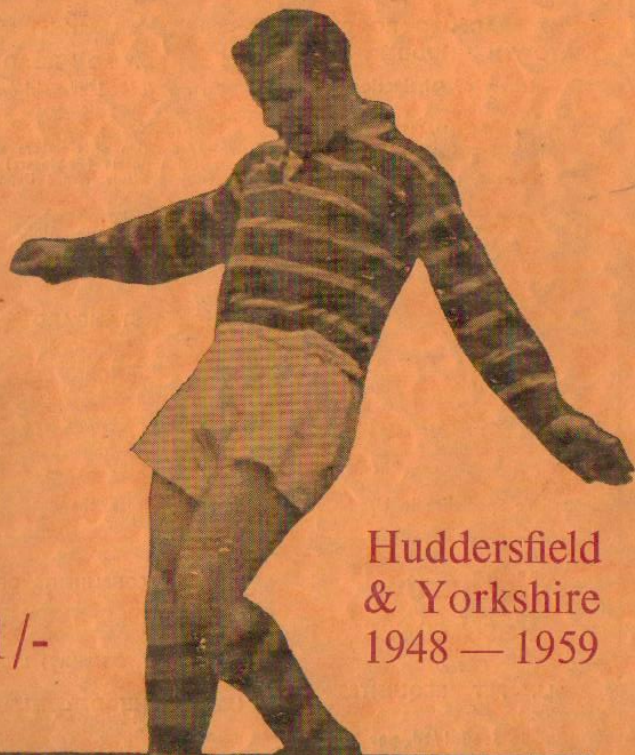




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Frank Dyson

FOREWORD . . .

It was no sensational signing when, in 1948, Frank Dyson's name was added to the Fartown register, bristling as it was with world-famous names—Cooper, Devery, Valentine and that great Australian, Johnny Hunter, whom Frankie was to understudy for so many years.

To most young players the long wait would have been too much, but at no time during those long years did Frank ever complain. It is to his everlasting credit that instead of being envious he made Johnny his pattern. Many times the two, who became close friends, could be seen practising when training was over.

Here is an outstanding case of "Local boy makes good" for when the time came Frank seized the opportunity and has proved himself to be one of the best full backs in the game. He is the man in possession both at Fartown and in the Yorkshire County team, of which he is the captain.

In the dressing room he is modest and unassuming. No newcomer feels strange if Frank is about and many players will vouch for the warmth of his hospitality.

I was fortunate enough to be chairman when Frank signed and also when he completed ten years at Fartown and I should like to pay my tribute to this great-hearted player who has given pleasure on many occasions. His goal kicking alone has earned him a well-deserved place amongst the great.

As Frank has helped in so many benefits I hope that the public of Huddersfield will see to it that his own is the "bumper" he so richly deserves.

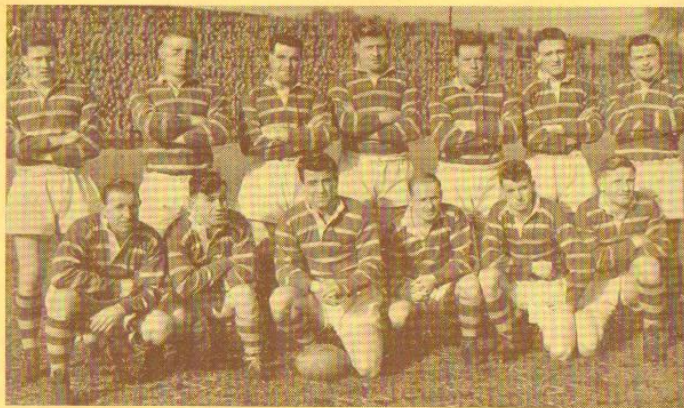
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FRANK DYSON

ONE of the toughest assignments that can be given to any youngster in any sport is for him to follow in the footsteps of an acknowledged star. That is what Frank Dyson, who has been awarded a well-earned Testimonial, did when he took over the full back position from Johnny Hunter. Hunter was one of the most popular players who ever wore the claret and gold jersey, and it is tribute enough to Frank's development and his ability that he won his first team place at Fartown while Hunter was still with the club and that he has held it ever since.

The two of them were dissimilar in some ways, yet had several things in common. The chief one was their realisation that attack is the best form of defence. Johnny was the more fortunate in this respect. He played at a period when Huddersfield had a strong team. He could take liberties, and he revelled in them.

Frank has had a sterner task and nothing like the same opportunities for attack behind a less successful team. Nevertheless, those who have followed Huddersfield's fortunes consistently over the past few years can recall many a Dyson try that was in the Hunter vein and was the reward of clever opportunism or persistence.

Hunslet followers will remember a length-of-the-field effort at Parkside and Bradford Northern people won't have forgotten solo Dyson tries against them both at Fartown and Odsal. On several other occasions he has set an example by showing the way to the line and has often turned the run of the game in so doing.

However, we are perhaps rushing ahead of our story.

"Spanky" Dyson, to give him the school-boy nickname which has stuck through the years, started his Fartown association at a very early age. A local lad in the truest sense of the word, he could probably land a rugby ball from the Fartown main gates to the house in Honoria Street where he spent his boyhood.

He attended the Hillhouse Council School which is just outside the ground—a school with a long rugby tradition. Frank was the seventh Hillhouse product to play for the Huddersfield first team, the others being Stanley Moorhouse, Jim Chappell, Jack Howarth, Hubert Lockwood, George Turton and Stanley (Tiny) Spencer. In addition,

"A" team players Brian Tunnaley and Billy Gill went there. The late Mr. H. G. Roebuck, well-known referee and Fartown committee-man, taught there for many years, as did International full back Gwyn Thomas, and one of the present members of the teaching staff is Don Devereux.

Young "Spanky" was often up at Fartown, both summer and winter. As a boy in short trousers he was scorer to the Fartown second eleven cricket team with whom he played later on. He is, in fact, still on the register of the cricket section at Fartown, although he rarely plays the summer game nowadays.

It was also as a boy that he made his first appearance on the Fartown football field in a "curtain-raiser" before a senior game. His diminutive figure, complete with shorts which came well down below his knees, caused much amusement that day. But he showed ability as well as enthusiasm. Few of those who watched that match could have realised they were watching a Fartown full back of the future—but the promise was there.

He played in the Huddersfield & District League with Central Ironworks and also with Primrose Hill. In addition he found time to play soccer with Bradley United. Among the souvenirs of his football career are two medals of which Frank is very proud. They were both won the same season, one in local Rugby League and the other in local Association football.

The 1948-49 season saw him getting his chance with the "A" team at Fartown. After a few games he signed professional forms for the club on December 16th. He played regularly with the reserves for the rest of the season and was chosen for an England Under 21 trial game. He also had his first taste of senior football on April 7th, 1949—a few days after his eighteenth birthday.

The opposition was provided by Batley and Huddersfield won 10-3. The teams for that game were: **Huddersfield**—Dyson; Anderson, Bawden, Devery, Cooper; Cox, S. V. Pepperell; Davies, Gapper, Daly, Nicholson, Hughes and Owens. **Batley**—Eaton; Perry, Stokes, Riches, Etty; Hesketh, D. Burnell; Hargreaves, Carter, Hartley, Lavender, Palmer and Hattersley.

For the next couple of seasons National Service made Frank's appearances at Fartown infrequent, but he played plenty of Rugby Union while in the Forces. He turned out with the R.E.M.E.'s and Western Command, playing mostly at centre.

On his demob, he had a lengthy apprenticeship to serve while Johnny Hunter held first team sway. He did, however, play in several first team games and he showed on these occasions that the club had a worthy deputy at its call. Among the outstanding games he played during this time were a League Semi-final Play-off at Odsal and the historic match against Keighley when Lionel Cooper scored ten tries.

The "A" team had an hour of glory at this period. Under Jeff Bawden's captaincy the Yorkshire Senior Competition Challenge Cup was brought to Fartown for the first time and, so far, the only time in the club's history. That was in 1953-54, and the team also reached the League play-offs but lost in the Semi-final.

The team which won the Cup against Hull "A" at Fartown was—Dyson; Grace, Bawden, Wainwright, Sullivan; Cockcroft, Quinn; Heap, Gapper, Fairbank, Ray Thompson, J. Cooper and Bob Thompson. Frank had two goals in a 26-3 victory. This success was sweet consolation for the disappointment of two years earlier when Huddersfield "A" reached the League and the Cup Finals of their Competition, but lost them both. In the two play-off games for the League title the Dyson contribution was ten goals and a try.

It soon became obvious that he was worth a first team place and that one could not be denied him much longer. Mid-way through season 1954-55 a regular place was given to him. The Hunter-or-Dyson problem was solved by playing Johnny in the three-quarters.

One exception to that solution was a game at Leigh which is still remembered with great pleasure by "Spanky." Lionel Cooper was unable to play so Hunter went to full back with Dyson on the left wing, from which position he scored a couple of tries. One of them came after a run of more than half the length of the field—and it was ankle deep in mud. Cooper got some "ribbing" afterwards from his team-mates, who assured the Australian that he'd never have managed to score that try.

Another special occasion was in April, 1954, when Castleford were at Fartown. There were two bridegrooms in the Fartown team that day—Frank Dyson and Peter Ramsden. It was a pity Huddersfield couldn't win to celebrate the event, but Castleford proved the victors by 25 points to 20. Frank did kick four goals, however.

Following the retirement of Pat Devery, Huddersfield had no regular goal-kicker until Dyson came into the side. He was entrusted with the job and developed his left-footed kicking to good effect, topping the half-century in twenty-one matches.

This goal-kicking promise was well maintained in season 1955-56 when he joined the list of Fartowners who have kicked a hundred goals in a season. His century came at Doncaster on April 10th. He also gained his first representative honour during this season, playing for Yorkshire against Cumberland at Odsal Stadium and kicking four goals.

His scoring feats were again to the forefront the following season which was quite a memorable one for him. Early on he landed ten goals in a Yorkshire Cup-tie against Batley—his biggest match haul to date. He played again for Yorkshire, against Lancashire at Hull, kicking three goals. Also he played for a representative Great Britain XIII v. The Rest at Odsal. In the latter game he had four goals.

The goals came freely in the first part of the season and on December 15th he became the first Fartown player and only the third in the game's history to reach a century of goals before Christmas. He accomplished this during the course of six successful shots at Dewsbury. This century, of course, included the two representative games. His hundred for club matches only was reached on Christmas Day against Halifax. This beat the previous club record held by Ben Gronow, who in season 1919-20 kicked his hundredth goal on the Saturday after Christmas.

At this half-way stage there was much talk of Dyson's chances for two long-standing Rugby League records. One was Jim Sullivan's season's total of 204, the other the Jimmy Hoey feat of playing and scoring in every one of his club's matches during a season. Neither, however, eventually materialised.

By one of those quirks of fate, to which footballers being only human are liable, the goals which had come so easily before Christmas were much more difficult to obtain afterwards. To this day Frank swears that the posts were narrower in the New Year than they had been in the old. He was unfortunate in that on something like twenty occasions during the second half of the season he hit either the cross-bar or upright and saw the ball rebound back. Heavy grounds did not help, of course, but he still kicked some vital goals. In particular there were those in the three Cup-ties against Swinton (twice) and Salford.

The chance of a score-in-every-match record was lost when he was rested for a game against Hull K.R. at Fartown in January—a game which Huddersfield lost and in which they would have been glad of a few Dyson goals. He missed only one other match that season but failed to score on three subsequent occasions.



IN THE DRESSING ROOM

Frank receives expert attention from masseur John Waring.



A WEDDING DAY SNAP

Fartown team-mates congratulating the happy couple are Peter Bates, Mick Sullivan, Jeff Bawden, Johnny Hunter, Billy Banks and Reggie Cockcroft.

Ben Gronow's club record of 150 goals seemed to be in danger at one period but Frank's challenge finally fell seven short. He did, however, beat the previous post-war best of 142 by Pat Devery.

He also set up a new club record for consecutive scoring. From March 10th, 1956, to March 9th, 1957, he did not fail to score in any of the forty-five games he played, his totals during this run being 161 goals and six tries. In addition to these club matches he played in two representative games and kicked seven goals. Only three goal-kickers in the whole League could claim more goals during the 1956-57 season, the leaders being:—

Lewis Jones (Leeds) ...	...	...	...	...	197
Bernard Ganley (Oldham) ...	...	...	...	...	194
Colin Hutton (Hull) ...	...	...	...	...	166
Frank Dyson (Huddersfield) ...	...	...	...	...	150
Austin Rhodes (St. Helens) ...	...	...	...	...	150

In recognition of his feat of kicking a hundred goals before Christmas the officials of the Huddersfield C. & A. Club presented Frank with a silver cigarette box.

The start of the 1957-58 season found him absent with a back injury, but the season was to be another notable one. He soon beat his previous best match scoring feat when he claimed 13 goals and 2 tries in another Yorkshire Cup-tie—and again it was against Batley. Huddersfield went on to win the Yorkshire Challenge Cup and Frank played in every round, making a personal contribution of 22 goals and 2 tries in the competition, including three goals in the Final against York at Headingley.

Another thrill came, not only in his selection for Yorkshire once more but in the additional honour that he was given the captaincy of the County team. What is more they won the County Championship that season and then repeated the feat a year later, again with Dyson as captain. Surprisingly enough, apart from a few odd "A" team games, he hadn't captained a team before he was given the job with Yorkshire, but when Dave Valentine broke his ankle at Hull in November, 1957, Frank was the natural and obvious successor as Fartown captain. He held this position until last November, when he readily relinquished it on the arrival of Ernie Ashcroft.

He didn't quite manage a century of goals for the club during 1957-58, finishing eight short, but he did kick nine goals in the County games to top the hundred in all matches for the third year in succession.

So we come practically up to the present time. Season 1958-59 produced its share of trials and disappointments, but there have also been a few triumphs. Whether in victory or defeat Frank Dyson has invariably done his whack. Sometimes it has been goal-kicking, when the odd two points have been vital. Sometimes keen and resolute tackling which has nipped many a possible opposition try in the bud.

Once again he was eight goals short of his hundred for the season, but he completed his thousand points and five hundred goals for the club. He now stands fifth in the aggregate list of point scorers.

Ben Gronow	...	...	...	...	...	1,701
Jeff Bawden	...	...	...	...	...	1,400
Lionel Cooper	...	...	...	...	...	1,386
Albert Rosenfeld	...	...	...	...	...	1,168
Frank Dyson	...	...	...	...	...	1,145
Pat Devery	...	...	...	...	...	1,106
Alec Fiddes	...	...	...	...	...	1,062

Sometimes, though less often in this last year or so, the adventurous burst from full back has opened up the way to the line and shown his comrades how it should be done. Frank has, by necessity, had to adapt himself to the needs of his side and his role has been increasingly defensive. But like Dyson himself, many are looking to the day when the strength of the Fartown team will allow him to take liberties from the full back position.

When that day comes none will be more satisfied than "Spanky." His cheerful nature is evident in his play, and never more so than when it is he who is testing the defence. He has enjoyed his football career and given pleasure to others in doing so. His souvenirs include the following medals—Two Yorkshire County Championships, Two Yorkshire Challenge Cup, Two Yorkshire League, an "A" team Yorkshire Senior Competition Cup Winners' medal and two Senior Competition League runners-up, also a Yorkshire County Cap.

Frank Dyson received £50 as a signing-on fee when he joined the Huddersfield club in December, 1948. It will be generally agreed that by his loyal and steadfast service to the Claret and Gold this local boy has deserved well of the Fartown club and its supporters.

Frank's Fartown Playing Records

Season	FIRST TEAM				"A" TEAM			
	App.	G.	T.	Pts.	App.	G.	T.	Pts.
1948-49	1	—	—	—	19	8	—	16
1949-50	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
1950-51	5	—	—	—	11	9	4	30
1951-52	16	—	1	3	24	19	14	80
1952-53	15	12	4	36	17	4	7	29
1953. Blackpool	1	—	3	9	—	—	—	—
1953-54	10	11	2	28	21	59	6	136
1954-55	21	51	7	123	5	7	2	20
1955-56	34	113	8	250	1	1	—	2
1956-57	44	143	6	304	—	—	—	—
1957-58	37	92	6	202	1	4	—	8
1958-59	35	92	2	190	—	—	—	—
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FRANK DYSON . . .

Was born on March 14th, 1931.

Signed for Huddersfield on December 16th, 1948.

Played his first game with the "A" team v. Hull K.R. "A" at Fartown on November 6th, 1948.

Made his debut with the first team v. Batley at Fartown on April 7th, 1949.

Scored his first try in senior football at Keighley on January 19th, 1952.

Kicked his first goal in a Yorkshire Cup-tie at Hunslet on September 2nd, 1952.

Married a Sheepridge girl, Miss Betty Sewell. They now live at Crosland Moor and have a two-and-a-half-years-old son, Michael.

Captained Yorkshire before he captained Huddersfield.

Personal Tributes

A SINCERE AND HONEST FOOTBALLER

It was with great pleasure that I heard Frank ("Spanky") had been granted a Testimonial for services rendered to Huddersfield Rugby League Club. It is also a pleasure to be able to say a few words on Frank's behalf.

If ever Fartown had a sincere and honest footballer—Frank's the boy. A local lad who indeed gave of his best in both the first and "A" team. We were rivals in one way, but remained the very best of mates—in fact, my son, Glenn, only went to the match to see his Uncle Frank play.

Many clubs would have liked to have had "Spanky's" services, but the Claret and Gold meant more to him than anything else. When Frank took over the No. 1 berth, it was a fitting reward for a great footballer.

I sincerely hope he has a Bumper Testimonial, for although Huddersfield have given them in the past (even I got one), they have never given one to a more worthy player.

The Best of Luck, Frank!

Johnny Hunter (Australia)

AN INSPIRATION

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of writing a few lines in appreciation of Frank Dyson. Frank was, still is, and always will be a grand sportsman and above all a great club man. He was beginning to make his presence felt at Fartown as I was slipping out of the first team. Consequently, practically all my games in the "A" team were played in "front" of Frank.

Believe me, at this great game of ours it's an inspiration to any player having a player of Frank's ability as your last line of defence.

When he did ultimately make the first team, still just a young lad, he made the position his own. His strong tackling and his ability to turn defence into attack was a joy to watch.

In conclusion, I hope Frank's tremendous enthusiasm, playing ability, sportsmanship and his club loyalty is rewarded with a Bumper Testimonial.

Jeff Bawden (Cumberland & Huddersfield)

LOVE OF SPORT

I have always been an admirer of Frank Dyson for his enthusiasm for Rugby League Football. He plays the game as if he really enjoys it, and I am certain that he must have been a most loyal clubman to Huddersfield.

He has always been willing to answer any call that I have made on him to assist the Rugby League. Two occasions that come readily to my mind are when he played cricket for a Rugby League team against a soccer eleven at the opening of the new Playing Fields for boys on Lord Derby's Knowsley Hall Estate, and when he assisted us in a charity match at Oldham.

For his service to Huddersfield, in particular, and his love of sport, in general, I sincerely hope that Frank will be suitably rewarded.

Frank L. Ridgway (Oldham)

LOYAL CLUB SERVICE

The story of Frank Dyson's career is one of loyal club service rather than spectacular success as a representative player.

Yet the records show that in recent times at all events Frank has been something of a regular in the Yorkshire county team of which he has been the captain.

I'll never forget Frank coming into the Leigh tea-room after this season's county championship play-off victory—which was so totally unexpected even allowing that Yorkshire had won the earlier Roses game over Lancashire at Hull.

Perspiring profusely, though it was a cold night, Frank said, in his broad Yorkshire dialect: "Ah nivver enjoyed a game better, and ah reckon yon Lancasheer chaps are wondering what the heck went wrong."

"But doant go thinking we didn't deserve to win. We stuck it out better, that's what we did—fair surprised 'em."

That's Frank all over, a Yorkshireman who is proud of his county, intensely proud of his club, and a player who loves his football.

Frank Dyson is a down-to-earth type of fellow who served Huddersfield well in the better times Fartown experienced several years ago and has continued to do so in the leaner recent period.

In short there never was a better club man at Fartown or anywhere else.

Frank is one of those local boys who didn't get much when he signed. Such players who "come good" deserve a really bumper reward. I hope Frank gets one.

Arthur Haddock ("Yorkshire Evening News")

GREATLY RESPECTED

I was indeed delighted to be asked to write a few lines about Frank Dyson and also of extending to him my best wishes for a successful Testimonial. Frank has been a great servant for Huddersfield, who must have been thankful to have found a player of such talents on their own doorstep.

I have played against Frank on numerous occasions and now it is with great pleasure that I play with him. I have always found him to be a great Sportsman who likes to play good, hard Rugby. I know that Frank is greatly respected by his own team mates and also by players throughout the Rugby League, and I greatly welcome the opportunity of saying (on their behalf) "Good Luck, Frank. I hope it's a Bumper Testimonial."

Ernie Ashcroft (Huddersfield Captain)

PROMISE AND PROWESS

The records show that Frank Dyson is only the third local-born Rugby League footballer to be granted a benefit by the Huddersfield club (the others were the late Harold Wagstaff and Henry Tiffany). That fact is a tribute to Frank's ability and loyalty.

Although his promise and prowess were so obvious, Dyson had to content himself with infrequent first-team appearances during the seasons when Johnny Hunter was an automatic choice for the full back position. His talent had been noted elsewhere, and it is no secret that Dyson could have been certain of regular first-team football if he had left Fartown.

Hunter knew that, too. One of the most interesting "human angle" stories which I have written in the past eight years concerned the private coaching sessions in which Hunter was the tutor and Dyson the pupil.

Eventually, Dyson's chance came. How well he accepted it is illustrated by the fact that he is one of only seven players in the club's history who have scored over 1,000 points. Will he improve upon Ben Gronow's fabulous figures of 723 goals and an aggregate 1,701 points? We shall see. My belief is that, granted freedom from serious injury, he is equipped to do so.

A Dyson memory . . . his almost successful attempt to decide last October's home game against Wakefield with his goal-kicking. He landed seven penalties in a match which Trinity won 15-14.

Bill Carter

(Huddersfield sports correspondent of the leading National and Sunday newspapers)

ENJOYS HIS FOOTBALL

It doesn't seem almost ten years since I watched Frank Dyson—obviously a Rugby League cut-above-the-average reserve recruited locally—playing for Huddersfield "A" team.

I can remember thinking: "Not much future here for you, lad." But that never worried Frank Dyson and he must have known as well as anyone just how tightly Aussie Johnny Hunter had that first-team No. 1 spot buttoned-up.

"Spanky," as the fans called him then, lived within cheering distance of Fartown. It just didn't matter to him that he'd almost as little chance of pushing Hunter out of the seniors as he had of pushing over Castle Hill Tower. He just wanted to play for Huddersfield.

There are a fair number of Frank Dysons in Rugby League. They are the top boys for loyalty without whom I doubt whether there'd be any League at all. They don't mind playing in the reserves. They don't ask for a transfer when they're dropped from the first team.

Whenever I've seen Frank play; whenever I've talked to him, he's always given me the impression that he enjoys his football—probably because he always puts all he's got into it.

That's my picture of Frank Dyson; that's why I'm sorry this great-hearted lad had to wait so long for a regular first-team place. What would he have accomplished if he'd been in the big-time earlier?

He was in the top class only two and a half seasons before he became only the third player in Rugby League history to kick 100 goals before Christmas. That same triumphant season he played for Great Britain against the Rest of the League—his one international appearance.

I wish there'd been more. I wish Huddersfield had been lording it at the top of the League this season instead of struggling. If ever a Fartowner deserved a Bumper Testimonial this boy does.

Jack Bentley ("Daily Express")

A CONSCIENTIOUS AND MODEL PLAYER

Elsewhere in this brochure will be given the statistics concerning the football career of Frank Dyson and his acknowledged prowess on the field of play. But what will not appear in the records of points will be the spirit in which he got them playing in the Claret & Gold jersey of Huddersfield.

I have always found him a conscientious and model player, and always ready to give advice to younger players. I hope he will have a generous Testimonial befitting a servant of the club.

Mel Meek (Huddersfield Trainer)

ROCK-LIKE DEFENCE

It gives me particular pleasure to be able to make a contribution to this Testimonial Souvenir publication because not only have I derived pleasure from watching Frank Dyson perform so ably on the field, but I have had contact with him in other spheres. In recent years he has been a regular attendee at the Rugby League summer course for Coaches.

Frank's cheery smile makes him welcome wherever he goes, and Huddersfield have been lucky to have the loyal services of such a grand servant at their disposal. His rock-like defence on the field, coupled with his cheerful disposition has done much to keep up the morale of the Huddersfield team during the difficult period which it has experienced recently. I hope Frank has a Bumper Testimonial.

W. Fallowfield, M.A. (Secretary to the Rugby Football League)

COURAGE AND DETERMINATION

I welcome the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of Frank from the point of view of an opposing player and as a friend. Having played for Hull against him many times I have long admired his courage and determination in defence and his wonderful gift of being able to turn defence into attack with a side-step and a quick acceleration through the slightest gap.

My two most vivid memories of Frank showed these qualities to the full. I remember playing for Hull at Fartown a few years ago and Roy Francis, playing in the centre for Hull, made a break from mid-field and was left with only Frank to beat about the 25 yards line. He chose to kick over Frank's head but made his kick a little too low. Frank caught the ball, side-stepped Francis and ran out into the open. He kept on running and it was only a desperate tackle made about 10 yards from the Hull line that prevented him from scoring!

The other occasion was a Lancashire - Yorkshire County game at the Boulevard three seasons ago. Lancashire won, but Frank gave what I consider to be the finest display of tackling and courage I have ever seen. He was constantly under pressure and time and again when faced with two or three men he made the tackle and took man and ball. He certainly earned himself a spot in the hearts of Humberside Rugby fans that night.

I have always found Frank a friendly and likeable person, and I know he is one of the most popular players to come to either the Boulevard or Craven Park. He's a fine player and a wonderful club-man, and I wish him the Bumper Testimonial he so richly deserves.

Colin Hutton (Hull K.R.)



Frank with some of his Sporting Souvenirs



CATCH!

EXCELLENT POSITIONAL PLAY

I have always regarded "Spanky" as an extra good fullback, one of his main assets being his excellent positional play. His safe pair of hands, his defence and his ability to join in the attack were also good features of his play, whilst his goal kicking was always a menace to opponents, particularly if one gave penalties away in the 25 yard area.

His sportsmanship on the field, and also off, is renowned through R.L. and there is no doubt he has set a very high standard both in play and sportsmanship in the years of service he has given Huddersfield. "Good on yer 'Spanky,' your old Aussie cobbler hopes your Testimonial is a beauty."

Arthur Clues (Leeds & Australia)

LOYALTY DURING A TRYING PERIOD

It's always a pleasure to hear of one of Rugby League's own products earning a Testimonial from his club, and Frank Dyson is indeed a typical example of "local boy makes good." He has given Huddersfield yeoman service for ten seasons and deserves well of the Fartown crowd.

It can have been no easy job for him, following in the steps of the Fartown giants of the past— some of them among the greatest names the code has known. Yet his playing record speaks for itself, and Huddersfield can be proud of him and his loyalty during a trying period.

I haven't had many chances of seeing Frank play, but I do know him well in an off-the-field capacity and have always found him to be a good sort and a great sportsman.

One recent incident of which I have been told comes to mind as being typical of Frank. At Don Froggett's Testimonial game a few months ago the players agreed to help to take a collection at half-time.

A lack of collecting tins prevented this, but Frank was not deterred. He snatched up the trainer's bucket and did a "solo act" down one touch line to the delight of the Wakefield crowd who gave him a warm ovation as he went to take his place for the start of the second half.

That's the sort of lad he is. Ever ready to help a fellow-player or any good cause. Best of luck, Frank, for many more years in the game you love, hundreds more goals, and a really substantial Testimonial.

Jack McNamara ("Manchester Evening News")

SELFLESS ENDEAVOUR

During my playing career it has been a distinct pleasure to meet Frank Dyson as an opponent on the field and as a pal off it. Throughout this period I have seen him serve Huddersfield with the same selfless endeavour, in both good times and bad.

Perhaps the incident concerning "Spanky" I shall always remember best was one at which he was not present. Playing against a team which had been at Fartown three days earlier, I had occasion to stop their left winger. It was a fair and normal tackle, but instead of rising the player lay on the ground, momentarily in agony. Bewildered I apologised. "Oh! that's O.K." he said, "It wasn't your tackling that hurt, it was Dyson's last week. I can still feel it." Coming from Brian Nordgren that was some compliment.

A legion of costly stars have graced Fartown, and though the majority of them stand higher than Frank in the table which records signing-on-fees, none ever managed this in the one for loyalty and achievement. I am certain the supporters of the Claret and Gold will ensure that this Testimonial goes some way to correcting this anomaly.

Bernard Ganley (Oldham)

TRADITIONAL FARTOWN STYLE

I saw Frank Dyson make his debut for Huddersfield and I remember saying to myself, "Frank you are about to be compared not only with the injured Johnny Hunter, but also with his famous predecessors, Holland, Thomas, Scourfield and Bowkett."

His all-round display impressed me very much. His fielding was sure, his defence as solid as the proverbial rocks, but what I liked most of all was his readiness to make play for the man in front or to join in passing movements. I saw in him a future Yorkshire, if not England, fullback, a man destined to wear the famous Claret and Gold jersey in traditional Fartown style.

He has done that, and it is with the greatest possible pleasure that I make my small but sincere contribution to this Testimonial Booklet in honour of a fine sportsman.

Jim Brough (Workington Town)

AMONG THE BEST

The memory of Frank Dyson which I cherish most has nothing to do with his feat of landing eight goals and scoring two tries in a match against Bramley in season 1955-6, or his 10-goal feat against Batley the following season.

It occurred two or three seasons earlier in his career when he was understudy to Johnny Hunter. Although he was then making only occasional appearances in the first team, he was already among the best half-dozen full backs in the game. Other clubs were keen to sign him.

I asked him if he was prepared to go on playing second fiddle indefinitely when he knew that at least two top-flight clubs were ready to offer him a regular first-team place.

"Oh, yes," he said simply. "Rugby League to me has always meant Fartown and always will. I wouldn't enjoy playing for any other club."

That is the sort of loyalty which is all too rare in professional football. If the Rugby League had more Frank Dysons it would be a good deal richer—in spirit as well as in pocket.

Alfred Drewry ("The Yorkshire Post")

"SPANKY"

I'd like to introduce anew
Frank Dyson, our full back to you.
We value him, and so we should,
For he's a 'local' lad made good.

In 'forty-eight, when only young,
He started on the bottom rung.
From "A" team football made his climb
To first team, class in little time.

But Huddersfield had then a team
Of which supporters used to dream.
And, though his form he could maintain,
A first team place was hard to gain.

The back division then was fine;
A constant threat to any line!
With "Dev" and Cooper in their ranks,
'Russ' Pepperell, Hunter, 'Billy' Banks.

While Johnny Hunter made his name
Frank perfected his type of game.
And when his chance came, in a while,
He carried on in Johnny's style.

His kicking power has earned him praise
In many different kinds of ways.
For landing goals and finding touch
This talent's helped him very much.

His policy while at full back
Has been to link with the attack
And now he's nearly forty tries
To help his total points to rise.

These past two seasons, Fartown's pride
Has captained Yorkshire's County side.
As both years they've achieved success
Good leadership we must assess.

His thousand points he's now attained;
Five hundred goals he's also gained.
The milestone he will next embark
Will be to pass Ben Gronow's mark.

And now the club have honoured Frank.
For season's now he's been top rank.
The Fartown club he's ably served,
His Benefit he's well deserved.

Brian Donaldson.

Representative Honours

Played for Great Britain v. The Rest at Odsal, October 3rd, 1956,
kicking 4 goals.

For Yorkshire

v. Cumberland at Odsal, October 5th, 1955.	Won 14-2
v. Lancashire at Hull, September 26th, 1956 (3 goals).	Lost 21-35
v. Cumberland at Hull, September 11th, 1957 (4 goals).	Won 27-18
v. Lancashire at Widnes, Sept. 23rd, 1957 (5 goals).	Won 25-11
v. Cumberland at Whitehaven, September 15th, 1958	Lost 7-29
v. Lancashire at Hull K.R., September 24th, 1958.	Won 35-19
v. Lancashire (play-off) at Leigh, October 29th, 1958.	Won 16-15

Captained Yorkshire in their consecutive County Championship successes of seasons 1957-58 and 1958-59.

Principal Match Scoring Feats

FIRST TEAM

G.	T.	Pts.	
13	2	32	v. Batley at Fartown (Y.C.) August 31st, 1957
8	2	22	v. Bramley at Fartown, September 10th, 1955.
10	—	20	v. Batley at Fartown (Y.C.) September 1st, 1956.
9	—	18	v. Bradford N. at Fartown, August 29th, 1956.
9	—	18	v. Keighley at Fartown, August 31st, 1955.
7	1	17	v. St. Helens at Fartown, April 11th, 1955.
7	1	17	v. Halifax at Fartown, August 13th, 1955.
7	1	17	v. Castleford at Castleford, March 17th, 1956.
7	1	17	v. Leeds at Fartown, September 22nd, 1956.
8	—	16	v. Castleford at Castleford, January 18th, 1958.
7	—	14	v. Wakefield T. at Fartown, September 27th, 1958.

Scored 3 tries v. Keighley at Blackpool, June 17th, 1953.

"A" TEAM

G.	T.	Pts.	
10	—	20	v. Bramley "A" at Bramley, November 7th, 1953.
7	—	14	v. Leeds "A" at Fartown (League S.F.) May 5th, 1952.
7	—	14	v. Hull K.R. "A" at Fartown, January 16th, 1954.

Scored 3 tries v. Castleford "A" at Fartown, August 24th, 1951.



COME BACK!

There's nothing half-hearted about Frank's tackling.



ANOTHER GOAL COMING UP!



HUDDERSFIELD TEAM AT HALIFAX, AUGUST, 1958

J. Fairbank, T. Smales, R. Wood, A. Colburn, K. Bowman, A. Breen, D. Devereux;
D. Iredale, R. Cecil, E. Slevin, F. Dyson (capt.), A. Kilroy, B. Curry.

PRESS CUTTINGS

Young Frank Dyson gave a very promising display at full back on his first appearance, despite being handicapped with a bruised shoulder. He met all the demands made upon him and kept a cool head. Another season with the reserves and this lad should come on by leaps and bounds.

Huddersfield v. Batley, April 7th, 1949.

I liked the way Dyson set himself for some perfect tackles on the strong-running New Zealand winger, McLean—also the way Dyson saved his line twice under keen pressure early on.

Bradford N. v. Huddersfield, December 9th, 1950.

Probably the best thing achieved by any of the Fartown backs was a magnificent tackle by Dyson of Brian Bevan.

Warrington v. Huddersfield, December 29th, 1951.

Dyson is fast developing into a second Hunter and there will be a selection problem when the Australian is fit again. Many would like to see Dyson tried at centre or stand-off; he certainly has the right notion for making openings.

Huddersfield v. Castleford, February 2nd, 1952.

Dyson had a splendid match. He tackled like a Trojan and would have had a first-half try but for an act of obstruction.

Bradford N. v. Huddersfield, Play-off S.F., May 3rd, 1952.

The Fartown club seems to be pretty well covered for reserves. We had an example of this at Hunslet when Hunter was unavailable and Dyson came in to give a display which made one well-known writer declare that he doubted if there was a better full back playing than this Fartown reserve.

Hunslet v. Huddersfield, November 14th, 1953.

The best bit of centre play came from full back Dyson. He drew an opponent beautifully before giving Cooper a perfect pass.

Huddersfield v. Hunslet, January 23rd, 1954.

Dyson scored a remarkable solo try—a run from half-way, finishing with a kick over the full back's head to regather and touch down.

Huddersfield v. Bradford N., December 11th, 1954.

Dyson often took the eye. He put in some superb kicks which saved a great deal of his team's energy and, although occasionally tackled in possession, his flair for the attacking game was shown to good advantage.

Batley v. Huddersfield, March 26th, 1955.

Dyson ended New Zealand's winning bid. Bakalich brushed off two defenders and looked a likely scorer until he was encircled by Dyson's swallow dive—and that was that.

Huddersfield v. New Zealand, October 22nd, 1955.

Dyson gave his side a fine example with a rousing fifty yards solo dribble. Conditions were miserable, but how Dyson seemed to revel in them. The way he went down to the Castleford forward rushes was exemplary.

Huddersfield v. Castleford, August 18th, 1956.

It was a great day for Dyson, who was always in the picture. His two half-the-length-of-the-field runs showed his amazing knack of seeing the gap and speeding through it.

Huddersfield v. Leeds, September 22nd, 1956.

Take a bow, Frank Dyson! Most of the Yorkshire tackles in front of him were only token affairs. There was no cover at all. So Frank swung himself here, there and everywhere. Back or forward, it made no difference—few Dyson tackles missed their mark. He prevented a rout.

Yorkshire v. Lancashire at Hull, September 26th, 1956.

Dyson had a useful game and though he missed seven out of ten goal attempts he did manage to break one of the Barley Mow Hotel windows with one shot.

Bramley v. Huddersfield, November 3rd, 1956.

Dyson, whose splendid goals proved invaluable was sound on defence and always ready to seize an attacking chance.

Salford v. Huddersfield (R.L. Cup), February 23rd, 1957.

Yorkshire had, in Dyson, a very capable full back who showed his opposite number a few things about positional play.

Lancashire v. Yorkshire at Widnes, Sept. 23rd, 1957.

Dyson, sound at full back, kicked goals when the points were needed in the earlier stages of the game.

Huddersfield v. York at Leeds, Y.C. Final, Oct. 19th, 1957.

That Huddersfield held Wakefield to a single point was almost entirely due to the accurate kicking of Frank Dyson and to his persistence in attack. He was one of the few members of his team to show much idea in that direction. He kicked seven goals from eight attempts and did not deserve to be on the losing side. That can be said of few other Fartowners.

Huddersfield v. Wakefield T., September 27th, 1958.

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