

One must compliment the Bradford Northern officials on doing everything possible to ensure the success of the first Yorkshire Cup Final to be played on their ground at Odsal.

They had looked to the social side as well as the playing side for the clash between Huddersfield and Hull, and one noted also many ground improvements.

In the previous rounds Huddersfield, winners eight times, had accounted for Dewsbury, Leeds and Wakefield Trinity, while Hull had beaten Bramley, Keighley and Hunslet.

Except that Hull could not play Brodgen, through his being "cup-tied," both sides were at strength.

The ground, though liberally sprinkled with sand on the stand side, looked right for a fast game, up to the standard of recent finals.

**HUDDERSFIELD:** Taylor (W.J.); Johnson, Madden, Fiddes and Markham; Pepperell and Graham; Sharwood, Whitehead, Evans, Hughes, Shaw and Bailey.

**HULL:** Miller; Hurley, Corner, Wilson and Overton; Herbert and Johnson; Thacker, Barlow (G.), Barlow (L.), Booth, Dawson, and Ellerington.

**REFEREE:** Mr. F. Fairhurst (Wigan).

There was a fair following for both Huddersiders and Huddersfield, and the antics of the Hull mascot provided a diversion for the early arrivals.

About 20,000 people saw Hull's forwards get moving from the kick-off. They were repulsed and driven back by a raking touch kick.

#### HULL AHEAD

Huddersfield sought to open out from the ensuing scrum, but Wilson held Madden safely, and Hull moved to a position from which they opened the scoring after two minutes.

Awarded a penalty just over the centre line, MILLER produced one of his terrific kicks to put the ball over the bar for a valuable goal.

Huddersfield had an opportunity to level matters immediately, but Pepperell miskicked.

Markham ran sturdily up the left flank following this, and in stopping him G. Barlow was knocked out.



**MADDEN** (Huddersfield), who dropped a goal in the Yorkshire R.L. Cup Final this afternoon.

Huddersfield, holding their position, attempted a right-wing attack with Markham cutting across the field to start it, but he was not the link he might have been.

However, Huddersfield equalised after 10 minutes. They got a penalty near Hull's "25" after a Hull forward had been spoken to, and FIDDES kicked a goal with ease.

So far we had seen a lot of the forwards, but practically nothing of either back division. Keen tackling nipping the moves before they developed.

The most dangerous effort to date was the Hull scrum half's nicely-placed punt which caused Markham to go down about two yards from his line.

#### PROGRESSIVE IDEAS

Johnson again showed ideas when he attempted a cut through which came within an ace of succeeding, and it was the same player who just missed a sensational interception as Huddersfield were clearing the ruck.

At length Huddersfield got their backs swinging in the true Fartown manner. Fiddes went through to make the overlap and Johnson sailed up his wing. Confronted by Mellor, he kicked and that spoiled the end.

In these last few minutes the game had quickened its pace and now we saw Dawson make a mighty effort which should have paved the way for a try.

Dawson burst through the first line of tacklers and then he threw out a gem of a pass to an unmarked left-wing pair—a pass which Corner could not take.

This was fortunate for Huddersfield, who celebrated it by sweeping to the other end.

There they opened out smoothly, and speed told in a flashing attack which saw Fiddes give the pass for MARKHAM to carry Miller over with him just inside the flag.

It was a good try—a typical Huddersfield try which Fiddes failed to improve on with his goal kick.

Huddersfield, well into their stride now, had another brilliant attack immediately, with Madden cutting out to the wing and kicking over Miller's head.

But this time Hull had rushed their defensive cover across, and the crowd, by now swelled to about 30,000, saw Johnson get to the ball first.

#### DROP GOAL TO REMEMBER

MADDEN, however, set the crowd roaring and put Huddersfield in a still better position with a peach of a drop goal from the next movement.

He swung round in his tracks, took quick aim and put the ball at least 20ft. above the cross-bar.

A better goal, I warrant, will never be seen at Odsal.

Hull made sporadic efforts to turn the tide, but for some time now they had been most definitely second best.

One reason was that Huddersfield were at least sharing the scrummaging, which was something that had not been considered likely.

Huddersfield kept driving in, always ready to help their speedy backs, and Markham's thrusts took some stopping.

For the last ten minutes or so Hull had been compelled to play Wilson on the wing through injury, and this, of course, made their task all the harder.

The game had developed into a one-way affair, and Huddersfield's next attack, beautifully carried on by Miller, saw Johnson stopped by Miller after a run of 30 yards. He ought to have done better with the chance, and Markham showed him how.

Receiving near the touch line, and hemmed in by opponents, MARKHAM swerved his way infield, carved his way past another solid block of tacklers, and wound up with a determined drive for a wonder try. Fiddes failed at goal, but with a lead of eight points Huddersfield were happy now.

#### Half-time Score:—

Huddersfield: 2 gls., 2 tries 10pts.

Hull: 1 gl. .... 2pts.

Hull restarted with Wilson "propping" and Booth at centre.

Straight away Huddersfield got to work again. A scintillating left wing raid saw Markham and Fiddes work a glorious "scissors" move, for the Australian to register his third try.

FIDDES had no difficulty in landing the goal.

Hull were all at sea. They were being swamped forward and over-run in the backs, and another try quickly followed.

This time it was scored on the right flank, MADDEN going over after a forward had linked up grandly. Fiddes missed the goal.

And so with half an hour to go it seemed that the Cup was as good as back in the old place at Fartown.

Hull kept reshuffling their forces. They now moved Corner on the wing, and brought Hurley into the middle.

Straight away Johnson and Herbert gave Huddersfield their first defensive work for what seemed ages.

Thus, with Huddersfield conceding a penalty, MILLER kicked a simple goal.

#### MASTERFUL FARTOWN PACK

Huddersfield's forwards were ranging the field tirelessly. They exploited the short passing game, dribbled and did everything a masterful pack can do.

Hull's pack weakened as the result of Booth's withdrawal, and was a thing of shreds hereabouts. But Hull still had some fight left. Johnson, their best back, took them up field, and CORNER went in for an unconverted try to revive flagging fortunes.

Apparently this gave Hull new heart, for they had a further spell of attack.

Hull crowded on full sail for a time, but Huddersfield stood firm and Pepperell put them on the right track again with a glorious touch kick.

Hull came back again, however, and they further reduced their arrears with a try by Ellerington, who had been their best forward. The Hull men had certainly taken a new lease of life and they attacked ceaselessly in the last 15 minutes.

#### RESULT:—

HUDDERSFIELD 3g 4t—18pts.

HULL ..... 2 goals 2 tries—10pts.

Hull's recovery came too late.



Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis, former Light-Heavyweight Champion, are shown in the offices of the New York State Boxing Commission as they signed up to meet for the heavyweight crown on January 27. Left to right: Joe Louis, Commissioner-General John Phelan, John Henry Lewis. Behind (left to right): Julian Black (manager of Louis), Lew Beck, Mike Jacobs, Commissioner McOwen.



Arthur Bassett, the new Welshman, received a real Yorkshire welcome when he joined his new clubmates at Halifax. Left to right: Beverley, Wm. Bennett (trainer), Bevan, Goodall, Lockwood, Bassett and Mr. A. Archbell (secretary).



**ARKWRIGHT**, Warrington's brilliant second row forward.



**DAVE BROWN**, the famous Australian, has returned to the Warrington team following an injury.



**STRUGGLE** for possession by Jenkins (Leeds) and Royal (Huddersfield) after a scrum in the cup-tie at Headingley. Leeds won by nine points to two. (By a "Mercury" photographer.)



Dinny Campbell his playing days at Headingley.

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Dinny Campbell in his playing days at Headingley.

# Jukes—No. 1 Front Row Forward

## Some Great Hookers

### WHERE ENGLISH RUGBY HAS ALWAYS EXCELLED

One of Hunslet's "Terrible Six" most fittingly gets a place in the honours list prepared by "Dinny" Campbell, the old Leeds centre, for this series of articles written for "The Sports Post." He regards Jukes as the finest front row forward he has ever seen.

Campbell looks at hookers as well as front row forwards, and, rather surprisingly in the opinion of some, he passes over Armit, the Swinton man, who has done such good work against Australia in recent Tests that he has been described as the man the Australians fear most.

By DINNY CAMPBELL

#### FRONT ROW FORWARD

W. Jukes (England) .....	1	..... "Sandy" Pearce (Australia)
W. Cunliffe (England) .....	2	... Arthur Hennessey (Australia)
E. Courtney (Australia) .....	3	..... N. Bentham (England)
W. Burgess (England) .....	4	..... J. Cartwright (England)

#### HOOKERS

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#### Lomas's Men

Lomas's English team in 1910 had Kershaw and Boylen as the hookers, and on account of the great support they got from sound scrummagers they were most successful. In 1914 Wagstaff had Romans as his first hooker, with Clappitt as the deputy. Romans was a great forward; one of the six players selected for that tour without playing in the trials.

In 1920 Wagstaff again was fortunate in his hookers. Cartwright, of Warrington, was first choice. Typically English, he was solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, and he was just as strong in his general play. Skelthorne and Bennett were also played in this important position, and were just as successful as Cartwright.

Arthur Justice, the 1929 Australian hooker, despite his lack of weight, was a real genius—the best Australian hooker since Hennessey.

ENGLAND NEVER HAS BEEN without a good set of forwards, and England has produced a large number of really great front row forwards. The men with whom I shall deal in the first part of the article were of the true forward type, whose great value to their teams was in the fact that they were genuine full-time workers in the scrum and the heavy rucks.

They realised that their biggest job was in helping the hooker to secure the ball from the scrummages. This type was more common in the early

Cunliffe was the perfect English forward, solid as rock from tip to toe. His legs with their full padding on were like tree trunks, and one wondered how he could stand up to the pace of a Test game.

But he covered the ground at sufficient speed to be at the right spot at the right moment to do the right thing in the right manner.

Time marches on, and, of course, with the alteration to rules the duties of front-row forwards changed somewhat. We found the giant, Bill Brogan, introducing the front-row forward acting as the "dummy" half in the play-the-ball movements. Contemporary with Brogan there were in Australia, Root, O'Dempsey, and the old "Iron Duke," Mick Madsen.

Madsen was a great forward, tireless, unselfish and courageous. His remark as the



Jukes



Bentham.



Armit.

Jukes is singled out as the No. 1 front row forward; while Bentham and Armit have distinguished themselves as hookers. Armit has been England's hooker for three or four seasons now, and the 1937 Australians would have been very happy indeed had there not been room for him in England's pack.

days of the League, and so I must go back for my No. 1 choice.

Billy Jukes, my No. 1, made only one trip to Australia—with Lomas's 1910 team—but he deeply impressed every good judge of football in Australia. He was a member of Hunslet's "Terrible Six," and he was the ideal type of front row forward. Height, about 5ft. 9in.; weight, about 13½st. of brawn and whipcord.

His knowledge of scrum work was complete, and he was really a second hooker, so fast was he with his feet. Jukes, who always was on the side of the scrum where the ball was put in, was extremely fast, and a strong runner. The harder the play, the more he liked it, and no matter whether the playing area was firm or a quagmire, he was always with the ball.

Ted Courtney, Australia's greatest front row forward, was very similar to Jukes. He was untiring, and he knew all the tricks of the trade. Australia in those days had many fine front row forwards—Lutge, Burden and Rosewell were among them—and since the war Australia has produced many fine scrummagers, and so has England.

#### The Perfect Forward

We saw Cunliffe and Skelthorne, both of Warrington, play in Test after Test for England, and no doubt the foundation of many England victories in that spell was laid on their broad shoulders.

final whistle blew in the great Test battle of Brisbane was a classic: "Is it all over? What a pity!"

Bill Burgess was an English forward of the highest class. He had great ability, perfect hands and in those days he played the type of football that conforms with present ideas of front-row forward play.

#### Greatest Hookers

When I think of hookers, however, I have to say that it was very early on in my football career that I came into contact with the men whom I consider to be the greatest hookers of all time.

Arthur Hennessey was the hooker in the team which toured England in 1908. He made a deep study of scrum tactics and he amazed England with the proficiency with which he gained the ball.

And when Hennessey had retired his mantle fell on the shoulder of the great "Sandy" Pearce. "Sandy" had all the cleverness of Hennessey plus a strength that was almost supernatural. He toured England with Hennessey in 1908, declined the 1912 trip owing to business calls, and then made the trip again in 1921, when he was outstandingly successful.

Many wonderful stories are told of this great-hearted player. The best is of the trick with which his Eastern Suburbs' team mates used to sting him into action. "Sandy" was rather a slow beginner, but "Easts" found a way to overcome that. A

scrum would go down, and Sandy would find himself on the receiving end of a punch. He would come out of the scrum crying: 'Come on boys; they've started it.' We would get the ball from almost every scrum from then on!

Bentham, like Hennessey, was a student of scrum tactics, and was continually scheming to overcome an opponent. He was tireless in his endeavour to get the ball, and, possessing a fine physique, he could withstand all the heavy knocks that come to a hooker.

Percy Falrall, who was in England with the last Australian team is extremely clever in gaining possession, and for his weight he is a grand little forward. His lack of weight, however, told against him severely in England last season.

In these days we have the Canterbury-Bankstown player, Kirkaldy, as Australia's leading hooker, and I am watching him develop with great interest. I think he may become a real champion.

In the final article in this series, Campbell selects a Rugby League team to play the World, Mars or any other side. It is a great team, and he makes Harold Wagstaff the captain of it. His summing up appears in next Saturday's "Sports Post."



BACKS AT THEIR BEST—Treen, the Halifax centre, and Smith, the Leeds wing-threequarter.



Brindle. A great loose forward for Castleford in these days.



Ghost-like Goalposts in the Fog





SHERBURN (Keighley) faced by A. Taylor (York) who is passing to a colleague in the R. L. Cup-tie Lawkholme Lane, where Keighley passed into the second round by winning 11-9. By a "Mercury" photographer.



A FORWARD TUSSE.—Ellerington and Dawson, the Hull forwards, have a tight hold on the ball in spite of the persistence of L. Beaumont (Rovers).



There was a big trek Headingley way this afternoon for the Leeds-Huddersfield Cup match. Here is a typical scene outside one of the entrances to the ground.

MEN OF THE MOMENT — Dai Jenkins and Vic Hey.

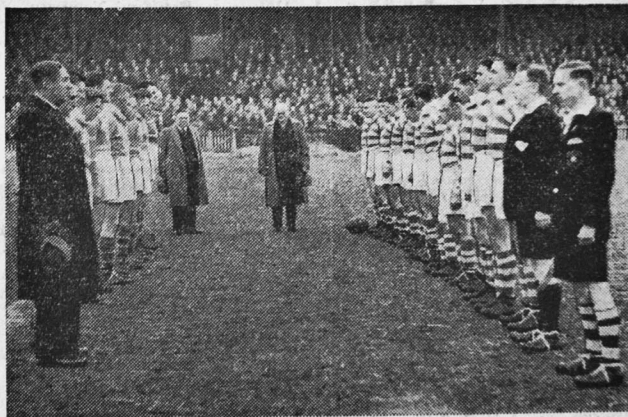


## Cup Visitors To Leeds



The Widnes R.L. team which meets Leeds in the Cup next week at Headingley:—BACK ROW: Evans, Millington, Hoey, Jones, McDowell, Roberts and Higgins. FRONT: Topping, Bradley, Shannon, McGue, Kelly and Barber.

## HUNSLET STALWART REMEMBERED



A silent tribute, before the game at Parkside this afternoon, in memory of "Billy" Jukes, one of the most famous players in Hunslet R.L. club's history, who died this week at the age of 57.



Madden, making his first appearance at Headingley in the Leeds colours, hard pressed by Widnes opponents (in stripes).—A picture at the Cup-tie this afternoon.



VIC HEY, the dashing Leeds captain, in the fray to-day.



HE DROPPED IT!—A picture at the Cup-tie this afternoon.

## THE CAMERA



Newbound (Hunslet) leaps.



ALL EYES.





VIC HEY,  
the dashing Leeds captain, back in  
the fray to-day.



HE DROPPED IT!—A Hunslet player loses the ball when tackled by a  
Wigan forward at Parkside this afternoon

# THE CAMERA CAUGHT HIM IN MID-AIR



Newbound (Hunslet) leaps to evade a tackle in the match with Wigan  
this afternoon.



A "DERBY" MATCH AT HULL.—Hull Kingston defenders racing  
across to prevent Johnson (Hull) from scoring in the Cup-tie at the  
Boulevard. Rovers won by 8 points to 5. Below: Brogden (Hull)  
beats Oliver (Rovers) in a dash for the line. (By a "Mercury"  
photographer.)



ALL EYES ON HEY



MURPHY (Leeds) well tackled by Beverley (Halifax) at Thrum Hall.  
Awaiting their chance are Childs and Cox (Halifax) and Prosser (Leeds).  
won 10-6. (By a "Mercury" photographer.)





Bradbury Day  
men who make their power tell in the  
Salford scrummage work.

Jones                      Roberts  
two sturdy members of the well-  
equipped Widnes pack.



**DENNIS MADDEN**  
has left Fartown for Leeds.



**SIDE BY SIDE**—Hunslet's right wing pair, Batten and Morrell, in action.



MORRIS  
(Hunslet)

OSBALDESTIN  
(Salford)



**RULE**  
**(Halifax)**

SPAMER  
(Hull K.R.)

# WHERE LEEDS HAVE THE PULL OVER WIDNES



JENKINS

**Handy**

TATTERSFIELD

McCUE

(Widnes)

HIGGINS



Cliff Evans over—but he hadn't the ball! An exciting incident on the Warrington line during the match at Headingley.



## Sadler

## Brindle

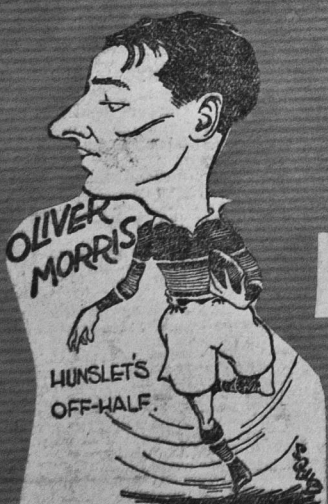
Two of Castleford's fine forwards who are leading their side so well in the fight for a top four place.



Wilkinson,

Eddom,

Trinity's "prop" forwards.



He scored a thrilling try against Wigan at Parkside and, once again, he is revealing the form which gained for him a Welsh cap last season. Morris looks a likely man for the Welsh side to meet France at Bordeaux in April.



eds No. 13—Watson—move



Eric Harris sends across a winger, 1



**HALIFAX** kept a close watch on the successful tactics of the



An exciting struggle

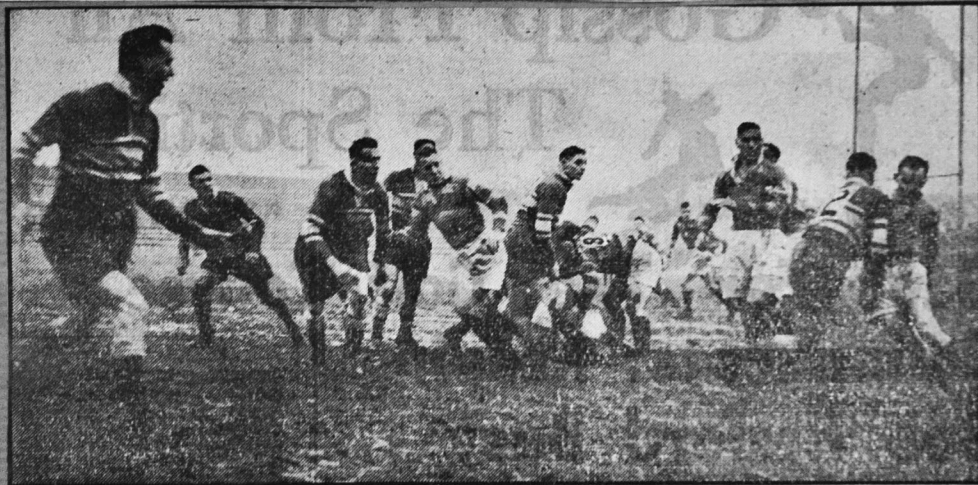




Leeds No. 13—Watson—moves to stop an attempt at a breakaway from a scrum by McCue (Widnes) at Headingley this afternoon.



Eric Harris sends across a pass to Fred Harris, while Vic Hey backs up. Bassett (No. 5), the new Halifax winger, gets ready for a tackle in the big match at Headingley to-day.



An incident in the Dewsbury—Leeds R.L. game at Crown Flatt this afternoon.



HALIFAX kept a close watch on Jubb at Thrum Hall yesterday. This effort ended in a quick and successful tackle. Others in the picture are Field, Tattersfield, Irving, Hey, and Dyer.



An exciting struggle for the ball during the Hunslet—Wakefield match at Parkside this afternoon.

# ALL ABOUT THE R.L. CUP-TIES

IT'S A WASTE OF GOOD RAILWAY FARE SENDING 'EM HERE!

ALL WE CAN DO IS TRY AND GIVE THEM A "DUMMY"

BRADFORD NORTHERN MEET SEATON — HUNSLET MEET THE GLASS BOTTLEERS — AND BRIMLEY VISIT SHARLESTON (ALL JUNIORS)

LEEDS & HUDDERSFIELD OLD FOES AT GRIPS

HALIFAX BARROW

KEIGHLEY TACKLE YORK

CASTLEFORD GO TO OLDHAM

TRINITY MEET BRIGHTON IN LANCASHIRE

THE TWO HULL CLUBS HAVE A LOCAL DERBY CLASH

DEWSBURY ARE OVER THE BORDER AT WIDNES

COME ON — WE ALL GO OVER THE BORDER

FOSTER





TRAILL  
(Keighley)



MADDEN  
(Leeds)



SMITH  
(Leeds)



JENKINS  
(Keighley)



EATON  
(Leeds)



Harris,



Halliday,

strong men in the Keighley pack.

ABOVE: A Halifax player tries to part with the ball to Beverley when tackled by a Hull Kingston Rovers opponent in the second round of the Rugby League Cup at Thrum Hall. Halifax won by six points to two. RIGHT: Where's his head?—Evans (Widnes) has a bad time when trying to penetrate the Leeds line. He is in the hands of Tattersfield (Leeds), and Eric Harris and Dyer are converging on him to make sure he doesn't get any further. Leeds won 6-2.



Starling,



Birmingham,

likely Bramley backs.



TOWILL  
(Keighley)



Jenkins (Keighley) swerves to avoid a tackle by Murphy.

#### A Winning Goal

ALBAN DAVIES'S goal from just inside his own half on Saturday reminds a correspondent of an equally fine goal by Edgar Wrigley at Wakefield. The state of the game three minutes from time was 10pts. to 9pts. against Huddersfield. The ball was in the air, and Wrigley shouted excitedly to a colleague to mark. Wrigley took the kick inside his own half, and amid great excitement kicked the goal. The referee blew for time soon after the kick.



"A very fine kick by Thompson."

#### FIRST TEAM

MARKHAM  
DAVIES, A.  
FIDDES  
JOHNSON  
PEPPERELL  
GRAHAM  
BAILEY  
DAVIES, W. T.  
GRONOW, K.  
HUGHES  
MOUNTAIN  
SHAW  
EVANS  
SWALLOW  
TAYLOR, W.





**RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP**  
 Winners ... 1912-13  
 Winners ... 1914-15  
 Winners ... 1919-20  
 Winners ... 1932-33  
 Runners-up 1934-35



**DAWSON** (Hunslet),  
 a promising youngster.



**NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE CUP**  
 Winners ... 1911-12 Runners-up 1919-20  
 Winners ... 1912-13 Runners-up 1922-23  
 Runners-up 1913-14 Winners ... 1928-29  
 Winners ... 1914-15 Winners ... 1929-30  
 Runners-up 1931-32



**ENGLAND v. FRANCE.**—An England player brought down in the French 25. Puig-Aubert, the French full-back, is seen on the right.



Thornton gets the ball after a scrum mage and punts up the field—a snapshot from the Hunslet-Widnes match at Parkside this afternoon.



"Sunday Chronicle"



A Hunslet player looks for an opening at Parkside this afternoon.

**Well Watched**



"A very fine kicker was Joe Thompson —"



**At Belle Vue—**  
 Top: Smith and Goodall (Halifax).  
 Below: Goodfellow (Wakefield),  
 Bassett (Halifax), Teall and Exley  
 (Wakefield).



**At Weaste—**  
 Top: Feetham (Salford) and Mason  
 (Bramley). Below: Edwards and  
 Bradbury (Salford) and Graham and  
 Taylor (Bramley).



**SOME NOTES AND SCORING RECORDS  
 OF FORMER 'FARTOWNERS'**

**STANLEY MOORHOUSE'S TRY FIGURES.**

Season	Tries	Season	Tries
1909-10	8	1914-15	48
1910-11	14	1919-20	
1911-12	47	War Years	39
1912-13	38	1920-21	16
1913-14	29	1921-22	5
		1922-23	3

Total:- 247 tries.

**Rugby League.**

Up to and including Sat.	P	W	L	D	Points
6 Salford	32	26	4	2	54
7 Castleford	34	25	7	2	52
2 Leeds	33	22	7	4	48
23 HUDDERSFIELD	34	23	9	2	48
14 Halifax	31	22	11	2	46
8 Widnes	34	21	11	2	44
4 Barrow	35	30	12	3	43
5 Warrington	33	31	12	0	42
3 Swinton	34	20	13	1	41
9 Wigan	32	20	12	0	40
13 Hull	34	19	13	2	40
10 Wakefield Trinity	34	17	12	6	39
16 Keighley	31	18	12	1	37
11 Oldham	33	17	14	2	36
18 York	35	16	17	2	34
12 Bradford Northern	33	15	17	1	31
17 Liverpool Stanley	33	15	17	1	31
1 Hunslet	32	13	16	3	29
21 St. Helens	33	14	18	0	28
19 Broughton Rangers	33	14	19	0	28
24 Hull K. R.	32	12	17	3	27
15 Batley	33	11	21	1	25
22 St. Helens Rec.	33	10	22	0	20
26 Featherstone Rovers	33	9	22	2	20
29 Bramley	33	6	22	5	17
27 Leigh	33	5	25	3	13
25 Rochdale Hornets	34	4	30	0	8
20 Dewsbury	33	3	29	1	7

FIRST TEAM.	T.	G.
MARKHAM	32	...
DAVIES, A	1	45
FIDDIES	8	30
JOHNSON	25	...
PEPPERELL	9	15
GRAHAME	10	1
BAILEY	8	...
DAVIES, W. T.	6	3
GRONOW, K	3	7
HUGHES	5	...
MOUNTAIN	3	...
SHAW	3	...
EVANS	2	...
SWALLOW	1	...
TAYLOR, W.	...	1



Harry Sunderland Again Urges

## Enterprise on R.L. Cup Final Day at Wembley

**FRED WEBSTER!** The name stared out of the news pages. Test hero of almost 30 years ago, he passed into the Great Beyond the other day.

The name brings back memories to me of the first test match I ever saw between England and Australia under the Rugby League code. Another great name also appeared in the obituary columns almost at the same time—that of Gwyn Nicholls. He also was a hero of my boyhood when the Rev. Mr. Mullineaux brought a Rugby Union team to my home city in days when we never knew there was such a game as the Rugby League.

Gwyn Nicholls did not come out to Australia and New Zealand again with the British R.U. team that was led by Scotchman, "Darkie" Silwright. But he still played a year afterwards in Cardiff, in leading Wales in the only defeat administered to Gallagher's N.Z. "All Blacks" of the R.U. on their 1905 tour.

In mentioning Fred Webster's passing, I could not evade that of Gwyn Nicholls, because of the indelible impression he left on my boyish mind in 1899.

Fred Webster's name, associated with the first test I ever saw under the Rugby League code at Brisbane on July 2, 1910, compels me to say that the Rugby League Guide, and the official records of the Rugby League, do an injustice to the great players of the 1908-9 era of the first Kangaroos tour, in not acknowledging the international combats of that period as Test matches.

Why? Is it because they were played away from the haunts of the R.L., and on loaned Soccer grounds?

That cannot be the case, simply because of the tests of the 1911-12 tour, when McKivatt's men won the Ashes with a 10-10 win at Newcastle, an 11-11 draw at Edinburgh, and a 33 to 8 win at Birmingham. All those three tests were on Soccer grounds, to very small gates of only a few hundred pounds, and this tour (the previous one of 1908 also) were losses to the Australians because of this error of Test venue.

It was all altered after the war in 1921, when the tests of the 1921 Kangaroos ran into thousands at Leeds, Hull and Salford.

### The First Real Test

**ALL THESE MEMORIES** crowd across my mind because Webster's tests in Sydney and Brisbane in 1910 under Jim Lomas's captaincy, are regarded, officially, as the first tests, when the first international was really played in London on December 12, 1908 (I think it was on the Soccer ground at Fulham, to a small gate of less than £100). The scores were 22-22 at the finish of a game refereed by Mr. J. H. Smith of Widnes.

That was the real first test match. Recall the names of the scorers! Billy



Frank Gallagher.

He should be as happy as Dewsbury's trainer as he was when a powerful member of the Crown Flatt pack.

Batten scored two tries for England, Thomas, Brooks, Tyson and Robinson one each, and Brooks kicked three goals, Jimmy Devereaux (afterwards with Hull) scored three tries for Australia, Butler one, and Dally Messenger kicked five goals.

England's team that day was:—

Clifford (I saw him still playing after the war at Barrow in 1921); Batten, Bert Jenkins, Dickenson and Tyson; Brooks and Johnny Thomas; Robinson, Smith, Longworth, Jukes (he who passed on a few weeks back), Higson and Mann. Those men, in the records of the Rugby League, are just as much entitled to figure in the records of fame, as the men who wore a test jersey with the late Fred Webster at Sydney on June 18, 1910, or at Brisbane on July 2, 1910, when England's side walked out as follows:—

J. Sharrocks; J. Leytham, J. Lomas, C. Jenkins and W. Batten; J. Thomas and T. H. Newbould; A. Avery, B. Curzon, R. Ramsdale, W. Jukes, F. Webster and W. Ward.

### Time Marches On

**WITH ME THE APPEARANCE** of Fred Webster's name in the obituary column caused a sentimental feeling. One cannot see the passing of the heroic sporting figures of our young days without feeling a tinge of regret.

But time marches on! To-day, all the men who strut the stage are weaving a

record of to-day for the youth of this era to admire and appreciate. Just as I and others were able to enjoy the skill and the rugged courage of men like Webster and Jukes and Batten, and Lomas and Messenger, Ramsdale and Avery and all their contemporaries.

Youth to-day is equally as impressionable as the youth of yesterday—if we are eager to impress it in the right way.

That is why I have pounded away, at every opportunity, to have something done about the Rugby League Finals, embracing, on the same afternoon, a game for the younger element of the code—Juniors and intermediates. The Rugby League, because an amateur international at Bordeaux recently drew a crowd of 14,000 and a gate of 78,000 francs, has suddenly been awakened to something they could not see before because of the state of coma that usually prevails.

It took the same people a very long time to wake up to the possibilities in France. Indeed, had there been prompt action in 1932, when the French Rugby Union was first outlawed by the big four Unions—England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales—instead of waiting for us Australians to come along with the Kangaroos over a year later and prod officialdom into action, THE RUGBY UNION OF FRANCE MIGHT HAVE WELCOMED THE OVERTURES WITH OPEN ARMS (smirking as they were at the time because of the ostracism) AND IN THIS ERA OF 1939 THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO FRENCH RUGBY UNION TO BE RECALLED TO THE FOLD OF RUGBY UNION AMATEURISM IN THE WAVE OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS ARISEN BETWEEN BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

### A Chance was Lost

**THE RUGBY LEAGUE** could have told all France, away back in that era of being outlawed in 1932, that there was a Rugby League in England that catered for schoolboys, for amateurs and for professionals—that there were arms waiting to welcome.

That chance was lost.

But why grieve of that now? My point is that in connection with the Rugby League Cup-final day at Wembley we have an excellent chance to say to all the Empire:—

You see our professionals, fighting it out in the Rugby League Challenge Cup; but you also see, in the earlier games, our schoolboy game, and the amateur intermediate game, some real evidence that OUR RUGBY LEAGUE GAME IS JUST AS GOOD FOR THE YOUTH OF ENGLAND TO PLAY IN THE SCHEME OF NATIONAL FITNESS AS ANY OTHER GAME.

The Rugby League may miss the chance to do this thing. Why?

The opportunity beckons. Now is the time to act. Make Rugby League day in London a real Rugby League day, expressive of every element in the code. We have nothing to be ashamed of. Let's tell London, and all who come to see.

## HALIFAX JOB WELL DONE

### They Kept an Eye on Hey

**HALIFAX** had more than a shock or two for Leeds at Odsal this afternoon. To start with, they got more of the ball in the scrummaging than they had been expected to get; what is more important, they revealed attacking ideas of the highest promise.

The way in which the first try—a planned try—was scored told of the thought they had given to their preparations during the week that has gone; and in the moves in which Bassett and Treen were used on the burst with short passes from the scrum-half, there was further evidence of sound attention to the job.

Leeds were taken by surprise when Bassett scored his try, and they were kept hard at it for the greater part of the first half. Indeed, it was not until close upon half-time that they really found their feet in an attacking sense. They might have squared matters, for their attack was promising enough, but Halifax, when all is said and done, were entitled to their half-time lead.

Goodall's try—he has made tries like this against Leeds before to-day—put Halifax into the final. Leeds's hopes had been roused early in the first half when there was a flash of the real Hey; but really there was little room for Hey in which to move this afternoon. Halifax's tacklers knew what they had to do, and they did it, and that was all there was about it. The Halifax forwards, aggressive all the time, had a big part in this victory, which was deserved—there is no doubt at all about that.

Attendance 64,562

### LEEDS v HALIFAX

By "FORWARD"

Halifax deserved their interval lead of three points, though it might very well have been wiped out in the Leeds spell of attacking just before the interval. It was not until the concluding minutes of the half that Leeds got moving with any real strength, and then on two occasions they opened the way for a try.

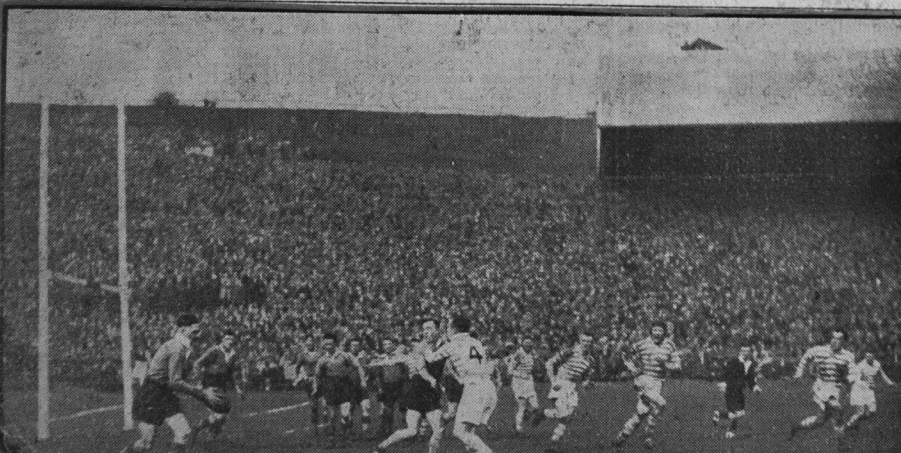
A forward pass and a dropped pass saved the Halifax men, who had looked such a workmanlike lot earlier. Scrum possession had helped them, and in Bassett the Thrum Hall brigade had a winger who was always making ground. He showed the quickest of thinking to score from Goodall's kick, and was a constant menace to Leeds. Hey did not look his real self, and I made Jubb to be the best of the Leeds men.

The official attendance was 64,562, a record for the Rugby League.

### A Keen Moment at Parkside



Stansfield, of Hunslet, tries to evade an opponent in this afternoon's game with Warrington.



### ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

D.H.—Rugby Football is popularly supposed to have been begun in 1823 when William Webb Ellis picked up a ball in a football game and ran with it. Efforts were made in 1848 to formulate a code but the Rugby Union was not founded until January 26, 1871. The Northern Union was formed in 1895 and changed its name to the Rugby Football League in 1922.



R. Markham.

He is scoring fine tries for Huddersfield.

### ON THE LEEDS LINE

The Headingley men defend during a Halifax attack in the Cup semi-final at Odsal this afternoon.

BASSETT IN ACTION.

IRVING, who played brilliantly in up-to-date games against Wales in a characteristic dash.

Murphy (Bramley) kicks picture from this afternoon ground.





Eric Harris (Leeds) evades a tackle by a Halifax player in the Rugby League Cup semi-final at Odsal this afternoon.



Fast men who will be there at Odsal—Fred Harris, the Leeds centre, Smith, the Halifax centre, Bassett, whose first R.L. Cup semi-final it will be, and Stanley Smith, the Leeds wing-man, who is going as well as ever.



Watson.



Irving.

Forwards who may meet in the Cup semi-final at Odsal. Watson had a big part in the Leeds success at Keighley, and Irving was a strong man for Halifax against Wakefield.



BASSETT IN ACTION.—The Halifax winger putting in a ponderous kick in Wednesday's Cup-tie replay; and two Wakefield players bring off a tackle on the touch-line.



Norcliffe (Bramley) tackles Evans (Leeds) in the local "Derby" game at Headingley.



IRVING, who played brilliantly in both Cup-tie games against Wakefield, in a characteristic dash.



THE FIRST TRY.—Goodall, the Halifax R.L. scrum half, diving over the line to open the scoring in Wednesday's replay.



BASSETT (Halifax) just too late to tackle Watson in the mud at Wakefield.



View of the stand just after the roof collapsed.



Murphy (Bramley) kicks away as Eric Harris moves to tackle him—picture from this afternoon's R.L. match at Headingley. In the background is the Leeds Murphy.



Risman



William Vincent Morgan, Huddersfield R.L. Club's new wing three-quarter, receiving a few tips from Regan (right). Morgan, who played for Somerset in the Rugby Union, is expected to play in his first Rugby League match for Huddersfield during the holidays.