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CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Challenge Cup — Winners 1967, 1973; Runners-up 1952

Northern Rugby Football League Championship — Runners-up 1928

Yorkshire Challenge Cup — Winners 1940, 1959; Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966, 1969, 1970

Yorkshire League — Runners-up 1928, 1962

Yorkshire Senior Competition Cup — Winners 1946; Runners-up 1955, 1960

Yorkshire Senior Competition Shield — Winners 1946, 1962, 1972

GROUND RECORDS

R.L. Cup Attendance — v. St. Helens; March 1959; 17,531

R.L. Cup Receipts — v. Salford; February 1970; £3,556

Yorks. Cup — v. Leeds; Sept. 1959; Attendance 10,700; Receipts £1,190

League — v. Wakefield; January 1962; Attendance 14,990; Receipts £1,400

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Great Britain — T. Askin, T. Clawson, M. Dixon, D. Fox, G. Jordan, A. Morgan, S. Nash, J. Thompson

Under-24's — V. Farrar, T. Ramshaw, V. Thomas, J. Thompson, L. Tonks

Under-21's — M. Clamp, D. Fox, D. Metcalfe

England — M. Dixon, J. Hirst, A. Morgan, J. Mullaney, J. Thompson, A. Wood

Other Nationalities — J. Daly

R.L. XIII — M. Clamp, G. Johnson, B. Lockwood

Eastern Division — T. Clawson, L. Hammill

R.L. Tourists — T. Askin, G. Cooper, C. Dooler, D. Fox, A. Morgan, J. Thompson

Yorkshire —

T. Askin, C. Annable, E. Barraclough, T. Clawson, W. Clements, C. Dooler, J. Denton, M. Dixon, V. Farrar, D. Fox, L. Hammill, J. Hirst, M. Hirst, A. Longley, D. Metcalfe, A. Morgan, J. Mullaney, P. Morris, S. Nash, J. Newlove, C. Plenderleith, R. Stone, W. Stott, W. Tennant, J. Thompson, G. Waterworth, E. Winter, A. Wood, C. Woolford, E. Wright

CLUB NOTES

AFTER a one-month interval, during which "Competition" games have been played, it is perhaps something of a relief to get back to the league programme today.

It was, of course, a pleasure to meet the Australian touring side and also to qualify for the final of a new competition, the Captain Morgan Trophy; but these matches have certainly put the brakes on our progress up the league table, and one hopes that the consequent fixture pile-up will not cause undue hardship on our playing resources — and that our unpredictable weather will not add further complications.

At this point I should perhaps point out that our home game with Wakefield, scheduled for tomorrow, will now be played on New Year's Day with a kick-off time yet to be arranged. I would also advise you that the kick-off time for our home match v. St. Helens next week has been brought forward to **2.15 p.m.** The Final of the Captain Morgan Trophy between Warrington and ourselves is scheduled for the weekend of 26th January 1974, but the venue has not yet been fixed by the Rugby League.

On the injury front — Jimmy Thompson and Vince Farrar are recovering from operations performed by a Durham specialist; Mick Smith and Colin Smith are back in full training after operations on knee and arm respectively and should be back in action after Christmas. Steve Nash will probably know during next week the extent of his particular indisposition.

THE JOHN PLAYER RUGBY LEAGUE YEAR BOOK

Supporters who have already placed orders for these books may now collect them from the Secretary's Office or Supporters' Office. A few extra copies have been received and will be on sale in the Secretary's Office today. At £1.50 each the price is very reasonable for a work of this nature, and they will make an excellent Christmas present.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S REFEREE — MR. K. L. GASKELL

Age 40. Weight 12st. 8lb. He played at centre and loose-forward in Junior Rugby League before switching to refereeing. Married, with three children. Occupation: Sales manager with a Textile Manufacturing Company. Hobbies: Swimming and a weekly round of golf.

SENIOR TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponent	Grd.	F	A
1973				
Aug 18	S Dewsbury	3.00...	A 14-19	L
25	S Hull K.R.	3.00...	H 41-13	W
27	M Hull K.R.	3.00...	A 20-25	L
Sept 2	Su Bramley	3.30...	A 19- 4	W
	(Y.C., 1st Rd.)			
7	F Salford	7.30...	A 4-30	L
9	Su Bradford N.	...	A 14-27	L
	(Y.C., 2nd Rd.)			
15	S St. Helens	3.00...	A 16-34	L
	(Player's No. 6, 1st Rd.)			
23	Su Wigan	3.30...	H 14-13	W
30				
Oct 7	Su Warrington	...	H 18- 8	W
13	S Whitehaven	...	A 14- 5	W
20	S Leeds	3.00...	H	P
28	Su Capt. Morgan, 1st Rd.			
	Keighley	...	H 27- 8	W
Nov 4	Su Whitehaven	...	H 31-17	W
7	W Oldham	7.30...	A 12-14	L
11	Su Wakefield T.	...	A 17-13	W
18	Su Australia	2.30...	H 13-18	L
25	Su Capt. Morgan, 2nd Rd.			
	Wakefield T.	...	H 20-14	W
Dec 2	Su Oldham	2.30...	H	P
8	S Wigan	3.00...	A	P
9	Su Capt. Morgan, Semi-finals:			
	Workington T.	...	H 37-18	W
15	S Oldham	2.30...	H	
16	Su Wakefield T.	2.30...	H	P
22	S St. Helens	2.15...	H	
26	BD Castleford	2.30...	H	
30	Su Warrington	3.00...	A	
1974				
Jan 1	Tu Wakefield T.	2.30...	H	
6	Su Widnes	3.00...	A	
13	Su Rochdale H.	2.30...	H	
19	S Bramley	3.00...	A	
26	S Bramley	3.00...	H	
26	S Capt. Morgan, Final			
Feb. 8	F St. Helens	7.30...	A	
9	S Player's No. 6, Final			
24	Su Leeds	3.30...	H	
Mar 3	Su Widnes	3.30...	H	
10	Su Rochdale H.	3.00...	A	
17	Su Leigh	3.30...	A	
23	S Leeds	3.00...	A	
31	Su Leigh	3.30...	H	
Apr 7	Su Salford	3.30...	H	
13	S Dewsbury	3.00...	H	
15	EM Castleford	3.00...	A	

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponent	Grd.	F	A
1973				
Aug 18	S Hull K.R.	3.00...	H 23-11	W
24	F Halifax	7.30...	A 22-14	W
Sept 1	S Wakefield	3.00...	A 8-13	L
8	S Dewsbury	3.00...	H 12- 9	W
14	F Castleford	7.30...	A 7-22	L
21	F Keighley	7.30...	A 21- 3	W
29	S Batley	3.00...	H 16-19	L
Oct 6	S Leeds	3.00...	A 28-25	W
13	S Hunslet	3.00...	H 20- 7	W
20	S			
27	S Castleford	3.00...	H 9- 3	W
Nov 3	S Dewsbury	3.00...	A	P
10	S Halifax	2.30...	H 8- 5	W
17	S Hull	2.30...	A 14-15	L
24	S Huddersfield	...	H 15-14	W
Dec 1	S			
8	S Leeds	2.30...	H 13-10	W
15	S Hunslet	2.30...	A	
22	S Bradford N.	2.30...	A	
29	S Hull	2.30...	H	
1974				
Jan 5	S Bramley	2.30...	H	
12	S York	2.30...	A	
19	S Keighley	2.30...	H	
26	S Bramley	3.00...	A	
Feb 2	S York	3.00...	H	
9	S Wakefield T.	3.00...	H	
16	S Batley	3.00...	A	
23	S Hull K.R.	3.00...	A	
Mar 2	S Bradford N.	3.00...	H	
9	S Huddersfield	3.00...	A	
16	S			
23	S			
30	S			

R.L. CHALLENGE CUP

1st Round	...	February 2nd
2nd Round	...	February 23rd
3rd Round	...	March 9th
1st Semi-final	...	March 23rd
2nd Semi-final	...	March 30th
Final (at Wembley)	...	May 11th

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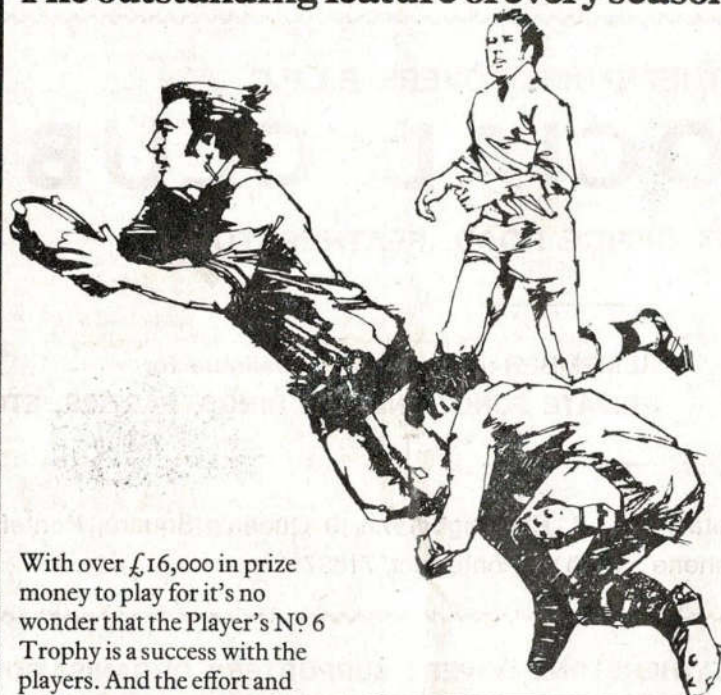
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- 1 Harold BOX
- 2 Paul COVENTRY
- 3 Keith TOOHEY
- 4 Dave HARTLEY
- 5 Graham BRAY
- 6 John NEWLOVE
- 7 Mel MASON
- 8 Les TONKS
- 9 ~~Keith BRIDGES~~ Keith Bell
- 10 Billy HARRIS
- 11 Barry HOLLIS
- 12 Alan RHODES
- 13 Charlie STONE
- 14 Barry EVANS
- 15 Mick GIBBINS

Goals Tries Points

2

1
1

Referee: MR. K. L. GASKELL (Wigan)

Touch Judge, Red Flag:
MR. E. B. KENT

Touch Judge, Yellow Flag:
MR. T. LITTLE

OLDHAM

- 1 Martin MURPHY
- 2 ~~Geoff MUNRO~~ Mike Elliott
- 3 Phil LARDER
- 4 Tony WAINWRIGHT
- 5 Chris O'BRIEN
- 6 David TREASURE
- 7 Mick McCONE
- 8 Terry CLAWSON Keith Ashcroft
- 9 Kevin TAYLOR
- 10 Fred HALL
- 11 Brian GREGORY
- 12 Bill McCracken
- 13 Tony PETERS
- 14 Geoff MUNRO
- 15 Keith JACKSON

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Half-Time... 5 - 7

Attendance... 1,312

Result... 10 - 19

Receipts...

THE SAXTON PAGE

HAROLD BOX (AND OTHERS)

HAROLD BOX has now scored more than 500 points for the Rovers, and although it may be early days to be thinking about his beating Cyril Kellett's or Don Fox's career totals, he is now moving up the top-ten lists.

The up-to-date position is:

Goals		Points	
Cyril Kellett	541	Don Fox	1492
Don Fox	503	Jim Denton	1141
Terry Clawson	487	Cyril Kellett	1105
Jack Fennell	455	Terry Clawson	1091
Jim Denton	377	Jack Fennell	1000
Tommy Smales	269	Tommy Smales	610
Harold Box	246	Bill Sherwood	571
Freddy Miller	245	Harold Box	513
Bill Sherwood	236	Freddy Miller	496
Jimmy Williams	120	Jack Hirst	351

There is obviously every chance of further moves up the list before the end of the season. There are at least another 24 games for the Rovers this season, and it could be as many as 30 given good runs in the R.L. Cup and the Club Championship; so an average of just over 3 goals a game would give Harold Box the goals-in-a-season record.

Keith Bridges has just celebrated his 100th appearance for the Rovers. Incidentally, why is it "J. H." in the Appearances and Points Scorers list and "Keith" on the teams page? Is it for the same reason as Richard "Charlie" Stone?

Four more players should complete the first hundred appearances of their career before the season is out; namely, Paul Coventry (95), Richard Stone (93), Mel Mason (89) and Harold Box (86).

Two players stuck just short of centuries are Jimmy Thompson, stuck on 189 appearances, and Mick Smith, who only needs two tries to become the seventh Rovers player to score 100. Both Dave Hartley and John Newlove are now hard on his heels.

Twenty-two points last Sunday for David Watkins means that he is now almost half-way to his objective of scoring 500 points this season. His total is now 219, made up of 11 tries and 93 goals — which means that he is very close to achieving the "Saxton double."

APPEARANCES and POINTS SCORERS

as at 14th December 1973

Player	Season 1973/74				Total Senior Records					
	App	G	T	Pts	App	G	T	Pts		
BELL K.	...	5	-	-	-	...	25	1	3	11
BOX H.	...	16	48	2	102	...	86	246	7	513
BRAY G.	...	8	-	1	3	...	19	-	2	6
BRIDGES J. H.	...	17	-	7	21	...	101	3	22	72
BUSFIELD D.	...	2	-	-	-	...	10	-	3	9
COVENTRY P.	...	15	-	5	15	...	95	-	29	87
DYAS D.	...	2	-	1	3	...	3	-	1	3
EVANS B.	...	3	-	2	6	...	9	-	2	6
FARRAR V.	...	9	-	3	9	...	216	-	46	138
GIBBINS M.	...	11	-	-	-	...	19	-	-	-
HARRIS G. W.	...	11	-	3	9	...	41	2	8	28
HARTLEY D.	...	16	-	6	18	...	249	-	91	273
HAY J.	...	2	-	-	-	...	57	-	12	36
HOLLIS B.	...	8	-	2	6	...	66	7	15	59
KELLETT C.	...	7	11	-	22	...	165	541	15	1127
KELLETT K.	...	3	-	1	3	...	76	-	26	78
MASON M.	...	12	1	2	8	...	89	1	30	98
NASH S.*	...	13	15	3	38	...	178	66	45	266
NEWLOVE J.	...	14	-	7	21	...	248	2	88	268
RHODES A.	...	14	-	5	15	...	157	1	52	158
SHARP P.	...	6	-	-	-	...	8	-	-	-
STONE R.	...	15	-	1	3	...	93	-	11	33
THOMPSON J.	...	5	-	-	-	...	189	-	32	96
TONKS L.	...	17	1	1	5	...	284	1	15	47
TOOHEY K.	...	10	-	7	21	...	10	-	7	21
WILSON R.	...	9	-	1	3	...	12	-	1	3
WOOD C.	...	1	-	-	-	...	2	-	-	-

* INCLUDES 1 POINT FOR A DROP-GOAL IN MATCH V. AUSTRALIA

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

TRIES — Match: 6, M. Smith (1968); Season: 31, C. Woolford (1958/59); Career: 162, D. Fox (1953-1966)

GOALS — Match: 12, D. Fox (1964); Season: 139, C. Kellett (1972-73); Career: 541, C. Kellett (1968-)

POINTS — Match: 27, D. Fox (1964); Season: 294, D. Fox (1963/1964); Career: 1,492, D. Fox (1953-1966)

APPEARANCES — Season: 46, C. Woolford (1959-60); Career: 440, J. Denton (1921-34)

FASTEST CENTURY OF POINTS — T. Smales (1966/67) — 9 matches.

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS — 12 (1972-73)

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS — 9 (1972-73)

HIGHEST SCORE — v. Whitehaven, 1971 — 65 points

OUR VISITORS

FOR our fourth home game on the trot, albeit in different competitions, it is our pleasure to welcome the Officials, Players and Supporters of the Oldham Club.

Because of previous fixture arrangements, the paths of our two Clubs have not crossed very often, and in consequence some of their players are not particularly well known to us. Over the past year or two they have looked increasingly to Yorkshire for players. They have secured Mick McCone (a native of Pontefract and formerly with Doncaster), ex-Rover Terry Clawson and Tony Wainwright from Leeds. Recently, ex-Rovers Junior David Treasure joined their ranks from Bradford Northern, and they have also captured Castleford Junior Steve Lund seconds after he became seventeen years of age.

In our recent match at Watersheddings, full-back Martin Murphy, centre Phil Larder, hooker Kevin Taylor and second-row-man Fred Hall took the eye, and Terry Clawson had his usual good game against us. The excitement was tremendous from start to finish, and if today's game is in the same mould, no-one will have cause for complaint.

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