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Club Notes

There could be no two other results which could reflect the inconsistency of any team more than this weeks two against Warrington and Huddersfield. The performance in Lancashire must rate as one of the finest by a Trinity team for many years. At Huddersfield the team got bogged down and were unable to repeat the performance. Perhaps the BBC2 Cup is destined never to come to Belle Vue.

The draw for the No. 6 Trophy brings Widnes to Belle Vue, on Sunday, 24 October for a 3.30 kick-off. Tickets will be available for all seating areas and are on sale as from today. Normal match prices will apply, but members may apply for their tickets by using Cup Tie Application Ticket No. 1 from the Season Ticket. Members with named reserve seats will be able to ask for their usual seats providing the application is made in person or through the post enclosing the correct amount—90p East Stand Centre or 80p Main Stand. In view of the large number of applications for temporary membership of the Social Club having been made in advance no further temporary membership cards will be issued for that day although members will of course be admitted.

Today we welcome to Belle Vue Mr John Mean as our referee. This will be the first time that many of our members will have had the chance to see John in action. He is a fitter with British Leyland at Leyland and represented Cumbria at Junior level and was promoted to Grade 2 level last year. His

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highlight as an official so far in his career was as Touch Judge in the England-France game at Wigan in '73. At 36 he is one of the younger members of the Senior Referees Panel and we extend our best wishes to him for a successful career at top level.

PLAYERS RECORDS

MICK MORGAN made his 250th appearance for the Club in our away game against St. Helens three weeks ago.

DAVID TOPLISS scored his 150th try for Trinity in our last home match against Bradford Northern.

TERRY CROOK has now taken his career points tally for the Club to 369—requiring only 30 points more to overhaul Ron Rylance's 669pts and become Trinity's fifth highest points scorer behind Neil Fox, Charlie Pollard, Frank Mortimer and Ernest Pollard.



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OUR VISITORS (by J. C. Lindley)

1976 is the Centenary Year of Oldham and there will be hope, amongst officials, players and supporters of their Club, for a return to challenge for the code's top honours after so many years of frustration and disappointment. They are one of the few Clubs who have never graced the Wembley turf (they last won the R.L. Cup in 1927), and only rarely have they promised to recapture their great days of the 1950's which held two Championship finals (winners in '56/57, two Lancs. League Championships, and three successive Lancashire Cup triumphs.

They won their County Cup in 1967 and 1969, and earned promotion from the Second Division in 1974/75. Last season, in First Division football, they won 11 of their 30 games, with 1 drawn to finish two points ahead of the relegated quartet.

They have had numerous injury problems at the start of this new campaign, and the loss of goalkicking centre Phil Larder has been particularly felt. Last Sunday, however, they defeated Wigan 23-20 at Watersheddings to earn their first points of the season, and will be seeking their first away victory to-day, taking some confidence from their victory here at Belle Vue last season.

Trinity, without an outright win at home in league football so far, will be striving to recapture the form shown during their second-half display last



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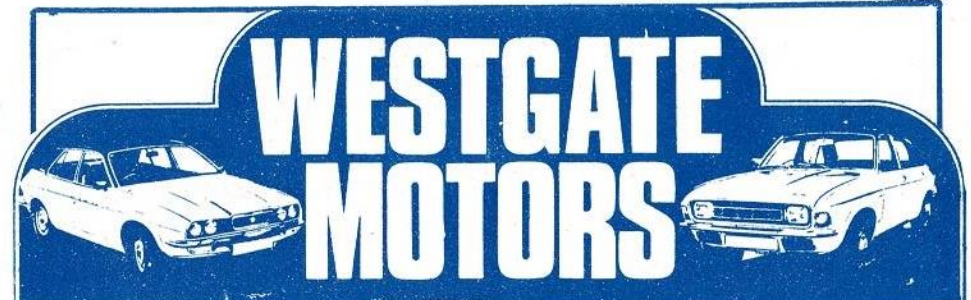
Sunday at Warrington which took us from a 5-10 interval deficit to that memorable 31-15 triumph.

with both sides looking for continued success in First Division football following their initial victories last weekend, there is the promise of an entertaining encounter. Oldham have made only 13 visits here over the past 30 years, winning 4 with 1 draw. We are delighted to welcome them to-day, and congratulate them on their 100 years of Oldham Rugby.

Supporters Notes

This afternoon we welcome our friends and supporters from Oldham with the hope that not only can we resume winning ways, but also that we don't give a repeat of last year's encounter when, after holding a very substantial half time lead, we were outplayed in the second session and finished up on the losing end.

The last week has once again seen our team present what is becoming our usual mixture of inconsistency. Seven days ago we travelled to Warrington, and after struggling for the first forty minutes, we then put everything together, gave the impression that we had really found our feet, and ran our opponents off the park. Two days later against Second Division Huddersfield we struggled once again. We were never convincing and eventually made what has now become an expected early exit from the Floodlit Competition. In all fairness we did lack the services of five potential first teamers in



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O'Brien, Sutcliffe, Oulton, Wriglesworth and Bratt, but this doesn't really excuse our under par performances.

Now back once again to our visitors for today. Oldham Supporters Club are one of the comparatively new members of the Federation of Rugby League Supporters' Clubs, and yet in their first year of membership they achieved something which some members have failed to do during long periods of office. Participating for the very first time in the R.L. Supporters' Club Queen Competition, their entry, Miss Patricia Maler was successful in lifting both the title and the Trophy and Prizes which go with it. We hope Pat, as she is affectionately referred to by Oldham S.C. Officials, will be with us today, and if so she will be introduced to the crowd either before the kick-off or during the half-time interval.

Supporters Coaches

Coaches for our next away game at Bradford on Sunday, October 10 will leave Piccadilly, Westgate, Wakefield, at 2.30 p.m. Members may book seats at the Tea Hut this afternoon, or by phoning Mr J. Ward (Wkfd 77396) or Mr M. Gray (Wkfd 61255).

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- 5 Finch
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First Team

10 October v Bradford N away

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17 October v Salford home KO 3.30

A Team

9 October v Bradford N home KO 3.0

16 October v Huddersfield away

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Colts

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19 Sept v Bradford Draw 10-10

Tries: Topliss 2

Goals: Oulton 2

26 v Warrington Won 31-15

Tries: Crook 2, Topliss 2, Hudson, Oulton

goals: Oulton 6 D Goal Oulton

28 Sept v Huddersfield Lost 2-5

Goal: Crook

A Team

18 Sept v New Hunslet Won 6-5

Goals: Noble 3

25 Sept v Leeds Lost 9-15

Try: Rayne

Goals: Noble 3

1st Team

PLAYERS RECORDS

	P	T	G	DG	Pts
L Sheard	8	0	0	0	0
D Finch	7	2	0	0	6
D Topliss	7	5	0	0	15
I Ellis	1	0	0	0	0
G Wriglesworth	6	0	0	0	0
J Sanderson	6	0	0	0	0
J Crossley	1	0	0	0	0
T Hudson	8	1	0	0	3
T Crook	8	3	5	0	19
D Noble	1	0	3	0	6
H Oulton	4	1	14	1	32
H Firth	1	0	0	0	0
T Midgley	1	0	0	0	0
G Ballantyne	8	2	0	0	6
E Ingham	8	0	0	0	0
R Handscombe	7	2	0	0	6
G Idle	8	0	0	0	0
T Skerrett	8	1	0	0	3
M Morgan	8	4	0	0	12
N Goodwin	5	0	0	0	0
N Cooper	2	0	0	0	0
P O'Brien	1	0	0	0	0

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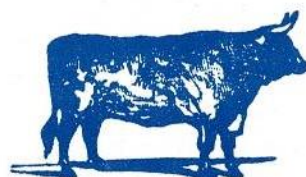
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A Team

	P	T	G	DG	Pts
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J Ferres	5	0	0	0	0
D Topliss	1	0	0	0	0
W Oulton	2	0	2	0	4
H Oulton	1	0	4	0	8
A Fletcher	3	0	0	0	0
N Endersby	1	0	0	0	0
E Holmes	4	1	0	0	3
H Firth	2	0	0	0	0
J Sanderson	2	0	0	0	0
D Noble	3	0	5	0	10
J Milner	3	0	0	0	0
J Crossley	3	0	0	0	0
S Dooler	2	0	0	0	0
J Archer	1	0	0	0	0
P O'Brien	2	1	0	0	3
N Murray	2	0	0	0	0
R Bratt	1	0	0	0	0
P McDermott	1	1	0	0	3
P Evans	2	0	0	0	0
G Stringer	3	0	0	0	0
Keith Rayne	2	1	0	0	3
Kevin Rayne	4	2	0	0	6
N Moston	1	0	0	0	0
N Goodwin	1	0	0	0	0
K Endersby	2	0	0	0	0
D Downs	1	0	0	0	0
D Chester	3	0	0	0	0
N Cooper	2	0	0	0	0
E Ingham	1	0	0	0	0
L Lardi	3	0	0	0	0

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10 Fri.	Bramley	A 7.30
18 Sat.	Cup — 1st Round NEW HUNSLET	H 3.00
25 Sat.	LEEDS	H 3.00
Oct. 2 Sat.	Featherstone	A 3.00
9 Sat.	BRADFORD N.	H 3.00
16 Sat.	Cup — 2nd Round	
22 Fri.	Halifax	A 7.30
27 Wed.	BRAMLEY	H 7.30
30 Sat.	KEIGHLEY	H 3.00
Nov. 6 Sat.	Bradford N.	A 3.00
13 Sat.	Leeds	A 3.00
20 Sat.	YORK	H 2.30
27 Sat.	Huddersfield	A 3.00
Dec. 4 Sat.	HULL K.R.	H 2.30
15 Wed.	FEATHERSTONE	H 7.30
Jan. 8 Sat.	Hull	A 2.30
15 Sat.	CASTLEFORD	H 2.30
Feb. 5 Sat.	York	A* 3.00
12 Sat.	Batley	A 3.00
19 Sat.	HULL	H 3.00
26 Sat.	BATLEY	H 3.00
Mar. 5 Sat.	New Hunslet	A 3.00
12 Sat.	NEW HUNSLET	H 3.00
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This season's inter-schools competitions will again be held in the six age groups from Under 11's to Under 16's with the possibility of an increase in the number of schools' taking part. St. John Fisher School at Dewsbury has applied to take part in the Senior Competitions along with schools from Wakefield, Outwood, Rothwell, Batley, Crofton, Normanton, Featherstone and Castleford. A Summer coaching course organised by Alan Hepworth and Trinity's Terry Crook has seen plenty of enthusiasm from the younger boys in the Stanley and Outwood areas and it is hoped that the Primary Schools will be able to raise teams to play friendly fixtures this season.

Matches are played throughout the season with Play-offs and Knock Out Competitions reaching a climax in March. Before Easter the six age groups will compete in the Burma Oil 7 a side Competition and it is hoped that the Under 11's will again provide the half-time entertainment at Trinity's home matches playing in a knock-out tournament for the Les Pounder Trophy. Several schools will be taking part in the Yorkshire Cup Competition and we are looking forward to a repeat performance by the boys from St. Thomas a Becket School who played in last year's final at Belle Vue. No doubt the Under 16's team at Thornes House will be aiming to improve on their neighbours performance and they have the ability to reach the final.

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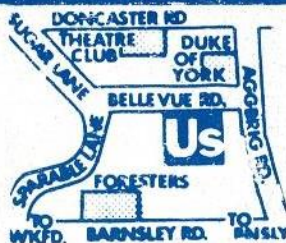
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The draw will be made during a Gala Benefit Night at Batley Variety Club on Wednesday, 13th October, when sporting personalities will be attending a show headed by the Eurovision Song Contest winners 'Brotherhood of Man'.

Where are they now?

News of former Trinity players by J. C. Lindley (Secretary of the Trinity Players' Association)

As a second-row pair, our Club has had none superior to Horton & Exley. They became renowned for their tremendous cover tackling and, allied to their attacking skills, earned a reputation throughout our code which is still recalled whenever second-row forwards are discussed.

G.H. MICK' EXLEY was as local as it is possible to be, starting his rugby at the St. Catherine's School (now our Clubhouse) at 11 years of age. He joined Trinity at 16 to start a career which was to extend around 20 years until 1947.

It covered 449 appearances, 83 tries and one goal and brought him numerous appearances for Yorkshire, England honours against Wales and 'Other Nationalities' and a place on the 1936 tour to Australia and N.Z.

'Mick' was unlucky not to earn Test recognition on that tour; the selectors placing their faith in the Lancashire pair of Hodgson & Arkright. But he gained satisfaction in those great days immediately after the Second Great War by being a member of our side in the 1946 Wembley victory, and the 1946 Yorks. Cup triumph after gaining losers medals in the County Cup finals of 1932, 1934, 1936 & 1939.

Only two players in our Club's long history made more appearances than Mick—Neil Fox and Harry Wilkinson. His was a remarkable contribution to Trinity's story, and he has continued his interest in the Club's fortunes ever since, being a Vice-President and regular attendee at Belle Vue. Now retired as 'Mine host' of the Black Swan Inn, Normanton, he lives at Ackton, nr Pontefract. Whenever former players gather Mick is sure to be there with them, recalling those great days of the past with humour and interest.



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