23.—MAXWELL, H. D.
- 24.—YATES, J. E.
- 25.—BOND, J. E.
- 26.—BLANCHARD, D. L.



W. R. McLENNAN - VICE-CAPT.

TOURISTS' WHO'S WHO

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Colin H. Siddle has been an active member of the South Auckland Rugby League for over twenty years. He has been a representative player, a representative referee, a New Zealand, North Island, and Provincial Selector, a coach of representative and trial teams and has also had considerable experience on the administrative side, first of all as a delegate on the South Auckland Control Board and then as President, a position he has capably filled for ten-and-a-half years. He is a Life Member of S.A.R.L. and this season was appointed to the N.Z.R.L. Council.

In the refereeing side of our game he has served as coach, critic, selector, and President of the South Auckland Referees' Association of which body he is a Life Member. For eight years he has served as Chairman of the N.Z. Referees and Rules and Interpretations Board, a position he still holds.

Mr. Siddle has been for the last ten years a North Island Selector and in 1949 and from 1952 onwards has been a New Zealand Selector, this experience following a number of years of successful selection and coaching of South Auckland teams.

As a co-manager of the successful "Kiwi" tour of Australia in 1952 Mr. Siddle obtained first-hand knowledge of what is required of a Manager and proved that on occasion he has the necessary qualifications to co-operate with all members of the party in making the tour successful.

Mr. Siddle, 48 years of age, is fit and very keen on physical training and his knowledge of exercise and experience as an instructor could be used to advantage by any touring team.

In private life, Mr. Siddle is an Assistant Manager of the Waikato Carbonisation Co. Ltd., and has had considerable experience in the control and direction of men. He has, apart from his very wide participation in Rugby League Code found time to take part in other sports, notably cricket, in which game he played as an outstanding wicket keeper and very successful batsman. He represented Waikato for six years.

TEAM MANAGER & COACH

Mr. Harold Tetley is aged 47, and has been many connected with the Rugby League game for many years. As a player he represented New Zealand from 1935 to 1938, and captained New Zealand in 1937.

He has coached Richmond Seniors in 1941 and 1942, winning the championship in 1941. He is the present coach of the Ponsonby Seniors, a position he has held since 1950. This team won all possible trophies in 1952, won the Roope Rooster in 1953 and the Championship in 1954.

He played in Australia as a member of the New Zealand team in 1938, and toured England and France as a visitor with the 1947-1948 Kiwi team. Toured Australia with the Ponsonby Club team in 1954.

Mr. Tetley has the knowledge of playing conditions in England and France gained through his visit in 1947. He has proved that he is competent in not only coaching a team to victory, but in coaching a team to play the brand of football which is expected of a true Rugby League side.

ROY MOORE (Auckland)

Fullback. A 1952 Kiwi to Australia, he is one of the most accurate goal-kickers in New Zealand to-day. This year, he has reached the zenith of his career, and has been producing consistent football of a high order. Fleet of foot, Moore is ever alert for opportunities to join in attack. He played against France in New Zealand in the First Test, and was injured in the Second Test.

DICK HAGGIE (Auckland)

Fullback. A young player of considerable ability as an attacking back. An excellent goal-kicker with sure hands. Played for the Maoris and for Auckland against the French team and acquitted himself well.

BRUCE ROBERTSON (Auckland)

A member of a famous Rugby League family, Bruce will be remembered by English enthusiasts as the "Find" of the 1951 tour, when he was only 17. On the sideline since, through injuries suffered on that tour, this season he has returned to football, and is playing better than ever. A natural footballer, he is considered the most brilliant attacking three-quarter in New Zealand to-day.

V. A. N. BAKALICH—Vern—(Auckland)

Wing-threequarter. A player of considerable speed, and full of energetic ability. Has frequently represented Auckland and played against England in 1954 in the Second Test at Greymouth.

R. P. HAWES—Bob—(West Coast)

Wing-threequarter. On his return from England turned out in the West Coast Rugby League Competition, and showed good form to win a place in the South Island Team, and then against the French in the two Tests in 1955. A good, sound, powerful player, with good experience to guide him.

NEVILLE DENTON (Auckland)

Utility full-back or threequarter. A young player with great promise. Toured with New Zealand to the World Series in France last year. Brilliant on attack, and very fast, he should develop on tour.

RON McKAY (Auckland)

24. Another utility back, and accordingly is a valuable player on tour. A Kiwi to Australia in 1951 and to France last year, Ron is a particularly fine player on the defensive, and is also an accurate goal-kicker. He played in both Tests against the French in 1955.

LES McNICHOL (West Coast)

Wing-threequarter. A young player who has been steadily improving. In 1954, was chosen as a reserve in the Third Test against England. Early in 1955, he was injured, and regained form too late for selection against the French.

T. O. BAXTER (Auckland)

26. 13st. 10lb. Five-eighth. A Kiwi for the last 6 years, Tom is a fast, rugged player who gives no quarter, and expects none in return. As Captain, his experience and football sense are invaluable, as he is always quick to sense the trend of play, and direct accordingly. Produced brilliant form in the three matches against the French, when he led the Kiwis in the two Tests and Auckland in their victory against the touring side.

GEORGE MENZIES (West Coast)

Five-eighth. A star player in his position with good experience in Test football over a number of years. Has been unfortunate with injuries, but the fast back is more robust now, and does not spare himself.

Fast and elusive attack, and works hard in defence. Toured England in 1951, and has played against France and Australia in 1954, and against France in the Second Test in 1955.

BILL SORENSON (Auckland)

Five-eighth. Of rugged appearance, he is undoubtedly the most outstanding player in his position in New Zealand. A most consistent player, he has all the attributes of the star player—fine defence, excellent handling, and determination on attack. Played against the French in the First Test.

N. K. ROBERTS—Keith—(Canterbury)

Five-eighth. A player who has been improving for some years, and great hopes are held for this player. Represented his province against England in 1954, and has played in the South Island Team. Has all the physical ability of a great player, and with experience, should foot it with the best.

P. J. CREEDY—Pat—(Canterbury)

Half-back. A convert from Rugby Union where he did well. In his first season at Rugby League, he represented Canterbury and the South Island, and filled the half-back berth in both Tests against France with great success. A sure handler, strong and quick, as he adapts his game to the Rugby League requirements, great things are expected of him. In many ways similar to Jimmie Haig, who filled the same position for many years.

SELWIYN BELSHAM (Auckland)

Five-eighth. An honest player, Sel. has been knocking on the door of representative honours for some time, and is a most reliable player. Can be relied on to give good scrum service and direct play to the best effect. Played for Auckland against the French and gave great service to the backline.

A. J. ATKINSON—Alister—(Canterbury)

Lock forward. A fast experienced player, of proved ability in the position. Owing to early injury was slow to strike form this year, but played creditably against the French in both Tests. Toured England in 1951 and Australia in 1952, and has been in many Test teams.

I. N. GREY—Ian—(Auckland)

Lock forward. A young player of considerable ability, has represented Auckland on numerous occasions and played a good game against the French in 1955 for Auckland. A versatile player with football ability, played for Auckland against England in 1954, and toured with the World Cup team.

G. S. McDONALD—George—(South Auckland)

Toured France with the New Zealand team last year in the World Series and the experience has shown in the great improvement in his play this year. Played in both Tests against the French in 1955. Is never far from the ball and on the go all the time.

JOHN RIDDELL (Auckland)

A hard-working second row forward, is gaining in experience and has a lot of big football ahead of him. Played a slashing game in the second row against the French in the 2nd Test Team and the Auckland game.

R. W. PERCY—Rex—(Auckland)

Second row. Came to Auckland early in the year from a Rugby Union district with the recommendation of Travis Hardwick. Has proved a fast, tireless player, with great backing up ability and a good sense of position.

W. R. McLENNAN—Bill—(West Coast)

Front row. The Vice-Captain of the team and well-known in football fields all over the world. Toured England in 1951 and Australia in 1952, and has been in Test teams over the intervening years and played good honest football against the French in 1955. A hard man to keep out of a New Zealand Test side because of his knowledge, physique and fitness.

T. T. KILKELLY—Trevor—(Canterbury)

Hooker. A vigorous young player showing improvement each year, an all-round forward of ability, and able to hook with the best. The experience of this tour will give opportunities to this player who has been knocking at the door for some time.

J. R. BUTTERFIELD—Jack—(Canterbury)

Forward. A powerful young forward with speed and ability. Played against England in 1954 in the Second and Third Tests and was in the World Cup Team. Played against the French this year and is an island tourist who will develop on tour.

H. D. MAXWELL—Henry—(Auckland)

A Maori boy of fine physique. Henry is an 80 minute player, who excels in the heavy going. Has represented Auckland on numerous occasions, but this is the first time he has worn a Kiwi jersey. Played against the French in the Maori Team and the Auckland Team.

J. E. YATES—John—(Auckland)

Another Maori player, who is very powerful and fit. John toured with the Kiwis to France last year. Excels in the heavy going and is a hard man to stop. Played great football for the Maoris against the French Team.

J. E. BOND—John—(Canterbury)

Forward. A strong, rugged young forward, with speed and ability. Played against England in 1954 in the First Test and has consistently represented Canterbury and the South Island. Toured with the World Cup Team, it is expected that the tour will give him the opportunity to develop and prove his natural ability.

D. L. BLANCHARD—Lauri—(Canterbury)

Hooker. A wise, experienced forward of proved ability. Has toured England in 1951, Australia in 1952 and with the World Cup Team in 1954. Has hooked for New Zealand with considerable success for a number of years and went well against the French in 1955. Apart from his specialist ability, he is a grand forward.