



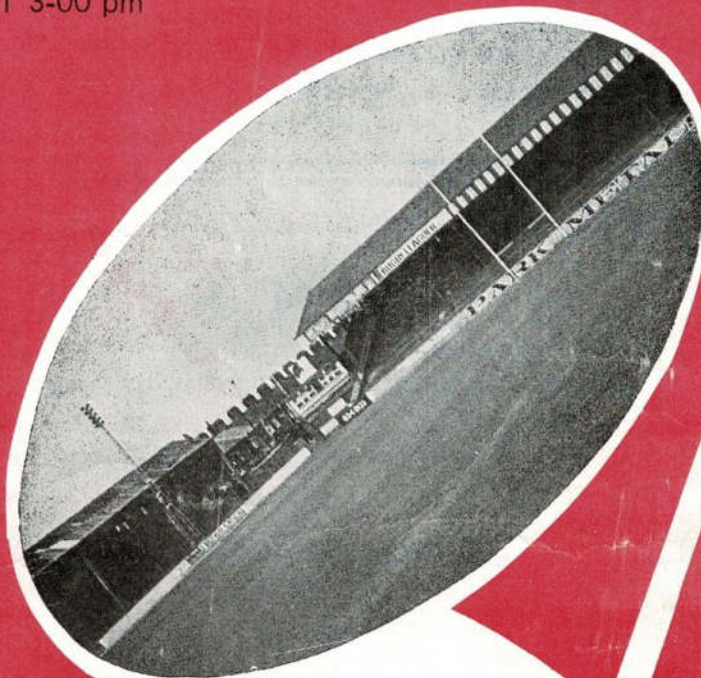
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BRIAN BATTY OF THE MAIL — — —

As the English players sample a new season a former Great Britain star is still counting the cost of his explosive temperament in Australia.

That controversial character Malcolm Reilly is still dominating the headlines he first claimed during that memorable tour of 1970.

There has been quite an outburst in Sydney recently following Reilly's latest episode when he was dismissed for butting while playing with top club Manly Warringah.

The former Castleford loose forward has been suspended again and the Aussie inquest should interest those few players in this country who occasionally resort to this tactic in the heat of the moment.

A leading neurologist has warned that Australian players using 'the head-butt' risk serious damage to the brain and that they face permanent injury.

There were three incidents of this nature in one wild weekend and while this tactic isn't prevalent over here I hope it disappears completely from the game.

It is certainly one thing we do not want to see with the Australians touring here shortly and the memory of that last clash in this country here in the World Cup final in 1970.

Reilly was recently described as the game's highest paid player Down Under but he has plenty of critics and former Test full back Les Johns told him:

'Mal, you are a sucker for the slightest provocation. Every player in the game knows how easily you can be baited.

'We know how tough you are so what about settling down and playing football, cutting out the rough stuff which has cost you a three-match suspension.'

So it seems Reilly, with all his skill, hasn't changed a lot but there is another side to his character, revealed by his wife Susan, a 23-year-old Castleford girl.

The better half of Reilly reports that big Mal is now a water-ski-ing, boating and fishing enthusiast and is looking forward to becoming a father in January.

He has also taken up chess, for with training three times a week and matches at the weekend, he is forced to spend a lot of evenings at his luxury Sydney pad.

It's still the life of Reilly mind you for he's made the most of his skill as well as his strength and is stacking the dollars away.

He is the target for most teams, partly because of his nationality, but is happy with the situation.

'I love it in Australia and still feel it was the best decision of my life when I moved to Sydney,' he says.

If there is one thing missing I'll wager it is the chance to wear a Great Britain shirt and clash with Australia at the highest level.

On the Inside with **DAVE PARKER**

Rochdale's county prop forward Eddie Brown has gone missing again after only three weeks of pre-season training and a chat with chairman Joe Grinrod and coach Frank Myler. He played against Oldham in the charity match and was selected for an "A" team match at Warrington, but failed to turn up the previous evening for training and then was omitted from the reserve line-up.

Former Keighley reserve hooker Les Hobson has joined Halifax for trials.

Dewsbury reserve second row forward David Briggs, who is also equipped physically to play in the front row, has joined Bramley for a four match trial.

Featherstone Rovers players have, despite the Government's freeze, increased terms for this term in reward for their Wembley triumph. They have a £4 increase on the £16 of last season with also £3 for midweek and Sunday games thrown in.

Hooker Graham Wilson, second row Graham Naylor — the most under-rated forward in Yorkshire — and stand off Mick Chamberlain have yet to start training. Huddersfield's playing strength has never been so low in strength.

Bill Francis has returned from New Zealand to stake a claim in Graham Starkey's line-up, but a former Halifax junior, who was coached by Keighley coach Alan Kelllett, Phil Lee, has emigrated with his family to Auckland to take up a position with leading Kiwi club Richmond Rovers.

Salford's stay-away Cumbrian forward Bill Kirkbride, who is claiming a "raw deal" at the Willows, is training with Halifax junior club Ovenden until a senior club prepared to offer somewhere in the region of £2,500 comes along.

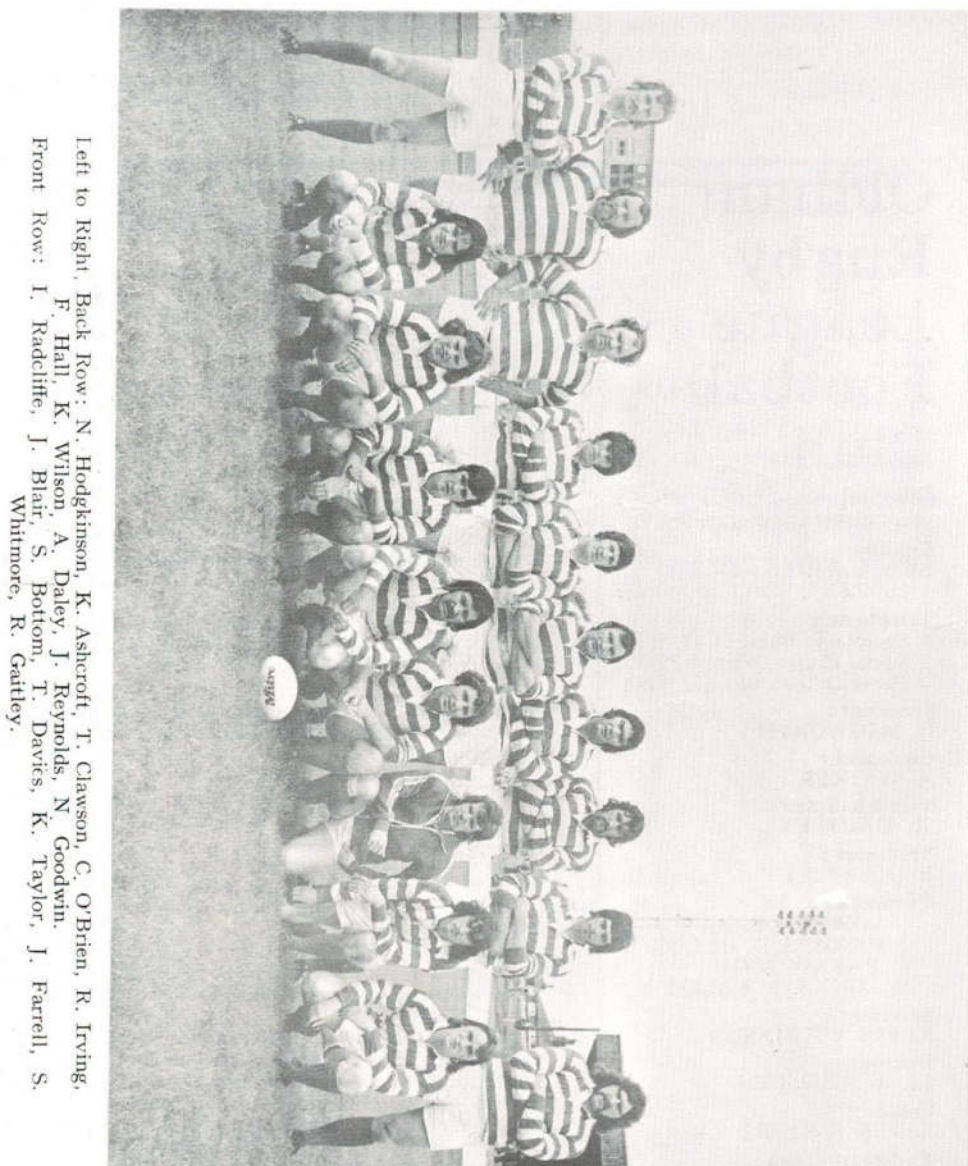
Former Leeds and Keighley prop Ken Eyres is joining the New Hunslet board, and another candidate is the old Hunslet club's former scrum half Jeff Stevenson. But with so many experienced players on the board offering their own advice, the position of Geoff Gunney as coach could be a tricky one in the next few months.

Halifax are chasing Mayfield (Rochdale) county winger and captain Jim Power. Power, who also plays for England, has turned down the offer of trials.

The Rugby League council arranged for a sub-committee last Saturday morning to meet at headquarters and talk with representatives of the three county amateur commissions in an effort to work out a possible peace formula with the ruling executive of the recently formed British Amateur Rugby League Association.

The average age of the Keighley "A" team, who met Huddersfield "A" at Fartown last Saturday was 20.

The Keighley club received a letter last week from an Australian R.U. player saying he would like to guest for the club while looking up relations and would be pleased to receive the £573 return air fare before setting off!



Left to Right, Back Row: N. Hodgkinson, K. Ashcroft, T. Clawson, C. O'Brien, R. Irving, F. Hall, K. Wilson, A. Daley, J. Reynolds, N. Goodwin.
Front Row: I. Radcliffe, J. Blair, S. Bottom, T. Davies, K. Taylor, J. Farrell, S. Whitmore, R. Gattley.

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Dewsbury statistics

Colours: Black, yellow and red hooped jerseys, white shorts.

Ground: Crown Flatt.

Joined League: 1898.

League Champions: 1915-16, 1916-17, 1941-42, 1942-43 and 1972-73.

Championship Runners-up: 1917-18, 1943-44 and 1946-47.

Second Division Champions: 1904-05.

Challenge Cup Winners: 1911-12 and 1942-43.

Challenge Cup Runners-up: 1928-29.

Yorkshire Champions: 1946-47.

Yorkshire Cup Winners: 1925-26, 1927-28 and 1942-43.

Yorkshire Cup Runners-up: 1918-19, 1921-22, 1940-41 and 1972-73.

Attendance Record: 26,584 v. Halifax (Yorkshire Cup) 1920-21.

Goal kicking & Point scoring Record: 145 goals and 26 tries, 368 points by Nigel Stephenson in 1972-73.

Try-scoring Record: 40 by D. Thomas in 1906-07.

Record Win: 64-0 v. Liverpool City in 1906-07.

Record Defeat: 2-62 v. Halifax in 1957-58.



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- 6—WAINWRIGHT *try*
- 7—HUYTON S.
- 8—WILSON K.
- 9—TAYLOR K.
- 10—ASHCROFT K.
- 11—HALL F.
- 12—IRVING R.
- or DALEY A.
- 13—FARRELL J.

- 14—GORMAN T.
- 15—MUNRO G.

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- 7—BATES A.
- 8—BEVERLEY J.
- 9—VOYCE K.
- 10—LAW T.
- 11—GRAYSHEN G.
- 12—BATES J.
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POOLS NEWS

First, we wish to thank all our Agents for their wonderful efforts during the summer.

Traditionally this is the time when pools income takes a dip, we did not suffer in this way at all. And with the holidays nearly over we can look forward to the Pool settling down to becoming better and providing more essential cash.

We have recently strengthened our organisation to ensure the continued success and provide the efficient service our agents have come to expect. With nearly 300 agents working for the Pool there is quite a bit of back-up work required.

Although it is only 30 short weeks since the new pool started, we have progressed at a fantastic rate. Some idea of this can be seen from the fact we had 100 agents when we commenced and this has now trebled. We still require more agents, who in addition to a FREE SEASON TICKET also receive many other benefits and privileges. So why don't you become an agent. You will be helping the club and helping yourself.

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Oldham Schoolboys v XIII CATALAN

During the Easter holidays two teams (under-11 and under-13) representing Oldham visited Perpignon to play against the junior teams of the club XIII Catalan. The party received magnificent hospitality; the tour will be long remembered by all those who were lucky enough to be chosen.

For many months now schoolteachers and parents have been working together to raise funds to entertain the boys from France. They will have visited the Lake District, Blackpool and Snowdonia, as well as places of interest around Oldham, and will, we hope, have received some traditional Lancashire hospitality.

Today's matches are the final events of their stay in Oldham. I am sure that you will be impressed by their rugby, their handling of the ball being a feature of their play. The boys are all members of the Catalan club, organised schoolboy rugby in France being non-existent. It would appear that they are introduced to the senior club at an early age and progress through the various age levels up to senior standard. They are indeed lucky to be coached by Yvon Gourbal, a former international and World Cup player. In the XIII Catalan club are many coaches, Yvon being coach to the two lowest age group teams. Clubs in this country could learn a lot from the French organisation, where any prospective player, regardless of age, is fully accepted into the club.

In the morning our visitors depart on a long and extremely tiring journey back to Perpignon. We sincerely hope that they have enjoyed their week in Oldham and that they have a safe and pleasant journey home.

BOB WEBB,
Tour Secretary,
Oldham area Schools R.L.

Rugby Quiz

1. Who were First Division Champions in season 1963-64?
2. Have Oldham ever won the First Division Championship?
3. Which Dewsbury players toured Australasia in 1950?
4. What was the result of the 1928-29 Challenge Cup Final, the first staged at Wembley?
5. What is the name of Huyton's ground?

1. Swinton, with 50 points, Wigan were runners-up with 44 points.
2. Oldham were First Division Champions in 1904-05 and Second Division Champions in 1963-64.
3. R. Pollard and H. Street.
4. Dewsbury 2, Wigan 13.
5. Alt Park.

Oldham Schoolboys squad to play Catalan Schoolboys.



FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1973		
Aug.	18—Leeds	A
	25—Dewsbury	H
Sept.	1—Wigan, Lancs. Cup ...	H
	8—Bramley	H
	15—Player's Competition	
	22—Wakefield	A
	26—Castleford	H
	29—Wigan	A
Oct.	6—Whitehaven	H
	14—Dewsbury	A
	19—AUSTRALIA	H
	27—Featherstone	H
Nov.	2—St. Helens	A
	11—Widnes	H
	25—Wigan	H
Dec.	1—Featherstone	A
	8—St. Helens	H
	16—Warrington	A
	23—Leigh	H
	26—Rochdale H.	H
	30—Whitehaven	A
1974		
Jan.	1—Salford	A
	6—Hull K.R.	H
	13—Leigh	A
	20—Warrington	H
Feb.	2—Challenge Cup (1)	
	10—Bramley	A
	16—Wakefield	H
	23—Challenge Cup (2)	
Mar.	2—Leeds	H
	9—Challenge Cup (3)	
	17—Widnes	A
	23—Chal. Cup (Semi-final)	
	31—Hull K.R.	A
Apr.	7—Castleford	A
	13—Salford	H
	15—Rochdale H.	A

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

1973		
Aug.	11—Rochdale	H
	18—Barrow	H
	25—Workington	A
	29—Rochdale	
	(1st leg Shield) ...	H
Sept.	8—Rochdale	
	(2nd leg Shield) ...	A
	22—Barrow	A
	29—Wigan	H
Oct.	13—Swinton	H
	20—Swinton	A
	27—Workington	A
Nov.	3—St. Helens	H
	9—Widnes	A
	17—Huyton	A
	24—Wigan	A
Dec.	1—Barrow	H
	7—St. Helens	A
	16—Warrington	H
	22—Leigh	A
Jan.	4—Salford	A
	12—Workington	H
	18—Warrington	A
	23—Salford	H
	26—Swinton	H
Feb.	9—Huyton	A
	23—Huyton	H
Mar.	2—Barrow	A
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	29—Swinton	A
Apr.	6—Workington	H

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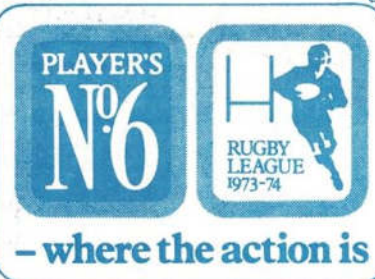
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