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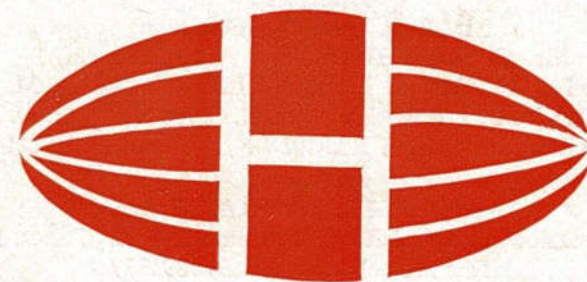
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Batty's Scene

by BRIAN BATTY

(Daily Mail)

Rugby League chairman, Harry Womersley, has two distinct aims covering completely different areas of the game.

He is looking for an even greater increase in the attendances than was achieved last season.

"We had a rise of seventeen per cent and I would like to see it reach fifty per cent," he says.

We all know that such a figure can remain nothing more than a mere dream, but there is no doubting the chairman's keen approach.

It is no use being cautious, for too often in the past, Rugby League has failed to beat the big drum and remained in the shadow of other sports.

Chairman Womersley is as anxious to see the crowds flow back as he is to have Australia's grip at international level broken next year.

"I felt there was too much penny pinching when we sent out the Great Britain squad for the World Championship," he admits.

"We did not give manager Reg Parker and his men as much cover as we might to overcome the injury problems.

"I would like to see as many as twenty-eight or even thirty players make the tour next time. They can repay us with the cash that comes from their games over there and with the success we need.

"I am sick of the Aussies beating us and it is time we climbed back to the top."

These are certainly the right sentiments and with the four-year signing ban introduced, Britain can look forward to a successful future.

But there seems to be some doubt as to whether the Womersley plan for a long-term manager, plus assistant and coach and physiotherapist will be accepted.

He would like to see appointments spanning three years. There are many points in its favour but several against in a sport where fluctuating fortunes bring repeated changes at coaching level.

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Though Borough have made a most disastrous start to the new season, the club must not become pessimistic in its attitude. The bad results against Whitehaven, Doncaster and Leigh, were due to a large number of reasons. However, there can be no doubt that the team has not enjoyed any reasonable luck. It has certainly been disappointing to see a number of players who were in such good form last season, turn in such mediocre performances this term. Only when these players return to their true form, as they surely will, will Borough be able to give the type of performances that we all want to see.

On a brighter note, two young Maoris arrived in Blackpool this week to strengthen the pool of players at the club's disposal. Both Mark Tivai and Billy Kern have impressed in a high grade of Rugby League Football in the Auckland area of New Zealand. The next few weeks will demonstrate their worth and I am confident they will be a valuable asset to the club.

Behind the scenes, great efforts are being made to maximise the financial potential of the club. The plans for the new sports development seem certain to go through in the very near future and building should commence at the end of the Rugby League season.

The new Pools Development scheme has already given a welcome boost to the club's finances and promises well for coming years. In addition, the club is, for the first time, endeavouring to fully exploit the potential of the ground itself. It is likely, for instance, that most local Amateur Cup Finals will be based at Borough Park from this season onwards. Preparations are also in hand to establish a jogging club at the Stadium, and, as Swinton have found, this can be a very lucrative venture.

It is hoped that all this activity will, in the long term, provide the basis for a successful Blackpool Borough Rugby League team. Though some people may dismiss this object as sheer fantasy, in view of our present playing record, the Directors remain confident that the club will achieve its aim.

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- 3—STEVE DAINTY
- 4—JOHN WILLS
- 5—PAUL MACHEN
- 6—PHIL PITMAN
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- 8—JIM HAMILTON
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- 10—PETER FRODSHAM
- 11—PETER JEWITT
- 12—STEVE HERBERT
- 13—TONY PETERS
- 14—JOHN BLAIR
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August	
21—WHITEHAVEN	Home
(Lancs. Cup 1st Round)	
28—LANCS. CUP 2nd ROUND	Away
September	
4—DONCASTER	Home
11—Leigh	Away
Kick-Off 3-30 p.m.	
18—OLDHAM	Home
25—HUDDERSFIELD	Home
October	
2—York	Away
9—ROCHDALE H.	Home
16—Swinton	Away
23—PLAYERS No. 6 (1)	
30—HUYTON	Home
November	
6—PLAYER'S No. 6 (2)	
13—Rochdale H.	Away
20—LEIGH	Home
Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.	
27—Huyton	Away
Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.	
December	
4—WHITEHAVEN	Home
Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.	
11—Halifax	Away
Kick-Off 3-30 p.m.	

K.O. 3 p.m. (unless otherwise stated)

January	
8—Barrow	Away
Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.	
15—BATLEY	Home
Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.	
22—Keighley	Away
Kick-Off 3-15 p.m.	
29—HALIFAX	Home
February	
5—Huddersfield	Away
12—CHALLENGE CUP (1)	
19—KEIGHLEY	Home
26—CHALLENGE CUP (2)	
March	
5—SWINTON	Home
12—Whitehaven	Away
19—Oldham	Away
Kick-Off 3-30 p.m.	
27—(Monday) Doncaster	Away
April	
2—YORK	Home
9—Batley	Away
16—BARROW	Home

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Oldham—today's visitors

This afternoon we welcome our friends from Oldham for a Second Division game. They are trying to win promotion at the first attempt after being relegated at the end of last season. In the Lancashire Cup they were beaten heavily at Wigan and then began the League programme with a defeat at Keighley.

The last meeting between the clubs was last season, in the First Round of the Lancashire Cup, on this ground, when Borough won 17-10 after leading 11-3 at half time. Scorers that day for Borough were, Phil Pitman and Paul Machen (2) with tries, Ged Marsh with 2 drop goals and Dave Secker with 3 goals. For Oldham, Phil Larder kicked 2 goals with Mike Elliott and Dave Treasure scoring tries. The last League games were in the 1974-75 season with Oldham winning both games by 13-5 here and 17-13 in a controversial finish at Watersheddings.

Recently appointed coach to our visitors is Dave Cox who guided Dewsbury to promotion last season.

From the team which met Borough last year, there have been many changes following transfers of Kevin Taylor (Leigh), Dave Treasure (Leeds), Dickie Brown (New Hunslet), Tony Wainwright (Rochdale), plus the release of Phil Holmes and Terry Ramshaw. Only last week, centre David Hill, only signed in January from Wigan, was transferred to Barrow.

Today could see a return to Borough Park of Fred Hall who was one of Borough's stars of the early seventies. He is making a comeback after injury. Joining him in the Pack could be Brian Hughes (ex-Leeds hooker, Roger O'Mahoney, Steve Herbert, Paul Starbuck and Jim Reynolds. Their first Try this season was scored by Prop, Peter Frodsham from Salford.

In the backs should be goal-kicker John Blair, full back Martin Murphy, winger Eddie Barton, Uric Stondin, a local signing last season, plus two of last season's signings from other clubs, stand off Glen Knight from Warrington and scrum half Alan Whittle from Wigan.

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