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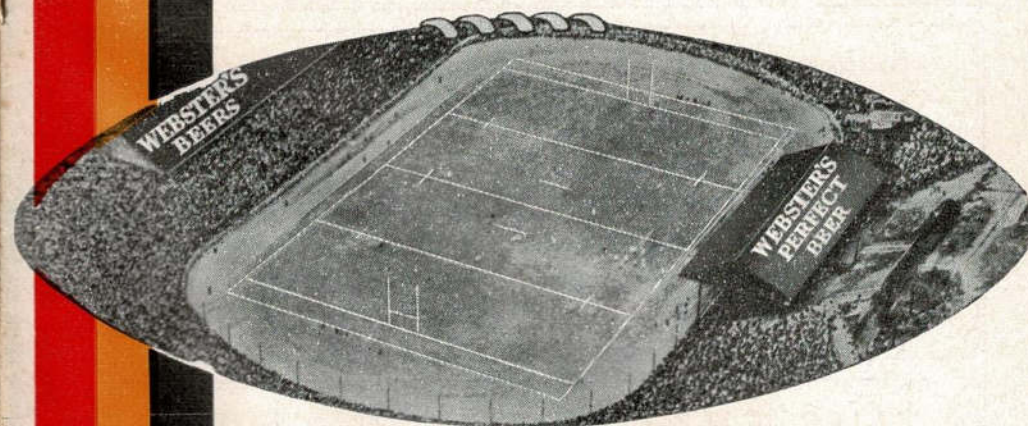
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(All games except friendlies)

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Goals in a game—14 by Joe Phillips, v. Batley, September 1952.

Tries in a game—6 by Eric Batten, v. Leeds, September, 1945.

6 by Trevor Foster, v. Wakefield Trinity, April 1948.

Points in a game—34 (11 goals, 4 tries) by Ernest Ward, v. Liverpool Stanley, Oct. 1945.

Club goals record—661 by Joe Phillips, 1950 to 1956.

Club tries record—261 by Jack McLean, 1950 to 1956.

Club points record—1,520 (574 goals, 124 tries) by Ernest Ward, 1938 to 1954.

Biggest win—67-0, v. Liverpool Stanley, October 1945.

Biggest defeat—73-5, v. Wakefield Trinity, September 1961.

Odsal Stadium attendance record—102,569 at 1954 Cup final replay, Halifax v. Warrington.

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ODSAL ITEMS

Alan Rhodes, recovered from his leg injury, nicely tanned after his recent holiday, is receiving remedial treatment and impact therapy in an effort to attain peak fitness as early as possible. We hope to have the services of this likeable and popular player once more in the very near future!!

The "scholarship" deal with Roy Francis is now drawing nigh and with the full approval of the go-ahead North Sydney club, with Cavanagh, a tearaway second-row forward and goal-kicker, a hot favourite to make the trip! In spite of whoever makes the second berth—and it could be another forward—I am once again reassured that the mighty George Ambrum is a certainty to get here.

The powerful crowd-pulling winger is a great favourite here at Odsal and the crowd can be expected to accord him a tremendous welcome and ovation when he makes his reappearance in the stadium!!

A memory that I shall always treasure is of George, made captain for the day, with face beaming with pride, leading out the side to do battle with the Australians and on which occasion only a travesty of justice robbed them of a victory they had so richly deserved!!

Roy Francis, a top class winger himself, is of the opinion that George is one of the top three wingers in Rugby football down-under!!!

We are pleased to report that Mike Fieldhouse after successfully passing his recent course is now assisting the "Physio," Ron Barritt, and the "A" team will benefit from the results of his interest and treatment.

Malcolm Kielty, son of Stan the "A" team coach, has taken up the duties of secretary to the under seventeen and under twenty junior sides. He replaces Mike Fieldhouse and we wish him well in this very essential and valuable facet of club development. Good luck "Malc," and every success!!

It should be noted that the interval break is now ten minutes and therefore matches commencing at 3 p.m. will now finish not before 4-30 at the earliest!!

"A MONTH'S FEEL" THEN "BIG DEAL" FOR "BIG NEIL"

Many Northern supporters were surprised when the "Big Fella" Neil Fox was eventually signed by Northern and turned out against Dewsbury, who had soundly thrashed Wakefield on the Tuesday evening previous. He turned in a tremendous performance to confound critics of the signing. His first score was when he smothered a pass in the tackle, killing the ball first then picking up to canter under the posts. His second early in the second half came after a long curving run in which he beat at least five opponents, by swerve and sidestep, power and drive, to touch down under the posts. On top of this he had a hand in every Northern try and brought out the best in his colleagues who were inspired to a man with his great display.

What impressed me was the obvious zest and enjoyment he still gets out of the game, then how swiftly he settled down with his team-mates; he slotted in like a cabinet maker's dovetail and how obviously happy they were to have him with them, as happy as Neil was to be there.

With the acquisition of two first class wingmen who I am given to understand will shortly be forthcoming, I am open to wager that this could well be our Wembley year.

Neil of course has had almost every honour the game has to offer; he has Yorkshire Cup and Yorkshire League winners' medals, Rugby League Challenge Cup and Championship winners' medals and captained both his country and county on many occasions.

We welcome Neil to Odsal and the worst wish we have for him is that he duplicates all his honours so well earned here at Odsal.

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Contrary to earlier information we now learn with regret that due to domestic reasons George Ambrum will not now be returning to Odsal this year.

OLD JACK.

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PLAYER'S No. 6

The Player's No. 6 Competition will again be in operation with an award being made to the player of the match and points will be accumulated to determine the season's prize winners. Spectators will again have their chance to vote for their Players of the year.

ODSAL ITEMS

Observers at recent training sessions will have noted the efforts of "maestro" Albert Fearnley to add novelty and interest to training methods. and the hard grind of the Tuesday and Thursday training stints have been made enjoyable to both player and spectator alike!!

COLIN REYNOLDS

Outside or Scrum Half

Height 5 ft. 7 ins. Age 22 years. Match weight 12 st.

This likeable and strong well built boy joins Bradford Northern with excellent credentials, well recommended by our old friend Erroll Stock. "Col" hails from the Bundaberg club in the Queensland state of Australia. Selected on several occasions to represent his state he is equally at home in both the fly and scrum half roles, and his strong running and tenacious tackling are a feature of his play and make "Col" a handy sort to have around.

Athletics play a prominent part in his family, which has a most remarkable and impressive record of achievement in this field. On the distaff side, his mother represented Queensland at hockey, and his father at cycling. Both Colin and brother Ralph have represented the state Rugby League style and another brother, Ray, is a brilliant batsman of near test match standard!

The long pleasure cruise from down under has resulted in a generous increase to the "Reynold waist-line" but like all our Queenslanders have been, "Col" is known to favour rigorous training methods and confidently expects to reach peak physical fitness in the absolute minimum of time!

The boy rang up our director Mr. Harry Womersley (with whom he is staying) with a request for trials and judging from what I have seen of him to date, both playing and financial success should be his for "the first time of asking." We tender a most hearty welcome to Colin and wish him a very good and pleasant sojourn here at Odsal!!

"A" TEAM NEWS

Sunday, 10th August, 1969. Halifax "A" 31 pts. v. Northern "A" 38 pts.

Team: Riches; Blacker, Secker, Donavan, Hudson; Reynolds, Daley; Goddard (Capt.), Mullins, McCurley, Outlaw, Oswald, Clamp (Fletcher).
Subs.: Fletcher, Hinchcliffe.

Scorers: Tries—Daley 2, Blacker 2, Secker, Oswald, McCurley, Reynolds.
Goals—Secker 7.

In a free scoring match at Thrum Hall, which never reached great heights, in spite of the spate of tries which were mainly scored because of mistakes and weak tackling, Northern had five new junior signings on view and they were naturally unsure of themselves and seemed out of their class, though Australian Reynolds had a good game, and when he gets match fit looks a likely prospect. Most of the tries came from play made by the experienced players in the side. Young David Secker kicked seven goals out of eight attempts. Daley, Blacker and Reynolds were the pick of the backs, and Oswald, Goddard and Mullins were best up front.

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- 5 PAUL LITTEN—Constable Y.C., Hull
- 6 DAVE STOCKWELL—Halifax and Yorkshire
- 7 BAK DIABIRA—Constable Y.C.
- 8 JIM MILLS—Welsh Youth and Salford
- 9 TONY FISHER—R.A.F. and Wales
- 10 DAVID HILL—Queensbury and Yorkshire
- 11 GEOFF CLARKSON—Wakefield Trinity and Yorkshire
- 12 FRANK FOSTER—Hull K.R., Cumberland and Gt. Britain
- 13 JOHN SYKES—Leeds
- 14 PAUL DALEY—Halifax
- 15 STAN FEARNLEY—Halifax

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Though considered by some to be rather a "fishy business" it does appear as if the "Pong" man got the blame!! To be perfectly "Frank" however, opponents will readily concede, even after a "battering," that its foolish to "Foster" a grudge and positively fatal to allow him "Elbow-room"!! This leaves us all with "food for thought" and though supplies are only temporarily "Off," let him who dares cry "Stinking Fish"!!!

DANCE

There is to be a Dance at the Mecca Locarno, Manningham Lane, on August 28th, dancing 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., which is also in aid of the Testimonial Fund.

Tickets will be on sale at the match, in the Club Room; also raffle tickets, the prizes for which include a weekend for two at Blackpool Illuminations, apart from many other valuable prizes. We do hope as many people as possible will come along to the Dance.

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Today it is our privilege to extend a cordial welcome to our friends from the Watersheddings and we trust that a good game will be served up for those fortunate enough to attend. Like ourselves, Oldham were beaten in the first round of the County cup. Drawn against Swinton at the Watersheddings the Lions just got the verdict 28 pts.—24 pts., after a very close and thrilling game.

We note that "Tommy Canning" is now intent on staying in England and will not emigrate to Australia after all, and Ged Smith can expect fierce competition for the vital scrum half job!

Ex Oldham skipper Geoff Fletcher is now a Wigan player after his recent transfer. Just for the record, the fee Wigan paid for this international open-side prop was £4,000!! However with forwards of the class of Taylor and Irving, the pack can be expected to function well and Price, Briggs, Crellin and Whitehead in the back division, all handle in the Oldham tradition!!

Once again for the benefit of newcomers it should be noted that the half-time interval is now ten minutes and that substitutes up to two in number can be fielded at any time during the course of the game!!

OLD JACK.

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CUP FINAL TICKETS

Seating tickets for the 1970 Final were all sold by the beginning of June, 1969. Tickets for the Standing Enclosures at 10s. 0d. can still be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapletown Road, Leeds, 7. Those who obtain their tickets from the Rugby League Offices will receive an application form for the 1971 Final when the 1970 tickets are distributed. Supporters are advised to submit their applications for the 1971 Final as soon as they receive their forms because many Organisers of parties delay submitting their forms for several months and then are disappointed if they find that the tickets they require are all sold.

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