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# **“JEFF”**

The Football Career of Jeffrey Bawden  
in words and photographs, with detailed  
records of his achievements in the  
Rugby League game for Huddersfield  
and Cumberland.

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Foreword

On August 29th, 1942, when I was a playing member of the Halifax Football Club, we visited Fartown in an annual Charity game. It was on this day that a newcomer was included in the Huddersfield side, and since then he has certainly proved himself to be a most worthy wearer of the Claret and Gold jersey.

On every occasion when I have had the pleasure of playing against him, Jeff Bawden has always given of his best on the football field and has played the game in a clean and sporting manner. This can also be said of every game in which I have watched him play.

Since becoming a member of the Fartown Football Committee I have found that besides being a good clean sportsman Jeff is also a gentleman and a most willing and co-operative servant of the Club.

At the present time, although perhaps not having quite the same success on the football field as in earlier years, he has been an inspiration and has given invaluable help and guidance to the junior members who have played alongside him.

I feel that Jeff is the type of man who can give many years of useful service to our club in more ways than one, and we all hope he will remain in Huddersfield for some years.

There is no doubt that his friends and relatives in his native Cumberland have every reason to be proud of his career at Fartown, and his performances for Cumberland in County football.

I feel most proud to have been invited to write this foreword, and to conclude I can only say to Jeff, "Well done," and wish him and his family every success and happiness in the future years.

*Hubert Lockwood*

*All Proceeds from the above Efforts will be given to the Testimonial Fund*

# JEFF BAWDEN

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IN opening a Testimonial to Jeffrey Bawden, the Huddersfield C. & A. Club are rewarding another in a long line of Cumbrians who have given loyal and stalwart service to the "claret & gold". Jeff has been a Fartowner for more than eleven years now, and, during the whole of that time, he has been a credit to the club and the Rugby League code.

It was in August, 1942, that he first stepped out on to the Fartown ground. That game—the annual Charity Cup meeting with Halifax — is, no doubt, better remembered for the inclusion of all three Pepperell Brothers, playing together for Huddersfield for the first time. Yet the occasion which marked the debut of Jeff Bawden can surely be said to be auspicious on that account too!

Not many Fartowners will be aware that Jeff was an international when he came to Fartown, but it is true, nevertheless. He started young, and was a prominent member of Workington County Technical and Secondary School as a boy. So prominent, in fact, that at the age of thirteen he was selected to play for England Schoolboys against Wales. The game was played at the famous Cardiff Arms Park during the 1937-38 season, and remains an outstanding memory for Jeff.

## AN ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN

Like most Cumbrian youths, he indulged in many sports. After leaving school he played soccer for a while, captaining the Kells Boys' Club from the left full-back position. Then the Hensingham R.L. Club was re-started and they asked Jeff to play for them.



JEFF BAWDEN

Schoolboy International

Season 1937-38



Paulg Albert, captain of Carcassonne, presents Jeff Bawden, captain of Huddersfield, with a pennant before the start of the Carcassonne v. Huddersfield game

He was getting plenty of football at this stage of his career, and on one occasion he played in a soccer match and a R.L. Cup semi-final during the same afternoon!

Senior clubs in both codes soon became interested in this proficient youngster. The week after Jeff had played in one of the Cumberland R.L. Cup finals, he was approached by George Plummer with a view to going to play at Fartown. Meanwhile, Wolverhampton Wanderers also had their "scouts" on his trail, and train tickets were sent for young Bawden to have a trial with the "Wolves".

The trouble was that Wolverhampton wanted him to go down there on the same day that he was due to appear at Fartown to play against Halifax. There was no chance of playing in both the Rugby League and the Soccer matches on this occasion, and Jeff had to decide which course he was going to take. He chose to go to Huddersfield, for the handling game held his preference and he had heard a great deal about the excellent treatment given by the Fartown Club to its players.

That he was an all-round athlete is shown by the fact that only a week or so before he first wore the claret and gold jersey he put up an excellent performance in some Cumberland sports, coming in first in the 100 yds., 220 yds. and 440 yds. races.

Jeff was eighteen-and-a-half now, and serving his time as an apprentice in the engineering industry. This meant that he was in a Reserved Occupation, and also that he was not available for football as often as either Jeff or Huddersfield would have liked.

The war was on, of course, and the country's prior needs had to come before football, so that his appearances were limited during his first year or two as a Fartowner.



Jeff learnt his senior football the hard way, for there was no "A" team in which the budding youngster could be groomed in those days, and the arduous travelling involved was hardly likely to promote physical fitness.

He had to leave his home in Whitehaven at 8 p.m. on the Friday to catch a train from Carlisle to Leeds at midnight. Leeds was reached at 3 a.m., and thanks to the kindly offices of the night porter at the Griffin Hotel, an hour or two of sleep was snatched before daybreak brought breakfast and a continuance of the journey to Huddersfield.

Going back home was an equally lengthy and fatiguing job. Midnight Saturday from Huddersfield to Leeds, twenty to three from Leeds to Carlisle. Ten past seven from Carlisle to Whitehaven, usually arriving there at 9.30 on the Sunday morning. It was, remember, war-time travel with all the attendant austerity—no refreshment bars, etc.

And all this for a game of football lasting eighty minutes, for which Jeff received the princely sum of fifteen shillings! He was very pleased to occasionally have the company of Albert Pepperell on his journeyings, for it helped to break the monotony, but he was even more pleased when he was able to come and live in Huddersfield with his wife, Elsie, and baby daughter, Frances.

He had been signed on by Huddersfield on Oct. 23rd, 1943, and once he came to live "on the spot" he was a regular member of the side. He was, in fact, a very important member, for as goal-kicker and chief point-scorer, his name became very well-known in Rugby League circles. One of his earliest demonstrations of his goal-kicking prowess was given in his native Cumberland. The game was at Workington on New Year's Day, 1945, and Huddersfield were playing a Cumberland County team in a fixture

which had been arranged to promote the launching of the club which we now know as Workington Town.

Huddersfield won by 30 points to 3, Fiddes scoring three of the tries and Bawden kicking six goals from six attempts. In view of the historical importance of the occasion, it may be of interest to name the players who took part in the game.

Cumberland Team—Routledge; W. O'Neill, Buchanan, Clark, E. O'Neill; Patterson, Proud; Huddart, Thomson, Early, Shearman, Hayton, Rawlings.

Huddersfield—Leake; Burrow, Fiddes, P. Todd, Bawden; Kendall, McGurk; McManus, Whitehead, Mallinson, Baxter, Moran, Givvons.

#### POINTS GALORE!

At the end of that 1944-45 season, Jeff, for the first time headed the list of Fartown point scorers—a feat he was to repeat in several subsequent seasons. And not only did he top the Fartown list, he also headed the points list for the whole Rugby League on more than one occasion.

During those early post-war seasons, Jeff's chief rivals in the scoring line were Ted Ward (Wigan), Fred Miller (Hull), Jim Ledgard (then with Dewsbury), Ron Rylance (then with Wakefield Trinity) and Harold Palin (then with Warrington). But Jeff Bawden was the only player to top the two hundred points mark in each of the first five seasons after the war.

In such an aggregate total as Jeff has attained during his career, it is difficult to single out any particular goal or match feat and name it as the best. There have been so many!

His famous feat of scoring five tries and kicking ten goals against Swinton at Fartown on April 20th, 1946, has its own place in Fartown history. It is not a record for the club (Major Holland scored more points in a 1914 cup-tie) but 35 points by any player in one game is pretty good going. That Easter week-end was a highly successful one for Jeff. In three games (against Swinton, Barrow and Bradford Northern) he scored 8 tries and kicked 20 goals—a total of 64 points.

Those points materially helped him to out-distance his nearest rival in the Rugby League scoring list, which he headed for the first time. Jeff finished the season with a total of 95 goals and 23 tries (259 points) and was well ahead of Ron Rylance and Jimmy Ledgard who finished second and third with 195 and 190 points respectively.

It was during the 1945-46 season that Jeff landed fifteen goals from fifteen successive attempts. Eight of these came in a match against Hull at Fartown and the other seven on the following Saturday against Leeds at Headingley. They weren't all under the posts, either, and Jeff's goal-kicking, particularly in the Leeds game, was a delight to watch.

Numerically, his best match feat is eleven goals. He kicked that total (and scored a try) in a first leg Yorkshire cup-tie against Yorkshire Amateurs at Fartown in 1948, and then kicked another eleven in the second leg which was played at Dewsbury. The Yorkshire Amateurs were routed on each occasion, and of the 140 points which Huddersfield scored in the two games Jeff Bawden had 47 and Lionel Cooper 45.

#### A GREAT OCCASION

One of Jeff's happiest memories of his years at Fartown, however, is an early one—and it does not concern goal-kicking. He has, including "A" team matches, scored more than a hundred tries for the claret and gold, and two of the most valuable of them were obtained against Bradford Northern at Odsal on May 5th, 1945.



JEFF IN ACTION



The Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners Season 1944-45

J. Wood Beever, F. Wright, W. Cunningham, H. V. Wood, Esq., F.C.A., J.P. (President),  
R. Lockwood, F. B. Hoyle, H. Holt (Asst. Trainer)  
C. L. Reynard, J. Aspinall, L. Baxter, K. Mallinson, W. Leake, G. Brook, A. Givvons  
(Secretary) S. Spencer (Trainer)  
J. Burrow, J. McGurk, J. Bawden, A. E. Fiddes, T. L. Grahame, A. J. Pepperrell, J. Miller  
(Swinton) (Captain) (Warrington)  
Insets: O. Peake (Warr'ton), R. Lewis (Swinton), J. Bradbury (Salford), H. Whitehead



A HUDDERSFIELD TEAM OF 1948

BACK: A. E. Fiddes, P. C. Devery, J. C. Daly, R. Nicholson, D. D. Valentine, G. Wilson,  
M. Meek, L. W. Cooper, J. L. Davies, P. Reid, K. Morrison, H. Harrop.  
FRONT: H. Holt, T. W. Clark, J. C. H. Hunter, J. Bawden (capt.), G. R. Pepperrell,  
W. M. Banks, R. S. Robson.

The occasion was the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final, and the part which Jeff played reads like something out of school-boy fiction. In the first "leg" of the Final Tie at Fartown, Huddersfield had gained a 7-4 lead through a Peake try and two Bawden goals. Three points in hand was not much of a margin to take to Odsal for the return game, especially as Northern were buoyed up by the news that their star stand-off Willie Davies (who had been unavailable the previous week) would be able to play.

But although Bradford were the favourites in many quarters there need have been no fears. Huddersfield won again, this time by two tries to a goal and a try, and Jeff had the honour of scoring the two vital tries. He did so with a coolness and determination that might be expected from a seasoned veteran rather than a youngster.

His first try came following passing from a scrum and it was a thin chance when he got the ball. Two defenders barred his way but he set himself for the corner and was not to be denied. His second try, a few minutes from the end, was also well taken. A neat kick through to the line and he was over to set the seal on Huddersfield's Challenge Cup success.

It was a fine round-off to a fine scoring record, for he was responsible for 43 out of the 83 points scored by Huddersfield in the Cup competition. He only failed to score in one of the eight games played, and on that occasion he hit the upright twice with goal attempts!

The full list of matches was—

Round 1—Huddersfield 21, Leeds 5, at Headingley.  
Huddersfield 17, Leeds 3, at Fartown.

Round 2—Huddersfield 13, Barrow 3, at Fartown.  
Huddersfield 9, Barrow 6, at Barrow.

Semi-final—Huddersfield 0, Halifax 6, at Thrum Hall.  
Huddersfield 10, Halifax 3, at Fartown.

Final—Huddersfield 7, Bradford N. 4, at Fartown.  
Huddersfield 6, Bradford N. 5, at Odsal.



Yes, they played home and away cup-ties in each round right through to the Final in those days.

### CONSISTENCY

Jeff is, of course, one of the six Fartowners who have kicked a hundred goals for the club in a single season—a feat he has performed twice. For many years it was a rare event for the Huddersfield team to come off the field without Jeff Bawden's name having figured among the scorers.

On no fewer than eighty-four occasions he finished a first team match with three or more goals to his credit the feats being as follows—

#### Goals per match

- Eleven.—Twice.
- Ten.—Once.
- Eight.—Five times.
- Seven.—Six times.
- Six.—Six times.
- Five.—Fifteen times.
- Four.—Twenty-three times.
- Three.—Twenty-six times.

But let it not be thought that Jeff held his place merely by virtue of his goal-kicking powers. Far from it. He was always a competent, all-round footballer, steady and reliable rather than brilliant and spectacular, but dependable in any and every situation. He did his share, and sometimes more than his share, of the tackling, and like everything he undertakes on a football field, it was done with a minimum of fuss and showmanship.

—Indeed, it was probably this very lack of showmanship in Jeff's make-up which prevented him from gaining the highest honours in the game. Cumberland called upon him regularly of course, but his only other representative appearance in senior football was in a 1946 Tour Trial. He wasn't in the final selection for that 1946 Tour "down-under", but the scoring spurt (already referred to) with which he finished the

1945-46 season made many wonder if his omission had not been a mistake. Unfortunately, by that time the team had been chosen and was on its way to Australia.

Most of Jeff's games with the Fartown first team have been either on the left wing or at centre three-quarter. Until the coming of Lionel Cooper he occupied the wing berth, but even in those days he seemed to show a disinclination to hug the touch line and a tendency to go into the middle of the field. His neat body swerve and his side step were invariably used for a cut inside, and it was surprising how often he would go into a bunch of opponents and emerge successfully.

Perhaps he was rather slower than is expected of a wingman—and this was surprising considering his running successes as a boy—but he was always quick off the mark and he usually had the measure of all but the reputed speed merchants.

After he was moved to centre—and there were many who thought a prolonged run at stand-off might have yielded some interesting results—he showed that in addition to moving well in attack he could also tackle with the best of them.

The last year or two have seen Jeff giving continued yeoman service with the "A" team, for whom he has occupied most of the back positions. This, of course, is in accordance with the spirit which has permeated Jeff's whole career, for the needs of the team have always come before his own individual wishes. He does not often get considered for the first team these days, but you don't find him grumbling and grouching on that account. And when he has been called upon to step into his old position with the seniors he has never let the side down.

The Fartown club has been fortunate in having the services of a sportsman of the quality of Jeff Bawden, and for the rest of his playing career—and afterwards—he will have the best wishes of everyone connected with the club.



## JEFF BAWDEN'S Fartown Playing Records

FIRST TEAM	App.	G.	T.	Pts.
1942-43 .....	1	...	—	—
1943-44 .....	8	...	2	3
1944-45 .....	24	...	36	14
1945-46 .....	44	...	92	22
1946-47 .....	37	...	89	20
1947-48 .....	44	...	105	20
1948-49 .....	36	...	102	6
1949-50 .....	39	...	91	7
1950-51 .....	18	...	29	2
1951 Blackpool Comp.	1	...	5	—
1951-52 .....	1	...	—	—
1952-53 .....	3	...	4	—
1953 Blackpool Comp.	2	...	1	2
	258	...	556	96
				1400

"A" TEAM	App.	G.	T.	Pts.
1947-48 .....	1	...	—	2
1948-49 .....	2	...	—	1
1949-50 .....	7	...	18	—
1950-51 .....	13	...	14	2
1951-52 .....	29	...	78	12
1952-53 .....	22	...	52	5
1953-54 (to Dec. 18th)	14	...	22	3
	88	...	184	25
				443

SEVEN-A-SIDE FOOTBALL	Games	G.	T.	Pts.
1945—at Fartown ... ..	3	...	3	3
1946—at Fartown ... ..	3	...	5	6
1946—at St. Helens ... ..	3	...	3	5
1946—at Roundhay Park, Leeds ...	2	...	1	3
1946—at Wigan ... ..	1	...	—	1
1947—at Hunslet ... ..	2	...	6	1
1947—at Roundhay Park, Leeds ...	2	...	4	1
1947—at Oldham ... ..	2	...	3	1
	18	...	25	21
				113

## Personal Tributes to Jeff

I welcome this opportunity to give Jeff Bawden my best wishes for the success of his Testimonial Fund.

I have seen Jeff play many times and I must say I have never seen a better trier in the Claret and Gold jersey. He had everything that makes a good player—conscientious in training, good living, always willing to play in any position in which he was selected, and, above all, a great goal-kicker.

I feel that Jeff and I have something in common, in that we were both goal-kickers, only he used the left leg and I the right. But we both got the ball over the cross bar between the posts!

I am sure the Football Committee will join me in wishing, once again, that Jeff's Testimonial Fund will be a great success.

BEN GRONOW,

Chairman, H.C. & A.C. Football Committee.

During the past few years, I have played with and against a great number of sportsmen, but I have never met a better one than Jeff Bawden. I have had many a great tussle with Jeff in our Wigan v. Huddersfield games and more than one game was settled with his goal-kicking. Jeff is now in his 12th season at Fartown and the Wigan team and myself in particular would like to wish this whole-hearted player a "bumper benefit" and good luck for years to come.

ERNIE ASHCROFT,

Wigan R.L.F.C.



When I came over here in February, 1947, the idea was for me subsequently to take over Jeff Bawden's position as left wing for Huddersfield. Perhaps the greatest tribute I could pay to Jeff's sportsmanship is that although he was fully aware of this, he was one of the first people to greet me in the friendliest manner possible and I am deeply indebted to him for the many helpful hints he gave me right from the start. Not content with this, during the rather lonely period when I was awaiting the arrival of my wife, and not unnaturally feeling a little strange in Huddersfield, he went out of his way to invite me home as a guest and from this we became the firm friends I hope we shall always remain.

On the football field, further examples of his sportsmanship are readily found. He has never complained whether selected for either the First or Second Team. He has always given of his best, and during the past two seasons he has been a constant source of inspiration to our young players who have all benefited from his experience and guidance, and who, of course, are the stars of tomorrow.

He has given sterling service to both his club and his county, and on occasions when I have captained the Fartown side I have found that a word of encouragement has always brought the best from him. In a tight corner, I have found you can always rely on Jeff and that whilst you knew he was making every effort to win the match, you also knew that he was being scrupulously fair to his opponent.

May I conclude this little tribute by saying it has been an honour and a pleasure to know Jeff and to play with him. I sincerely hope he will have a bumper testimonial for, though Huddersfield have given benefits in the past to many deserving players, they have never given one to a man more worthy than Gentleman Jeff Bawden.

LIONEL COOPER.

To all sportsmen and followers of Rugby League, it must be very good news to know that Jeff Bawden, of the Huddersfield Rugby League Club, is to be honoured with a Testimonial. I have played against this very good sport and gentleman on numerous occasions and always found him a credit to his club and the game.

In making this contribution to this booklet I feel honoured at the favour, and my expressions, I am sure, are those also of all Rugby League players who have had the pleasure of playing against Jeff. To all concerned in this effort to reward a very good club man and player, I herewith offer my most sincere wishes for a huge success.

W. HORNE,  
Barrow R.L.F.C.

It gives me great pleasure to write a few lines in appreciation of a fellow Cumbrian and a fine sportsman. Jeff has been a great credit to the "Claret and Gold" and richly deserves the recognition he is receiving. We have known each other a long time (since our first Hensingham days) and I know he was a proud lad when he signed for the famous "Claret and Gold."

He has given great service to Huddersfield, and I hope that his Testimonial will be in keeping with the loyal and long service he has given.

Best of luck, Jeff. Yours in sport,

BOB NICHOLSON.

"Well played, Jeff!" I have uttered those few words on numerous occasions and with deep feeling, both in County and Club games. We are indeed fortunate in having at Fartown a player of such calibre, who has given long and valued service to the "Claret and Gold." It was always a comfort to know that Jeff was playing alongside me—his stout-hearted defence, his shrewd attack, and accurate goal-kicking instilled into all his team-mates a feeling of security and confidence.



Off the field he is quiet, modest and unassuming, and his pleasing personality, combined with his versatility on the field, made him the ideal club man. This is being justly rewarded by the Football Committee, who are granting Jeff a testimonial this season. He is the fourth Cumbrian in post-war years to be thus honoured and, as a Cumbrian myself, I am extremely proud that we are held in high esteem in Huddersfield—as of course Huddersfield is held in Cumberland.

On behalf of myself and the players, I wish Jeff every success and happiness, and trust that his happy association with Fartown will continue for many years to come. May he have a most successful Testimonial.

RUSS. PEPPERELL.

I am very pleased to be given the privilege of writing a few lines for the book which is to be published to swell the funds of the testimonial the Huddersfield Club have opened for Jeff Bawden, one of the most faithful servants they have had on their books. It seems but yesterday (although it is now some 11 years ago) that I went to the little place named Kells to induce Jeff to play a trial match or two for the Fartown Club. Needless for me to say that he did so.

I don't think that either the player or the club regretted taking my advice at that time. He, without the slightest doubt, has always given of his best for both his club and his county during the past ten years, and it would be interesting to know how many times the wonderful goal-kicking of his left foot has meant the difference between victory and defeat for the Fartown Club. I know that in the two-legged final, against Bradford Northern in the season of 1944-45, Jeff was responsible for 10 of the 13 points scored by Huddersfield, the opponents' score being 9 points.

The wish of Jeff's Cumberland friends is that he will receive a financial reward worthy of his services to his club.

GEORGE PLUMMER,

Hon. Sec., Cumberland Rugby League Commissioners.



JEFF — A 1945 SNAP



Bob Nicholson and Jeff are carrying the Rugby League Championship Cup and the Yorkshire Championship Cup, which were won during season 1948-49. The photo was taken in South Wales, where Huddersfield played three propaganda matches during May, 1949.

When I arrived at Fartown as a new member of the team, I was impressed with the friendliness of the welcome I received. As the players came and shook hands I felt that this was a happy team. One player in particular I can remember—a pleasant-faced, well-made member came to me and, shaking me by the hand, said quietly and sincerely, "Pleased to meet you, Dave. I hope you do well here." That player was Jeff Bawden.

Since then I have seen Jeff play some great games, kick some wonderful goals, take a lot of "hammer," but never lose his quiet but enthusiastic love for the game. It can be truly said of Jeff that he is a great club man. When called upon by his native Cumberland, Jeff has upheld the high traditions of the Fartown club and played like the grand footballer he is.

As a team mate Jeff has often, by his own coolness, been a steadying influence to the rest of us. His tackling has been an object lesson to any young player, hard and devastating, but never a hint of foul play. His eagerness to assist or advise less mature players has been a tribute to his own unselfishness and good nature.

This is to be Jeff's benefit year. I hope our supporters appreciate Jeff as much as we his fellow players do. If so, Jeff is ensured of a "bumper" benefit.

DAVE VALENTINE.

## JEFFREY BAWDEN . . .

Was born at Whitehaven on January 13th, 1924.

Scored his first try for Huddersfield against Halifax at Thrum Hall on August 28th, 1943, and kicked his first goal, also against Halifax, at Thrum Hall, on Christmas Day, 1943.

Has captained the Fartown first team on many occasions.

Kicked his 100th goal for Huddersfield against Hull K.R. at Fartown on April 1st, 1946.

Scored his 500th first team point at Bramley on January 11th, 1947.

Reached his 1,000th point at the Boulevard, Hull, on October 9th, 1948.

Topped the Fartown goal and point-scorers lists during seasons 1944-45, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50.

Was leading Rugby League point-scorer during seasons 1945-46 and 1946-47. He was second in 1947-48 and third in 1948-49.

## Principal Match Scoring Feats

### FIRST TEAM

G.	T.	Pts.	
10	5	35	v. Swinton at Fartown, April 20th, 1946.
11	1	25	v. Yorkshire Amateurs at Fartown, September 11th, 1948.
11	—	22	v. Yorkshire Amateurs at Dewsbury, September 16th, 1948.
7	2	20	v. Hull K.R. at Fartown, April 1st, 1946.
7	2	20	v. Barrow at Fartown, April 22nd, 1946.
8	1	19	v. Hull at Fartown, December 1st, 1945.
8	1	19	v. York at Fartown, May 21st, 1947.
7	1	17	v. Featherstone Rovers at Featherstone, December 29th, 1945.
7	1	17	v. York at Fartown, March 20th, 1948.
8	—	16	v. Bramley at Fartown, Sept. 13th, 1947.
8	—	16	v. Halifax at Fartown, Dec. 25th, 1947.
8	—	16	v. Featherstone Rovers at Fartown, April 19th, 1949.

### "A" TEAM

G.	T.	Pts.	
12	2	30	v. Bramley "A" at Fartown, April 23rd, 1952.
9	1	21	v. Doncaster "A" at Fartown, October 13th, 1951.
9	—	18	v. Leeds "A" at Fartown, Oct. 4th, 1952.

## Jeff's First Team Playing Records Against Other Clubs

	App.	G.	T.	Pts.
Barrow .....	11	...	25	4 62
Batley .....	11	...	17	6 52
Bradford Northern .....	15	...	25	4 62
Bramley .....	12	...	36	4 84
Castleford .....	12	...	24	3 57
Dewsbury .....	14	...	19	2 44
Featherstone Rovers ...	13	...	39	4 90
Halifax .....	25	...	50	11 133
Hull .....	15	...	30	6 78
Hull K.R. ....	10	...	28	6 74
Hunslet .....	9	...	10	— 20
Keighley .....	11	...	14	9 55
Leeds .....	16	...	36	5 87
Leigh .....	6	...	4	1 11
Oldham .....	3	...	2	1 7
Rochdale Hornets .....	2	...	1	— 2
Salford .....	7	...	21	3 51
St. Helens .....	7	...	21	3 51
Swinton .....	2	...	11	5 37
Wakefield Trinity .....	16	...	21	4 54
Warrington .....	3	...	6	— 12
Widnes .....	4	...	8	3 25
Wigan .....	9	...	19	— 38
Workington Town .....	5	...	6	1 15
York .....	10	...	37	8 98
Australia .....	1	...	2	— 4
New Zealand .....	1	...	3	1 9
Yorkshire Amateurs ...	2	...	22	1 47
Cumberland Team .....	1	...	6	— 12
Toulouse Olympique ....	1	...	4	1 11
Perpignon .....	1	...	4	— 8
Carcassonne .....	1	...	3	— 6
Catalans .....	1	...	—	— —
Italian Team .....	1	...	2	— 4

Jeff has never played against Belle Vue Rangers, Doncaster Liverpool City, or Whitehaven.



# *Representative Honours* *gained by Jeff Bawden*

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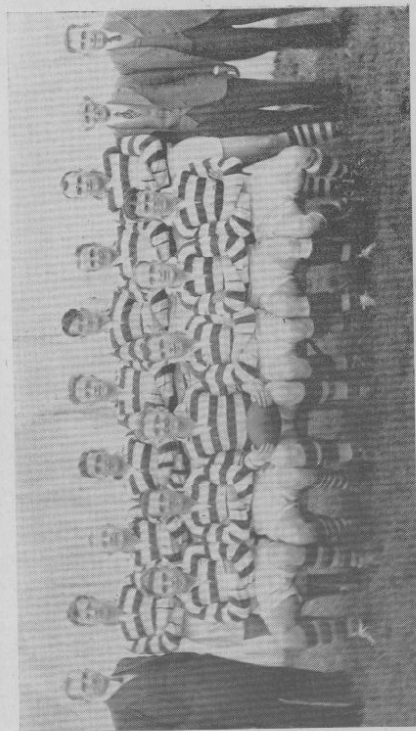
- v. Yorkshire at Headingley, Leeds, Oct. 31st, 1945.
- v. Yorkshire at Workington, Sept. 26th, 1946.  
(3 goals)
- v. Lancashire at Barrow, Jan. 4th, 1947.
- v. Yorkshire at Headingley, Leeds, Oct. 22nd, 1947.  
(3 goals)
- v. Lancashire at Workington, May 15th, 1948.
- v. Australia at Whitehaven, Oct. 13th, 1948.  
(1 goal)
- v. Yorkshire at Workington, April 6th, 1949.  
(3 goals)
- v. Lancashire at Salford, April 20th, 1949.  
(3 goals)
- v. Yorkshire at Hull, Sept. 26th, 1949.  
(1 goal)
- v. Lancashire at Workington, Oct. 12th, 1949.  
(5 goals, 1 try)
- v. Yorkshire at Whitehaven, Sept. 27th, 1950.
- v. Lancashire at Barrow, May 14th, 1951.
- v. Yorkshire at Hull K.R., Oct. 1st, 1951.
- v. Lancashire at St. Helens, Oct. 8th, 1952.  
(4 goals, 1 try)

Was selected v. Lancashire at Barrow on May 12th, 1952, but unable to play owing to illness.

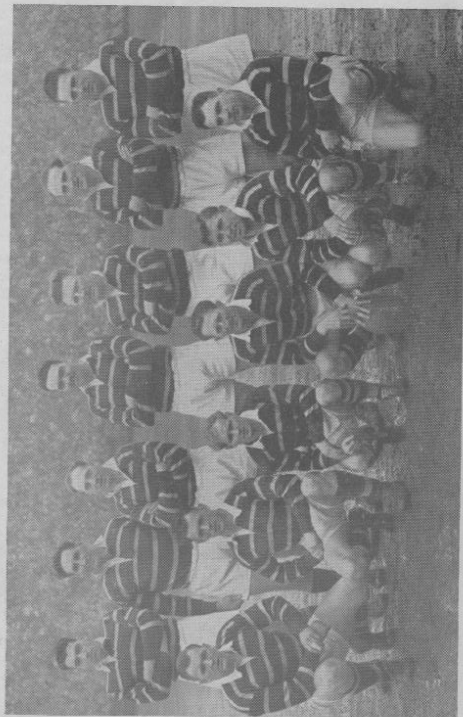
## TOUR TRIAL

Kicked three goals and scored a try for Colours  
v. Whites at Central Park, Wigan, on Jan. 30th, 1946.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY TEAM v. YORKSHIRE, 1950



Mr. Ned Hodgson, E. Gibson, E. Proud, A. Acterley, J. Hayton, S. Thurlow, G. Clark, W. D. Cavanagh,  
Mr. Tom Banks, Mr. Joe Tyson,  
J. J. McKeown, A. Pepperell, E. Nicholson (capt.), G. R. Pepperell, J. Bawden, J. Leathwaite



R. Cracknell, J. C. Daly, J. Bawden, K. Morrison, R. Nicholson, L. A. Owens, L. W. Cooper, A. Wilmot, J. Muntz, W. M. Banks, P. C. Devery (capt.), J. C. H. Hunter, G. R. Pepperell

## Press Cuttings

On the other wing was Bawden, a youth from Cumberland. He is eighteen years of age and is very well built—he turns the scale at just over twelve stones. This was his first experience of senior football and though little came his way he showed that he can tackle well and that in power of attack he has promise.

(Huddersfield v. Halifax, August 29th, 1942)

A feature of Huddersfield's friendly game against a Cumberland side at Workington was the goal-kicking of Bawden, who had six successes out of six attempts. The game was promoted by the newly-formed Workington club which is to play in the Rugby League, and Bawden's feat was much appreciated by the Cumbrian crowd.

(Huddersfield v. A Cumberland Team, January 1st, 1945).

The foundation of Huddersfield's Cup success at Headingley was laid in the first five minutes when Bawden scored a grand try. He followed up a kick by H. A. Morgan, gathered the ball, evaded three would-be tacklers, rounded Eaton and finished off with a 20 yards dash to the posts. This was something Leeds had not expected, and they never recovered.

(Huddersfield v. Leeds, March 17th, 1945)

Bawden did a great deal of useful work, being responsible for one fine save as well as kicking two goals.

(Huddersfield v. Bradford N., 1st leg, R.L. Cup Final, April 25th, 1945)

The Huddersfield scoring was done by Bawden who put on two tries by the corner flag by taking his chances with both coolness and determination. The first was a sliding try following a dive in which he took Batten and another with him; and the other was a touch-down after he had taken the ball over the line with his foot.

(Huddersfield v. Bradford N., 2nd leg, R.L. Cup Final, May 5th, 1945)

The climax at Weaste came when Bowden ran through from the touch-line at half-way to the posts under Salford escort the whole way, surrounded all the time and not once properly stopped. Was this weak tackling? To a degree yes, but Bowden changed direction so often on his way to the line that the defenders in turning round with him must have been too dizzy to tackle.

(Huddersfield v. Salford, November 17th, 1945)

It will be a long time before the 6,000 spectators forget the magnificent goal-kicking of Bowden at Headingley. Seven times he placed the ball, and the result was a goal each time. Jim Sullivan would have been proud to kick four of them, which were from difficult positions.

(Huddersfield v. Leeds, December 8th, 1945)

Bowden had a splendid day. He landed four goals, and when he went to the centre position in the second half the three-quarter line gained greatly in thrust. It was his breakthrough which opened the way to a length of the field movement which resulted in the score that clinched the issue.

(Huddersfield v. Featherstone R., January 5th, 1946)

The last try was a beauty. It began with Bowden, who went down the left touch-line and came inside, beating at least half-a-dozen men in dazzling style.

(Huddersfield v. Dewsbury, April 6th, 1946)

Huddersfield's sensational 76-3 victory over Swinton was a personal triumph for Jeff Bowden, who is now easily the Rugby League's leading scorer. His contribution was 35 points (7 tries and 10 goals) and altogether this season he has accounted for 201 of his club's 593 points.

(Huddersfield v. Swinton, April 20th, 1946)

Ten minutes from the end, Bowden, most dangerous of Huddersfield's hitherto frustrated three-quarters, bluffed the Hull K.R. defence, and with a masterly inside sweep went over the line. Had he grounded the ball at once the position was encouraging that a goal might be kicked to equalise the scores. But Bowden made for the ground behind the posts, took his run too deep, and saw his try turned down—presumably because he went over the dead line in making the touch-down.

(Huddersfield v. Hull K.R., Yorks. Cup-tie, September 30th, 1946)

Among the backs Bowden was prominent. His try towards the end, when he went from the touch-line to the posts through half the side, was a beauty.

(Huddersfield v. Castleford, April 26th, 1947)

Bowden's five points not only enabled Huddersfield to retain their unbeaten certificate, they also kept up his record of having scored in every match this season. He showed great determination when he went crashing through for that last minute try.

(Huddersfield v. Workington T., September 27th, 1947)

Valentine was the star of the day and is progressing with every match. He was closely followed by Jeff Bowden, whose match-winning propensities are not solely confined to his point-scoring abilities. There is a present-day dearth of class centres, and if Bowden can but add finishing craft to his approach work the highest honours will be within his reach.

(Huddersfield v. New Zealand, November 22nd, 1947)

The major part of the scoring was done by Madden on the right wing. Thanks to some generous prompting by Bowden he registered four tries.

(Huddersfield v. Featherstone R., November 29th, 1947)

"Jock" Anderson had one of his best games. Bowden, his centre, gave him the ball with room to work in, and the response showed why the winger has been nicknamed the "Flying Scot".

(Huddersfield v. Keighley, December 6th, 1947)

Bowden was off-colour, yet his try was a lovely affair which left the defence helplessly at sea.

(Huddersfield v. Dewsbury, October 2nd, 1948)

Banks was in happy vein, and Bowden was the most impressive centre on view.

(Huddersfield v. Salford, August 19th, 1950)

Only once was the Swinton defence outwitted. That was when Bowden cleverly switched direction away from the Cooper wing to send Owens over under the posts.

(Huddersfield v. Swinton, League S.F., April 28th, 1950)

Bowden was always doing constructive deeds. He was elusive in possession and his kicks found the open spaces where there were no opponents. When A. Peppercell got the Yorkshiremen on the wrong foot, his long pass was deftly flicked in one movement by Bowden to Clark, who scored a spectacular try.

(Gumthorpe v. Yorks. Cup-tie, September 27th, 1950)



## Thank You, Huddersfield

It is just over eleven years since I was invited to play for the Huddersfield Rugby League Football Club against Halifax in the annual pre-season Charity Match. I accepted this invitation, and never for one moment have I regretted my decision. The years that have followed have been happy ones, solely because the public of Huddersfield made me welcome just as much off the field as on. For this, on behalf of my wife and family, I thank you all most sincerely.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking my team mates for all they have done and are doing on my behalf. The successes and honours which I have enjoyed on the football field have practically all been due to their skill, co-operation and unselfish play. They are a grand set of fellows, and I am proud indeed to be associated with them.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to the Club Officials and my thanks are due to the Supporters' Club for all they are doing to help the Testimonial Fund. Also, the players and officials for many happy memories, and the supporters and public of Huddersfield for making me so welcome during the past years.

Thank you one and all.

*Jeff Bawden*

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The Committee of the Huddersfield C. & A. C. Supporters' Club express their thanks to all who have helped in the publication of this souvenir booklet.

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