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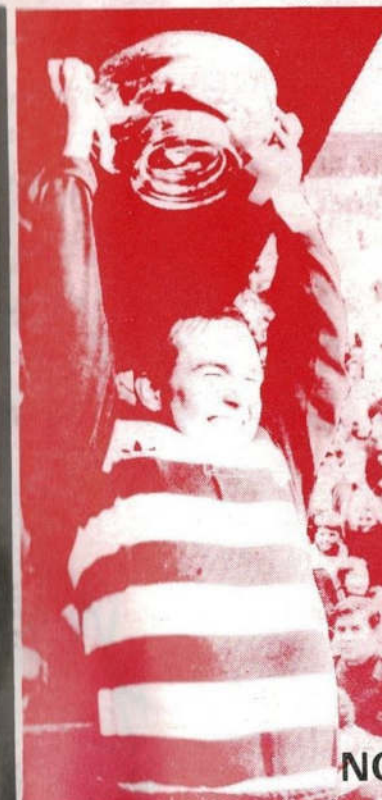
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

IT is with pride and pleasure that we offer our congratulations to our representatives on the Great Britain trip to France last week-end for the international double-up at under-24 and colts levels.

The Oldham Club is certainly making its presence felt these days on the international scene. First, there was the appointment of our coach Frank Myler as Britain's new team boss. Frank had charge of the under-24 side for the first time in France at the week-end and, of course, he will continue as coach for the return match at Watersheddings on January 30 and the two full Test matches against France in a few weeks' time.

Hopefully, he will then be invited to continue as British coach next season with the greatest prize of all waiting at the end — a summer tour to Australia next year.

Following Frank's elevation to British boss, we had the distinction of getting four Oldham players in the under-24 side that met France at Carpentras last Sunday.

Not only that, but our loose-forward Terry Flanagan had the additional honour of captaining the side. Two years ago, Terry was pack leader and vice-captain of the under-24s but last season, when we were in the Second Division, he was overlooked.

He has certainly bounced back with a vengeance this season!

For scrum-half Ray Ashton and forwards Mick Worrall and Andy Goodway, last Sunday's match was their first at under-24 level, though both Ashton and Worrall have represented their country as colts.

These notes had to be written last week, but we are confident all four Oldham players will have fully justified their selection and the faith put in them by Frank Myler and the manager, Dick Gemmell.

It was a big week-end, too, for local youngsters Keith Atkinson and Harry Maher, who both play regularly in our colts team.

They travelled with the British colts party that met France at Apt, occupying the two wing positions. Atkinson, our regular centre in the colts, was an original choice on one wing. Maher, picked as a squad member after representing Lancashire colts, was called-up late when Gary Clark of Hull KR was elevated to the under-24s.

All this Oldham representation has been rewarded by the staging of the return under-24 international at our Watersheddings ground on Sunday, January 30. Our home match against Halifax that day has been put back until later in the season, and we hope all local RL followers will rally round to provide the sort of attendance that will stand us in good stead in the future when representative grounds are being allocated.

Hopefully, there will again be a large Watersheddings contingent in the Great Britain side and, of course, the youngsters will be playing for possible places in the full Test side as a stepping stone to staking their claims for places on next year's Australian touring party.

The draw for the first round of the State Express Challenge Cup has looked upon us favourably. After five consecutive away games in the various knock-out competitions we are drawn to play Workington Town at Watersheddings on Sunday, February 13 in the first round.

We will be firm favourites to make progress, especially as we already boast a First Division double over the Cumbrians this season.

But Town are noted for raising their game in the Challenge Cup. As First Division strugglers, they will be looking to the cup to provide a late-season boost and whatever happens here on February 13, one thing is certain . . . it will not be easy!

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON BRADFORD NORTHERN

by Tom Webb

Bradford Northern have connections with sport going back a century and a half. The cricket club eventually started a Rugby Union club which evolved into a Northern Union set-up. When Bradford decided that soccer should be played at Park Avenue, the loyal rugby men changed the name to Bradford Northern, and a temporary ground was used before the club settled at Birch Lane.

After a quarter of a century at Birch Lane a new ground was secured at Odsal. Harry East, who reported Northern's doings for many years, described the scene of the "promised land".

"It was an unturfed valley, terraced with the refuse of dustbins and ashpits, a vacant expanse of sloping blackness relieved only by the glinting brightness of tin cans and broken bottles and the yellow ooze of a creeping bed of clay squeezing viscously under the dumped loads of rubbish." Who would have thought that twenty years later this wilderness would stage the greatest crowd in the history of Rugby League when over 100,000 watched the 1954 Challenge Cup final replay at Odsal Stadium?

The last match at Birch Lane took place on April 7 1834 when Northern lost by eight points to seven to St. Helens Recreation. Northern's team was Hutchinson, Pilling, Winnard, Bradford, Walker, Bush, Hayes, Morgan, Turner, Collins, Hill, Sherwood and Elson.

The 2,000 faithfuls who had supported Northern were rewarded for their loyalty when the first game was played at Odsal on September 1, 1934. It was a most inauspicious start as Huddersfield won by 31-16.

At Birch Lane, the supporters swallowed their disappointments over the years by maintaining that "'t' referee allus leans to t' class sides" and "When Harold Wagstaff does that they reckon it's good football but when ahr's do it, it's obstruction."

When the preparation for making the new pitch at Odsal was underway, the programme writer announced, "Sods, We've Got 'Em". Not until the headline had been explained many, many times were the obtuse convinced that the reference was to the preparation of the new ground and not to the (then) present team, wrote Harry East.

In one game at Birch Lane, Northern had taken the ball to the opposing line where a scrum was to take place after half an hour's play, when the referee looked at his watch and blew for half time. His touch judges drew the referee's attention to his error and he called the players back for another ten minutes, and restarted the game at the centre. "Well", exclaimed one disgruntled supporter, "Ah knew that referee, had niver read t' rules, can't run and is nearly blind, but Ah thought even 'im 'ud be able to tell t' time."

After a moderate start at Odsal things began to go right for Bradford Northern and they played in three consecutive Challenge Cup finals in the late 1940s. Ernest Ward who had signed for Northern just before making his debut on his 16th birthday was one of the new players when Odsal was opened, was joined by Len Higson, son of J. W. Higson who was with both Hunslet and Huddersfield in their four cups years, Frank Murray, Sandy Orford and Vince Dilorenzo with Dai Ress taking over as trainer-coach.

One of the worst seasons in the club's history was 1921-22 when the club played 34 games, winning only 2 and drawing 1 and losing 31, to finish last of the 26 clubs in the league. The other bad year was when the club actually folded in 1963-64 to be revived as Bradford Northern (1964) Limited.

Jack Bower and Nigel Williams combine today to write the programme notes while another great supporter Maurice Thomas has taken over the reins as secretary of the Yorkshire Federation of Supporters' Clubs after becoming president in 1982.

MUMBY CHASES NORTHERN RECORDS

KEITH MUMBY, Bradford's international full back, who has been playing in the centre in recent matches, is tonight within sight of two all-time Northern scoring records.

Prior to last Sunday's match against Carlisle, the popular Mumby needed only 40 points to beat Ernest Ward's club record of 1,520 and only 13 goals to surpass the goal-scoring club record of 661, currently held by Joe Phillips.

Mumby had totalled 1,481 points, with 649 goals and 61 tries, up to the Carlisle match, so at least one of the records could be up for grabs for Mumby in tonight's match.

The Oldham team won at Bradford early in the season but, since then, the Odsal outfit have settled down to become their usual resilient selves.

Prior to the Carlisle match, they had won three matches on the trot, and they will certainly be looking to avenge our victory at Odsal.

Mumby had an outstanding game at full back for Great Britain in the second Test against Australia at Wigan, but he picked up an injury which prevented his appearance in the third Test at Leeds.

Since then, and because of a shortage of centres at Odsal, he has been performing very well in the middle of the back line.

This has allowed John Green to show what he can do at full back and the lad has done very well indeed while Mumby has been helping out in the centre.

Choice of wingers will probably be between former Wakefield and Leeds man David Smith, long-serving David Barends, and local lad Steve Pullen, who may be remembered by Oldham fans as he had a couple of trial games here last season.

Mumby and Richard Davies have been holding down the centre spots, but Ellery Hanley may now be back in contention.

Northern have had bad luck with their half-backs, both New Zealander Billy Kells and Keith Whiteman suffering injuries, and choice for tonight's match could rest between Dean Carroll, club captain Alan Redfearn, and former Featherstone scrum-half Dale Fennell, who has been signed on loan from Wakefield.

Northern are steady in the pack and can boast one of the best front-row formations in the business in experienced Jeff Grayshon, who played against the Aussies, hooker Brian Noble, who played in the third Test and also for the under-24 side in France last weekend, and Gary Van Bellen, who has been in outstanding form of late.

Dick Jasiewicz, Graham Idle and Chris Parrott have been holding down the second-row spots with hard-tackling Alan Rathbone at loose-forward.

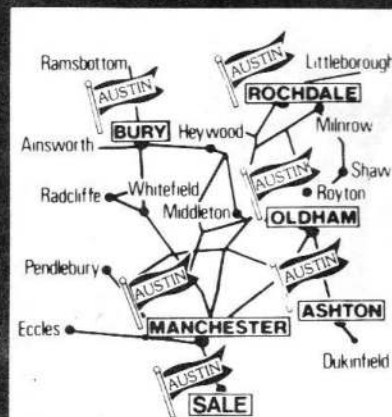
Tonight's game should be a cracker. Northern will want the points to ease themselves further away from the bottom few, while Oldham will be keen to complete a First Division double, especially after their 5-2 defeat at Featherstone last time out.

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Alan McCurrie working hard on defence at Featherstone.



A narrow escape for Featherstone as substitute Gary Bishop is halted just short of the Rovers line during our 5-2 defeat at Post Office Road.



No way through for Wally Jones in the face of some sound Rovers defence

Photographs by courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle

BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

It is no surprise to me that there has been a mixed reception to the decision to introduce the sinbin system on January 1.

So far all we've had to judge this type of punishment for players is during the recent Test series between Great Britain and Australia.

A total of six players — two in the first and four in the Third Test — have had a taste of the cooler.

They can be sent there by the referee for a period of either five or ten minutes but a lot of people are quite right in asking whether we've taken the right step.

The system might go down well in Australia, New Zealand and France but I have my doubts at the moment and I know some of the Sydney pressmen on tour were not happy about the method.

We have to consider whether we will get more feuds and brawling between players if they feel the referee is going to send them off for a short spell rather than the rest of the game.

I think the referees are being put on the spot by having to decide between the different degrees of trouble caused by the players.

The prospect of going off for the remainder of the game meant that players knew they were probably going to cost their team the points and winning money if they offended.

Now they may feel it worth taking the chance of cracking an opponent and trying to escape serious punishment whereas before the risk involved was too great.

I think perhaps Peter Smethurst, Oldham's experienced assistant coach and a former player with Oldham, Swinton, Salford, Leigh and Wigan, summed up the situation perfectly.

'The rule will be abused and it is a thin line between the vicious and the not-so-vicious foul,' he said.

There is no question that with the sinbin we will have shorter queues at the League's disciplinary committee meetings every month.

But I hope this is not at the expense of the games which a lot of people fear may become ruined with the wrong sort of action.

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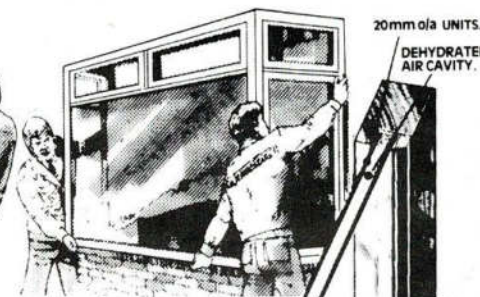
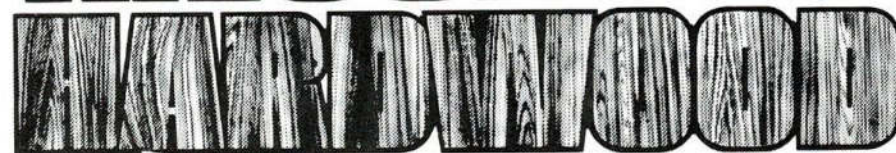
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FIVE YEARS AGO

Oldham 2 1 7 Keighley 2 2 10 (Second Division)

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott, Larder (2 goals), O'Brien, Wilde, Paterson, Bates, Owen
O'Mahoney, Frodsham, Hall, Herbert, Reynolds.

Substitutes: McCone and K. Flanagan (try) for Paterson and Frodsham.

Keighley: Burnley (goal and try), Jowett, Bardgett, Morgan, Stephenson, Nicholson
Seabourne (drop goal and try), Ackroyd, Cardiss, Dickinson, Clarkson, Sharp, Birdsall
(drop goal).

Substitutes: W. Woolford and Dickins did not play.

Referee: J. E. Smith, Halifax. Attendance 1,836. Half-time score 2-7.

TEN YEARS AGO

Oldham 5 2 16 York 5 0 10 (Northern League had only one division)

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott, Larder, (5 goals), Wainwright (try), Hodgkinson, Hill, McCone
Wilson (try), K. Taylor, Ashcroft, Irving, Hall, Farrell.

Substitutes not known.

York: Wallace, Hill, Sheehan, Quinn (5 goals), Rippon, Young, Smith, Dixon, Hunter
Forsyth, Dunham, Morgan, Deighton.

Substitute: Horner for Deighton.

Referee: K. Allatt, Huddersfield. Attendance 2,762. Half-time score 6-6.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Oldham 4 2 14 St. Helens 4 6 26 (Northern League had only one division)

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott, McCormack, Shelton, Donovan, Warburton (4 goals), Canning
Wilson (try), K. Taylor, Fletcher (try), Irving, McCourt, Maders.

Substitute: Buckley for Shelton.

St. Helens: Barrow, Van Vollenhoven (2 tries), Benyon, Myler, Jones (3 tries), Rhode
(try), Bishop, Warlow, Sayer, Watson, Hogan, Egan, Coslett (4 goals).

Substitutes not known.

Referee: J. Reed, Leeds. Attendance 4,182. Half-time score 4-15.



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Many congratulations to our 4 Players, Ray Ashton, Mick Worrall, Andy Goodway, and Barry Flanagan on being chosen to represent Great Britain in the Under-24 International against France.

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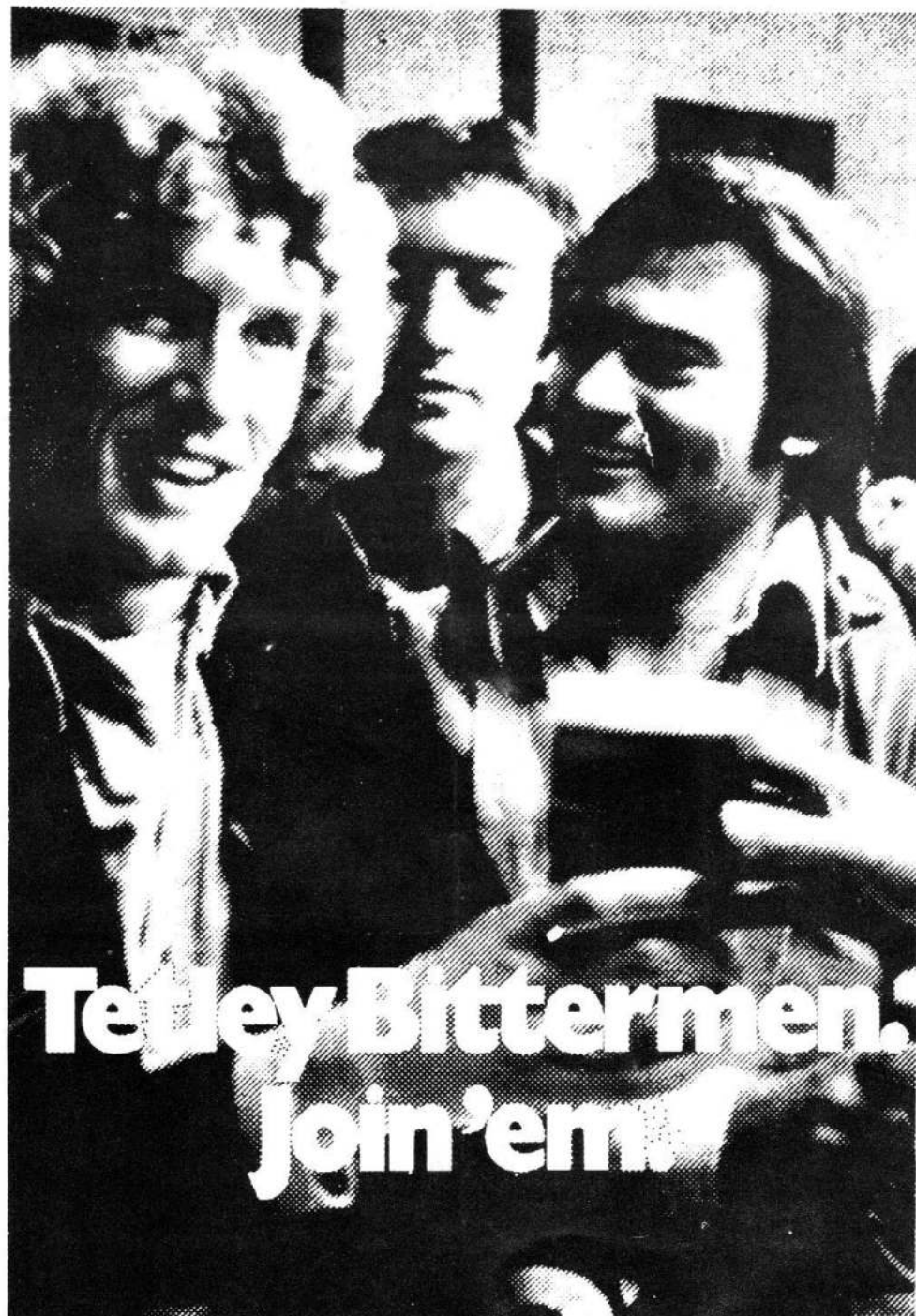
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1982				
Aug.	22	Widnes (3.00)	H 7-17	
	25	Leeds (7.30)	H 8-15	
	29	Bradford Northern (3.30)	A 23-10	
Sept.	5	Blackpool Lancs Cup	27-10	
	12	St. Helens (3.00)	A 15-20	
	15	Warrington (7.30)	H 22-12	
	19	Warrington Lancs Cup (3.00)	A 14-16	
	22	FRANCE XIII (7.30)	H 11-15	
	26	Halifax (3.00)	A 5-20	
	29	Featherstone R. (7.30)	H 10-1	
Oct.	3	Wigan (3.00)	H 11-11	
	10	Workington T. (3.30)	A 8-4	
	24	Castleford (3.30)	A 14-12	
	31	Carlisle (3.00)	H 17-14	
Nov.	7	Hull (3.00)	H 2-5	
	14	Barrow (2.30)	A 5-12	
Dec.	5	JOHN PLAYER TROPHY (1)	A 12-13	
	12	Workington T. (3.00)	H 24 19	
	19	Hull (3.00)	A 8 2	
	27	Hull K.R. (3.00)	H 4 5	

1983				
Jan.	3	Leeds (3.00)	A 12 12	
	9	Featherstone R. (2.30)	A 2 5	
	16	Bradford Northern (3.00)	H	
	23	Warrington (3.00)	A	
	30	Halifax (3.00)	H	
Feb.	6	St. Helens (3.00)	H	
	13	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP (1)	H	
	20	Carlisle (3.00)	A	
	27	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP (2)	A	
Mar.	6	Leigh (3.00)	H	
	13	Widnes (3.00)	A	
	20	Hull K.R. (3.00)	A	
Apr.	1	Leigh (3.30)	A	
	4	Barrow (3.00)	H	
	10	Wigan (3.00)	A	
	17	Castleford (3.00)	H	

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1982				
Aug.	20	Widnes (7.30)	A 13-17	
Sept.	3	Wigan (7.30)	H 17-12	
	10	St. Helens (7.30)	H 3-34	
	18	Warrington (2.30)	A P	
	25	Whitehaven (3.00)	H 22-20	
Oct.	1	Wigan (7.30)	A P	
	9	Workington (3.00)	H 18-15	
	15	Salford (7.30)	H 27-15	
	22	Widnes (7.30)	H 18-10	
	30	Whitehaven (2.30)	A 19-2	
Nov.	13	Barrow (3.00)	H 11-13	
	20	Workington (2.30)	A 22-19	

COLTS FIXTURES

1982				
Aug.	14	Wakefield	A 11-27	
	18	Huddersfield	A 5-31	
	21	Hull K.R.	H 11-11	
	24	Leigh	H 19-2	
	28	St. Helens	A 18-20	
Sept.	4	Castleford	H 15-26	
	11	Rochdale	A 10-10	
	18	Leeds	H 21-14	
	25	Halifax	A 14-11	
Oct.	2	Wakefield	H 26-35	
	9	Salford	A 41-7	
	16	Hull	A 25-3	
	23	Huddersfield	H 23-7	
	30	Barrow	A 13-11	
Nov.	6	Hull	H 0-12	
	13	Featherstone	A 14-25	
	20	St. Helens	H 8-2	
	27	Hunslet	A P	
Dec.	4	Barrow	H 22-5	
	11	Salford	H 55-0	
	18	Featherstone	H	
	28	Leigh	A 3-16	

1983				
Jan.	1	Bradford	H 18-15	
	8	Bramley	A 12-8	
	15	Halifax	H	
	22	Hull K.R.	A	
	29	Rochdale	H	
Feb.	5	York	H	
	12	Cup (1st round)		
	19	Leeds	A	
	26	Cup (2nd round)		
Mar.	5	Hunslet	H	
	12	York	A	
	19	Bramley	H	
	26	Bradford	A	
Apr.	9	Castleford	A	

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