

NEIL FOX'S first party piece. "A solo try . . . with flawless timing," reports Alfred Drewry. "Easy work," was the comment of photographer Douglas Berriff.

# Fox scorns broken nose

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Wakefield T. 14, St. Helens 9

NEIL FOX, Wakefield Trinity's player-coach, intends to offer his broken nose as a target for any Leeds player who chooses to regard it as such in the Christmas holiday RL match at Headingley next Monday.

"Why not?" said Fox, in between tender dressing-room dabs at the injured member. "It's nothing much." The physiotherapist, Paddy Armour, nodded approval. "I was able to set it on the touchline," he

said. "It should mend quickly."

Fox regards the Headingley match as a rehearsal for the Player's Trophy final. Leeds qualify to meet Trinity for the £5,000 first prize unless Halifax pull off an even bigger surprise in the semi-final than Trinity did in beating St. Helens.

Fox's nose went in the 51st minute, and with it went St. Helens's last chance, for Stephens, the man who broke it, was sent off.

St. Helens were already in deep trouble, for a minute earlier Fox had dropped a goal which

carried for all of 55 yards to put Trinity 14-4 ahead

That was Fox's second party piece. Four minutes before the interval he scored a solo try with a deceptive play which by its flawless timing made the St. Helens defence look foolish — and the magnitude of that achievement can be judged by the fact that St. Helens's last 10 opponents had scored exactly two tries among them.

"Wakefield never allowed us to establish a rhythm," said Jim Challinor, the St. Helens coach. "They were worthy winners."

The way Jeanes, Lyons,

Valentine and Harrison contrived to get the ball away in the tackle must have been an eye-opener to St. Helens, and so must the sharp half-back play of Harkin and Topliss.

Barends with a try prevented Fox from monopolising the Trinity scoring. A late try by Prescott, their best player, and three goals by Coslett made up the St. Helens score.

**WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Wraith; Smith (Cooper), Marston, Hegarty, Barends; Topliss, Harkin; Jeanes, Morgan, Lyons, Harrison, Valentine, Fox (Spencer).  
**ST. HELENS:** Pimblett; Jones, Benyon, Walsh, Wilson; Kelly, Heaton (Whittle); Rees (Stephens), Karalius, Chisnall, Prescott, Mantle, Coslett.  
Referee: Mr. M. G. Naughton (Widnes).

## Hunslet in low gear too long

Hunslet 6, Warrington 13

ALTHOUGH Hunslet dominated much of yesterday's match and scored two tries to Warrington's one in the second half, they paid dearly for a bad start in which they conceded eight points in the first 15 minutes.

Marshall was also off form with his goal kicking, failing with four shots, and generally it was a match Hunslet will quickly want to forget.

### HOPE SHATTERED

It seemed they had a good chance of ending their run of 14 league defeats when Warrington's player-coach, Murphy, retired in the third minute with a rib

## Offs going up

Professional Soccer is making an effort to clean up conduct on the field, and now Rugby League appears to be following suit. Another player was sent off yesterday — Oldham's loose forward Clark, against Bradford Northern — bringing the weekend's total to eight and making a tally of 16 for the last two weekend programmes.

## Mistakes sink Northern

Bradford N. 7, Oldham 14

IN HEAVY conditions at Odsal yesterday Bradford Northern found it hard against lowly Oldham and crashed to their second successive home defeat.

They made handling mistakes galore and never looked likely to slacken the grip on the game which Oldham seized at an early stage.

Oldham seemed untroubled by intermittent rain and hail and made the most

of Bradford's mistakes to push them on the defensive for most of the match.

There was brief hope for Bradford when the experienced Small played as a substitute in the second half and paved the way for their only try by Lamb, but after only nine minutes on the field he went off injured.

The only crumb of comfort for Bradford was the fact that the first of two penalty goals by Tees took him past his 200 points for the season.

Oldham won despite

having Clark sent off after 43 minutes for a high tackle. They had excellent service from half backs Hill and Davies and forward Wilson. Siddall, a former Halifax junior, scored a try on his debut. Murphy scored their other try. Larder and Davies kicked two goals each.

**BRADFORD NORTHERN:** Tees; Thompson, Lamb, Watson, Red; fearn; Treasure, Blacker; Hinchcliffe (Small), Outlaw, Hill, Galacher, Jackson, Fearnley (Joyce).  
**OLDHAM:** Murphy; Elliott, Larder (Reynolds), Siddall, Wild; Hill, Davies; Wilson, Taylor, Walker, Daley, Bonsor, Clark.  
Referee: Mr. J. W. Ditchfield (Barrow).

## Clawson is on target

Leeds 25, Leigh 8

CLAWSON, the new £4,000 prop forward signing had a splendid debut for Leeds at Headingley on Saturday.

But a lot of the enjoyment for the 7,000 spectators was spoilt by second half occurrences which led to three dismissals. Atkinson, the Leeds winger, was sent off for disputing a decision by referee Mr. E. Lawrinson, who further demonstrated his firm hand by despatching Fidler and Grimes, the Leigh forwards, for alleged high tackles.

By that time, however, Leeds had assured victory with precise play always far superior to that of Leigh. The Lancashire team made scant use of greater possession from the scrums and had to rely on the marksmanship of Ferguson to keep them in contention early on.

Clawson had the satisfaction of opening the Leeds scoring with a penalty goal

to counter Doyle's scheming. York, who won 22-8 at Whitehaven rattled up 15 points in as many minutes in a whirlwind start. The winger Horner, playing his first League game since September 12 was the star with two fine tries. Whitehaven fought back well considering they were beaten in the scrums but York won for the fifth time in succession, Malone, kicking five goals.

Featherstone Rovers, won 20-5 at Huyton after a tough struggle in the first half. In the centre Newlove was an excellent opportunist and scored two second-half tries. Full-back Box was good in defence and kicked four goals.

Shorthanded for three-

quarters of the game Hull went down 21-10 in a hard fought struggle at Keighley. Trotter, Hull's loose forward was sent off midway through the first half and Whitaker (Keighley) and Doyle-Davidson (Hull) followed him near the end. Jefferson with six goals and a try and Butler, a power at loose forward, were outstanding for Keighley.

Bramley lost 29-11 at Swinton after a bright opening spell of 20 minutes during which they played the better Rugby and led 6-0. Their cover was unable to cope once Swinton had settled down. Williams was Bramley's outstanding player and scored an excellent late try, beating three defenders on the touchline.