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PULLED A "FAST ONE"

It is a pity that the Roy Bell serial had to hit the headlines in such dramatic fashion after the player himself had had such a satisfactory trial spell at Doncaster. To start at the beginning, however, the Dons sounded Wakefield Trinity about Bell, and a figure was mentioned, but the Doncaster club wanted to see Bell in action after he was brought to a position of fitness. It was arranged, therefore, that Bell would come to Doncaster on a month's trial.

It was on the 28th of September that the trial period was to commence, but as Bell was on holiday that week, it was not until October 1st that the player reported at Tatters Field. Roy Bell obviously was not in anything like peak condition, and after two training sessions, played his first game for the "A" team at Leeds on 5th October. That left the 12th, 19th and 26th for the Dons to play him. At Leeds Bell was on the losing side by 16-15.

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Roy Bell's second game was also in the "A" team—at home to Hull "A"—which was lost by 15-8. In neither game did Bell score, but he was getting match fit. The Dons' next game was against Bradford Northern at Doncaster, and Bell made his senior debut. The Dons won by 25-3, and Bell scored a try, while not being outstanding.

For his final trial game, Roy Bell was in the first team at Headingley, and scored a try, and generally had a good game in the Dons' shock win by 22-11. The Dons let it be known that top of the agenda for Tuesday's Board Meeting was the decision re Roy Bell. In the meantime the Doncaster secretary, Mr. R. Irwin, received a letter informing the Doncaster club that Trinity had decided to recall Bell, but he was still for transfer but with £500 more slapped on the fee.

The Doncaster directors were appalled and understandably angry at this movement. It does appear that Trinity were within their rights, but the Dons thought that a "gentleman's agreement" existed on the issue. This, claims the Dons, has been broken.

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Mr. Irwin commented on Wednesday morning: "Bell reported for training at Tatters Field last night. The player himself did NOT know that Wakefield had recalled him." Mr. Len Tattersfield, the Doncaster chairman, had this to say: "I think Wakefield have pulled a fast one on us, and we will remember it in future."

Mr. Tattersfield added that on a matter of principle Doncaster would not pay the £2,000 fee now being asked. It was certainly no reflection on the player's abilities while at Doncaster. Club officials are bitterly disappointed.

WAKEFIELD'S ANSWERS

Not wishing to get myself dubbed as biased—or the Dons for that matter—let us now put the Trinity's version, as expounded by chairman Mr. Stuart Hatfield: "Doncaster were not prepared to pay the £1,500 at which Bell was listed, so Trinity agreed to let him go for trials. Doncaster have taken advantage of the full month's trials, and we have heard nothing from them about signing Bell. We heard he had been playing well, so we decided

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to RAISE his fee. We have not pulled a fast one on Doncaster. We may play Bell ourselves or we may negotiate his transfer—two clubs are interested. Doncaster can have him if they are prepared to pay the new fee."

The Dons have stated that they are not going to enter into any private auction.

There is not a great deal of space left, so I will give the team a pat on the back for last week's wonderful win at Leeds. Sorry Oldham, but I have only space left now to welcome you as worthy Division II leaders, and hope for a tip-top game today.

The Dons' two pools—the Development and the Progressive—seem to be holding their own just now, which is as well. Costs tend to rise all the way round, and unless "gates" really show a big increase the Dons will be dependent more than ever on the Pools. More agents are required. Good commission is forthcoming to anyone interested. Please enquire at the Pools Office if you are interested. Thank you.

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	Ap.	G	T	P
Rushton	9	3	10	29
Dewsbury	5	2	10	26
Goodchild	9	4	0	12
Horsman	9	3	0	9
Hepworth	9	3	0	9
Redfearn	8	3	0	9
Doyle	9	1	2	7
Heath	6	1	0	3
Stocks	2	1	0	3
Bell	1	1	0	3
Goodyear G.	9	0	0	0
Kirk	9	0	0	0
Astbury	6	0	0	0
Price	6	0	0	0
Tasker	4	0	0	0
Appleyard	3	0	0	0
Bangs	3	0	0	0
Heeley	3	0	0	0
Pell	3	0	0	0
Widdop	2	0	0	0
Brownley M.	1	0	0	0
Holt	1	0	0	0

EAST REGION

Rushton	2	2	4	14
Tasker	2	4	0	12
Bell	1	1	0	3
Goodchild	2	0	0	0
Horsman	2	0	0	0
Doyle	2	0	0	0
Goodyear G.	2	0	0	0
Heath	2	0	0	0
Kirk	2	0	0	0
Hepworth	2	0	0	0
Pell	2	0	0	0
Redfearn	2	0	0	0
Price	1	0	0	0
Astbury	1	0	0	0
Stocks	1	0	0	0

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	Ap.	G	T	P
White	7	0	17	34
Dewsbury	6	3	10	29
Bonson	10	6	0	18
Woodfield	6	6	0	18
Charlton	8	2	0	6
Davies	5	2	0	6
Strawbridge	3	2	0	6
Holt	3	2	0	6
Atkin	6	1	1	5
Goodyear A.	9	1	0	3
Trowell	7	1	0	3
Bangs	5	1	0	3
Askin	4	1	0	3
Heeley	3	1	0	3
Brown	3	1	0	3
Robinson	6	0	1	2
Sharpe	7	0	0	0
Widdop	7	0	0	0
Pell	3	0	0	0
Littler	3	0	0	0
Tasker	3	0	0	0
Lancaster	3	0	0	0
A. N. Other	2	0	0	0
Bell	2	0	0	0
Williams	2	0	0	0
Horton	2	0	0	0
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Division II

1963

		F-A	
August—			
24 LEIGH	A	2-13	6000
27 BATLEY	H	7- 4	1950
13 LIVERPOOL	H	20- 8	1950
September—			
4 BRADFORD N.	A	16- 8	750
7 YORK (Yorks. Cup) ..	H	3- 2	1500
14 BARROW	A	8-23	3500
21 BLACKPOOL B.	H	10-13	1750
23 HUDDERSF'LD (Y. Cup)	A	0-27	3500
28 ROCHDALE	A	9-16	2500
October—			
5 LEEDS (Regional) ..	H	7-10	2200
12 OLDHAM	A	13-45	5600
19 BRADFORD N.	H	25- 3	1400
26 LEEDS (Regional) ..	A	22-11	4700
November—			
2 OLDHAM	H	.....	.....
16 DEWSBURY (2.30 p.m.)	H	.....	.....
23 LIVERPOOL	A	.....	.....
30 CASTLEFORD (Regional)	H	.....	.....
December—			
7 BLACKPOOL B.	A	.....	.....
14 BRAMLEY	H	.....	.....
25 BRAMLEY	A	.....	.....
26 YORK	H	.....	.....
28 BATLEY	A	.....	.....

1964

January—			
4 WAKEFIELD T. (2.30p.m.)	H	.....	.....
(Regional)	H	.....	.....
11 LEIGH (2.30 p.m.) ..	H	.....	.....
18 SALFORD (2.30 p.m.) ..	A	.....	.....
February—			
1 WHITEHAVEN	H	.....	.....
8 1st ROUND C.C. ....	.....	.....	.....
15 HUDDERSFIELD (Reg.)	A	.....	.....
22 BARROW	H	.....	.....
29 2nd ROUND C.C. ....	.....	.....	.....
March—			
7 DEWSBURY	A	.....	.....
14 WHITEHAVEN	A	.....	.....
21 CASTLEFORD (Regional)	A	.....	.....
28 HUDDERSFIELD (Reg.)	H	.....	.....
30 YORK	A	.....	.....
31 WAKEFIELD T. (Reg.)	A	.....	.....
April—			
4 SALFORD	H	.....	.....
11 ROCHDALE	H	.....	.....

Yorkshire Senior Competition

1963

		F-A	
August—			
24 BRADFORD N.	(h)	29- 7	
30 BATLEY	(a)	21-13	
September—			
7 DEWSBURY	(a)	6-10	
14 FEATHERSTONE	(h)	14-23	
21 YORK	(a)	4-11	
28 KEIGHLEY	(h)	10-22	
October—			
5 LEEDS	(a)	15-16	
12 HULL	(h)	8-15	
19 BRADFORD N.	(a)	29-13	
26 LEEDS	(h)	12-25	
November—			
2 FEATHERSTONE	(a)	.....	
9 BRAMLEY	(h)	.....	
16 HULL	(a)	.....	
23 HALIFAX	(h)	.....	
30 CASTLEFORD ...	(a)	.....	
December—			
7 HUNSLET	(h)	.....	
14 BRAMLEY	(a)	.....	
21 WAKEFIELD T. ...	(h)	.....	
28 HULL K.R.	(h)	.....	

1964

January—			
4 WAKEFIELD T. ...	(a)	.....	
11 HULL K.R.	(a)	.....	
18 YORK	(h)	.....	
25 BATLEY	(b)	.....	
February—			
1 HUNSLET	(a)	.....	
15 HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	.....	
22 HALIFAX	(a)	.....	
29 KEIGHLEY	(a)	.....	
March—			
14 HUDDERSFIELD			
(Cup)	(h)		
21 CASTLEFORD	(h)		
28 HUDDERSFIELD	(a)		
30 DEWSBURY	(h)		

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