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PROGRAMME 10p

CLUB NOTES

ROVERS FOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

No doubt we were all a little disappointed at the outcome of our Cup-tie at Bradford last week. Perhaps it is some consolation to remind ourselves that a similar feeling awaits 31 of the 32 Clubs who set out on the Annual Cup Trail. The team must now quickly pick themselves up and concentrate on the more mundane task of ending the season as high up the league table as possible — and, who knows?, the Rovers may yet secure one of the season's major trophies and at the same time update another Club record.

VINCE FARRAR

Congratulations to Vince Farrar on his selection for England against France. This honour is long overdue and is a fitting reward for some sterling performances over the past few years. Vince and Jim Thompson were both outstanding in the Yorkshire side earlier this week, and it may well be that Rovers will be quite well represented when the tour team is chosen.

THE 'A' TEAM

Because of the weather our 'A' team has not been in action since 5th February and there has been no chance until Friday last to assess the value of Roy Hawksley, who joined us on trial from Salford. They could not have had a more exacting resumption than a trip to Keighley, and although it is expecting rather a lot one hopes that they will quickly slip into gear and maintain their place in the top four to the end of the season.

JUNIORS — B.A.R.L.A./NATIONAL CUP, 2nd ROUND

Our under-18 team lightened the gloom somewhat last week with an emphatic 21 points to 5 points victory at Shaw Cross — the team they narrowly beat in the Yorkshire Cup Final. It was an excellent display in very heavy conditions. Try-scorers were David Edginton (2), Paul Martin, Andy Williams and Tony Smith (one each), and David Hobbs kicked 3 goals.

They have no match this week as six of their number are playing for Yorkshire at Castleford. Competition for places in the Gt. Britain Under-18 side is fierce, but for the lucky ones a "chance of a lifetime" trip to Australia and New Zealand is the incentive. Your support for this unique venture is solicited elsewhere in this programme.

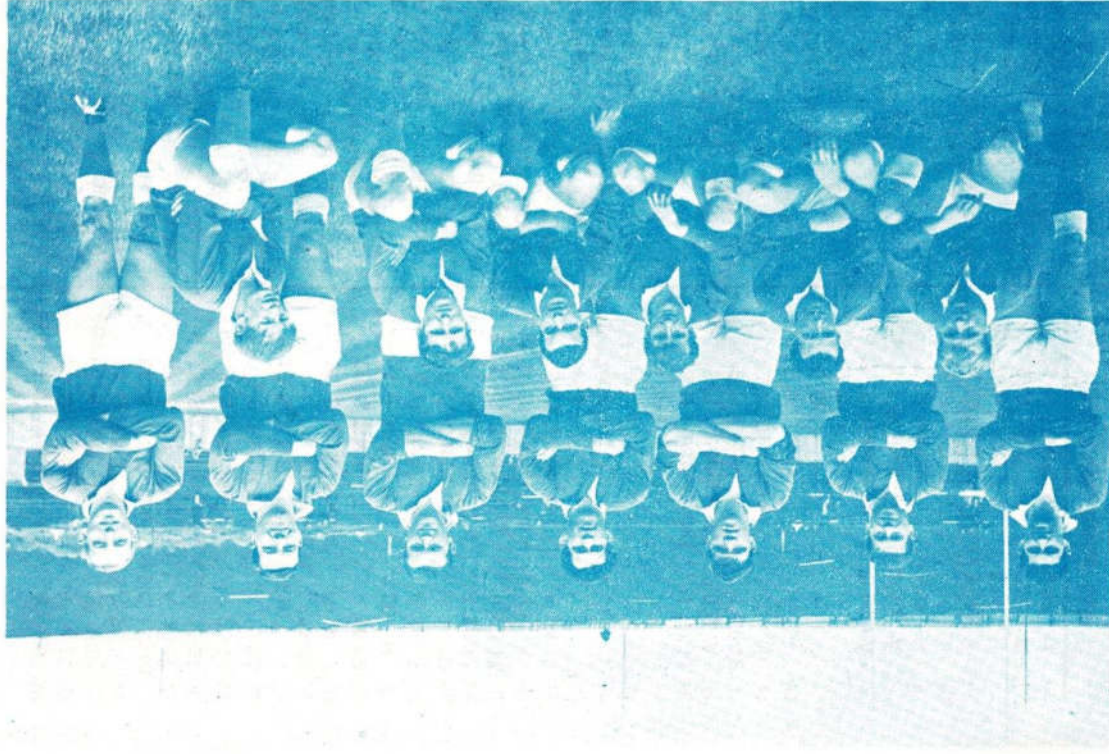
NEW SUPPORTERS' CLUB

A keen band of Supporters are trying to form a Supporters' Club in Normanton based, it is hoped, on the Services Club. Any one interested in this project should get in touch with Mr. Fred Webster, 9 Ellins Terrace, Normanton.

RE-ARRANGED MATCH

Don't forget that the away match at Salford has been brought forward to Friday 11th March 1977, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Can you name this Rovers team of yesterday, and how many are still playing?



SENIOR TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug 1	Su Castleford (Charity)	3.30...H
22	Su Doncaster (Y.C., 1st Rd.)	A 54- 5 W
29	Su Wakefield (Y.C., 2nd Rd.)	A 16- 9 W
Sept 4	S Leeds	A 12-12 D
8	W New Hunslet (Y.C., Semi-Final)	H 34- 0 W
12	Su Salford	H 12-23 L
19	Su Hull K.R.	A 21- 8 W
26	Su Rochdale	H 31-24 W
Oct 3	Su Leigh	A 8- 4 W
10	Su Hull K.R.	H 31-13 W
16	S Y.C. Final at Headingley Leeds	A 12-16 L
23/24	Player's No. 6, 1st Rd. Whitehaven	H 43-13 W
31	Su Leigh	H 28- 9 W
Nov 7	Su Player's No. 6, 2nd Rd. Widnes	A 0-10 L
14	Su St. Helens	A 17-22 L
21	Su Bradford N.	H 7- 5 W
28	Su Warrington	A 9-10 L
Dec 12	Su Oldham	A 12- 3 W
19	Su Workington	A 14- 7 W
27	BD Castleford	H 8- 8 D
1977		
Jan 2	Su Wakefield T.	H 52- 0 W
9	Su Wigan	A 13-20 L
23	Su Widnes	A 12- 7 W
Feb 6	Su Rochdale	A 16- 9 W
13	Su R.L. Cup, 1st Rd. Whitehaven	A 6- 5 W
20	Su Barrow	H 33-10 W
27	Su R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd. Bradford N.	A 7-12 L
27	Su Barrow	A 230...A P
Mar 6	Su Oldham	3.00...H
11	F Salford	7.30...A
13	Su St. Helens	3.00...H
20	Su Bradford N.	3.30...A
27	Su Warrington	3.30...H
30	W Widnes	5.00...H
Apr 3	Su Leeds	3.30...H
8	GF Wakefield	7.30...A
11	EM Castleford	7.30...A
17	Su Wigan	3.30...H
20	W Barrow	7.00...A
24	Su Workington	3.30...H

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground
1976		
Aug 11	W Halifax	A 17-33 W
28	S Leeds	A 12-12 D
Sept 4	S Leeds	H 3-21 L
11	S York	A 23- 3 W
18	S Y.S.C. Cup, 1st Rd. (Bye)	
18	S St. Helens (Fr.)	A 16-17 L
25	S Castleford	A 15-29 L
Oct 2	S Wakefield	H 25-12 W
9	S Hull K.R.	A 15-32 L
16	S Y.S.C. Cup, 2nd Rd. Bradford N.	14-26 L
23	S New Hunslet	H 24- 7 W
30	S Batley	A 13-18 L
Nov 6	S Hull K.R.	3.00...H P
6	S Bramley	A 10- 9 W
13	S Castleford	H 11-10 W
21	Su Bradford N.	A 23-12 W
27	S Bradford N.	H 13-17 L
Dec 4	S New Hunslet	2.30...A P
15	W Wakefield T.	A 14-10 W
18	S	
25	XD	
1977		
Jan 1	NYD	
8	S Huddersfield	H 22-13 W
15	S Huddersfield	3.00...A P
22	S Bramley	H 10-12 L
29	S Dewsbury	3.00...H P
Feb 5	S Batley	3.00...H 55- 7 W
12	S	
19	S	
26	S Dewsbury	3.00...A P
Mar 4	F Keighley	7.30...A
12	S Halifax	3.00...H
19	S	
26	S Hull	3.00...H
Apr 2	S York	3.00...H
9	S Hull	2.30...A
16	S Keighley	3.00...H
R.L. CHALLENGE CUP		
1st Round	February 12th/13th	
2nd Round	February 26th/27th	
3rd Round	March 12th/13th	
1st Semi-final	March 26th	
2nd Semi-final	April 2nd	
Final (at Wembley)	May 7th	

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THE SAXTON PAGE

MANY of the Rovers younger supporters will tend to take it for granted that a Rovers player will be over the 100 mark in the goals list, but I can still recall the disappointment in 1951 when Freddie Miller failed by 3 goals to become the first Rovers player to the century. However, the next season (1951-52) saw the Rovers at Wembley for the first time and Freddie Miller kicking 101 goals. To put his new Rovers record into perspective it is amazing but true that only 4 seasons earlier the leading goal-scorer was Ken Palmer with 18 goals in the whole of 1947-48.

Where Miller had led, others were quick to follow; and four seasons later Jack Fennell became the second Rovers player to kick 100 goals in a season with 102 in 1955-56. In 1957-58 he did it again with 101, but his record was left well behind by Terry Clawson, who kicked 136 goals in 1958-59. The pattern of 100 goals in a season was now well set, and Clawson kicked 113 in 1959-60 and 125 in 1961-62.

A new name was added to the Rovers "ton-up boys" in 1963-64 when Don Fox kicked 129. Both Clawson and Fox left for new clubs, but the tradition of goal-kicking was maintained by Tommy Smales in 1966-67 when he kicked 122. Two years later another new name appeared when Cyril Kellest kicked 125, and in 1972-73 he lifted the Rovers goal-scoring record to 139.

Now Steve Quinn has become the seventh Rovers player to kick 100 goals in a season. He needs another 35 goals to break the record, with a possible minimum number of 13 games in which to get them.

Did you get your copy of "Touchdown" today. If not, it looks like being the biggest publishing non-event of the season as far as Rovers supporters are concerned. It was back in January that "Uncle Eddie" was waving a copy about on "Look North" with the news that it would be given away at each home game. Bad weather meant that the Rovers supporters could not join in this new official newspaper at the beginning, and there were no copies at our last home game. Rumour has it that it has changed from a weekly to a monthly. Perhaps all will be revealed today.

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- 9 Keith BRIDGES
- 10 Vince FARRAR
- 11 Charlie STONE
- 12 Pete SMITH
- 13 Keith BELL
- 14
- 15

Referee: MR. J. W. MEAN (Leyland)

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MR. A. BEEVERS

Touch Judge, Yellow Flag:

MR. A. BARROW

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- 1 Martin MURPHY
- 2 Mike ELLIOTT
- 3 David HILL
- 4 Alan WHITTLE
- 5 Chris O'BRIEN
- 6 Glen KNIGHT
- 7 Dave TREASURE
- 8 Ray HICKS
- 9 Roger O'MAHONEY
- 10 Barry KEAR
- 11 Steve HERBERT
- 12 Kevin FLANAGAN
- 13 Tony PETERS
- 14
- 15

Half-Time..... Result.....

Attendance..... Receipts.....

Goals..... Tries..... Points.....

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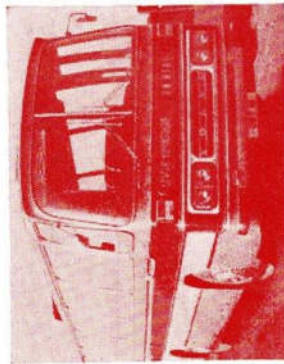
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NEWS FROM B.A.R.L.A.

RUGBY League Football has received probably its greatest boost ever with the Sports Council making B.A.R.L.A. a grant offer of £8,500 toward the cost of their proposed Youth Tour to Australia and New Zealand this summer.

The Tour, which is to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the famous Shaw Cross Boys' Club, will however be a truly representative National Team drawing its players from every corner of the Amateur Game.

The Sports Council has obviously been much impressed with B.A.R.L.A.'s growth record since its formation which has seen Youth Rugby increase ten-fold and University Rugby double. With the Queen's Silver Jubilee having a special accent on "Helping Youth," and the Tour going to Commonwealth countries, there is little doubt that it has attracted much sympathy at top-level. B.A.R.L.A. officials have already had talks with International Board members Kevin Humphreys (Australia), Ron McGregor (New Zealand) and Harry Womersley (Rugby League Chairman), and they have drawn up a six-match programme including Test Matches against the New Zealand and Australian Youth Teams. The games will be played as curtain-raisers to the World Cup games, with the first Test Match being played in Christchurch before the Great Britain versus New Zealand game, and the Australian Test prior to the World Cup Final at the famous Sydney Cricket Ground on June 25th.

B.A.R.L.A. is now launching a major appeal to raise the balance of the money, and this will take the form of "Sponsor a Boy to Australia for only a £1," and it is hoped that every Rugby League enthusiast will support this exciting venture and so play a prominent part in making Rugby League History.

All those supporting this "Appeal" will be registered as "Pioneer Sponsors" and will receive a free copy of the "Silver Jubilee Youth Tour Brochure" when the tour is completed.

All donations are to be made payable to "B.A.R.L.A." and sent to their Headquarters at Britannic Buildings, 3 Upperhead Row, Huddersfield. Sponsorship Forms are available in the Secretary's Office.

For further information contact Maurice F. Oldroyd, National Administrator.



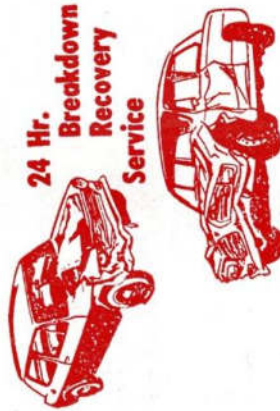
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Player	Season 1976-77				Total Senior Records			
	App	T	G	DG Pts	App	T	G	DG Pts
Bell K.	23	8	-	7 31	117	24	6	8 92
Box H.	21	4	-	12	195	29	412	- 911
Bray G.	16	10	-	30	68	18	-	- 54
(Trans. 23-1-77)								
Bridges J. H.	24	-	-	1 1	192	36	5	3 121
Busfield D.	7	-	-	-	63	23	-	- 69
Butler P.	6	1	-	3	40	3	-	3 12
Coventry P.	14	2	-	6	162	48	-	- 144
Dyas D.	5	1	-	3	58	17	-	- 51
Evans S.	7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
Farrar V.	25	4	-	12	285	56	-	- 168
Fennell D.	17	4	-	12	22	5	-	- 15
Gibbins M.	18	-	-	-	110	4	-	- 12
Gilbert J.	7	3	-	9	7	3	-	- 9
Holden R.	7	3	-	9	13	4	-	- 12
(Trans. 23-1-77)								
Kellett K.	26	15	-	45	173	67	-	- 201
Marsden J. L.	3	1	-	3	11	2	-	- 6
Newlove J.	22	14	-	42	354	133	4	1 408
Noon R.	1	-	-	-	8	1	-	- 3
Norris S.	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Quinn S.	26	6	105	228	36	9	144	- 315
Smith M.	2	1	-	3	373	115	1	- 347
(Trans. 25-9-76)								
Smith P.	25	11	-	33	92	23	-	- 69
Spells J.	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Stone R.	22	3	-	9	209	25	-	- 75
Thompson J.	24	1	-	3	269	37	-	- 111
Townend J.	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Tuffs N.	16	7	-	1 22	60	21	58	1 180
Vickers D.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

RECORDS TO LOOK OUT FOR

TRIES — Match : 6, M. J. 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 : 557, C. Kellett (1968-1974)

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) and S. Quinn (1976-77) — 9 matches

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS — 12 (1972-73)

MOST CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WINS — 9 (1972-73)

HIGHEST SCORE — v. Whitehaven, 1971 — 65 points

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Rugby League Challenge Cup — Winners 1957, 1973; Runners-up 1952, 1974

Northern Rugby Football League Championship — Runners-up 1928

Yorkshire Challenge Cup — Winners 1940, 1959; Runners-up 1928, 1963, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1976

Yorkshire League — Runners-up 1928, 1962

Yorkshire Senior Competition Cup —

Winners 1946, 1974; 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. Leeds; March 1976; £7001

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, J. H. Bridges, T. Clawson, M. Dixon, D. Fox,

G. Jordan, A. Morgan, S. Nash, R. Stone, 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

Wales — P. Banner

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

Eastern Division — T. Clawson, L. Hammill

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Yorkshire —

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J. Denton, M. Dixon, V. Farrar, D. Fox, L. Hammill, D. Hartley, J. Hirst,

M. Hirst, A. Longley, D. Metcalfe, A. Morgan, P. Morris, J. Mullaney, S.

Nash, J. Newlove, C. Plenderleith, J. M. Smith, R. Stone, W. Stott, W.

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OUR VISITORS

TODAY we extend a warm welcome to the Officials, Players and Supporters from the Oldham Club.

Although we don't meet too often, several of their players will be known to home fans because of the Oldham club's apparent liking for players from this area. Indeed, in recent years we have found ourselves in competition with Oldham in some instances when trying to sign junior players. Winger Steve Lund is a prime example of that situation.

In addition their ranks contain ex-Rovers forwards Barry Kear and Terry Ramshaw, whilst their back division contains Mick McCone (Pontefract) and former Rovers junior and Castlefordian Dave Treasure. Another recruit just before the Cup deadline was Glen Knight, who started his career at Castleford before moving on to Huddersfield and Warrington. Missing from their ranks however will be Tony Wainwright who moved to Rochdale just before the Cup register closed.

Our visitors are struggling a little at the moment but clubs in this situation have a disconcerting habit of "clicking" against Rovers. In any event, if the game today is of the same standard as our reverse fixture at Oldham, we can anticipate a feast of good football.

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