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## *Yorkshire County Rugby League*

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: MR. W. H. HIRST, F.C.A., 37 Eden Drive, Leeds, 4.

### THE YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP, 1960

The Yorkshire County Challenge Cup, for which Huddersfield and Wakefield meet this afternoon, on the Headingley ground, was first played for on December 2nd, 1905.

Ever since the Competition was first started, it has given a stimulant to the game at the commencement of every season, and has never failed to attract large crowds. Today's game is the fifty-third final.

Huddersfield's record in the County Cup stands out supreme. The wearers of the claret and gold jerseys have been one of the most attractive sides the game has seen. They have played in the final on twenty occasions, winning the Cup twelve times—which is a record. They won it in seasons 1909, 1911, 1913, 1914, May 1919, and November 1919, 1926, 1931, 1938, 1950, 1952 and 1957.

It will be interesting to see if they are capable of adding the fifty-third Cup Final to their fine record, when they meet the star-studded Wakefield Trinity side today.

The last time Wakefield Trinity won the Cup was in 1956, when they defeated Hunslet at Headingley by 23 points to 5. They have appeared in the Final on twelve occasions, winning the Cup six times, in 1910, 1924, 1946, 1947, 1951 and 1956. Since the war, they have appeared in the Final six times, winning four and losing two. Huddersfield have appeared three times, winning two and losing one.

The only time these two teams have previously met in the Final was in season 1926, when Huddersfield beat Wakefield by 10 points to 3 at Headingley.

So what of today's game? This Wakefield team, one of the strongest in the County, must start favourite, but, in Cup Tie football anything can happen, so let's hope it will be a thriller and may the better team win.

GIDEON SHAW.



# The Yorkshire County Rugby League

The view has been expressed that the sporting public of Yorkshire Rugby might be interested in reading of the work done by the Committee whose duty it is to administer the County Cup Competition each season, and to that end a brief resume of the Committee's work and aims is appended.

## Constitution of the Committee

Each Yorkshire Club in full membership with the Rugby Football League shall be entitled to one representative on the County Committee. That means 16 representatives in all. The Yorkshire County Rugby League is based on a solid foundation because if the following list of present members is considered, length of service and experience will seem to play a large part in the Committee's Constitution.

### First elected to Committee Membership.

E. Earnshaw	President	...	...	20 July, 1950
J. Myerscough	Vice-President	...	...	17 September, 1953
E. Meeks	All Past Presidents	...	...	June, 1946
H. Harrison		...	...	June, 1946
E. Hardaker		...	...	June, 1946
J. N. Blenkin		...	...	28 June, 1948
L. Dobson		...	...	25 January, 1951
F. West		...	...	5 December, 1951
G. R. Chester		...	...	24 July, 1952
F. Lodge	...	...	...	9 June, 1951
E. Rushworth	...	...	...	9 December, 1954
L. Tattersfield	...	...	...	5 June, 1955
A. R. Hartley	...	...	...	3 September, 1956
J. H. Spencer	...	...	...	14 May, 1957
J. Jepson	...	...	...	19 November, 1959
T. Matthewman	...	...	...	15 June, 1960

### Together with 5 Honorary Life Members

Messrs. W. A. Crockford, W. Popplewell, H. Hornby  
P. W. B. Beadman and J. Wood-Beever.

## The work of the Committee

The main duties of the County Committee are:—

- 1 To run the Yorkshire Cup Competition and
- 2 To select County Teams for participation in the County Championship games.
- 3 To administer County matches in Yorkshire.

It is the aim of the County Committee to encourage all connected with it to express, both on the field of play and in general administration, all that is best in Rugby League Football.

In recent seasons, County Championship Matches have ceased to be looked upon as merely fixtures in the Rugby League Season—but rather as a fixture to be looked forward to by the sporting public and the Rugby League Authorities as games producing football showing Rugby League in its true light as an attractive spectacle. Yorkshire County lost both of its Championship games this season, and some may say the game at Wakefield was thrown away, some may say that the referee played too long, but all who saw the game would welcome the opportunity of seeing it again. The same could be said of our match against Cumberland at Whitehaven, in which game the 'dedicated' Cumbrians gave something clean and vital to a never-to-be-forgotten game.

This season when County Cup-Ties have been sandwiched in between World Cup games and other League matches, the glorious display by Dewsbury at Crown Flatt in holding classy Leeds to a 13 point draw with 12 men, will never be forgotten, neither will the fright Keighley gave the Cup Favourites under the Odsal lights at Bradford. Cup-Ties such as these, tense with drama, yet all played in true sporting spirit show what can be done in Rugby League even if the match conditions are keen. Excitement in abundance, without foul or dirty play!

The Committee's aims are to continue to work for the good of Rugby League football, to continue to support the Rugby League Council in all its endeavours to produce the best in sportsmanship, and to hope that the County Cup Competition will always bring out all that is best in competitive sport, to continue to work with Cumberland and Lancashire Counties in the continuation of, and the possible extension to, the County Championship matches.

W. H. HIRST



## Huddersfield—Pen Pictures

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**F. Dyson.** 5ft. 9in. 12st. Age 29. Captained Yorkshire in their consecutive County Championship successes of seasons 1957/58 and 1958/59. Played for Great Britain v. Australia at Leeds in November last year

**A. Brown.** 5ft. 10in. 12st. Signed from South Africa three seasons ago. Very fast, good on defence and attack

**E. Ashcroft.** 5ft. 11in. 13st. 2lb. One of the veterans of the team, was signed from Wigan. Toured Australia with the Great Britain team in 1950 and 1954 and played in all six Test matches, also gained Lancashire County honours

**A. Breen.** 6ft. 13st. 4lb. Signed from Broughton Park. Playing at centre usually a wing-threequarter, big and strong, good on defence

**M. Wicks.** 6ft. 12st. 5lb. Was signed on from the Torquay R.U. Club and soon adapted himself to the R.L. game, is very fast and elusive and a good try scorer

**T. Gorman.** 5ft. 6in. 11st. 4lb. From a Wigan Junior Club, usually scrum-half now stand-off, a bit small but good on defence

**T. Smales.** 5ft. 6in. 12st. Was signed on from the Featherstone Rovers Club and has been a great asset to the side, a very attractive player

**T. Slevin.** 5ft. 9in. 14st. Started his football career with Wigan. A good open-side prop, always trying to make an opening and doesn't waste a ball

**R. Wood.** 6ft. 13st. 9lb. Hooker, good in the open. From a Halifax Junior Club played for us several seasons

**K. Noble.** 6ft. 1in. 15st. 5lb. Young, from a Halifax Junior Club. Made his position in the front row this season, big and strong, a good tackler

**D. Devereux.** 5ft. 11in. 15st. 9lb. Welsh International from Neath. Signed three seasons ago, a school teacher. Second-row, big and strong

**K. Bowman.** 5ft. 11in. 14st. 4lb. Signed from Heworth, York. Second-row, very fast for a forward, always looking for an opening

**R. Thornley.** 5ft. 11in. 13st. Signed from Blackpool. Loose forward, fast and a good cover

**B. Shacklady.** 6ft. 14st. Signed from a Wigan Junior Club, now doing his National Service. Very strong and a good tackler

**D. Valentine.** 6ft. 14st. Returns to first-class football to-day after being absent for three seasons owing to injury. He has represented Great Britain on several occasions and was captain of the first World Cup winners, played in France in 1954.





**HUDDERSFIELD**

Back Row—D. Devereux, K. Noble, R. Thornley, K. Bowman, R. Wood, A. Breen, A. Brown  
Front Row—M. Wicks, T. Gorman, F. Dyson, E. Ashcroft, T. Smales, E. Slevin

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## THE TEAMS

### HUDDERSFIELD

Colours—Claret & Gold Jerseys, White Shorts

1	F. DYSON	...	...	...	Full Back
2	A. BROWN	...	...	...	Wing Threequarter
3	B. CURRY	...	...	...	Centre Threequarter
4	E. ASHCROFT	...	...	...	Centre Threequarter
5	A. BREEN	...	...	...	Wing Threequarter
6	D. LOCKWOOD	...	...	...	Out-half
7	T. SMALES	...	...	...	Scrum-half
8	E. SLEVIN	...	...	...	Prop Forward
9	D. CLOSE	...	...	...	Hooker
10	K. NOBLE	...	...	...	Front Row Forward
11	D. DEVEREUX	...	...	...	Second Row Forward
12	K. BOWMAN	...	...	...	Second Row Forward
14	D. VALENTINE	...	...	...	Loose Forward

### WAKEFIELD T.

Colours—White Jerseys with Red & Blue Band, White Shorts

1	D. METCALFE or G. ROUND	...	...	...	Full Back
2	F. SMITH	...	...	...	Wing Threequarter
3	A. SKENE	...	...	...	Centre Threequarter
4	N. FOX	...	...	...	Centre Threequarter
5	J. ETTY	...	...	...	Wing Threequarter
6	H. POYNTON	...	...	...	Out-half
7	K. ROLLIN or K. HOLLIDAY	...	...	...	Scrum-half
8	J. WILKINSON	...	...	...	Prop Forward
9	G. OAKES	...	...	...	Hooker
10	L. CHAMBERLAIN	...	...	...	Front Row Forward
11	B. BRIGGS	...	...	...	Second Row Forward
12	A. FIRTH	...	...	...	Second Row Forward
13	D. TURNER	...	...	...	Loose Forward

Referee—N. T. RAILTON, Wigan. Touch Judges—J. W. Jowett, Hunslet and G. T. L. Smithson, Leeds

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## Wakefield Trinity—Pen Pictures

**D. Metcalfe.** 5ft. 10in. 12st. 6lb. A former Sandal R.U. player, joined Wakefield from Featherstone Rovers in 1957. A member of Featherstone's 1952 Wembley side. Has represented and captained Yorkshire County

**F. Smith.** 5ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. 11st. 2lb. Lancashire-born, but product of local (Stanley) Junior football. Played for Yorkshire this season. Holder of club try scoring records (37 in season and 7 in match). Joined Trinity from Leeds R.L. 1956.

**A. Skene.** 5ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. 11st. 4lb. Signed in December 1958 from the "Villagers" Club, Cape Town. Represented Western Province on over fifty occasions and played for South Africa in Test football v. France (R.U.) An immediate regular choice on joining Trinity

**N. Fox.** 6ft. 14st. 8lb. Age 21. Yorkshire and Great Britain Test centre and goal-kicker. Holder of Trinity's goal and points scoring records. Signed from Featherstone Juniors 1955. Appeared for Great Britain in second and third Tests last season

**J. ETTY.** 6ft. 13st. 10lb. Had nine years' experience with Batley and was captain of their side when Oldham signed him in 1955. A member of Oldham's successful League Championship side of 1956/57. Trinity signed him (£500) April 1959

**H. Poynton.** 5ft. 8in. 10st. 12lb. Product of Wakefield Schools' R.L. Signed for Trinity 1958. Has been a regular choice ever since

**K. Holliday,** Vice-Captain. 5ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. 12st. 8lb. Another City Schools' product. Signed 1952 from Trinity Juniors. Has represented Yorkshire and Great Britain at off-half

**J. Wilkinson.** 5ft. 11in. 15st. 7lb. Regular choice for Yorkshire; recalled to Great Britain's pack for the 1960 World Cup series. Toured Australia 1954 and played in first Test at Sydney. Signed from Halifax R.L. September 1959

**G. Oakes.** 5ft. 11in. 12st. 6lb. Local product, signed from Trinity's own nursery team. Debut February 1958

**B. Briggs.** 6ft. 1in. 15st. 3lb. Is a local player who joined York and was later transferred to Huddersfield and whilst on their register toured Australia with the Great Britain team. He joined Trinity from St. Helens at the commencement of this season

**A. Firth.** 5ft. 11in. 14st. 6lb. Another local player from Stanley. Joined Trinity 1953/54. Made Yorkshire debut last season

**D. Turner,** Captain. 5ft. 10in. 13st. 7lb. Product of Wakefield Schools' football and local amateur league—but signed for Hull K.R. at 18. Oldham signed him in 1955 and he was a member of their successful combinations of 1956 to 1958. Trinity paid record forward fee of £8,000 for him in March 1959. Has represented Yorkshire and Great Britain on numerous occasions including the 1957 World Cup games in Australia and the 1960 World Cup series in England

**K. Rollin.** 5ft. 7in. 10st. 5lb. Local. Equally at home in either half-back berths. Product of Wakefield Schools' R.L. and Trinity's own junior team, signing for Wakefield 1955. Reserve for Yorkshire 1958 and 1959

**L. Chamberlain.** 5ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. 15st. 1lb. Joined Wakefield from Leeds Junior football 1955/56 season and played regularly until a broken leg halted his career on the verge of County honours in October 1958

**G. V. Round.** 6ft. 12st. 8lb. Signed from Hebden Bridge in January 1958. Has represented England as a Junior International and played for Great Britain against Australia last year in the second Test Match.





**WAKEFIELD T.**

Back Row, left to right—B. Briggs, L. Chamberlain, G. Oakes, K. Rollin, A. Firth, A. Skene, J. Wilkinson  
Front Row, left to right—K. Holliday, N. Fox, F. Smith, D. Turner, G. Round, J. Etty

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 HERD (Leeds)  
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- 1 HIGHTON (Wigan)
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- 4 ASHCROFT (St. Helens)
- 5 MAGNALL (Wigan)
- 6 McCANN (Widnes)
- 7 HIGGINS (Warr.)/MORRIS (Sw)
- 8 GREEN (Oldham)
- 9 TAYLOR (Oldham)
- 10 PRICE (Wigan)
- 11 BROUGHTON (St. Helens)
- 12 CARDEN (Widnes)
- 13 HOWARD (St. Helens)

Reserves—  
 WILLMAN (Swinton)  
 HISCOX (Swinton)  
 MADERS (Oldham)

Referee: Mr. C. DAVIES (Wakefield)

## PREVIOUS YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

Year	Date	Winners	Pts.	Runners-up	Pts.	Venue
1905	Dec. 2	Hunslet	13	Halifax	3	Bradf'd (PA)
1906	Dec. 1	Bradford N.	8	Hull K.R.	5	Wakefield
1907	Dec. 21	Hunslet	17	Halifax	0	Leeds
1908	Nov. 28	Halifax	9	Hunslet	5	Wakefield
1909	Nov. 27	Huddersfield	21	Batley	0	Leeds
1910	Dec. 3	Wakefield T.	8	Huddersfield	2	Leeds
1911	Nov. 25	Huddersfield	22	Hull K.R.	10	Wakefield
1912	Nov. 23	Batley	17	Hull	3	Leeds
1913	Nov. 29	Huddersfield	19	Bradford N.	3	Halifax
1914	Nov. 28	Huddersfield	31	Hull	0	Leeds
1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18	No Cup Competition					
1919	May 17	Huddersfield	14	Dewsbury	8	Leeds
1919	Nov. 29	Huddersfield	24	Leeds	5	Halifax
1920	Nov. 27	Hull K.R.	2	Hull	0	Leeds
1921	Nov. 26	Leeds	11	Dewsbury	3	Halifax
1922	Dec. 2	York	5	Batley	0	Leeds
1923	Nov. 24	Hull	10	Huddersfield	4	Leeds
1924	Nov. 22	Wakefield T.	9	Batley	8	Leeds
1925	Nov. 28	Dewsbury	2	Huddersfield	0	Wakefield
1926	Dec. 1	Huddersfield	10	Wakefield T.	3	Leeds
1927	Nov. 26	Dewsbury	8	Hull	2	Leeds
1928	Nov. 24	Leeds	5	Featherstone R.	0	Wakefield
1929	Nov. 30	Hull K.R.	13	Hunslet	7	Leeds
1930	Nov. 22	Leeds	10	Huddersfield	2	Halifax
1931	Nov. 21	Huddersfield	4	Hunslet	2	Leeds
1932	Nov. 19	Leeds	8	Wakefield T.	0	Huddersfield
1933	Nov. 25	York	10	Hull K.R.	4	Leeds
1934	Oct. 27	Leeds	5	Wakefield T.	5	Dewsbury
(replay) 2nd ry.)	Oct. 31	Leeds	2	Wakefield T.	2	Huddersfield
	Nov. 7	Leeds	13	Wakefield T.	0	Hunslet
1935	Oct. 19	Leeds	3	York	0	Halifax
1936	Oct. 17	York	9	Wakefield T.	2	Leeds
1937	Oct. 30	Leeds	14	Huddersfield	8	Wakefield
1938	Oct. 22	Huddersfield	18	Hull	10	Bradf'd (Od.)
1940	June 22	Featherstone	12	Wakefield T.	9	Bradford
1941	April 5	Bradford N.	15	Dewsbury	5	Huddersfield
1941	Dec. 6	Bradford N.	24	Halifax	0	Huddersfield
1942	Nov. 28	Dewsbury	7	Huddersfield	0	Dewsbury
1942	Dec. 5	Dewsbury	0	Huddersfield	2	Huddersfield
(Dewsbury won the Cup on aggregate 7-2)						
1943	Nov. 27	Bradford N.	5	Keighley	2	Bradford
1943	Dec. 4	Bradford N.	5	Keighley	5	Keighley
(Bradford N. won the Cup on aggregate 10-7)						
1944	Dec. 2	Halifax	12	Hunslet	3	Hunslet
1944	Dec. 9	Halifax	2	Hunslet	0	Halifax
(Halifax won the Cup on aggregate 14-3)						
1945	Nov. 3	Bradford N.	5	Wakefield T.	2	Halifax
1946	Nov. 2	Wakefield T.	10	Hull	0	Leeds
1947	Nov. 1	Wakefield T.	7	Leeds	7	Huddersfield
(replay)	Nov. 5	Wakefield T.	8	Leeds	7	Bradford
1948	Oct. 30	Bradford N.	18	Castleford	9	Leeds
1949	Oct. 29	Bradford N.	11	Huddersfield	4	Leeds
1950	Nov. 4	Huddersfield	16	Castleford	3	Leeds
1951	Oct. 27	Wakefield T.	17	Keighley	3	Huddersfield
1952	Nov. 15	Huddersfield	18	Batley	8	Leeds
1953	Oct. 31	Bradford N.	7	Hull	2	Leeds
1954	Oct. 23	Halifax	22	Hull	14	Leeds
1955	Oct. 22	Halifax	10	Hull	10	Leeds
(replay)	Nov. 2	Halifax	7	Hull	0	Bradford
1956	Oct. 20	Wakefield T.	23	Hunslet	5	Leeds
1957	Oct. 19	Huddersfield	15	York	8	Leeds
1958	Oct. 18	Leeds	24	Wakefield T.	20	Bradford
1959	Oct. 31	Featherstone R.	15	Hull	14	Leeds



## ROUND BY ROUND RESULTS

Dewsbury	14	}	Dewsbury	13	}	Huddersfield	12	}	HUDDERSFIELD
York	2		Replay	16					
Leeds	16	}	Leeds	13	}	Leeds	9		
Hunslet	0		Replay	22					
Batley	2	}	Huddersfield	15	}	Leeds	3		
Huddersfield	20		Huddersfield	15					
Bradford	7	}	Castleford	3	}	(at Odsal)	WAKEFIELD		
Castleford	25		Castleford	3					
Keighley	18	}	Keighley	5	}	Keighley	4		
Hull	15		Keighley	5					
Featherstone	36	}	Featherstone	3	}	Keighley	4		
Doncaster	10		Featherstone	3					
Wakefield	3	}	Wakefield	40	}	(at Odsal)	WAKEFIELD		
Halifax	0		Wakefield	40					
Bramley	10	}	Wakefield	5	}	Wakefield	5		
Hull K.R.	7		Bramley	6					

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