



Ernest Ward kicks and Bradford paid on



Cook (Leeds) failed scoring Bradford North



Evans, Bradford North bid to go ahead for Owens, Leeds

It was a grim struggle at Headingley this afternoon between Leeds and Barrow. Here is pictured a typical scramble in bad conditions.

The camera catches one of the incidents at Headingley this afternoon during the Cup-tie clash between Leeds and Barrow.



At last! It was possible to-day to play two of the most eagerly awaited Rugby League Cup-ties—those between Leeds and Barrow and Dewsbury and Huddersfield, both of which attracted big crowds to Headingley and Crown Flatt. Powerful defence characterised both matches, and in the top pictures Williams (Leeds) is being tackled by Horne, and Jenkins fails to elude the clutching hands of Stone. Beneath, a Dewsbury player is being pushed into touch, and others are anticipating a clearance by a Huddersfield man.

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From these 15 Bradford



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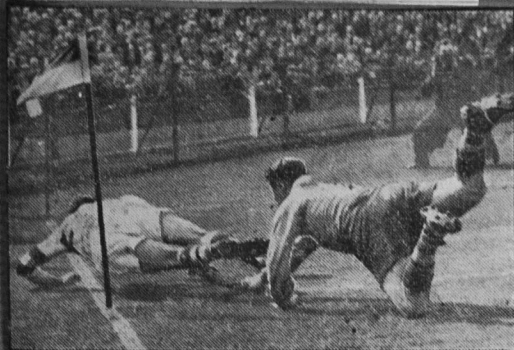
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Ernest Ward kicks and Emlyn Walters dashes in during a Bradford raid on the Leeds line at Wembley.



Cook (Leeds) failed in his attempt to prevent Walters scoring Bradford Northern's first try in the R.L. Cup Final at Wembley.



In the second round of the Yorkshire R.L. Cup Owens sidesteps his way over the Dewsbury line to score a spectacular try for Leeds.



Evans, Bradford Northern loose forward, making a spirited bid to go ahead for the line despite being tackled by Owens, Leeds captain, in the Cup final.



A tussle in the opening match of the New Zealanders' Rugby League tour as Morris (St. Helens) goes over the line.



BRADFORD NORTHERN.—From the left, back row: B. Tyler, H. Evans, F. Whitcombe, E. Batten, H. Smith, T. Foster. Centre row: J. Kitching, V. Darlison, E. Ward (captain), E. Walters, G. Carmichael. Front row: W. Davies, D. Ward.



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The Cup Parade



Last week it was Welsh, the Charlton captain, who was chaired off the field at Wembley with the F.A. Cup. Yesterday it was the turn of Ward, Bradford Northern captain. Here he is with the Rugby League Cup after his team had beaten Leeds in the final at Wembley.

"Moderns" Mean to Win It

From these 15 Bradford Northern players will be picked the side to play Leeds.



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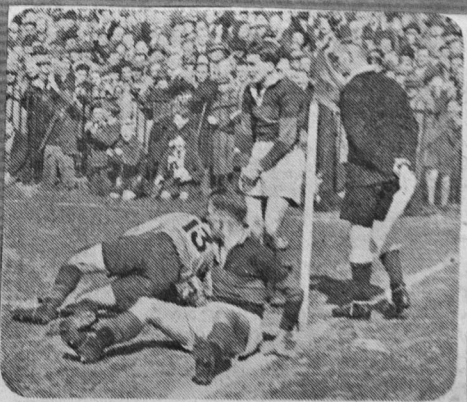
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EVANS



Owens, loose forward, scoring Leeds' second try in the Fartown cup semi-final, with Goodfellow brushed aside and Ryland behind.



Rugby League Challenge Cup first was brought to Park Avenue in 1906, and our photograph is of players and officials of that season. Left to right (back row): Mr. E. Hoyle (secretary), Feather, Francis, Laidlaw, Greenwood, Grayson, Smalles, Turner, Sharratt, Mr. Fred Lister; (middle row): Walton, Mann, Mosby, Marsden, Sinton, Dechan, Connell; (in front): Dunbavin, Cluderay, Surman, Brear, Gunn, Heseltine.



Bradford Northern (Rugby League Cup holders) and Leeds (losing finalists) met for the third time this season at Headingley to-day, this time to contest the first leg of the first round of the Yorkshire Cup. Our photographs (top) show Price of Leeds making a pass, and on the right, Walters (Northern) is being well tackled by Price. Beneath are incidents in the Huddersfield and Bramley Cup-tie at Fartown. On the left a Bramley player is brought down, and on the right Givvons (Huddersfield) is being tackled by Ellinor



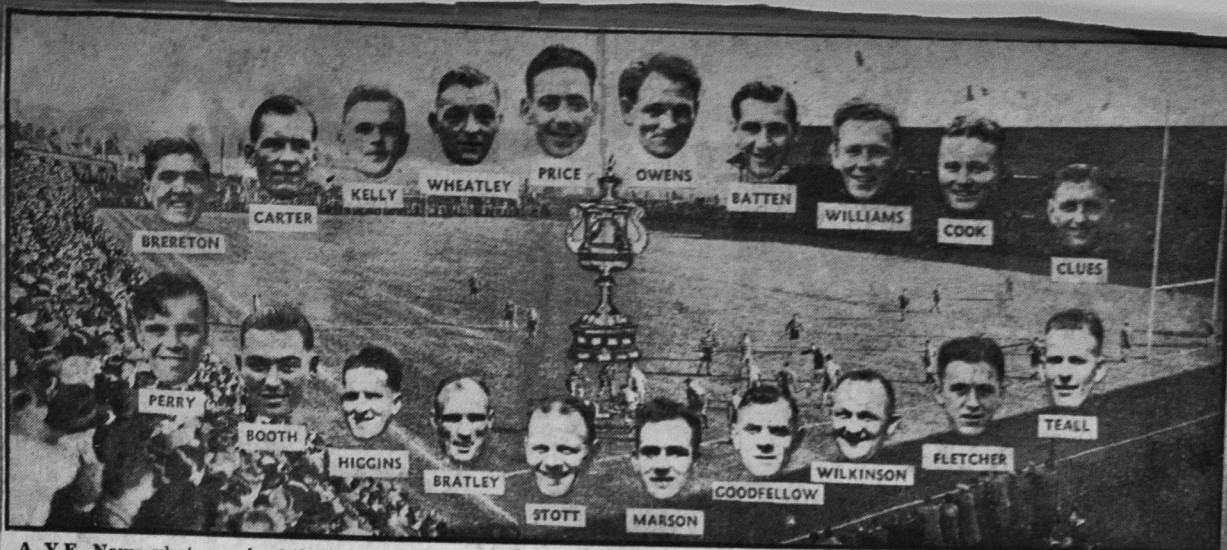
Our photographers to-day visited Odsal Stadium and Headingley grounds, where Rugby League games were played. Hunslet were Bradford Northern's opponents, and a shock side they proved to be. In the top picture Whitcombe, Northern forward, is seen effecting a characteristic tackle, and on the right is an action snap of the same game. In the lower picture Thomas (Huddersfield) is seen making a run, and on the right Jenkins (Leeds) has just been tackled.



A Y.E. News photo of seven times winner



At Odsal yesterday.—Rylance, captain, is shown in this "Yorkshire" photograph receiving the Yorkshire Rugby Cup from Mrs. A. B. Sharman, wife of the County Rugby League, after Trinity



A Y.E. News photograph of the Huddersfield R.L. ground at Fartown—the scene of to-day's Yorkshire Cup final between Leeds, seven times winners of the Cup, and Wakefield Trinity, present holders. Superimposed around the trophy are some of the stars who will represent these old foes.



At Odsal yesterday.—Rylance, Wakefield Trinity's captain, is shown in this "Yorkshire Observer" photograph receiving the Yorkshire Rugby League Cup from Mrs. A. B. Sharman, wife of the chairman of Yorkshire County Rugby League, after Trinity had defeated Leeds.

Three Fartowners in First Test List



Valentine



Nicholson



Pepperell

Australian Tour No. 3

By TOM LONGWORTH ("News-Chronicle").

WE had by no means settled down again after World War I when Australia invited, almost demanded, that we should send out a team in 1920.

Certain members of the Council demurred, but the late Joe Platt, then honorary secretary of the League, considered that as the war had affected Australia to the same degree as ourselves we should accede to their wishes. We did and we lost the Test Match ashes.

Personally, I had the fullest confidence. Where could you have found two more efficient managers than John Wilson, who on his return became secretary of the League, and the late Sydney Foster of Halifax?

Those who lauded the merits of the players, led for the second time by Harold Wagstaff, had no mis-

givings. The team looked good and was good, but somehow it failed to produce the form expected.

Even now, thirty years afterwards, it is difficult to realise that a touring party which comprised, in addition to the great Wagstaffe; Gwyn Thomas (Huddersfield), Alf Wood (Oldham), full-backs; Dan Hurcombe (Wigan), Billy Stone (Hull), Jim Doyle (Barrow), Evan Davies (Oldham), C. Stacey (Halifax), S. Stockwell (Leeds), Jim Bacon (Leeds), three-quarters; Johnny Rogers (Huddersfield), Dicky Lloyd (Halifax), Ernie Jones (Rochdale), Jonty Parkin (Wakefield), half-backs; and A. Milnes (Halifax), Joe Cartwright (Leigh), Joe Bowers (Rochdale), Bill Cunliffe (Warrington), E. J. Skelthorne (Warrington), George Rees (Leeds), Chick Johnson (Widnes), Billy Reid (Widnes).

Ben Gronow (Huddersfield), Herman Hilton (Oldham), Frank Gallagher (Dewsbury), and Douglas Clark (Huddersfield), failed.



BATLEY

Back Row (Left to Right): J. TERRY (Trainer), PILKINGTON, McAVOY, ETTY, STEWELL, RICHES, MOORE, CARTER, H. ROYAL (Coach).

Front Row (Left to Right): PERRY, HESKETH, HARRISON, CHAPMAN, LAYCOCK, WESTBURY



LEEDS.—From the left, back row: H. E. Cook, D. R. Prosser, C. Brereton, A. Watson, A. Clues, C. D. Murphy, D. Jenkins. Front row: A. T. Cornelius, G. Price, R. Williams, I. Owens (captain), T. L. Williams, E. C. Whitehead.



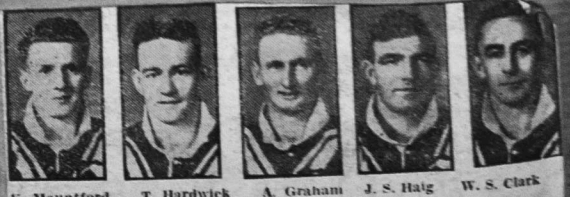
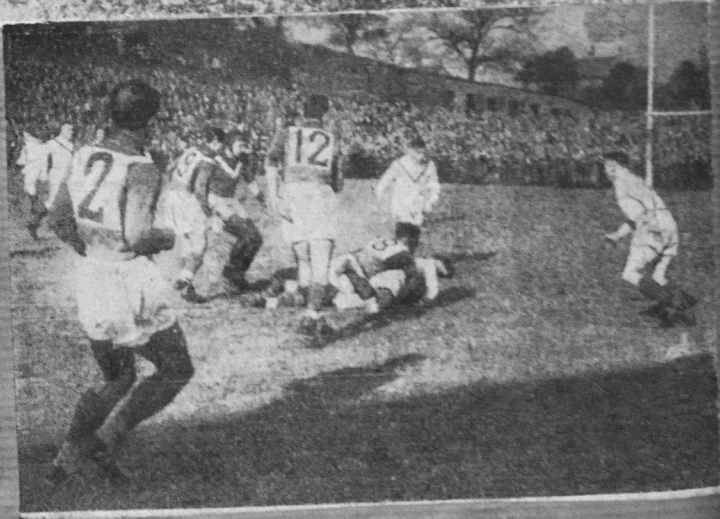
GREAT BRITAIN ATTACK.—A huge crowd at Headingley this afternoon saw Great Britain press for long periods in the opening half of the first Test match against the New Zealanders. This Y.E. News picture shows Ratcliffe, the Great Britain winger, in full flight with the ball as Forrest, the Kiwis' threequarter, tries to tackle.



DISALLOWED TRY.—The Headingley crowd cheered as Ted Ward crossed the Kiwis' line as seen in this Y.E. News picture, but the cheers turned to groans when the referee disallowed the try.

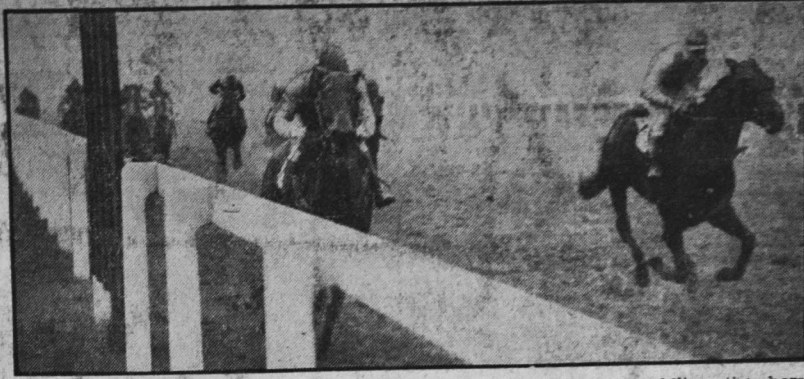


HARDWICK, the New Zealand forward, about to take a pass during the tourists' first match, at St. Helens last night.



K. Mountford T. Hardwick A. Graham J. S. Halg W. S. Clark
These are the first pictures of the New Zealand Tourists to be published in this country.

Harry Wragg says 'good-bye' —with a hat-trick



Harry Wragg winning the November Handicap at Castle Irwell, Manchester, yesterday on Las

Vegas, and (below) unsaddling the horse after the race.



McCue in action.



RAMSDEN, the Hull Kingston Rovers' forward, side-stepping in three quarter-like fashion during the Rugby League game with Dewsbury.



Harry Wragg walks to the jockeys' room after riding his last race.



Ernest Ward (Yorkshire) about to pass to Longley (Yorkshire) in a movement in the Lancashire v. Yorkshire county Rugby League match at Parkside this afternoon. Kitching (Yorkshire) is in attendance and Lawrenson (Lancashire) is about to tackle.



JEFF BAWDEN (Huddersfield) got his 100 points.



All the Rugby League trophies were displayed at Belle Vue, Wakefield, last Saturday, when Trinity, Challenge Cup holders and Yorkshire Cup winners, defeated Wigan, League champions of last season, by a single point.



GEE (Wigan)

Wembley Flashbacks



1952.—The Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, presents the giant Rugby League Challenge Cup to A. J. Risman, captain of Workington Town, after his team's 18 points—10 points win over Featherstone Rovers. It was Workington Town's first appearance at Wembley.



STANLEY MCCORMICK

Back to his best this season after an indifferent period during which injury and loss of form relegated him to the background. All that is forgotten now as "Merry Mac" twinkles his way over for try after try. An Oldhamer, he was only aged sixteen when he played in his first senior game of R.L. Stan cost St. Helens £4,000 when they signed him from Belle Vue Rangers in January, 1949.



1952.—Workington Town in possession against Featherstone Rovers. When this photograph was taken the "Town" had begun to build up their winning lead.



Pat Devery

will be provided with free air travel each way.

Devery has already mailed his registration form to the Huddersfield club, and he has told officials of his Sydney club, Balmain, that he has definitely decided to sign the contract when it is forwarded to him. He is now regarded as the best Australian goal-kicker.

"One of the Best"

Devery, who is 24 and unmarried, is having his third year with Balmain. He played in all three Tests against England last season. He has established himself as one of the greatest stand-off half-backs Australia has had, and is now at the top of his form. He will lead New South Wales against Queensland.

It was expected that he would be captain of Australia against France next year, and on the next tour of England. He served with the Navy during the war and was engaged on minesweeping.

Huddersfield's Tries Against Hunslet



Devery running behind the posts for Huddersfield's first try, with Graham attempting a flying tackle that was too late.



Anderson scores the second at the corner. Bennett falls over him in an attempt at a tackle.



GRONOW (Hunslet)



Ledgard, England full-back, harassed by Hardwick, New Zealand.



Owens (Leeds) and Givons (Huddersfield) in a race for the line at Headingley.



Egan being presented with his English cap by Mr. W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner of New Zealand, at Headingley this afternoon.



MAN OF THE MOMENT



PAT DEVERY.

Huddersfield's latest Australian, played football in Sydney a fortnight ago, and was booked to turn out in Fartown's colours at Warrington this afternoon. Australian critics think Devery will prove to be the Huddersfield centre, where he should, they say, make a bagful of tries for Cooper, Huddersfield's powerful Australian wing-man.

THE score of one goal and two tries was hardly an adequate measure of Huddersfield's superiority in attack at Fartown on Saturday. With or without the wind they had more of the initiative, and after the first quarter of an hour no-one could have doubted who the winners would be.

It was a hard game in which the mind was in more evidence than one often a leveler, but once again Huddersfield played a fast, open game. In conditions that were all against it, and with Robson, Nicholson and Valentine so often making the running to exploit the formidable attack—with Hunter coming in as an extra in powerful style. But with Oughton unable to finish, the left-wing rather limped. On the other wing Anderson ran splendidly.

Hunslet's biggest strength lay in their ability to keep the ball close with near the line, they could hold on to possession for long stretches (but then they were allowed to put the ball down behind one foot!) and thus starve the Fartowners of the ball.

Huddersfield's defence, however, never showed any signs of being overthrown. The favourite tactic of the Hunslet was to play the ball straight and true and the short pass was never allowed to become the effective battering-ram it has been so often this season.

The win should secure Huddersfield a place in the first four of the championship, and it showed also that the side, standing so well the gruelling game in the mud, must be as fit as any Huddersfield team ever has been. In the most miserable conditions they could put in a full display.

Bavican kicked a goal, and tries were scored by Anderson and Devery. Result: Huddersfield 1-2-8 Hunslet 0-0-0. Attendance 17,800.

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Made his first tea visited Fartown
Scored his first try 1934.
Kicked his first goal
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Has captained Huddersfield
Scored a try at Warrington
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Infirmary Cup
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LEX FIDDES . . .

First wore the Claret and Gold Jersey on October 28th, 1933 against Hull Reserves at Fartown.

Made his first team debut when the Australian Touring Team visited Fartown on November 18th, 1933.

Scored his first try for the seniors at Castleford on March 3rd, 1934.

Kicked his first goal at Widnes on April 10th, 1937.

Is the only player to have scored over 100 tries and over 100 goals for the Fartown first team.

Has captained Huddersfield on over 400 occasions—a club record.

Scored a try at Wembley in the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final against Castleford on May 4th, 1935.

Is one of the six Fartowners who have scored 20 goals and 20 tries in a season—a feat he has performed twice.

Captained the Fartown team in two Rugby League Challenge Cup Finals, one Championship Cup Final and three Yorkshire Challenge Cup Finals. Also in Halifax and Huddersfield Infirmary Cup games, Whitehaven Hospital Cup and Seven-a-side Tournaments.

Has scored 3 or more tries in a match on 14 occasions, and 3 or more goals 26 times. In two games he obtained a "hat-trick" of both goals and tries.

Was second in the Rugby League try-scoring list in season 1939-40 (when he scored in each of the first twelve games of the season) and joint third during 1945-46.

Has captained representative Rugby League teams in England and France.

Topped the Fartown try list in five of the last seven seasons.

Is one of the eight Fartowners who have kicked 180 or more goals; one of the six who have scored over 200 tries; and one of the three who have totalled 1,000 points for the club.

Has made his 450th first team appearance since the start of season 1946-47.

Was born at Hawick on January 2nd, 1914. Is married and has 4 sons. At present employed by the Highfield Gear and Engineering Co., Ltd.

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Rugby League Representative Honours gained by Alex Fiddes

(In each case the team named first is the one for which Fiddes played).

1936 Australian Tour Trial at Leeds, February 12th, 1936.

British Empire Team v. France at Paris,
November 1st, 1937.

*R.L. Team in France v. Bordeaux and Lyons,
November 11th and 18th, 1938.

1940 Tour Probables v. 1936 Tourists at Salford,
May 4th, 1940.

*Yorkshire v. Lancashire at Dewsbury,
March 28th, 1942.

R.L. Team v. Northern Army at Halifax,
December 18th, 1943.

*R.L. Team v. Northern Army at Huddersfield,
October 7th, 1944.

*Colours v. Whites (Australian Tour Trial) at Leeds,
February 20th, 1946.

* Acted as Captain.

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ALEX FIDDES

In its long and illustrious history the football section of the Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club has produced many centre-three-quarters who have helped to make the name of Huddersfield synonymous with all that is best in the Rugby League code. Names like Wagstaff, Wrigley, Gleeson, Bowkett and Brogden spring readily to mind, and now we can add the name of Alex Fiddes who, after thirteen years of loyal and consistent service at Fartown, is to be rewarded with a well-deserved Testimonial.

74b Street Lane,
Leeds, 8.

As from one Fartowner man to another I should like to express the sincere hope that Alex Fiddes will receive the testimonial his services to the Rugby League Game in general and the Huddersfield Club in particular richly entitle him.

Like thousands of others I have enjoyed many happy hours watching him play football, and no appeal to him to assist in a Charity effort was ever made in vain.

"Lang may his Lum reek."

JOHN WILSON.

192, St. Stephen's Road,
Bradford.

Alex Fiddes is a player whom any club would be proud to have, and is one of the finest captains it has been my privilege to meet. Both on and off the field Alex has been a perfect gentleman. My best wishes for the success of his Testimonial.

STAN BROGDEN.

5, Stainbeck Walk,
Leeds 7.

To be permitted to write a few words about one of the Rugby League's greatest sportsmen is indeed an honour. But to do justice to the famous Huddersfield Skipper is, I am afraid, beyond my capabilities.

Yet I can truthfully say, and I feel I am voicing the opinion of all those who have had the honour and pleasure of playing against him that, winning or losing, Alex Fiddes played Rugby League Football in accordance with the highest traditions of the game.

That fine sporting crowd at Fartown are showing their appreciation of his long service to the club in the form of a testimonial. I wish them every success.

Mr. H. V. Wood, President of the Huddersfield Rugby League Club, once wrote: "It is said that 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.' Well, the man who plays the game cleanly and honourably as a good true sportsman sets an example to his fellows. He will never go far wrong in life but will earn and deserve our regard and esteem."

The above can be truly said of Alex Fiddes, and that he may wear the Claret and Gold with distinction for many more seasons is my most sincere wish.

JIM BROUGH.

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The following tribute from Ray Markham, Fiddes' wing partner at Fartown for many years, was received too late for publication in the earlier pages of this booklet.

I have known Alex Fiddes from the first day he arrived from his native land. I have been a personal friend of his from the time he arrived to the day I left Huddersfield, and even now when I do get to Huddersfield we always talk about "the good old days."

My honest opinion of him is that he was the best centre three-quarter that I have ever played with. His uncanny positioning (I suppose the Scots are well known for this) on the field even amazed me at times, but we had everything worked out to a fraction. Even off the field we always discussed moves that helped "Fartown" to be classed as the best team in the North.

I always knew when I had the ball that if I ever wanted support, Alex would be there. His defence was brilliant and his attacking powers made him the best centre that Huddersfield has had for years.

His capabilities were known very soon to the Committee, as he was made Captain of the side very early in his career, and it must be stated that he was the ideal man for the job. He has held this position right through his career, which proves that his knowledge of the game was the best, also that he knew how to handle his team at the right and wrong times during a match.

I sincerely hope that he has a "bumper" Testimonial, and that the good friends of Huddersfield will give him the full credit of being a wonderful sportsman and a keen, clean and brilliant player who has brought many happy moments to them during the seasons that he has played for "good old Fartown."

RAY T. MARKHAM.

During thirteen seasons (twelve of them as captain) Alex has taken part in many great encounters on the various grounds throughout the Rugby League. He has steered his team to many a triumph, and in days of adversity (such as come to all sporting organisations at times) he has been a sheet anchor and the rallying point of his side. Those of us who have regularly followed "Fartown's" fortunes over the last dozen or so years can best appreciate what Fiddes has done for his club, and for followers who have not these memories, the statistical records given on a later page bear their own testimony.

And now, in the next few pages, let us take a glance at the career of Alex Fiddes—still a great captain, a great footballer and a great Fartowner.

The year 1933 was an important and an eventful one in Fartown annals. The winning of the Rugby League Challenge Cup against Warrington at Wembley had followed the acquisition of several new men, and when season 1933-34 opened great things were expected from the Cup winners.

Six defeats in the opening six games came as a shock therefore, and to make matters worse the team's captain, Bowkett, sustained a broken collar-bone. It was