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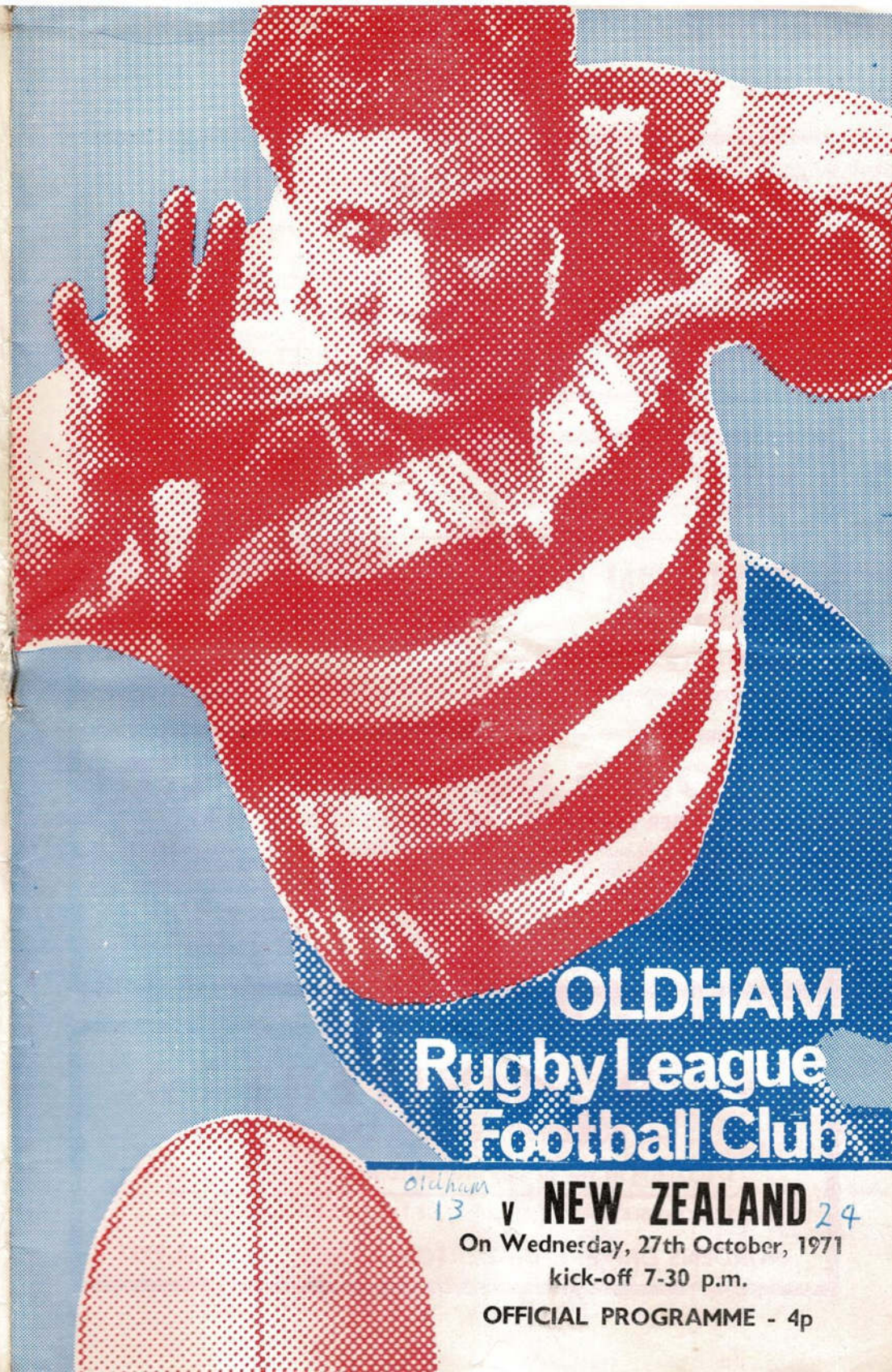
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OUR VISITORS

Tonight we welcome to Watersheddings the triumphant New Zealand tourists who, eleven days ago, became the first all Kiwi side to win a test match series in this country. The first ever tourists of 1907-8 actually won the test series but they included Dally Messenger, an Australian, in their test line-up and so, strictly speaking those pioneer tourists would be classed as an Australasian combination. However, the tourists must be congratulated on their excellent test form.

Throughout the years there have been many outstanding personalities from New Zealand associated with the British Rugby League but perhaps the most famous is the legendary Lance Todd. He toured England in 1907-8 and stayed behind to play for Wigan before becoming the manager of the outstanding pre-war Salford team. He was killed in a road accident on November 14th, 1942, whilst returning from a match here at Watersheddings. The Lance Todd Trophy award at Wembley takes its name from this talented administrator who had strong views about the re-organisation of the game. It would be interesting to hear his views about the televising of matches. Other famous players who spring to mind are Joe Phillips (661 goals for Bradford between 1950-56), Peter Henderson (214 tries for Huddersfield), and Ces Mountford (Wigan), regarded by many as the greatest stand-off of all time.

Although the 1971 Kiwis have suffered several embarrassing defeats in club fixtures the form displayed at Barrow and especially Wigan was most pleasing. In the first test at Salford the New Zealanders turned an 8-0 deficit into an 18-13 victory and then repeated the feat at Castleford in the second test where the 17-14 victory came after trailing 11-0. One very disappointing aspect of this tour is the atrocious attendance figures. Both test matches drew less than 4,000 which is a poor reflection on the state of the game today. The largest crowd of the tour so far is the 12,252 at Wigan. This will be the eighth occasion on which the Kiwis have visited Watersheddings for a club match and of the previous seven visits the Kiwis have won only two. In 1907-8 Oldham won 8-7 and on completion of the tour George Smith, the Kiwis test centre, decided to stay on and play for Oldham. It was Smith's second visit to Britain for he came over with the 1905 All Blacks rugby union tourists. He made 18 appearances on his rugby union trip and scored 19 tries including 2 tries in New Zealand's victory over Scotland. Smith stayed with Oldham for eight seasons before a broken leg, sustained in a match against Rochdale Hornets, ended his career. Whilst with Oldham he played in three Championship Finals and one Cup Final. The tour of 1926-7 is remembered because of the strike by several of the Kiwis who were later suspended sine die and amidst this background of controversy Oldham won 15-10. The 1947-8 tourists were quite successful and only narrowly lost the test series. They also proved too strong for Oldham who they beat 18-8. The clash between Oldham and the 1951 tourists was most exciting, with Oldham just hanging on to a 21-18 win but in 1955 Oldham were well on the way to building their most successful side and they comfortably defeated New Zealand. During the 1961 tour a combined Oldham/Rochdale Hornets side met New Zealand and after a tough game the tourists were beaten 10-8, all the points coming from penalty goals. When New Zealand last visited Oldham, on the 31st August 1965, they ran out narrow winners 5-2, and no doubt they will be out to score another victory tonight.

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3. Substitutes. In the games against New Zealand two substitutes can be used at any time, but the players substituted will not be able to return to the field of play.

PEN PICTURES

FULL-BACKS

(1) **McLennan, Michael James** (Mount Wellington Club, Auckland), 27, 12st., 5ft.10in. Freezer worker. Played in his first test match this season against Australia at Auckland, he impressed as a running full-back. Has 14 years in the code and has played for Auckland for the past four seasons.

(2) **O'Sullivan, John Charles** (Ponsonby Club, Auckland), 21, 12st.6lbs., 5ft.11in. Company representative. Although chosen as a full-back John plays most of his club football in the centre ; also equally at home at stand-off. Has played R.L. for 16 seasons and has represented Auckland every season in schoolboy and junior grades.

WINGERS

(5) **Orchard, Philip Charles** (Ngongotaha, Bay of Plenty), 23, 14st., 5ft.-10in. Solid plasterer. Played provincial football for six seasons. Philip has played in three test matches, one against Australia and two against Great Britain, scoring two tries.

(3) **Brereton, Maurice Patrick** (Marist-Western Suburbs Club, Canterbury), 24, 13st.7lbs., 5ft.10in. Policeman. Maurice has played for West Coast province for four years and for Canterbury two. A strong running winger, he has played fourteen games for the Kiwis, including nine tests, in the process he has scored nine tries. Came to England last year for the World Cup Series and has taken part in three international series at home.

(14) **Whittaker, John Albert** (Randwick Club, Wellington), 21, 14st., 6ft.2in. Butcher. Another versatile back. Began playing R.L. when only nine years old and has come right through the grades. Came to England and France on last year's World Cup Tour. Played in two tests and a total of eight matches on tour. Scored two tries when New Zealand beat Australia this season.

(6) **McGinn, Robert Christopher** (Otahuhu Club, Auckland), 23, 12st., 5ft.9in. Engineer. Has played for Auckland for two years. He also made the World Cup Tour but played in only one match against Australia.



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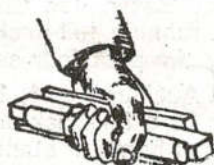
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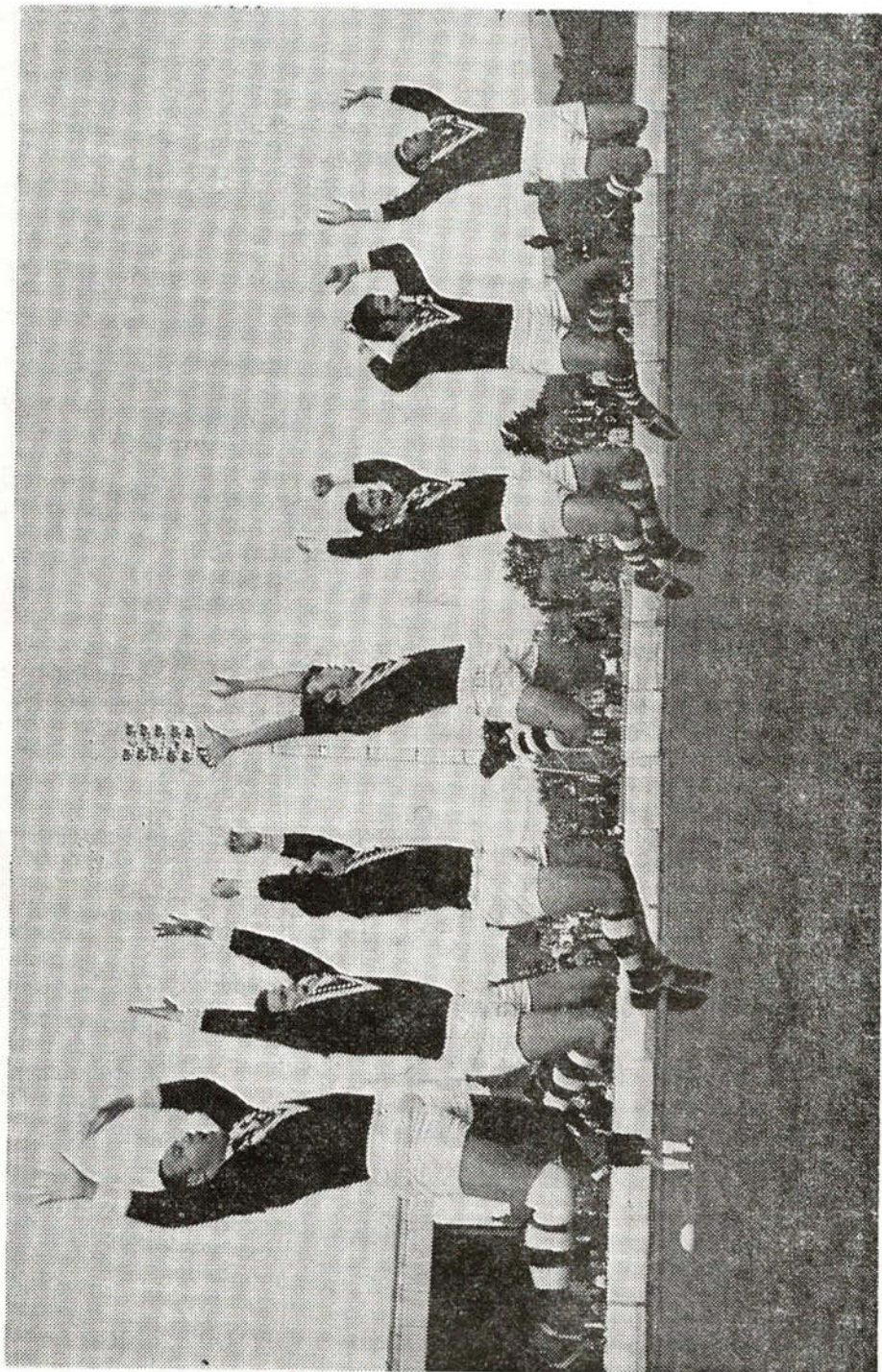
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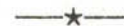
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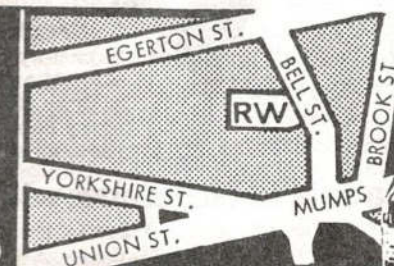
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CENTRES.

(18) Sorensen, David (Otahuhu Club, Auckland), 22, 11st.6lbs., 5ft.6in.. Freezing worker. Brother of a very famous Kiwi, Bill Sorensen. He was a member of the New Zealand squad selected to play Australia this season.

(17) Williams, Dennis Arthur (Te Atatu Club, Auckland), 17, 13st., 5ft.8in. Wages clerk. One of the youngest players to represent New Zealand. Dennis is a player who has impressed with his strength against players of greater maturity. Played for the N.Z. XIII against Australia at Huntly this year.

(16) Lowther, Bernard Ross (Richmond Club, Auckland), 21, 13st.7lbs., 6ft. Salesman. Started his international career last season by playing two tests against Great Britain at the age of 19. Bernard then toured England and France for the World Cup series playing in every match of their schedule.

(4) Christian, Fletcher Roy (Otahuhu Club, Auckland), 27, 13st.4lbs., 5ft.11in. Clerk. Roy is a very experienced player who first played for New Zealand in 1965. He has played a total of 48 games for New Zealand, of which 21 have been tests. He has scored 9 tries during this period. This is his fourth tour, having been to England and France in 1965 & 1970 and Australia in 1967.

STAND-OFF HALVES

(20) Cooksley, Graeme Roy (Christchurch, Eastern Suburb Club, Canterbury), 22, 10st., 5ft.4in. Real estate agent. Graeme is a former N.Z. schoolboy representative. He won a place in the World Cup team at scrum-half and played in all three tests, scoring one try.

(19) Woollard, Gary John (Mt. Albert Club, Auckland), 29, 11st.4lbs., 5ft.9in. Radio technician. Gary made his debut for New Zealand on the Australian tour of 1963. He toured Australia again in 1967, played against the Aussies again in 1969 and came to England for the Cup series. He has played a total of 23 matches for the Kiwis and played in five tests.

SCRUM-HALVES

(15) Dowsett, David Shane (Otahuhu Club, Auckland), 25, 11st., 5ft.7in. Television technician. Another of the present team who toured Australia two years ago. David was injured earlier this season when critics felt he had the inside running for the scrum-half position.

(7) Stirling, Kenneth Lorrie (Ellerslie Club, Auckland), 21, 11st.4lbs., 5ft.7in. Plumber. Another player who has played the code all his life. Ken came into prominence this season when he played against the Australians.

PROP FORWARDS

(24) Greengrass, John (Linwood Club, Canterbury), 24, 14st.10lbs., 6ft.1in. Freezing worker. John first appeared for New Zealand as a surprise choice for the World Cup team when he played in all eight matches. Renowned for his fine tackling and reported to be quite fast for a prop.

(10) Gailey, Douglas (Ellerslie Club, Auckland), 23, 15st., 5ft.11in. Brick-laying contractor. First played for New Zealand two years ago against Australia and followed this by playing in all three matches against Great Britain. Douglas came to England (World Cup) and played in six matches. Has a total of 10 appearances for New Zealand.

(8) Tatana, Henery (Mt. Albert Club, Auckland), 26, 16st., 6ft.1in. Watersider. Henery toured Australia in 1967 and came to England for the World Cup but only played in one game. He has played in three tests so far and has a total of 11 Kiwi appearances to his credit.

(11) **Orchard, Robert Ian** (Ellersie Club, Auckland), 26, 16st.7lbs., 6ft. Shopkeeper. Bob is making his fourth overseas tour, having first toured in 1965 to England and France, went to Australia in 1967 and was a member of the World Cup squad last season. He has a total of 35 matches played for New Zealand and has played in 11 test sides. Total try tally is 11.

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(9) **Fisher, James Henry** (Christchurch, Eastern Suburbs Club, Canterbury), 30, 14st.6lbs., 5ft.11in. Wool Manager. After having played for New Zealand in 1963 Jim has been in and out of first class football for varying reasons. Can be regarded as a utility player, as he first played prop for N.Z.

(25) **Burgoyne, William John Edward** (Marist Club, Auckland), 24, 12st.6lbs., 5ft.7in. Advertising sales rep. Another player who came to England last year for the World Cup series. Bill played in two matches of the tour. He played for N.Z. U/23 team which toured Australia two years ago.

SECOND ROW

(12) **Deacon, William George** (Ngaruawahia Club, Waikato), 26, 14st.-12lbs., 6ft.2in. Electrical fitter. Bill was a schoolboy Kiwi in 1959 and has played for his province for many years, making his first appearance as a Kiwi on the 1965 tour of England and France. Toured Australia in 1967 and came to England again last year, and has amassed a total of 35 appearances for N.Z.

(23) **Mann, Donald** (Ponsonby Club, Auckland), 28, 14st.10lbs., 5ft.11½in. Fitter. Although a prop forward for his club and has played in this position for Auckland, Donald gains his Kiwi birth as a second rower.

(21) **Smith, Gary Maxwell** (Marist Club, Wellington), 29, 15st.10lbs., 6ft.3in. Customs Officer. First played for New Zealand in 1966, Gary toured Australia in 1967 and came over for the World Cup. He has played for New Zealand on 24 occasions.

(22) **Kriletich, Anthony Peter** (Marist Club, Auckland), 27, 14st., 5ft.10in. (Vice-Captain). Panel beater. Although chosen as a second row forward, Tony has played most of his football at loose forward. Played for New Zealand in 1967 and 1968 and toured England last year. He has a total of 25 matches to his credit, and this includes 14 successive tests.

(13) **Eade, Murray Keith** (Ellerslie Club, Auckland) 23, 14st.7lbs., 6ft.1½in. Carrier. Another player who can play in the second row or at the back of the scrum. Keith played second row against Australia this year and scored a try, he followed this with two tries for Auckland against the tourists.

(26) **Williams, Ray** (Richmond Club, Auckland), 25, 14st., 5ft.10in. Plumber. Ray played for Auckland in 1968 and 1969 and has been a reserve for the province this year. He was injured in a match against Great Britain last year. He has been tipped to make Kiwi honours for some time and his strong attacking game has now brought its reward.

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Mr. W. L. (Bill) O'Callaghan, Co-Manager, Waikato. One of the 1965 tour managers, Bill is well known in the English and French Rugby League circles.

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