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Northern Rugby League

Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

No. 1

Saturday, August 19th, 1972

Price 5p

To-day we open our League programme with a visit from Oldham and we take this opportunity of extending a warm welcome to the Officials, Players and Supporters of our near neighbours from over the Pennines. This is their first visit here for some time during which the transport problems have been eased by the opening of the Motorway and we hope that this will have resulted in more visitors from over the top. The game promises to be a very good one as Oldham were a very much improved side towards the end of last season finishing up in the thirteenth position and thus qualifying to take part in the Top 16 Play-Offs. Although Oldham only finished with three points more than the Fartowners they had a much better scoring average totalling 573 points against 480 as compared to our own record of 394 points against 435.

In the Rugby League Challenge Cup Oldham made a very gallant effort but suffered the same fate as the Fartowners, losing to St. Helens in the first round by 8 points to 6, Huddersfield going down to the Saints in the next round. Wigan defeated Oldham in the first round of the Play-Offs by 18 points to 8 at Central Park.

One player who should be very keen to show up in this match is our newly signed loose forward Ray Clark who made his debut in the Fartown colours last Sunday against Halifax. He is soon having the opportunity of playing against his former team mates and the game could be a very good test for him.

After the rather disappointing display against Halifax I am sure that there will be many more of the Huddersfield side keen to get off to a good start in the League programme and give their supporters a little more confidence in the team's prospects for the coming season.

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Batty's bit

By Brian Batty of the "Daily Mail"

The prospect of playing in the World Cup Competition in France in October gives the game's leading players added incentive to make a successful start to the season.

There is going to be a rare battle for places, particularly among the forwards, and I welcome this as a healthy situation.

If Britain are to have a chance of regaining the trophy from Australia then it is essential they field a powerful pack.

After watching Frank Myler's men lift the Ashes in Sydney in July, 1970, I shared their bitter disappointment in losing the World Cup final three months later.

The tragedy was that the weary British players had been pitched into a hectic League programme before they had time to lick their wounds or relax after a strenuous tour.

Their record of losing only one game in Australia and going undefeated through New Zealand was slightly scarred.

They had been expected to help their clubs strive to win county cup competitions and League games and were also robbed of tour hero Roger Millward by injury.

I feel it was unfair to have expected the majority of those players to lift their play both mentally and physically for a World Cup competition.

Since then Britain have tottered along, losing the Test series to New Zealand but beating France twice in the second part of last season.

The Australians have recently thrashed the Kiwis in Tests in Sydney and Brisbane and are, rather typically, shouting the odds about their chances in France.

But coach Harry Bath has tempered praise for his side with the warning that the New Zealand side are unrecognisable from the men who triumphed in Britain.

Bath has spent enough time playing in this country and as coach to appreciate the threat of Britain at top level.

The Australians have been considerably strengthened by the return of Graeme Langlands, their brilliant skipper and full back.

I felt Britain were lucky in 1970 that a broken thumb prevented Langlands playing in the Second and Third Tests and in World Cup.

Langlands will undoubtedly lead Australia but the big surprise is the return of Artie Beetson to Test duty as a prop forward.

The former second row giant was overlooked for the last World Cup but is now being hailed as the ace distributor for a pack that will almost certainly include John O'Neill and Bobby McCarthy.

The only new name to British fans and players is that of John Elford, who has won a second row spot in the recent Tests and a reputation for fierce tackling and strong running.

The question marks remain about the wing positions and at half back. Bradford fans will be pleased to hear that former favourite George Amburn is holding down the right wing position.

Tim Pickup, who returned to Australia after a long spell as Blackpool's full back, is current first choice for the stand off spot with Bobby Fulton settling into the centre position.

It is encouraging to hear that the Aussies have their problems but it is clear that they are the side to beat if Britain are to collect the World Cup.

Let us hope that the fight for places in the British party has the expected response at club level. I think the material is there — I just hope it comes to the surface.

Forthcoming Matches at Fartown

Friday, August 25th

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

HUDDERSFIELD v DONCASTER

Yorkshire Rugby League Cup 1st Round

Monday, August 28th

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

HUDDERSFIELD v LEEDS

SPORTS MEETING

Do not forget to support the club by coming to the Sports Meeting to be held here at Fartown on Saturday next when there will be several athletes of International ranking taking part. There is a bigger entry for the event this year and among the races to be held there will be a 120 yards and 220 yards handicap, a 120 yards invitation race, the mile, 100 yards youths' race and a youths' relay as well as a tug o' war organised among local contestants.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Mr. E. Lawrinson of Warrington

Our referee for to-day has had quite a distinguished career and can now look back on twenty years' experience with the whistle, having commenced in the local District League in February 1950. He passed the R.L. Examination in March, 1953 and refereed his first Senior game in 1960. In March, 1963, he was promoted to Grade One and two years later took charge of the England v. France under 24 International as well as the Yorkshire Cup Final. He stood by as reserve referee for the Challenge Cup Finals of 1968 and 1971 and then he finally got his chance in 1972 when St. Helens met Leeds at Wembley.

He is the Managing Director of an Engineering Company, a married man with two daughters, and has another sporting interest — that of playing squash.

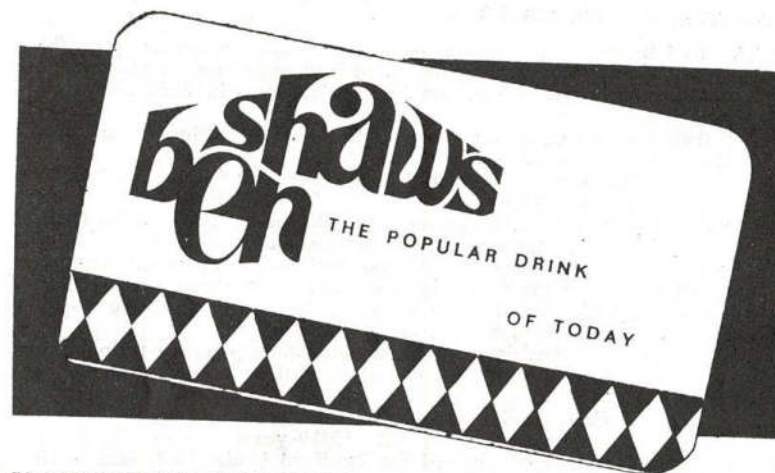
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SOCIAL CLUB: During the close season work at last got underway on the extension to the club. The present club room is to be enlarged, and a lounge is also to be incorporated — we are hoping that by Christmas the work will be completed.

MEMBERSHIP: May we remind all members that subscriptions are now due at the same rates as last year:

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JUNIORS: Congratulations to the Supporters' Junior Team on winning the Referees Trophy in the sevens at Rochdale. To celebrate the occasion a pie supper and social was held for all the juniors in the club, the trophy and plaques being presented by Mr. Dave Valentine.

The juniors meet each Tuesday and Thursday, at 6-30 p.m., for training, at Fartown, and any boys wishing to come along will be welcome. There are two age groups:

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Once again the cushion service in the stand, terrace side canteen and supporters' shop will be in operation, and we hope for your continued support.

On behalf of our President, Mr. Arthur Lockwood, and the members of the Supporters' Club committee may we wish you all an entertaining and successful season at Fartown.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1972	Northern Rugby League	F	A
August			
13	*HALIFAX ... home 3-30	18	21
19	OLDHAM ... home 3-00	...	...
22	Hull ... away 7-30	...	...
25	*DONCASTER ... home 7-30	...	...
	(Yorks. R.L. Cup, 1st Rd.)		
26	LEEDS ... home 7-30	...	...
September			
3	Hunslet ... away 3-00	...	...
10	YORK ... home 3-30	...	...
16	Keighley ... away 3-00	...	...
23	*Players No. 6 Comp., 1st Rd.		
30	WARRINGTON .. home 3-00	...	...
October			
7	*Yorkshire Cup Final		
	KEIGHLEY ... home 3-00	...	...
15	Wakefield T. ... away 3-30	...	...
17	CASTLEFORD ... home 7-15	...	...
	BBC-2 Floodlit Comp., 1st Rd.		
21	DONCASTER ... home 3-00	...	...
29	Batley ... away 3-00	...	...
November			
4	Oldham ... away 3-00	...	...
12	BRADFORD N. ... home 3-30	...	...
19	Doncaster ... away 2-30	...	...
25	*Players No. 6 Comp., 2nd Rd.		
	HUNSLET ... home 3-00	...	...
December			
3	Warrington ... away 3-00	...	...
9	*Players No. 6 Comp., 3rd Rd.		
	FEATHERSTONE .. home 3-00	...	...
16	CASTLEFORD ... home 3-00	...	...
24	Halifax ... away 3-30	...	...
26	HALIFAX ... home 3-00	...	...
30	*Players No. 6 Comp., S.F.		
	Bramley ... away 2-30	...	...
1973			
January			
6	HULL ... home 3-00	...	...
12	Castleford ... away 7-30	...	...
13	*Players No. 6 Comp., S.F.		
21	Bradford N. ... away 2-45	...	...
27	*R.L. Chall. Cup, 1st Rd.		
February			
4	HULL K.R. ... home 3-30	...	...
10	Leeds ... away 3-00	...	...
17	*R.L. Chall. Cup, 2nd Rd.		
25	Featherstone R. ... away 3-00	...	...
March			
3	*R.L. Chall. Cup, 3rd Rd.		
4	WAKEFIELD T. ... home 3-30	...	...
11	York ... away 3-00	...	...
24	*Players No. 6 Comp., Final		
25	BATLEY ... home 3-30	...	...
April			
1	BRAMLEY ... home 3-30	...	...
6	Hull K.R. ... away 7-30	...	...
7	*R.L. Chall. Cup, 1st S.F.		
14	*R.L. Chall. Cup, 2nd S.F.		
21	DEWSBURY ... home 3-00	...	...
23	Dewsbury ... away 3-00	...	...
May			
12	*R.L. Chall. Cup Final		

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April
28 Top Eight Play-Off
May
5 Semi-Finals
19 Final

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

1972 Yorkshire Senior Competition

August	F	A
26 Hull ... away 3-00	...	...
September		
2 HALIFAX ... home 3-00	...	...
9 Hunslet ... away 3-00	...	...
16 YORK ... home 3-00	...	...
23 HULL K.R. ... home 3-00	...	...
29 Castleford ... away 7-30	...	...
October		
7 Doncaster ... away 3-00	...	...
14 WAKEFIELD ... home 3-00	...	...
21 Batley ... away 3-00	...	...
28 DONCASTER ... home 3-00	...	...
November		
4 BRADFORD N. ... home 3-00	...	...
11 Featherstone R. ... away 3-00	...	...
18 LEEDS ... home 2-30	...	...
25 Dewsbury ... away 3-00	...	...
December		
2 HUNSLET ... home 2-30	...	...
8 Halifax ... away 7-30	...	...
15 Keighley ... away 7-30	...	...
23 CASTLEFORD ... home 2-30	...	...
30 BRAMLEY ... home 2-30	...	...
1973		
January		
6 Leeds ... away 3-00	...	...
13 DEWSBURY ... home 2-30	...	...
20 FEATHERSTONE home .. 2-30	...	...
February		
3 Hull K.R. ... away 3-00	...	...
10 Bradford N. ... away 3-00	...	...
16 Wakefield T. ... away 7-30	...	...
24 BATLEY ... home 3-00	...	...
March		
10 HULL ... home 3-00	...	...
17 KEIGHLEY ... home 3-00	...	...
24 Bramley ... away 3-00	...	...
31 York ... away 3-00	...	...

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