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Challenge Cup Semi-Final

Hull K. R. v. Huddersfield

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TWO DIVISIONS

Next season will see the re-introduction of two divisions in the senior league, exactly sixty years since they were last introduced. Then, the experiment will run for three seasons—rather a coincidence as three years is the period chosen for the new experiment. At the conclusion of the period a vote will be taken to see if the senior clubs wish to continue with two divisions or revert to one.

PATTERN OF FIXTURES

Club fixtures will henceforth follow a different pattern, with two distinctive patterns. The first, of course, is the formation of two divisions and the second is that the Yorkshire and Lancashire League Championships will be played as two separate competitions—that is, separate from the Northern League Championship itself. Hitherto a club has won its County League trophy by the result of its games in the Northern League against clubs in its own County. These competitions have not been of special interest to the public.

The major Cup Competitions—the Challenge Cup, culminating in Wembley, and the County Cups played towards the beginning of the season are unaffected by the new scheme.

EASTERN AND WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The season will commence with the Eastern and Western League Championships. The trophies will be the former Yorkshire and Lancashire League Cups. The terms Eastern and Western have been adopted because the Cumberland clubs will join with Lancashire clubs in the West. The term "Lancashire" League has always been a misnomer.

Each club will play four other clubs home and away in its own League, and a League table will be compiled from these eight results. The top four in the Eastern League will then play off for the Eastern Championship and the same will happen in the West.

Two Divisions will then operate for the remainder of the season, with a promotion and relegation system.

TWO PLAY-OFFS FOR ONE

The scheme sees the last of the end-of-season League Championship Semifinals and Finals, but this will be more than compensated for, financially and otherwise, by the two play-offs in the autumn. It is not unreasonable to assume that the autumn semi-finals and finals in each region—making six matches in all—will attract a greater aggregate attendance than the three end-of-season games played under the present system.

FOUR CUPS

It is the ambition of all clubs to win the "four cups" but henceforth the title will have greater significance as there will be four separate competitions:—

The Divisional Championship (i.e. First and Second Division)

The Challenge Cup.

The Eastern and Western Championships.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire County Cups.

Whatever the outcome of the experiment it is only right that it should be remembered. There is a lot of common sense in the old adage "Speculate to accumulate."

THE MAGIC OF WEMBLEY

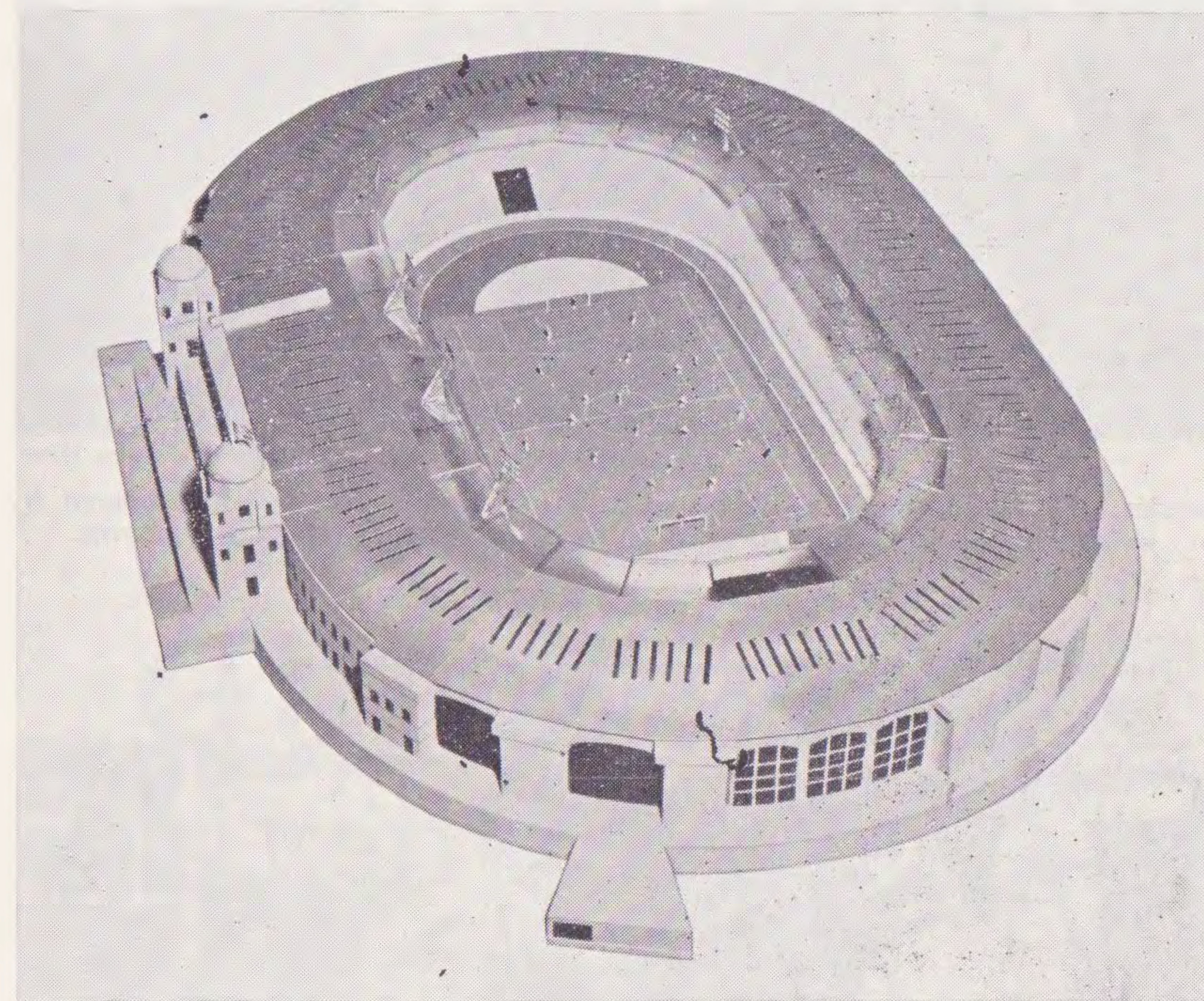
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Those who have already placed their order for the 1963 final should amend it accordingly, quoting their reference number in all correspondence. Those who have not reserved their tickets should do so now. Seating tickets are always all sold long before the day of the match.

Apply to the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, and send a stamped and addressed envelope with your application.

THIRD ROUND HIGHLIGHTS



Photo. by courtesy of the Yorkshire Evening News.

Smales, the Huddersfield captain makes a breakaway, but is well covered by Brownley, the Castleford forward, in the Third Round replay at Fartown.



Photo. by courtesy of the Daily Mail.

Strong of Huddersfield gets an effective grip on Clark, the Castleford prop. in the replayed tie which Huddersfield won 10 pts. to 4.



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THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

First Round beat Batley at home by 21 points to 14.

Scorers: Tries—Jordan 2, Fox 1; Goals—Fox 6.
Attendance 6,030. Gate Receipts £603/8/9.

Second Round beat Doncaster at home by 14 points to 2.

Scorers: Tries—Jordan 2, Dixon 1, Waterworth 1; Goals—Clawson 1.
Attendance 4,489. Gate Receipts £440/16/10.

Third Round beat Leigh at home by 23 points to 9.

Scorers: Tries—Lingard 1, Fox 2, Waterworth 1, Lambert 1.
Goals—Clawson 3, Fox 1.
Attendance 11,113. Gate Receipts £2,074/10/0.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY

First Round beat Warrington at home by 40 points to 18.

Scorers: Tries—Skene 1, Fox 4, Smith 1, Round 2, Turner 1, Greenwood 1.
Goals—Fox 5.
Attendance 19,330. Gate Receipts £2,509/4/6.

Second Round beat Blackpool at Blackpool by 16 points to 4.

Scorers: Tries—Fox 2; Goals—Fox 5.
Attendance 6,000. Gate Receipts £925/3/6.

Third Round beat Wigan at home by 5 points to 4.

Scorers: Try—Smith; Goal—Fox.
Attendance 28,254. Gate Receipts £4,918/7/6.

HUDDERSFIELD

First Round beat York at York by 8 points to 7.

Scorers: Tries—Davies 2; Goals—Dyson 1.
Attendance 7,904. Gate Receipts £1,110/5/6.

Second Round beat St. Helens at St. Helens by 13 points to 2.

Scorers: Tries—Smales 1, Bowman 1, Haywood 1; Goals—Dyson 2.
Attendance 13,276. Gate Receipts £1,800.

Third Round drew with Castleford at Castleford—4 points each.

Scorers: Goals—Dyson 2.
Attendance 16,150. Gate Receipts £2,046/13/5.

Third Round replay beat Castleford at home 10 points to 4.

Scorers: Tries—Wicks 1, Davies 1; Goals—Dyson 2.
Attendance 21,166. Gate Receipts £2,970/14/9.

HULL K.R.

First Round beat Swinton at Swinton by 2 points to nil.

Scorers: Goal—Kellett.
Attendance 9,552. Gate Receipts £1,313/12/9.

Second Round beat Barrow at home by 14 points to 5.

Scorers: Tries—Major 1, Bunting 1; Goals—Kellett 4.
Attendance 12,007. Gate Receipts £1,551/17/3.

Third Round beat Workington at Workington by 15 points to 3.

Scorers: Tries—Kellett 1, Paul 1, Harris 1. Goals—Kellett 3.
Attendance 15,302. Gate Receipts £1,660/4/-.

HUDDERSFIELD CLUB HISTORY

It is rather strange that the name of "Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club" should make no mention of football as one of the sports engaged in, especially in view of the many successes attained by the Rugby team. Perhaps an explanation is to be found in the fact that the Huddersfield Athletic Club which was the parent body of the football club, and founded in 1864 was amalgamated with St. John's Cricket Club, to become Huddersfield C. & A.C.

The first club football match was played in 1869. They became a strong club in Yorkshire Rugby Union Circles and frequently supplied County players, although it was not until 1890 that they obtained their first major success in winning the Yorkshire Challenge Cup (T'owd tin pot) after a memorable game with Wakefield.

Huddersfield were founder members of the Northern Union in 1895, but this was not a successful period and they were relegated to the Second division in 1904. They stayed there for one year only as the League was reorganized in 1905 to include all the Clubs.

Huddersfield's greatest years were undoubtedly those prior to the first world war and coincided with the arrival of Harold Wagstaff on the scene. In season 1913/14 all four cups were won by the Fartown club, and this after winning three cups in each of the two previous seasons. In this great season Rosenfeld, the South African winger established a record by scoring 80 tries.

During the period between the wars Huddersfield twice won the Northern League championship in 1929 and 1930 and were runners-up on three occasions. During this period they won the Challenge Cup in 1920 and 1933 and were runners-up in 1935 when they were beaten by Castleford.

Huddersfield had a further spell of glory after the second world war which culminated in them winning the Challenge Cup by defeating St. Helens at Wembley in 1953 by 15 pts. to 10. During this era many famous home and overseas players have worn the claret and gold jersey and names which immediately spring to mind are Australians Pat Devereux, Lionel Cooper and Johnny Hunter, New Zealander Peter Henderson, Scot Dave Valentine, Welshmen Ike Owens and Billy Banks and Russ Pepperell and Jeff Bawden from the Northern Counties. Quite an international array!

Today's team has a much more local flavour and is the result of much rebuilding over the last few years.

HUDDERSFIELD PEN PICTURES

FRANK DYSON. Age 31. 5' 9". 13 st. 4 lbs. Motor mechanic. Married—two children. Signed from local junior R.L. in December 1948, understudy for Johnny Hunter. Established a new club aggregate goal record last season and then set up a new points record this season. Has now kicked nearly 850 goals and scored more than 1,800 points for Huddersfield. Played for Great Britain and captained Yorkshire.

AIDEN BREEN. Age 25. 6'. 13 st. 9 lbs. Journalist. Single. Cumberland born, has played for his county, signed from Broughton Park R.U. club in Jan., 1958, recently returned to the side after 2 months injury.

GEOFF STOCKS. Age 22. 5' 11". 14 st. 7 lbs. Printer. Single. Won amateur county and international honours while playing in Leeds Junior R.L., had trials with Wakefield T. before joining Huddersfield in August, 1959. Scored a try in his first senior game.

HUDDERSFIELD PEN PICTURES (contd.)

HARRY DEIGHTON. Age 18. 5' 9". 11 st. 4 lbs. Motor mechanic. Single. Was playing with York Imperial under 17 team last season. Made his debut against Hull K.R. at Craven Park last August and was among the try scorers. Moved from stand off after 19 successive games there to centre following the signing of Gwyn Davies.

MIKE WICKS. Age 25. 6'. 12 st. 6 lbs. Salesman. Married. Signed from Torquay R.U. his early R.L. career was marred by a very serious neck injury which kept him out of football shortly after signing in August 1959, until March 1960

LEO BOOTH. Age 22. 5' 11". 12 st. Fitter. Single. Another product of the amateur R.L. game, signed from Flockton August 1960.

GWYN DAVIES. Age 27. 5' 7". 11 st. 2 lbs. Miner. Single. Signed just before the Cup deadline, from Leigh R.L., brother of the Wigan centre Alan Davies.

TOMMY SMALES. Age 26. 5' 6". 11 st. 7 lbs. Mechanization Officer. Married, 1 child. Signed from Featherstone in Dec., 1955, missed the whole of the 1958/59 season with a serious arm injury incurred in the pre-season charity match, very popular choice as Captain of side this season.

TED SLEVIN. Age 35. 5' 9". 14 st. 12 lbs. Machinist. Married, 2 children. His testimonial season, is the mainspring of many Fartown attacking moves. Came from Wigan R.L. in October 1951, has played for Great Britain, England and Lancashire, in addition to more than 500 League games and cup ties.

DON CLOSE. Age 25. 5' 9". 14 st. 12 lbs. Collier. Married, 1 child. Played with Allerton Bywater as a prop before taking over the hooker's role, is making his 64th consecutive appearance with the first team today. Signed in 1957.

KEN NOBLE. Age 26. 6' 1". 15 st. 8 lbs. Machinist. Married, 2 children. Selected for the 1962 Touring Team. Had trials with Halifax and played for Featherstone R. before coming to Fartown in October 1958 on a free transfer. Played for Yorkshire this season and was in the "shadow" team for a Test against New Zealand. Not playing today because of injury.

KEN BOWMAN. Age 25. 5' 11". 15 st. 1 lb. Salesman. Married. Former York junior, won amateur county R.L. honours. Originally a loose forward, he has also played on the wing, but is now a powerful force in the second row. Signed in April, 1955.

DON DEVEREUX. Age 29. 6'. 15 st. 7 lbs. Teacher. Married, 1 child. Gained Welsh International honours with Neath before joining Huddersfield in February, 1958. Was an everpresent this season until a knee injury, received in training, kept him out of the team for the Second Round tie at St. Helens.

MICK CLARK. Age 24. 6' 1". 14 st. 3 lbs. Linesman. Married. Has been at Fartown just over 12 months, previously with Dewsbury. Has played loose forward, but recently stepped into the vacant second row position (following the injury to Don Devereux).

PETER RAMSDEN. Age 28. 5' 8". 14 st. Builder. Married, 2 children. Lance Todd trophy winner at Wembley on his 19th birthday in 1953. Has played in several positions for Huddersfield since he was signed from local junior R.L. in January, 1961. He too is having a testimonial this season.

HUDDERSFIELD R.L.F.C.



By courtesy of the Yorkshire Post
Standing: K. Bowman, M. Clark, G. Davies, K. Noble, L. Booth, P. Ramsden, F. Dyson.
Front row: M. Wicks, R. Haywood, T. Smales (Capt.), H. Deighton, D. K. Close, E. Slevin.

HUDDERSFIELD

Claret and Gold Hooped Jerseys

1. **F. DYSON**
Full Back
2. **A. BREEN**
Right Wing
3. **H. DEIGHTON**
Right Centre
4. **R. HAYWOOD**
Left Centre
5. **M. WICKS**
Left Wing
6. **G. DAVIES**
Out Half
7. **T. SMALES**
Scrum-Half
8. **E. SLEVIN**
Prop Forward
9. **D. K. CLOSE**
Hooker
10. **B. ROWE**
Front Row Forward
11. **M. CLARK**
Second Row Forward
12. **K. D. BOWMAN**
Second Row Forward
14. **P. RAMSDEN**
Loose Forward

Reserves:

L. BOOTH G. STOCKS E. B. STRONG

THE TEAMS

In the event of a draw after eighty minutes' play the Semi-Final Tie will be re-played at Headingley, Leeds, on Wednesday, 18th April, 1962, kick-off 6.30 p.m. Seating tickets at 15/- and 12/6 will be obtainable at the Headingley ground or from the Huddersfield or Hull Kingston Rovers clubs. Charges for admission to other parts of the ground will be North Stand enclosure 5/-, South Stand 4/-, Ground 3/-, Schoolboys and Old Age Pensioners 1/-.

HULL K. R.

White Jerseys with Red Band

1. **C. KELLETT**
Full Back
2. **M. BLACKMORE**
Right Wing
3. **T. MAJOR**
Right Centre
4. **B. BURWELL**
Left Centre
5. **R. HARRIS**
Left Wing
6. **D. ELLIOTT**
Out Half
7. **A. BUNTING**
Scrum-Half
8. **R. COVERDALE**
Prop Forward
9. **A. ACKERLEY**
Hooker
10. **J. G. DRAKE**
Front Row Forward
11. **J. TAYLOR**
Second Row Forward
12. **E. J. BONNER**
Second Row Forward
13. **H. POOLE**
Loose Forward

Reserves:

A. MULLINS A. BURWELL B. TYSON

Referee: D. T. H. DAVIES (Manchester)

Touch Judges: H. Hemingway (Wakefield) & J. Keegan (Dewsbury)

KICK-OFF 3.0 p.m.

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Front row: D. Elliott, B. Burwell, P. Flanagan, H. Poole, C. Kellett, G. Paul, T. Stocks, A. Bunting.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS CLUB HISTORY

Rovers is an appropriate name for the Club, which, in the first twelve years of its existence, had played on seven grounds in West Hull before moving to Craven Street, in Holderness Road, East Hull, and finally to its present home at Craven Park in 1922.

The Club was formed in 1883 as Kingston Amateurs, a name which was changed to Hull Kingston Rovers in season 1885/6. Their nick-name "the Robins" may have arisen because the colour of their jerseys at that time was blue with a red band. No matter what the origin, the name has stuck to the present time.

In 1895 Rovers were playing at the Athletic Grounds, Boulevard, which were leased from the Railway on a short lease. When the Railway decided to sell the ground, the Rovers were unable to raise the money required and they had to vacate it. Their wealthier neighbours, Hull F.C., purchased the Ground and have played there ever since. The Rovers then moved to Craven Street, and later to Craven Park. Over the years the Club has had its financial troubles, and one of the worst of these was in 1939 when they had to sell their ground to a Greyhound Racing Syndicate and continue to play there as tenants instead of owners.

"The Robins" were the only Hull Club to win the Yorkshire Rugby Union Challenge Cup, although this was achieved when most of the Clubs had joined the Northern Union. They joined the Northern Union in 1897, but had to play in the Lancashire Senior Competition before being taken into the First Division.

The Rovers' most successful period was in the 1920s when they won the League Championship twice—in 1923 and 1925—and were runners-up in 1921. They also won the Yorkshire Cup in 1920 and 1929, and the Yorkshire League in 1925 and 1926.

In the pre-World War I days their most famous player was probably "Bunker" Carmichael whose record of 138 goals in season 1910/11 stood until it was surpassed by Ben Gronow of Huddersfield in 1914.

The Rovers have never been short of good loose forwards, and although none of their players have ever toured Australia, two ex-Rovers, Jack Feetham and Derek Turner, have had the honour when playing with Salford and Oldham respectively. John Taylor has however been selected for the coming tour.

"The Robins" have never won the Rugby League Challenge Cup, although they had two unsuccessful appearances in the Final, in 1905 and 1925.

Their current revival stems from the sound pack they have built up and in which Harry Poole and John Taylor are two of the younger men who have contributed a great deal.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS PEN PICTURES

CYRIL KELLETT. Age 24. 5' 8". 12 st. Colliery Haulage Hand. Signed from Willow Park Juniors. Yorkshire Amateur Cup Winners Medal. Signed for Hull K.R. as "Off half" on 29th Sept., 1956. Secured a first team place in 1957/58 and later moved to his present position of Full Back. His goal kicking made him leading scorer in 1958/9 with 268 points. Again in 1959/60 he was leading scorer with 193 points and has kicked over 100 goals this season. Selected for Yorkshire this season.

ROBERT MICHAEL HARRIS. Age 23. 5' 11". 12 st. 7 lbs. Clerk. Did not play Rugby League until Season 1958/9. Joined Hull K.R. from local football on 17th November, 1959. Has played most of his football with the first team, has been a consistent scorer and is at present the leading try scorer.

HULL K.R. PEN PICTURES (contd.)

AM PAUL. Age 26. 5' 7½". 11 st. 3 lbs. Car Salesman. Signed for Hull 16th November, 1958 from Cornwall R.U. Penzance Club. Played 12 times for Cornwall and 4 times for the R.A.F. Made his Rugby League debut against York on Boxing Day and immediately impressed. Headed the tryers in his second season. Unable to play today because of injury.

ACKERLEY. Age 33. 5' 8½". 14 st. 4 lbs. Lorry Driver. A Cumbrian. Signed for Workington from Broughton Moor in 1946. Transferred to Halifax in 1948. Played for Cumberland and Great Britain 1952. Toured Australia 1958. Has played at Wembley on 3 occasions. Holds League Championship, Yorkshire Cup and Yorkshire League medals. Signed for Hull K.R. on New Year's Day 1959.

POOLE. Age 25. 6'. 13 st. 12 lbs. Fitter. Born at Castleford, first played for Lock Jane Juniors, but after Army Service was signed by Hunslet on 1st January, 1956. Played for Yorkshire at Craven Park, Hull on 24th September, 1958, and also played for Yorkshire in 1959 against the Australians at Lancashire. Signed for Hull K.R. 25th January, 1961 at a record fee. Appointed Captain and has led the team to their present high position.

TAYLOR. Age 22. 5' 11". 15 st. Timber loader. Born in Hull, learned his rugby with Charterhouse School. Played with Yorkshire Schoolboys 1953/4. Signed for Hull K.R. from Hull B.O.C.M. on 17th March, 1958, and played his first match on 18th August, 1958. Called up for National Service with Royal Air Force on 7th May, 1959. A broken leg in 1958 caused him to miss football for a year. Selected as reserve for England against France and will tour Australia this summer.

D JAMES DRAKE. Age 29. 5' 9". 15 st. 3 lbs. Building Worker. Born in Kingston, his family moved to York. Signed for Hull 16th August, 1950. Appeared with them at Wembley twice, in three Championship finals and Yorkshire County Cup Finals. Transferred to Hull K.R. Nov. 12th, 1961.

CE MAJOR. Age 19½. Height 5' 10". 13 st. 0 lbs. Apprentice Joiner. Signed for the Craven Park Seniors under 17 team, promoted to the under 19 team, then to the "A" team and played his first senior game against Bradford Northern on 21st November, 1959.

R BUNTING. Age 25. 5' 7". 11 st. 7 lbs. Miner. Born at Featherstone. Signed for Bramley 1956. Transferred to Rovers October 1959 and has been 1st Team duty practically ever since.

COVERDALE. Age 33. 5' 11". 15 st. 4 lbs. Joined Hull R.L.F.C. from Bradford for football on 22nd June, 1951 as a second row forward but soon switched to blind side prop. Played for Britain's first World Cup Side in October and November, 1954. Was transferred to Wakefield in January 1957 and signed for Hull K.R. in December of the same year.

ELLIOTT. Age 22. 5' 7". 10 st. 4 lbs. Ship Repair Labourer. Played for Bradford Boys and Yorkshire Boys whilst at school, and joined Boulevard Juniors signed for Hull K.R. in 1956. Completed his National Service prior to 1957 season and has settled down well as off half.

BURWELL. Age 22. 5' 9". 10 st. 10 lbs. Laboratory Assistant. Signed for Hull K.R. from junior football and this season has settled down well as centre.

J. BONNER. Age 23. 6' 2". 15 st. Physical Training Instructor. Signed for Hull K.R. from Devon Rugby Union, 22nd April, 1961. Was capped by Devon on 12 times. Has settled down well to Rugby League.

TYSON. Age 21. 5' 10". 14 st. 3 lbs. Local Boy. Signed from Craven Park Juniors. Plays 2nd Row when required.

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Photo. by courtesy of the North Western Evening Mail.
Harris and Poole of Hull Kingston close in on Workington winger Pretorius during the third round tie at Workington.



Photo. by courtesy of the North Western Evening Mail.
Kingston's full back Kellett crosses for Rovers first try against Workington Town at Derwent Park.

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Marsden, the Castleford winger moves in to tackle Aiden Breen during the replay on the 28th March last.

BON VOYAGE

In May the British team leaves for Australia. It is most unfortunate that the two recent defeats against France has lowered Britain's prestige because for four years this country has reigned supreme in the Rugby League International sphere. Just look at this record: —

- 1958 Ashes won in Australia.
- 1959 Australia again beaten, this time in England.
- 1960 A clean sweep in the World Cup.
- 1961 Ashes win against New Zealand.

However, handsome wins in the opening games of the tour will restore our somewhat damaged glory and no doubt our twelfth British touring team will acquit itself well.

There is an old adage that a good team always looks smart. If smartness off the field is any criterion then the 1962 Tourists will be world-beaters. They will be handsomely clad in tailor-made blazers and slacks kindly supplied by **Alexandre Tailors** whose branches are to be found throughout England. Underclothes have been supplied by **Lyle and Scott** of Hawick and Brilon pullovers by **Mutual (Filaments Division) Ltd.** of Heywood, Lancashire.

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