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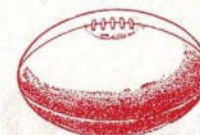
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OUR VISITORS

To-day we extend a hearty welcome to the Committee, Players and Supporters from Oldham for this their first visit to Belle Vue for 2 seasons.

It seems strange that only two months ago we started the campaign and here we are playing against the fourth of the promoted sides from Division 2. Oldham are not finding the going too easy at this stage, but their record is far from the worst of the promoted group and we look forward to a fine contest. We are indebted to Mr Don Yates for his assistance in compiling these notes. He lists the Oldham Captain, Martin Murphy, as a player to watch. Martin has already gained County and International honours and the extra support which he gives to Mike Elliott will require all the defensive stops our team can muster to be pulled out. Mike was last seasons leading try scorer for Oldham with 22 tries to his credit. Eddie Barton will not forget that his debut for Oldham was against Trinity when we lost at Watersheddings 9-2 in February 1974. Scrum-half Mick McCone is a former Wakefield Junior who played for the Yorkshire U-19 side, and his half-back partner David Treasure, will need no introduction to any Rugby League fan. Selection for the No. 9 shirt will rest between Kevin Taylor and his younger counterpart Roger O'Mahoney. Kevin has more than 400 appearances for Oldham to his

credit as well as International Honours. Other forwards who may make up the pack could be: Tony Peters, 24 and local, Jim Reynolds, 24 from Leigh, Fred Hall, 29 and local, Ray Hicks, 24 ex Widnes, Phil Larder, 30 ex Sale RUFC and the club's goal-kicker, and Bob Welding, 30 ex Rochdale and a regular Lancashire County forward. We wish them all well in their return to first division football and look forward to an open and exciting game.



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CLUB NOTES

In our last programme we made reference to the new 'Treble 5' Club and the holiday raffle which our Development Association has now got well under way. The response has been marvellous and we thank all our supporters and friends for all their efforts so far. There is still some way to go before all 555 members are allocated and all tickets sold so please listen for the half-time announcements should you wish to join.

Comment has been made in the Press recently with regard to a meeting called by some of the Rugby League Clubs to attempt to find an answer to falling gates by

reverting to one division. There is no support whatsoever within the management of this club for this retrograde step and should the item present itself on the agenda of the Council Meeting, our representative Mr Pounder, will carry our vote against such a move.

Mentioning Mr Pounder reminds us of the fact that at half-time to-day there will be the first game in the Seven-a-side competition for Junior Schools. This is an annual knock-out competition for the Les Pounder Trophy and we trust that you will lend your vocal support to the juniors as keenly as you support their peers. Looking forward to our Boxing Day fixture against Huddersfield we shall be trying something entirely different in that programme. It will cost—on average—10p to send a Christmas Card this year. For the cost of 10 cards—i.e. £1 we will offer space to any supporter who would like his (or her) name and address in the programme on a special Season's Greetings page. Businesses will be afforded extra Space at £3 to send greetings to their patrons. If you wish to be included send a crossed cheque or PO for £1 to the Club Secretary before 15th December.

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This afternoon we entertain friends from the other side of the Pennines Oldham, a team whom we have not had the pleasure of meeting for a season or two, and one who achieved promotion at the end of the last campaign. We trust our resumption of combat will result in an entertaining and sporting game with, we selfishly hope, an extension to our run of victories.

In addition welcome to our New Zealand Tourists, who are using our ground as their training 'H.Q. The Kiwis always provide Rugby with a flair, and I am sure this visit will be no different to previous ones. May the times spent at Belle Vue and Wakefield be ones which remain in their memories for years to come.

May we now refer to the achievements of our Supporters' Club (Under 17) team, who on Sunday, Oct. 12th, by defeating Fryston here at Belle Vue, became the only unbeaten side in their league. The quality of their performance led to our Supporters' Club Committee discussing, at our next meeting, some manner in which we could offer them encouragement, and the outcome of our deliberations was that one of our Committee members, Mr Gilbert Hall, has generously decided to donate a small cup to the player, who at the end of the season, is deemed by the Team Management to be the Player of the Year. In addition the Supporters' Club will also present the winner with a voucher valued at £5.

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- 9 Ray Handscombe
- 10 Paul Evans
- 11 Graham Idle
- 12 Trevor Skerrett
- 13 Mick Morgan (cpt.)
- 14 Henry Oulton/Crook
- 15 Les Tonks

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- 5 O'Brian
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The President's Page

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COMMITTEE AT WORK—On the first week-end in October a special training course was held in London for the Southern Amateur Rugby League and, as folk in the Red & White Rose counties would say, "This was spreading the gospel". The course was in three parts with lectures and film show, and playing a prominent part was our own Committee member, Bob Oliver, who attended with Laurie Gant of Wrenthorpe. As a qualified referee and coach, Mr Oliver's contribution to the game is ubiquitous, although his main contribution is devoted to Belle Vue. Bob is firm, yet fair, and these characteristics are very valuable and well applied. The London visit coincided with the first team being at Fartown, the A team at Wakefield and the Colts at Wigan. As Committee policy is for its members to be present at all games, it fell to the lot of Ted Brown to accompany the Colts for a match which was played, not in the Wigan Stadium, but on local playing fields where there was no protection against the deluge of rain east of the Pennines. Ted was so drenched, he had to make the return journey without his trousers which were hung out on the bus radiator (internal, not up front). When you now see him standing with his back to the fire, have a heart, the memory lingers on.

PERKS FOR TREVOR—Trinity is not yet in clover, although there is an air of optimism surrounding the financial affairs of the Club. Last year's creditors have now been paid off, and the activities of the new Development Association are progressing well: thanks to Jack Sellers, Andrew Slater and all their helpers.

The clover will come: meanwhile the mushrooms are here. When secretary, Mr Alan Pearman arrived at the ground early in the morning, the playing area had the appearance of a gourmet's breakfast. On this occasion, he was quick on the ball, and spent the next hour stooping around with a carrier bag. But who could lay claim to ownership? In recent weeks Trinity's hospitality has been tested: reception of Stephens and family from Australia negotiations with suppliers and providers of revenue, as seen from the new publicity signs which are giving an air of prosperity to Belle Vue; public relations with the press, radio and television: much of this work is done by one chairman, Mr Trevor Woodward at his hotel; the Viking, Methley, in addition to the time he spends at Belle Vue on three or four evenings each week. So along to the Viking went Mr Pearman. And now, should you call and see on the menu 'Trinity Belle', you will have a dish to savour and enjoy.

THREE HOME-THREE AWAY—What a nonsense! Good gates in the long term depend on a sensible arrangement of fixtures. What our supporters expect is a home game fortnightly. This is habit forming and interest is sustained. Our

fixtures during this season with only one home game in a month, and then followed by three home games in a row, are a debacle. Mr Les Pounder has already expressed his anger to the Rugby League Council and we, as a Committee, are adamant that we shall not accept similar arrangements in future.

CLUB FELLOWSHIP—Work continues on the improvement of social facilities at Belle Vue, about which, more anon. But already a

television has been installed by a swop arrangement by our secretary with Radio Rentals for a sign on the ground. Players of four groups, the Juniors, Colts and first team and A team squads can now see the BBC floodlit competition after training on Tuesdays, and a grand fellowship is developing. In order to meet the cost of the TV licence, the players had a whip round amongst themselves. The team spirit, both on and off the field is a credit to them.

PLAYERS' RECORDS

1975-76 Season					Full Totals				
	App	G. dg	T.	Pts.	App.	G. dg	T.	Pts	
Full-backs									
L. Sheard	9	1	3	11	80	3	17	57	
H. Oulton	4	20	0	40	14	39	1	0	79
Three-quarters									
D. Smith	10	0	7	21	142	5	98	304	
B. Lumb	6	12	1	27	48	54	8	132	
A. Butterfield	5	0	0	0	22	0	2	6	
J. Sutcliffe	10	0	4	12	15	0	6	18	
T. Crook	1	0	0	0	151	218	1	31	530
A. Smith	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	
O. Stephens	3	0	3	9	3	0	3	9	
Half-backs :									
D. Topliss	10	0	3	9	249	2	3	136	415
T. Hudson	8	0	1	3	18	0	2	6	
T. Langton	3	0	0	0	12	0	2	6	
Forwards :									
G. Ballantyne	7	0	1	3	119	0	13	39	
R. Handscombe	10	0	3	9	42	0	7	21	
E. Campbell	5	0	0	0	247	8	31	109	
G. Idle	10	0	2	6	10	0	2	6	
N. Goodwin	2	0	0	0	32	0	2	6	
M. Morgan	10	0	4	12	222	0	60	180	
L. Tonks	7	0	0	0	33	0	1	3	
T. Skerrett	7	0	1	3	38	0	3	9	
E. Ingham	1	0	0	0	31	0	2	6	
K. Rayne	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
P. Evans	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	
I. Chester	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
I. Ellis	4	2	0	4	39	35	2	5	87

JUNIOR NEWS

The Colts League is now well under way. So far our team has won 4 of its 7 matches and is handily placed in the League. We were unlucky to go down 16-17 to Leigh two weeks ago and had we been at full strength we would undoubtedly have won. Playing regularly in the A team are three of the Colts side, Trevor Midgley, John Crossley and David Noble who often play two matches in one weekend, so keen are they to help their fellow Colts. All three are signed-on professionals who will be knocking at the first team door within the next few seasons. In addition we have six other signed-on Colts who are within striking distance of an A team game. The prospects look well for the future provided that we heed the experienced words of Peter Fox and not try to run before we can walk. Patience in this case will be a virtue to the benefit of all concerned.

Our Under 17 team registered by the Trinity Supporters Club is still undefeated and are playing some excellent football. Those of you who came to Belle Vue on Saturday Morning October 11th will have been thrilled by the way the under 15 boys are playing. The lack of passing which is normally so evident in that age-group football was not in evidence in the team which Mick McGowan is drilling in to a keen set of lads. The fact that the opposition points were nearly all scored by 'loaned' players surplus to our requirements speaks well for the style which Mick is proving can be shown by the younger boys with patience and effort. On the other hand it might

be that the penalty of 20 extra press ups for being tackled with the ball has something to do with it. . . .

COLTS

Home v Leigh 11 October: Lost 16-17

Goals: Endersby 5, Noble

Tries: Crossley, Brown

home v Keighley 18 October: Won 50-15

Goals: Endersby 2, Noble 5

Tries: Endersby 2, Murray 2,

Downs 2, Gant, Midgley, Milner,

Swaine, Crossley, Brown

U-17

Home v Fryston 11 October: Won 28-15

Goals: Kellett 5

Tries: Robinson 3, Rees, Kellett, Farrar

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Away v Three Horse Shoes

19 October: Won 29-12

Goals: Kellett 5

Tries: Atkinson 2, Rees, Robinson,

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A TEAM

Away v Bramley 10 October: Lost

5-13

goal: Noble Try: Noble

Away v Dewsbury 18 October

FIRST TEAM

Home v Keighley 12 October: Won 29-11

Goals: Oulton 2, Ellis 2

tries: Morgan 2, Smith, Sheard, Sutcliffe, Idle, Topliss

COMING EVENTS

FIRST TEAM: 2 November: Home v Warrington 3.30

COLTS: 1 November: Home v Widnes 3.00

May we remind supporters that to-day is the first of three successive home fixtures at Belle Vue—next week Warrington and November 9th, Castleford in the Players No. 6 Trophy Match. Players have produced a new style fixture card at 20p which gives fixtures not only for Trinity but also for all other clubs. These are on sale at the Supporters Tea Hut.

FIXTURES

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1975/76

Date	Opponents	Ground
1975		
Aug. 15 Fri.	Castleford	A 7.30
17		
24 Sun.	WIGAN	H 3.30
25 Mon.	Dewsbury	A 7.30
31 Sun.	Yorkshire Cup (1)	
Sept. 7 Sun.	Swinton	A 3.00
14 Sun.	Yorkshire Cup (2)	
21 Sun.	CASTLEFORD	H 3.30
28 Sun.	Player's No. 6 (1)	
Oct. 4 Sat.	Huddersfield	A 3.00
12 Sun.	KEIGHLEY	H 3.30
19 Sun.		
26 Sun.	OLDHAM	H 3.30
Nov. 2 Sun.	WARRINGTON	H 3.30
9 Sun.	Player's No. 6 (2)	
16 Sat.		
21 Fri.	Salford	A 7.30
23 Sun.		
30 Sun.	SWINTON	H 3.30
Dec. 7 Sun.	Hull K.R.	A 2.45
14 Sun.	BRADFORD N.	H 3.30
21 Sun.		
26 Fri.	HUDDERSFIELD	H 11.30
28 Sun.	Keighley	A 3.00
1976		
Jan. 1 Thur.	FEATHERSTONE	H 3.30
3 Sat.	Wigan	A 3.00
11 Sun.	Widnes	A 3.00
18 Sun.	Bradford N.	A 2.30
25 Sun.	SALFORD	H 3.30
Feb. 1 Sun.	Warrington	A 3.00
8 Sun.	HULL K.R.	H 3.30
15 Sun.	R.L. Cup (1)	
22 Sun.	WIDNES	H 3.30
29 Sun.	R.L. Cup (2)	
Mar. 7 Sun.	Oldham	A 3.30
12 Fri.	St. Helens	A 7.30
14 Sun.		
21 Sun.		
28 Sun.	LEEDS	H 3.30
Apr. 3 Sat.	Leeds	A 3.00
11 Sun.	ST. HELENS	H 3.30
16 Fri.	Featherstone	A 5.30
19 Mon.	DEWSBURY	H 7.30

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground
1975		
Aug. 16	CASTLEFORD	H
23	Featherstone	A
30	Keighley	A
Sept. 6	FEATHERSTONE	H
13		
20	Cup—1st Round	
27	NEW HUNSLET	H
Oct. 4	HUDDERSFIELD	H
11	Bramley	A
18	Cup—2nd Round	
25	York	A
Nov. 1		
8	LEEDS	H 2.30
15	Batley	A 2.30
22	KEIGHLEY	H 2.30
29	Castleford	A
Dec. 6	HULL K.R.	H 2.30
13	Bradford N.	A 2.30
20	New Hunslet	A 2.30
27	Huddersfield	A 2.30
1976		
Jan. 3	HULL	H 2.30
10	DEWSBURY	H 2.30
17	BRADFORD N.	H 2.30
24	Halifax	A
31	BATLEY	H
Feb. 7	Hull K.R.	A
14	YORK	H
21	Dewsbury	A
28	Hull	A 2.30
Mar. 6	HALIFAX	H
13	BRAMLEY	H
20		
27	Leeds	A

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PROFILE — DAVID SMITH



David is a native of Dewsbury. He was educated at Wheelwright Grammar School and played Soccer until he was 15. He then joined the Shawcross Boys Club where he first represented them in the 'Hornets' team. Wakefield signed him in 1970 and the next years saw his try-scoring potential

increase until 1974 when at the end of that season David notched up 38 tries - a club record which still stands. Unlucky not to have had representative football David has been selected once for the County Shadow Team in 1974. Probably the most popular man amongst his fellow players, David is still single and lives with his parents in Dewsbury. He enjoys athletics and supports the Halifax Speedway team. His ambitions are for a Cup-Winners medal and an England Shirt—and the order is not too important. David requires two tries to reach a century of tries for the Club and so become only the tenth player in Trinity's long history to reach that milestone—joining D. Topliss, F. Smith, K. Hirst, N. Fox, G. Coetzer, H. Goodfellow, D. J. Booker, A. Fletcher and E. Bateson.

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