

TOTAL POINTS SCORERS (Club Matches only)

Up to 2nd September 1960

Player	Season 1960/61				Total Senior Records			
	App (Possible 5)	G	T	Pts	App	G	T	Pts
T. CLAWSON	5	19	2	44	75	197	15	439
C. WOOLFORD	3	-	3	9	154	-	82	246
M. DIXON	5	-	4	12	50	-	11	33
C. CLIFFT	5	-	3	9	24	-	9	27
J. MULLANEY	4	-	1	3	240	7	72	230
F. MOORE	3	-	1	3	61	-	11	33
J. FENNELL	4	-	1	3	197	369	25	813
F. SMITH	4	-	1	3	96	-	49	147
R. BELL	5	-	2	6	38	-	15	45
W. FAWLEY	5	-	1	3	244	8	48	160
J. HUNT	1	-	1	3	60	-	15	45
D. FOX	5	-	1	3	209	268	101	839

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

	Points For					Points Against				
	Tries	Conv.	Pen.	Drop	Pts.	Tries	Conv.	Pen.	Drop	Pts.
League (Home)	4	2	5	-	26	3	1	5	-	21
League (Away)	7	7	2	-	39	8	7	-	-	38
Cup (Home)	10	3	-	-	36	2	2	-	-	10
TOTAL	21	12	7	-	101	13	10	5	-	69

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SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 1960

ROVERS v. OLDHAM



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ROVERS v. OLDHAM

SATURDAY 3rd SEPT. 1960

CLUB NOTES

AS you read these programme notes, I hope that you are not having to shelter from the rain as has been our unhappy lot for our opening three games at Post Office Road. What an atrocious start from the weather point of view, for apart from any financial angle, it's not very pleasant for the faithful supporter when he has to stand through pouring rain not for one match — but three! Really one does not associate this weather with summer, but that's how it goes.

Despite the weather the Yorkshire Cup-tie game with Doncaster provided an entertaining game through the efforts of both sides in trying to play football in atrocious conditions. Doncaster certainly earned our praises, so much so that a letter of congratulation went to them from this Club this week, expressing our praise of their efforts. But what of our display? Can one criticise in such conditions, and when 36 points are scored? Well, one hates to do so, but we still have our weaknesses, and more effort will be required to keep a challenging place at the top. Perhaps we have been spoiled with the memory of last season, but when the team begins to move together as a team then we shall be satisfied. At present certain individuals are playing well, others are not showing the form that we know they are capable of; but with the early season flurry

now over, we hope that very soon we shall have settled down. Today's match is a vital test.

Injuries have unfortunately come at a bad time, for Smith, Greatorex, B. Kinsey, Pool, Dunning, Ward, Welburn and Nicholson are all on the injured list and have thus spotlighted our weaknesses in the wing and hooking positions. These are positions which are vital, but replacements are not easily found. Unlucky Ken Welburn has not yet had the opportunity of putting his comeback into practice, for he has not recovered from the knee injury he sustained in the final practice match. We naturally hope that none of the injuries will be serious ones, and that we have a clean bill of health. After all, we shall require all our reserve strength in order to continue our defence of the Yorkshire Cup.

The signing of Hammill on Tuesday (related elsewhere) is the first step towards strengthening our side, and two other forwards are also under review. Doncaster have been asked if they are prepared to part with Hartley, their prop forward, who had such a good game against us last week, and it was hoped that an R.U. trialist would have a run in the 2nd team today. The essence of success is indeed good reserve strength, and that is what we are trying to achieve.



INTO the senior team today comes Mick Reynolds, our utility reserve back, who after playing scrum-half in the opening reserve games, reverts to his original wing position. It is now five years since he signed for the

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ROVERS 19

1	COOPER	Full Back
2	REYNOLDS	R. Wing
3	EVANS	R. Centre
4	HUNT	L. Centre
5	WOOLFORD	L. Wing
6	BELL	Stand Off
7	FOX	Scrum Half
8	HAMMILL	Field Prop
9	FAWLEY	Hooker
10	DIXON	Blind Prop
11	LAMBERT	2nd Row
12	CLAWSON	2nd Row
14	CLIFFT	Loose Forward

● TEAMS SUBJECT

OLDHAM 20

4	GANLEY	Full Back
17	2 SOUTHWARD	R. Wing
3	DAVIES	R. Centre
14	4 NOON	L. Centre
14	5 NESTOR	L. Wing
6	KELLETT	Stand Off
14	7 PITCHFORD	Scrum Half
8	PAYNE	Field Prop
9	GODDARD	Hooker
10	DUFTY	Blind Prop
11	WINSLADE	2nd Row
12	ROBINSON	2nd Row
13	PARKER	Loose Forward

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Club, and whilst his senior team appearances have been occasional, he has continued to be the mainstay of our reserve team. He has probably scored more tries in reserve-team football over the past four years than any other player on our register, but in the senior team he has not had the same success. Certainly we wish him success today, for the enthusiasm he shows in his play deserves success.

Our photo, taken a while ago, shows him in training (the middle player in the front row). The Rovers players are : Back row, left to right—T. Clawson, W. Fawley, L. Evans, A. Tennant. Front row—F. Moore, R. Bradley, M. Reynolds, F. Smith and R. Bell. Coach Arthur Street has the ball.

(Photo by courtesy of Yorkshire Evening News).

"A" TEAM PROGRESS

OUR reserve team's unbeaten run came to an end at York last Saturday when injuries proved disastrous. The first half was easily the Rovers', and Sharratt and Reynolds both scored tries, which with 2 goals by Ken Elford gave us a 10-8 interval lead. Unfortunately by that time Brian Kinsey was off the field for the rest of the match, whilst young Colin Bates had to move on to the wing because of a facial injury. On top of all this, Stan Nicholson had rib injuries — which all had a crippling effect on our team. York came out after the interval and scored 19 very quick points, the final score being 27-10. Scorers to date : Tries—Reynolds 4, Sharratt 3, Lynch, Carr, Broom. Goals—Broom 4, Elford 3.

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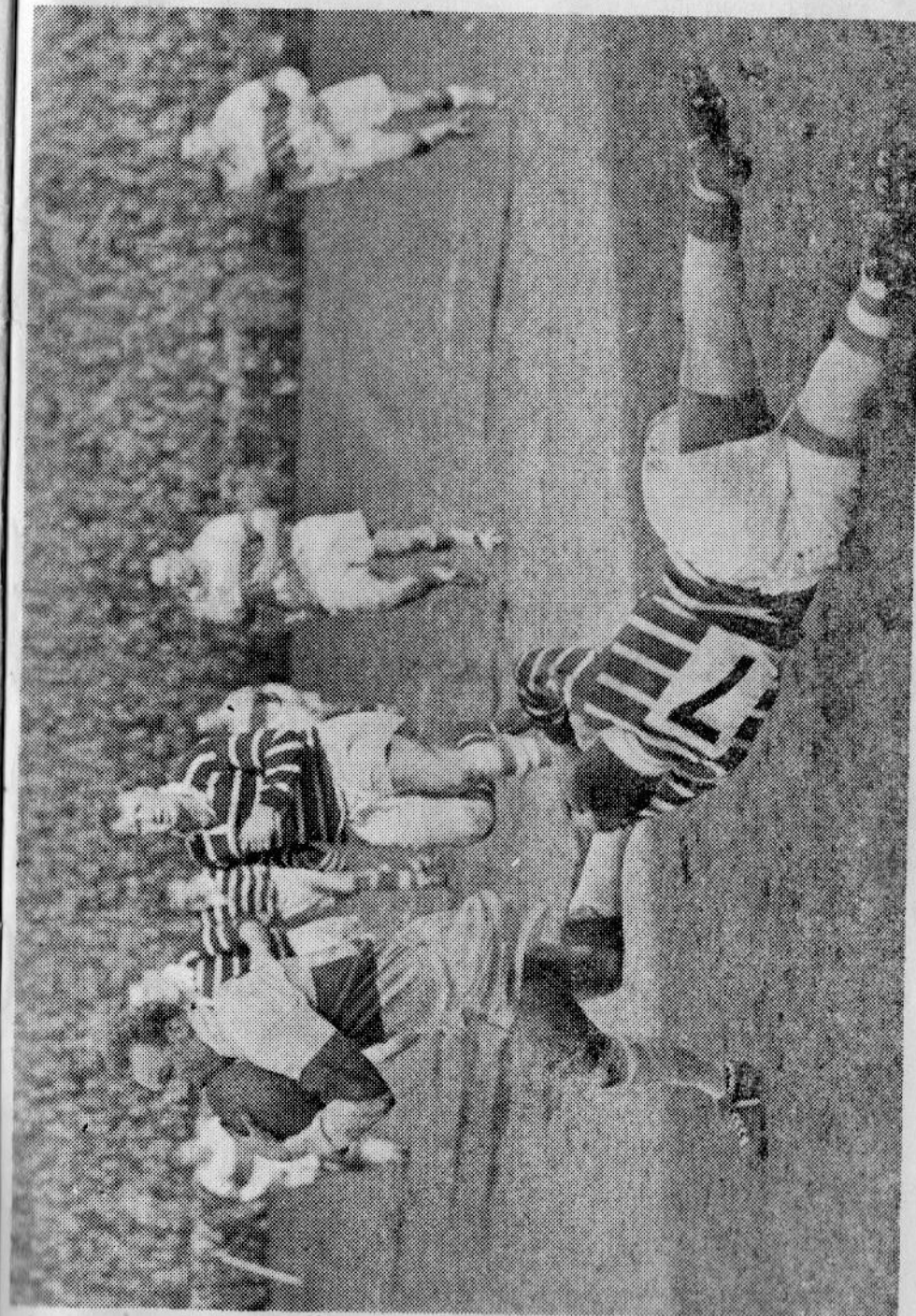
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FOLLOWING the pattern set by Willis Fawley last season, Malcolm Dixon is continuing the forward challenge for leading try-scorer, and today finds himself in the happy position of leading try-scorer with 4 tries in 5 matches. More than that, Malcolm has shown brilliant form in these opening matches, form which we hope will bring him recognition within the next few weeks. His selection last week for the County shadow team is a step in the right direction. Certainly his devastating runs have become a marked feature of his play, and once on the move his 17 stones takes some stopping. On the previous page he is seen in action against Wakefield last season in the Semi-Final, as he watches Don Fox effect a flying tackle on his opponent.

(Photo by courtesy of Wakefield Express).

LES EVANS



ONE still remembers the 1957/58 season, when centre Les Evans was in brilliant form, but since then his role has mainly been confined to the "A" team, where he has alternated between the stand-off and centre positions. Last season at Wakefield over the Easter programme he got his chance in the senior team and promptly showed that all his old confidence and form were coming back. In the "A" team matches this season he has continued that form, and

so makes a welcome return to senior football today. Such form has necessitated the Club increasing his transfer fee this week (he is on at his own request) from £750 to £1,500, but this apart, we trust that he will continue to shine. Les Evans in form can still be a great asset to us.

(Photo by courtesy of Yorkshire Evening Post).

WORLD CUP TOPICS

CRITICS in Australia are of the opinion that Australia's World Cup squad will consist mainly of those players who built up such a wonderful reputation in this country last season. The threequarter line (Eddie Lumsden, Reg Gasmier, Harry Wells and Ken Irvine) will probably be unchanged. There is a little uncertainty about the half-backs, with Bugden and Brown current favourites, but Keith Holman, who is well-known over here, is playing brilliantly although in the veteran stage, and he could quite possibly clinch the scrum-half position. The nucleus of the pack will also be drawn from last year's tourists, and Rex Mossop

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is again the likely leader. The team will be picked on September 3rd.

New Zealand are more of an unknown quantity as far as we are concerned. They last toured over here in 1955, and are due again next season. There will be plenty of new faces but very few will be new to International Football because New Zealand beat the visiting French touring team in two Tests a few weeks ago.

THE MARCH OF TIME

TRACING back through the history of our Club one is able to find many instances, particularly in the pre-war period, when players have left Featherstone Rovers to join more fashionable clubs, and at reasonable transfer fees. Unfortunately that was the pattern of those days when stars had to be sold to make ends meet, and the result was that we were too many times in the doldrums. But that was our existence in those days, and in fact after the resumption of football in 1945, the pattern still continued. Longley, Chapman and Barraclough were players who all went, until in August 1951 Arthur Wood was transferred to Leeds for a record £3,000.

This was the end of the line, for it was stated then, as Club policy, that it was hoped that from that time the Club would buy and not sell — words easier said than carried out — but by sheer persistence, and by a change in our fortunes, this has in the main been continued. In recent years we have been able to keep our stars and so flourish.

But how things have changed on the other side, for whilst we have a happy habit of breeding good footballers, that necessary experience has had to be bought from time to time. In days gone by it was a case of a

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few hundreds being spent whenever possible, and I remember the wave of excitement that swept the town in December 1947 when £500 was paid for J. Waring from Belle Vue.

That figure was a lot of money for a Club like ours in those days, but in October 1955 the Club branched out to pay its first thousand-pound transfer fee when Tony Storey was obtained from Bradford Northern. That record has stood until now although the transfer fees have risen exorbitantly since then. In August 1958 the fee was equalled when Joe Anderson was obtained from Leeds for £1,000.

The writing was, however, on the wall that when next we wanted a good forward we should have to dig, and dig deep. And so that five-year record was at last broken this week, on Tuesday night, when Len Hammill was signed from St. Helens for £2,750. It is still a lot of money for a Club like ours, but we think that it will be money well spent.

Len Hammill is 26 years old, and plays either field-side or second-row forward. He weighs 15st. 7lbs. and stands 6ft. In 1955 he signed for Bramley from Sheepscar junior team, and was transferred from there to St. Helens in February of this year for £4,000. He did not settle at St. Helens, partly because he did not want to uproot his domestic connection with Yorkshire, and that is where we came on the scene two weeks ago. He was interviewed by the Chairman and Secretary on Tuesday night and signed. We do wish him every success with the Rovers, and take this opportunity to welcome him to Post Office Road. The final poser — How long will this record transfer fee stand?

P.S.—Hammill has the unusual distinction of having played for three Clubs this year!

TERRY Clawson duly made his initial appearance for Yorkshire on Wednesday, at Wakefield, where Yorkshire were beaten by Lancashire in the last minute of the game by 21 points to 20. Under the Club agreement, any Rovers player making an initial appearance for his County receives £50, and Terry received his cheque on Thursday night.

THE draw for the Second Round of the Yorkshire Cup takes us to Keighley, who had an outstanding win over Hull in the First Round. The match, which will probably be played next week, is a hard one for our lads, for Lawkholme Lane has never been a happy hunting-ground. Our sole meeting with Keighley in this Competition was in 1925, when Rovers won 18-4 at Keighley. The incentive for a Semi-Final home draw with either Wakefield Trinity or Bramley is sufficient reason for our lads to pull it off again - we wish them luck!

SENIOR team playing wages have recently been revised to £11 per win and £5 per defeat.

FIXTURES 1960/61

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score	Atten.	Rcpts.
1960						
Aug 13	S Dewsbury	..H	Won	22- 9	4,200	£282
17	W Bradford, 7.0	..A	Won	29- 5	3,100	—
20	S Swinton	..A	Lost	12-33	5,000	£414
24	W Leeds, 6.45	..H	Lost	4-12	4,400	£381
27	S Doncaster, 6.30— 1st Rd., Yorks. Cup.	..H	Won	36-10	2,400	£250
Sept 3	S Oldham	..H				
10	S Hull K.R.	..A				
17	S Doncaster	..H				
20	T Oldham, 6.30	..A				
24	S World Cup Competition					
28	W Keighley, 5.20	..H				
Oct 1	S World Cup Competition					
8	S World Cup Competition					
15	S Huddersfield	..A				
22	S Hull K.R.	..H				
29	S Leeds	..A				
Nov 5	S Bradford	..H				
12	S Dewsbury	..A				
19	S York	..A				
26	S Warrington	..H				
Dec 3	S Batley	..A				
10	S Bramley	..H				
17	S					
24	S Hunslet	..A				
26	BD Castleford	..H				
31	S Huddersfield	..H				
1961						
Jan 7	S Hull	..A				
14	S Swinton	..H				
21	S Warrington	..A				
28	S Hull	..H				
Feb 4	S					
11	S R.L. Cup, 1st Round					
18	S York	..H				
25	S R.L. Cup, 2nd Round					
Mar 4	S Bramley	..A				
11	S Batley	..H				
18	S Keighley	..A				
25	S Hunslet	..H				
Apr 1	S Wakefield	..H				
3	EM Wakefield	..A				
4	ET Castleford	..A				
8	S Doncaster	..A				
15	S R.L. Cup Semi-Finals					
22	S St. Helens	..H				
29	S St. Helens	..A				
May 13	S R.L. Cup Final					

NEXT

HOME FIXTURE :

HUDDERSFIELD "A"

SATURDAY 10th SEPT.

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The above information, I realise, may only be taken as a rough guide, but I think that there is enough information to show that Trinity's programme is not all that much better than ours (if it is at all!)."

G. Jarvis, 60 Henrietta Street, Featherstone.

(You are invited to send your letters on any R.L. subject — the address, 4 Kingsley Avenue, N. Featherstone).

TODAY'S VISITORS

OUR first "Roses" encounter of the season at Post Office Road could not have been more challenging than that offered by Oldham today. Like ourselves they were after a place in last season's Top Four, but failed at the last hurdle, and so they are keener this season to maintain their challenge. It is two seasons since we faced Oldham, and on their last visit they came as League leaders. Their team has changed slightly since that visit, but established stars like Bernard Ganley (who does not miss many goals), Kellett (Yorkshire's No. 6), Davies and Noon are still with them. Geoff. Robinson and Ike Southward have joined them during the period since our last encounter, and this team offers a stiff obstacle to our hopes of getting back to the league winning path after two successive defeats.

Last encounter : Rovers 8 v. Oldham 30, 1st November 1958.

The Rovers led by 8 points to 7 at the interval, and well deserved their lead, obtained in the face of a strong onslaught from the Oldham side. The best football came from the home side in the pre-interval period with Woolford and Clamp scoring two excellent tries. Unfortunately this good work was undone early in the second half, when two defensive mistakes let the visitors in for tries which gave them the lead for the first time, and Oldham then proceeded to gain the upper hand. Their loose forward, Turner, was sent off six minutes from the end. Attendance 8,000. Receipts £740.

Teams. Oldham : Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Noon, Ety; Kellett, Pitchford; Ramsbottom, Keith, Jackson, Winslade, McKeown, Turner. Scorers : Cracknell, Pitchford, Kellett, Davies (2), Noon (tries); Ganley 6 goals.

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Scorers : Woolford, Clamp (tries), Fox 1 goal.

	Present Positions	Home	Away		Posn.
Oldham	P4	W1 D0 L1	W1 D0 L1	Pts.For 40 Agst. 45	17th
Rovers	P4	W1 D0 L1	W1 D0 L1	Pts.For 65 Agst. 59	15th

Past Rovers v. Oldham Encounters

	At Featherstone	At Oldham
Season 1921-22	L 0-3	L 5-28
Season 1923-24	L 10-27	L 15-53
Season 1928-29	D 3-3	L 0-17
Season 1932-33	L 5-18	L 4-9
Season 1946-47	L 12-13	L 0-23
Season 1949-50	W 12-3	D 15-15
Season 1952-53	L 7-14	L 8-32
Season 1955-56	W 14-4	L 6-25
Season 1958-59	L 8-30	L 7-12

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