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League

CUP FINAL

HUDDERSFIELD



HULL

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wish to thank all who have  
attempted in large measure or  
small to make a success of the  
first Cup final to have been  
played on the Odsal enclosure.*

## **BRADFORD'S TURN HAS COME.**

### **To-day's Cup Final is an Odsal Test for the Future.**

*By the Editor.*

**T**O-DAY we present to you a programme the like of which has never before been published, so far as I am aware, in the history of the Rugby League game in Yorkshire.

Bradford Northern passes out—in its place comes the Yorkshire County Rugby League, who will have on show for you the final tie of their 1938 Challenge Cup Competition, in which the competing teams are Huddersfield and Hull.

The Odsal ground was chosen in opposition to others. Leeds, Castleford and Wakefield Trinity would have liked to stage this deciding match, and application was made before even the semi-finalists were known, but Bradford Northern had a clear majority on a straight vote.

#### **Different now at Bradford.**

Bradford people, and many others, will probably say that Odsal was rightly chosen. After all, through the many years when Bradford could not compete with other clubs for the staging of these matches, the public of Bradford and District was denied the opportunity of seeing neutral play which has drawn thousands.

The Yorkshire Committee has been the first to realise that Odsal deserves its chance. The hope is that the weather is fine, and then can come the test to estimate what really is the capacity of the ground. Some people have talked about records being made to-day. They may be, but it is not entirely the record-making that will influence those in control of the various sections of the Rugby League game to look upon Odsal as the ideal centre.

The control of the traffic, the car park arrangements, the entrances, the control of the crowd inside the ground, and the social side lines to such a match will all have

their bearing, and thereby this match becomes not only a test of Odsal, but of Bradford also. This city was once a leader in the Rugby game. There were more Rugby clubs in and around Bradford at one time than there are now in the Rugby League in Yorkshire as a whole, and that day may not be far off in returning.

#### **Bradford may soon take the Lead.**

The Rugby League will welcome the return of Bradford Northern to the pinnacle occupied by the Bradford Rugby of old, the signs are not wanting that the right policy is being pursued in regaining that success and ahead of the club lies a rich path in football ways if the success achieved during the last season or so can be maintained. It has been said in the past that what other clubs have done, Bradford Northern can do.

For the sake of those who are visiting this ground for the first time, I will explain some of its features. First of all, it is situated on main roads which go direct to Huddersfield, Halifax, Leeds, Batley, Dewsbury and Wakefield, the chief West Riding centres of the Rugby League game. It is possible to reach all these centres by direct road by car in less than half-an-hour. That may depend upon the car, but still it has been done.

There are turnstiles and entrances capable of dealing with a 75,000 crowd. The parks on the club's property have an estimated holding capacity for 1,000 cars, with attendants in charge. While on the edge of Bradford, the centre of the city can be reached easily within ten minutes by the constant service of Corporation tram cars and 'buses. The playing area is as near maximum as makes no difference, and while the playing area has caused considerable troubles in the past, it is now considered to be one of the best in Yorkshire.

#### **More Extensions to come.**

There are many extensions planned. These which are being fostered by the Chairman, Mr. Joe Hepworth, M.P., the enthusiastic Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Harry Hornby, and their co-directors will eventually make the ground one of the most palatial outside London. Already the foundations

## HUDDERSFIELD "CRACKS" — ALL WITH "CAPS."



JOHNSON



MARKHAM

(Photos: The Yorkshire Observer)



FIDDES

Position	NAME	HEIGHT ft. ins.	WEIGHT st. lbs.	BIRTHPLACE
Full-Back	<b>1 TAYLOR, W. J.</b>	5 9	11 2½	Northampton
Three-Quarters—				
R. Wing	<b>2 JOHNSON, W. H.</b>	5 9½	11 0	Newport
R. Centre	<b>3 MADDEN, D.</b>	5 7½	11 7½	Aberavon
L. Centre	<b>4 FIDDES, A. E. (Capt)</b>	5 9½	12 1	Hawick (Scot.)
L. Wing	<b>5 MARKHAM, R. T.</b>	5 9	12 9	Australia
Half-Backs—				
Outside	<b>6 PEPPERELL, S. V.</b>	5 5½	11 0	Seaton (Cum.)
Scrum	<b>7 GRAHAME, T or ROYAL, T. H.</b>	5 6½	10 7	Australia Blaengarw
Forwards—				
Front Row	<b>8 SHERWOOD, H.</b>	6 0	15 6	Castleford
Hooker	<b>9 WHITEHEAD, H.</b>	6 0	13 13	Oldham
Front Row	<b>10 EVANS, D. M.</b>	5 7½	15 3	Glyn Neath
Second Row	<b>11 HUGHES, E.</b>	5 11	14 0	Llanely
Second Row	<b>12 SHAW, J. D.</b>	6 0	13 5	Huddersfield
Loose	<b>14 GRONOW K. or BAILEY, R.</b>	5 10	13 1	Huddersfield Australia

### THE PATH TO THE FINAL.

	G.	T.	PTS.		G.	T.	PTS.
<b>First Round</b>							
Huddersfield	7	6	32	Dewsbury	1	2	8
<b>Second Round</b>							
Huddersfield	1	2	8	Leeds	0	2	6
<b>Semi-final Round</b>							
Huddersfield	0	2	6	Wakefield Trinity	1	0	2

(All ties played at Huddersfield.)

The next match to be played at Odsal will be  
Bradford Northern v Hull, Sat. Oct. 29th, kick-off 3 p.m.

## HULL "STARS" WHO HAVE MADE THEIR NAMES.



THACKER



MILLER

(Photos: The Yorkshire Observer)



ELLERINGTON

Position	NAME	HEIGHT ft. ins.	WEIGHT st. lbs.	BIRTHPLACE
Full-Back	<b>1 MILLER, F</b>	5 11	14 0	Hull
Three-quarters—				
R. Wing	<b>2 HURLEY, F.</b>	5 9	12 7	Sydney
R. Centre	<b>3 CORNER, J. R.</b>	5 8	12 7	W. Hartlepool
L. Centre	<b>4 WILSON, S.</b>	5 10½	13 7	Hull
L. Wing	<b>5 OVERTON, E.</b>	5 9	11 7	Hull
Half-Backs—				
Outside	<b>6 HERBERT, E.</b>	5 10	13 0	Wakefield
Scrum	<b>7 JOHNSON, A. T.</b>	5 6½	10 0	Hull
Forwards—				
Front Row	<b>8 THACKER, L.</b>	5 11	14 2	Hull
Hooker	<b>9 BARLOW, G. H.</b>	5 9	12 7	Hull
Front Row	<b>10 BARLOW, L.</b>	6 0	13 0	Hull
Second Row	<b>11 BOOTH, C.</b>	5 9½	13 7	Hull
Second Row	<b>12 DAWSON, J. R. P.</b>	6 1½	14 7	Grimsby
Loose	<b>14 ELLERINGTON, H.</b>	5 9	13 0	Hull

Referee: **F. FAIRHURST**, Wigan

Touch Judges: **R. Rawlinson**, Bradford

**I. J. Fowler**, Batley

### HOW HULL REACHED THE DECIDER.

	G.	T.	PTS.		G.	T.	PTS.
<b>First Round</b>							
Hull	1	5	17	Bramley	2	2	10
<b>Second Round</b>							
Hull	4	0	8	Keighley	0	0	0
<b>Semi-final Round</b>							
Hull	6	2	18	Hunslet	1	0	2

All ties played at Hull.

have been constructed and can be seen on the embankment opposite the present stand for the erection of covered accommodation for 10,000 spectators. It is hoped to have these completed in time for the Christmas matches.

I am also permitted to state that further alterations are under consideration, and are being budgetted for, on the present stand side. The suggestion under consideration is that the present stand be extended the full length of that side of the ground, possibly several rows of seats put at the back of the stand, and the roof made higher and taken further back. In this construction there would be built new dressing room accommodation, a social room, and a room for the match officials.

This would be the biggest task ever undertaken at Odsal, but gradually the whole enclosure is to be brought up to a standard never before achieved in Rugby League football, and while all these changes are being made, full cognisance is being taken of wants in other directions. It is not the intention to concentrate solely on constructing Odsal, but to make as much progress in that direction as quickly as possible and at the same time to be ready for the "rainy day" should it come in other directions.

### **Huddersfield of Famous Tradition.**

In to-day's match, there will be seen Yorkshire's record cup club competing with its latest team-men who follow in the shoes of many famous Huddersfield players, and, with such a record behind them, men who should be delighted to have the opportunity of doing their bit to maintain the Fartown tradition. There is nothing more wonderful in the whole history of the Rugby League game than the tradition of this grand old club, which, if not always having had palmy days, has ever had its name in the forefront of all that stands for what is good in Rugby.

Hull, coming through a transitional stage with wonderful fortune and a back-to-the-wall spirit that compels one to admire their outlook and efforts, may not be so steeped in tradition, but they are a powerful club, ever to be feared in any match, and to

be thoroughly admired for the manner in which they have kept the flag flying through the years in their East Yorkshire province. Hull always demand the best.

They have at times spent a lot of money, both on their ground and in their team, as witness the expenditure of £1,200 early this season on Stanley Brogden, who unfortunately, is not permitted to play in to-day's final owing to his registration being sent in after the closing date for this competition. Hull, together with their neighbours of Hull Kingston, deserve the praises of all true Rugby League followers for the wonderful work which they have done in their area to not only keep the game's flag flying, but to further the interest of the code.

### **Have won the Cup Eight times.**

Huddersfield's record in the Yorkshire Cup finals is eight wins. That is the highest. This is the run of the others: 7 wins, Leeds; 3, York; 2, Hunslet, Hull K. R., Wakefield Trinity and Dewsbury; 1, Bradford Northern, Halifax, Batley, and Hull. Huddersfield's last win was in 1931, and they were beaten finalists last season at Wakefield, when Leeds were the winners. Hull won the trophy in 1923.

A detailed account of all the players can be uninteresting, but in view of the selection this week of the teams for the Wales v. England international at Llanelly, mention must be made of the fact that four players who will be appearing in the final will be in that match. In addition others are on reserve, while Brogden will be England's left winger.

Hull supply two England forwards in Thacker and Booth. It is rather curious that while Booth is considered to be good enough to play for England, he was not chosen to play for Yorkshire against Lancashire in the match which will probably decide the county championship at Headingley next Wednesday. Both these Hull forwards are considered to be well in the running for Australian tour honours, which will be distributed towards the end of next season. Should New Zealand decide to accept the tour offer extended to them by the Rugby League Council, both Thacker and Booth may play against these Colonials next season.

### **An Expert in Dropped Goals.**

There is another international in the Hull pack in Ellerington, who toured Australia with England's last team. Miller, the full back, has been chosen England's full back reserve. He is an expert in dropped goals, frequently winning points in this way by efforts from the half-way line. No team is safe in conceding penalties in its own half when Miller takes goal kicks.

In the three-quarters is an Australian, Hurley, who must be one of the fastest men in the game. He is an enterprising and elusive wing attacker, while the youthful Wilson at centre is one of Yorkshire's most promising centres. Both Johnson, the outside half, and Dawson, the second row forward, work in Leeds.

Huddersfield's two for the international are Madden, the centre, and Hughes, the second row forward. Therein, however, does not end the Fartown string of internationals; in fact, they have an all-international three-quarter line, with Markham (Australia), Fiddes (Scotland), Madden (Wales), and Johnson (Wales), with the two first-named having played for the Empire team in France.

### **From Home and Abroad.**

Then comes Pepperell (England and Cumberland) at outside half, with Grahame (Australia) at scrum half. Sherwood, a county forward, Evans, a Welshman, Hughes, the international, and Bailey, an Australian, who last season played at outside half and centre, are also members of the Fartown pack. Thus in this match there will be Englishmen, Welshmen, Australians, and a Scotsman, and, I might tell you, had they been available, the corner flags would have represented these four countries. A ten days' effort to procure them, however failed—and it is to be hoped that that is the only failure to be associated with this match.

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