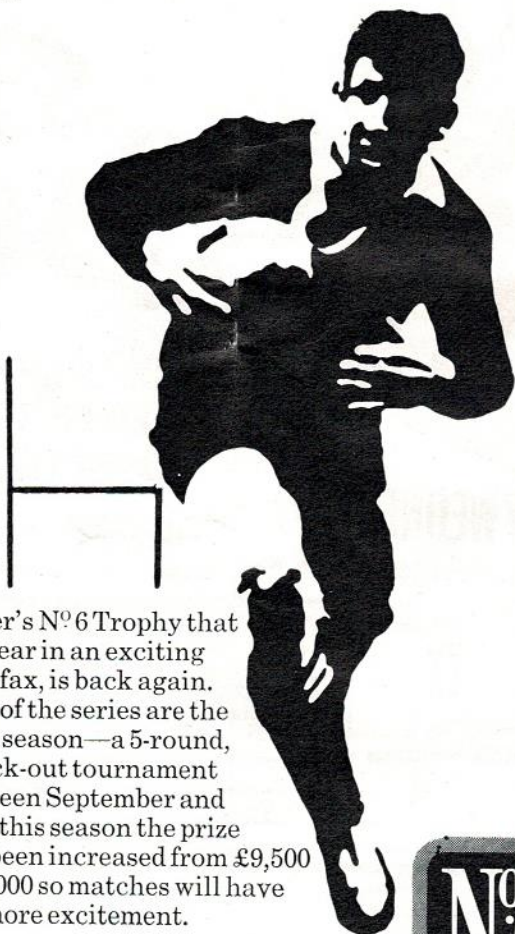


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Sunday, 24th September, 1972.

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Our Visitors

This afternoon it is our pleasure to welcome to the Boulevard, for the first round of the Player's No. 6 Trophy Competition, all the players, officials and supporters of the Oldham Rugby League Club.

The first Lancastrian team to visit us this season are a very strong side and are expected, by certain knowledgeable experts, to "do well" in league and cup this season. This rejuvenated side are ably and expertly led by that well known "granite" type forward, Frank Foster. This ex-H.K.R. star has certainly worked wonders with the Oldham outfit, and it also appears that he is doing the same for Cumberland in the County Championship. Frank is having a terrific season and it could be that he has already played his way into the World Cup Squad which will be travelling to France later this year. As well as grafting in his usual manner, Frank, lays on some beautiful short passes for his forwards to run on to. Another star of the Oldham pack is Bobby Irving who is now running stronger than ever. Whoever completes the forward line up it is certain that a good strong pack will be on view.

At off-half we could see either Cliff Hill the ex-Wigan star or Tony Wainwright who recently signed from Leeds, but it does seem that Tony will occupy one of the centre positions.

All in all, we are in for a "cracker" of a game and if our forwards can get on top, we will win.

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HULL 3 - WAKEFIELD 11.

What a disappointment this match turned out for the Hull fans. We did expect that after drawing at Wakefield and then winning at home, to progress into the next round of the Cup, but on the night, the better side won. To me the main difference between the Wakefield performance of the previous Friday to this Cup match was the play of Bob Oswald at fieldside prop and the re-pairing of the half backs, Joe Bonner and Dave Topliss. Both these half backs were more at home in their positions and saw to it that Wakefield played the more workmanlike rugby.

Player's No. 6 Trophy Competition

Today we are taking part in the opening matches of the Player's No. 6 Trophy competition and we start our campaign to get among the big prize money with a fixture against Oldham.

This is the second successive season in which all the senior clubs and the two leading amateur clubs have taken part in the competition but this time Player's No. 6 have made it an even more attractive proposition. They have added a further £5,600 to the total prize fund which now stands at a record £16,100 and this has enabled them to guarantee every club a share of the prize money in the following way:-

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The start to the season has, to put it mildly, been far from encouraging for the majority of clubs.

The main cause for despondency after only a month is the decline in attendances despite the general switch towards Sunday rugby.

There has been little evidence that the new six tackle rule is proving the success that the Australians have claimed it has been in their country.

But I firmly believe that many of the fans missing from the terraces were tempted to stay in front of their television sets.

They were mesmerised by the massive coverage of the Olympic Games and most of the highlights unfortunately coincided with Sunday matches.

After all, the opportunity to watch the Games is limited to once in every four years while the same players are appearing too regularly at rugby grounds.

I was among those who preferred to keep the inter-county fixture system and felt the return to county leagues was another backward step.

But more alarming has been that the standard of football served up so far has fallen well below expectations.

We are not getting the greater number of attacking moves we were promised by those who introduced the six tackle rule.

I have purposely withheld my views until I could see at least a couple of dozen games spread over the two main counties.

The overall pattern I am left with is that of the forwards tending to dominate the game, keeping possession for a minimum of four tackles.

It would seem that a lot of coaches are instructing their sides to make sure they try and use all six tackles even though the backs are being left out in the cold.

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4 STEVE PORTZ *try*

5 ALF MACKLIN

Half Backs—

6 BRIAN HANCOCK

7 KEN FOULKES

Forwards—

8 MICK HARRISON

9 ROY FIRTH

10 HARRY ASTON

11 KEITH BOXALL

12 MIKE CRANE

13 NICK TROTTER

Substitutes—

14 LEN CASEY

15 KEITH TINDALL

Referee—

~~Mr. D. S. BROWN~~

Mr. Brian Warrington ~~(Preston)~~

BAKERS

OLDHAM 10
(Red and White)

Full Back—

1 MARTIN MURPHY

Threequarters—

2 MIKE ELLIOTT

3 PHIL LARDER *goal*

4 TONY WAINWRIGHT

5 NORMAN HODGKINSON *try*

Half Backs—

6 CLIFF HILL

7 MICK McCONE

Forwards—

8 KEN WILSON

9 KEVIN TAYLOR *try goal*

10 FRANK FOSTER

11 BOB IRVING

12 GEOFF MUNRO

13 JIM REYNOLDS

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14 *Tommy Davies*

15 *Gareth Owen*

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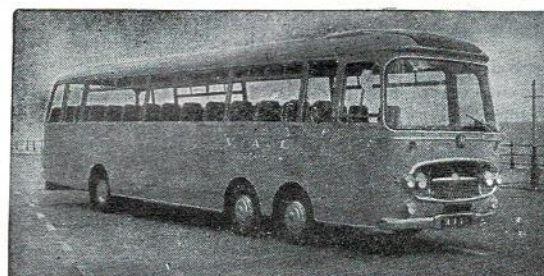
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FIRST TEAM			
1972	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 12	HULL K. R. ...	Home	W 43- 8
20	Warrington ...	Away	L 20-31
22	HUDDERSFIELD ...	Home	L 21-26
25	LEEDS ... (Yorkshire Cup)	Home	L 8-19
28	Doncaster ... (Kick-off 6-30 p.m.)	Away	L 16-26
Sept. 1	BATLEY ...	Home	L 16-17
5	Wakefield ... (B.D.C. Floodlit Comp.)	Away	D 7- 7
10	Oldham ...	Away	L 2-27
15	WAKEFIELD ...	Home	W 18-10
19	WAKEFIELD ... (B.B.C. Floodlit Comp.)	Home	L 3-11
24	OLDHAM ... (Players No. 6 Rd. 1) (Kick-off 3 p.m.)	Home	
Oct. 1	Bramley ...	Away	
6	BRADFORD ...	Home	
15	Keighley ...	Away	
20	HALIFAX ...	Home	
28	Leeds ...	Away	
Nov. 3	HUNSLET ...	Home	
12	York ...	Away	
17	OLDHAM ...	Home	
24	FEATHERSTONE ...	Home	
Dec. 2	Halifax ...	Away	
8	DEWSBURY ...	Home	
15	WARRINGTON ...	Home	
22	Castleford ...	Away	
26	Hull K. R. ... (Kick-off 11 a.m.)	Away	
29	CASTLEFORD ...	Home	
1973			
Jan. 6	Huddersfield ...	Away	
12	BRAMLEY ...	Home	
21	Batley ...	Away	
27	Challenge Cup Rd. 1		
Feb. 2	KEIGHLEY ...	Home	
17	Challenge Cup Rd. 2		
23	YORK ...	Home	
Mar. 4	Dewsbury ...	Away	
9	LEEDS ...	Home	
18	Featherstone ...	Away	
23	DONCASTER ...	Home	
Apr. 1	Hunslet ...	Away	
8	Bradford ...	Away	
14	Challenge Cup S/F.		
20	HULL K. R. ... (Kick-off 3 p.m.)	Home	
23	Wakefield ... (Kick-off 7-30 p.m.)	Away	
28	Play off.		
May 5	Champ. Semi-Finals		
12	Challenge Cup Final		
19	Champ. Final		

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION			
"A" TEAM			
1972	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 26	HUDDERSFIELD ...	Home	W 26- 0
Sept. 2	Bramley ...	Away	Postponed
9	BRADFORD ...	Home	W 22-11
18	Hull K. R. ...	Away	Postponed
23	Bradford ...	Away	
30	DONCASTER ...	Home	
Oct. 7	Wakefield ...	Away	
14	HALIFAX ...	Home	
21	Leeds ...	Away	
28	BATLEY ...	Home	
Nov. 4	Keighley ...	Away	
11	YORK ...	Home	
18			
25	Hunslet ...	Away	
Dec. 2	DEWSBURY ...	Home	
9	Featherstone ...	Away	
16	Castleford ...	Away	
30	Batley ...	Away	
1973			
Jan. 6	BRAMLEY ...	Home	
13	York ...	Away	
20	WAKEFIELD ...	Home	
27			
Feb. 3	Halifax ...	Away	
10	LEEDS ...	Home	
17	HUNSLET ...	Home	
24	Dewsbury ...	Away	
Mar. 3	KEIGHLEY ...	Home	
10	Huddersfield ...	Away	
17	FEATHERSTONE ...	Home	
24	Doncaster ...	Away	
31	CASTLEFORD ...	Home	
Apr. 13	HULL K. R. ...	Home	

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