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Sunday, 30th March, 1975

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Club Notes

Today sees the curtain fall on another season of Rugby League Championship Football at the Boulevard. Although there is nothing tangible to show for the seasons efforts we have been in many instances unfortunate to say the least. Results have gone against us when with a little more luck on our side the score line would have shown in our favour. The better memories of the season must surely be the fantastic achievement in the Yorkshire Cup against the might of Leeds, the semi-final effort against Wakefield and the Rugby League Cup effort against Widnes, when we did everything but win. In the League campaign the two matches against Rovers stand out when we richly deserved more than the single point we finished up with.

During the season we made five signings from other professional clubs, all of whom should be playing today, as well as giving trials to amateurs. Injuries have proved a "bug bear" to us and here Tony Geraghty, Alan Wardell, Ian Stenton, Arthur Gibbons and Don Robson to mention just five have missed a considerable part of the season.

On the more pleasing side of things has been the improvement in our younger players Tony Salmon, Paul Hunter, Steve Lane, Keith Clark coming readily to mind.

The return to near international form of Keith Boxall has been a tremendous boost to his confidence and surely in the near future he must get recognition.

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the start on the training pitch and the work to be done on the playing area during the close season augurs well for the future.

This afternoon's encounter with Oldham promises to be a hard match and our visitors are at present looking 'certainities' for promotion. The match at Watersheddings resulted in a home victory by 10 points to 5 so today's return could be just as close but this time the result should go to us.

Cup Winners

The winners of the Schools Under-16 Trophy are making an appearance with the cup at half time. They beat Bradford 13-8 in the final at Odsal.

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The decision to abandon the League's Club championship and introduce the new Premiership competition has led to controversy on several points among the clubs.

The Executive Committee are responsible for the new competition which will be operated on a merit basis.

There will be the 12 leading clubs in the First Division and the Top Four in the Second Division which may seem pretty well balanced.

But in contrast to the championship play-offs in previous years the

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new competition will be staged on a direct knock-out basis with the first club out of the bag gaining home advantage through to the final.

This has left many of the First Division clubs feeling considerably bitter. They had expected that by finishing high in the League they would gain home advantage as long as they progressed in the play-off.

'We are really sore for we had been paying our players a bonus on the strength of finishing high and now we feel like suing the League,' said one club official.

I can sympathise with the clubs for it seems we are cheapening the competition as well as causing the fans plenty of confusion.

The ideas of playing the semi-finals on the Saturday after Wembley is to avoid squeezing them in on the midweek.

But there again this means having the final on May 24 when a large number of fans and players could well have arranged their Whit holidays—or even want to watch the cricket!

There is also the fact the two 20-strong England and Welsh squads will be leaving for Australia a week after the final.

Coaches Alex Murphy and Les Pearce would obviously have preferred to have a fortnight to spare in the case of injuries and this could have been done if the final had been on the normal date.

It makes one wonder just what sort of a competition it will be next season and how long it will be before the League realised they should have stuck to the Top 16 play-off and let the Second Division have their own competition.

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1974	Opponents	Venue	1975	Opponents	Venue
Aug. 24—Leeds	...	Away L 5-37	Jan. 4—FEATHERSTONE	Home W 14-7	
31—DEWSBURY	...	Home W 22-9	11—Hull K. R.	...	Away L 12-17
Sept. 14—Halifax	...	Away W 23-11	18—BRAMLEY	...	Home W 21-6
21—YORK (Cup R1)	...	Home W 22-3	25—Huddersfield	...	Away Pstpnd
Oct. 5—Wakefield	...	Away L 7-22	Feb. 1—Dewsbury	...	Away L 5-11
12—BATLEY (Cup R2)	...	Home W 18-5	8—HALIFAX	...	Home W 17-9
19—No fixture			15—York	...	Away W 22-16
26—FEATHERSTONE (SF)	...	Home W 20-9	22—Huddersfield	...	Away L 0-25
Nov. 2—Hunslet	...	Away Pstpnd	Mar. 1—WAKEFIELD	...	Home L 5-8
9—Leeds (Cup Final)	...	Away L 2-20	8—No fixture		
16—HULL K. R.	...	Home L 6-13	15—Keighley	...	Away L 10-39
23—Bramley	...	Away Pstpnd	22—Castleford	...	Away L 9-14
30—YORK	...	Home W 16-5	29—No fixture		
Dec. 7—BATLEY	...	Home Pstpnd	April 5—HUNSLET	...	Home
14—Featherstone	...	Away L 15-25	12—CASTLEFORD	...	Home
21—Bradford	...	Away L 0-35	19—HUDDERSFIELD	...	Home

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Dates	Venue	Opponents	Result	Scorers	Att.
August 18	(h)	Eva Hardaker Cup	L 13-21	Devonshire, Davidson, Portz tries, Davidson (2) goals.	2,300
25	(h)	Barrow	W 26- 8	Davidson, Macklin (A.), Salmon (2), Hancock, Robson tries.	1,500
September 1	(a)	Hunslet (Yorkshire Cup)	W 17-14	Davidson, Macklin (1.), Portz tries, Davidson (4) goals.	2,200
6	(a)	Whitehaven	L 2- 7	Davidson (1) goal.	1,750
10	(h)	Leeds (Yorkshire Cup)	W 12- 8	Portz try, Davidson (5, 1 drop) goals.	3,058
15	(h)	Leigh	L 8-16	Macklin (A.), Crane tries, Boxall (1) goal.	2,000
17	(h)	Keighley (BBC Trophy)	W 12- 2	Portz, Davidson tries, Davidson (3) goals.	2,500
22	(a)	Workington	L 11-26	Macklin (A.), Hancock, Davidson tries, Davidson (1) goal.	900
28	(a)	Bramley (Players No. 6)	L 6-15	Davidson (2), Boxall (1) goals.	2,500
October 1	(h)	Wakefield (Yorkshire Cup)	L 6- 8	Davidson (1), Boxall (2) goals	4,000
6	(h)	Batley	W 12- 6	Crane, Macklin (A.) tries, Boxall (3) goals.	1,500
12	(h)	Oldham	L 5-10	Salmon try, Davidson goal.	1,550
20	(a)	Doncaster	W 47- 5	Firth (3), Crane (3), Portz (2), Salmon, Hancock, Foulkes tries, Davidson (1), Boxall (6) goals.	1,200
27	(a)	Batley	L 8-15	Kear, Macklin (1.) tries, Davidson (1) goal.	780
30	(a)	Rochdale (BBC Trophy)	L 4-14	Macklin (1.) (2) goals.	1,338
November 3	(h)	Hunslet	W 17-10	Macklin A. (2) Firth, Robson, Casey, tries Macklin A. goal	500
17	(a)	Huyton	L 32-10	Salmon, Firth tries, Boxall (2) goals	1,050
24	(h)	Whitehaven	W 11- 9	Geraghty, Firth, Macklin (A.) tries, Macklin (A) goal	800
29	(a)	Barrow	L 7-21	Lane try, Hunter (1) Macklin (A) 1 goal	550
December 7	(a)	Leigh	L 0- 6	Macklin (A.), Banham, Firth tries, Davidson goal.	1,470
15	(h)	Workington	W 11- 7	Banham, Firth tries, Davidson (3) goals.	6,090
26	(a)	Hull K.R.	L 12-19	Crane, Lane tries, Davidson (2) goals.	7,052
January 1	(h)	Hull K.R.	D 10-10	Crane (3), Davidson (2), Portz, Macklin A., Hancock tries.	232
5	(a)	Doncaster	W 34-12	Davidson (3), Hunter (2) goals.	1,950
12	(h)	Swinton	L 4- 5	Davidson (2) goals.	1,600
19	(a)	Swinton	L 6-12	Macklin (A.) (2) tries.	1,500
26	(h)	Blackpool	W 21- 5	Salmon, Boxall (2), Banham, Hancock tries.	1,600
February 9	(h)	Batley (R.L. Cup Rd. 1)	W 20- 0	Banham (2), Davidson, Boxall tries, Davidson (4) goals.	250
16	(a)	Blackpool	W 8- 2	Salmon, Crane tries, Boxall goal.	6,000
23	(h)	Widnes (R.L. Cup Rd. 2)	L 12-13	Ramsey, Banham tries, Boxall (3) goals.	2,000
March 2	(a)	Huddersfield	L 8-22	Crane, Banham tries, Boxall goal.	983
16	(h)	Huyton	W 17-15	Salmon (2), Boxall tries, Boxall (4) goals.	2,400
23	(h)	Huddersfield	L 12-16	Hancock, Crane tries, Boxall (3) goals.	
30	(h)	Oldham			
April 6	(a)	Hunslet			
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