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**DEWSBURY**

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## OFFICIAL NOTES

### HUDDERSFIELD v DEWSBURY

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Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

No. 1

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Today we come to the start of another season and give a very hearty welcome to our Yorkshire Cup opponents, Dewsbury. Our supporters have been waiting for weeks for the new season to begin and we hope that their enthusiasm will be rewarded by some very good football from both sides.

The Fartowners are now commencing their efforts to return to First Division football and also their response to the new coach Keith Goulding. Anyone who has taken the trouble to watch the players in training will have already realised that they are now much fitter than they were a year ago. However, the two pre-season practice matches have taught us several things. The first was that the side has taken to the methods and ideas of the new coach but, secondly, that the road to the top of the Second Division is going to be very hard. Despite their good display at Featherstone they found the New Hunslet side a far different proposition than they had expected. Now this brings us back to our opponents this afternoon.

Our visitors from Crown Flatts were a good side last season and must not be treated lightly this afternoon. What the supporters really want to see are more of the passing moves amongst the back division and less of the head down forward moves that have been so much in evidence in recent years. I am sure that that is the intention of the new coach and one must be patient and wait for these moves to develop. Now that the players are all behind him in his methods and ideas there is no reason why Huddersfield should not look forward with confidence to a very good season and, with that bit of luck needed with regard to injuries, a possible promotion once again to the First Division at the end of the season. Let us start today with a great performance that will take us into the next round of the Cup Competition and also bring back many lost supporters with more enthusiasm!

## OBITUARY

DAVE VALENTINE, the former Huddersfield and Great Britain forward died aged forty-nine earlier this month.

"Val," as he was known to everybody at the club, will be sadly missed at Fartown and our sympathies go out to his wife, Effie, and his children, Ian and Ann, on their great loss.

Dave came to Fartown and Rugby League in October, 1947, after a fine Rugby Union career. He had played for Hawick, Scotland, the Barbarians, and the Army, but he quickly made the switch to the professional code.

How quickly he made the change was demonstrated by the fact that within twelve months of signing for Huddersfield he played in Test matches against the Australians.

With Huddersfield he won a R.L. championship medal in 1948-49 and a Challenge Cup winners medal when Fartown beat St. Helens in 1952-53. Also added to this were the Yorkshire Cup medals of 1950-52-57.

When he came to retire from Rugby League in 1958, after ten seasons' continuous service with Huddersfield, he had already clocked up 377 appearances.

But that was not the end of his playing career with Huddersfield. After fighting his way back from a dreadful back injury he made a comeback for the 1960-61 season.

He coached Bramley for a while before taking over as team boss at Huddersfield for five years, from August, 1961 to May, 1966, after which he had just over a year with Batley.

He may have joined other clubs temporarily but his heart was always at Fartown. He was the club's first pools promoter, served on the football committee and was, until his untimely death, a member of the pools committee.

So many Rugby Union players who turn professional sever their connections with the League game when their playing days are over. But Val stayed and he was tremendously respected by everybody.

He will always be remembered most for his leadership in the first World Championship in France in 1954.

He was captain of a British team that was given absolutely no hope and against the odds they won the title. Much of the credit went to Dave Valentine who typically passed it on to his players.

One thing is certain, all at Huddersfield, both in and out of the Rugby world, will never forget Dave Valentine.





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## Kick off to controversy

By Paul Harrison and David Hodgkinson  
of the Rugby League Writers' Association

THE NEW season has hardly reached kick-off time — yet already it's clouded in controversy.

Rugby League's Headache No. 1 — Will Britain play in next year's World Championships, scheduled to be staged in Australia in May and June?

And Headache No. 2 — Will the newly-introduced "differential penalty" withstand the pressures and arguments in this first season of its operation in Britain?

First, the World Championships. Britain's entry is very much in the balance and has been for the six weeks because of Australia's point blank refusal to answer repeated questions over £14,000 owed to Britain from last year's tournament which was split over several months with matches in Australia, New Zealand, France, England and Wales.

Britain's threat to pull out is certainly serious — and you can hardly blame them!

Obviously, twelve months is plenty of time to settle accounts and pay your debts. Over the past six weeks the Aussies have twice stated that details of the tournament finances have been posted to Britain — but, to date, Chapeltown Road officials have heard nothing.

Britain's threatened walk-out puts the whole competition into real danger of collapse. The championships would hardly be worth staging without Britain — the only country (playing as Britain or England) capable of matching the strong Aussies who currently hold the world title.

It will be remembered that only poor showings Down Under let England down in their title chase; in fact, here in Britain, they beat the Australians in the final match — but lost on the league ladder.

Even if the accounts do arrive from Australia now, the Aussies must have lost face for keeping Britain dangling for a whole year. They dispute the £14,000 figure that Britain expects, but have given no sound reason for doing so.

Not the best of preparations for the world's most important Rugby League competition . . .

So to the differential penalty which was introduced for technical offences at the scrum. It was voted in at a meeting in Salford last week, and will be in operation throughout this season.

Basically, the new rule gives a tap penalty for any one of 32 scrum infringements (loose arm, foot up, lowering, twisting, feeding and the rest). In the past a team has had the choice of a kick for goal, a kick for touch or a tap. Now there is no choice, except in the case of offside or fighting at a scrum.

The problem is that it gives players the opportunity to break the scrum laws without the possibility of losing points from a successful goal kick.

You can imagine the new team talks!

Already, the anti-"differential penalty" brigade are blasting forth. But maybe we should simply wait and see . . .

On top of all this controversy we have the usual pre-season pay wranglies; thankfully, most now settled.

But, it's another black mark for the game. We shouldn't be handling our dirty washing in public!

## Supporters' Club Notes

It was with very deep regret that we learned of the death of Dave Valentine. Dave was a Trustee of the Supporters' Club, and for some years was also a member of our Bar Committee. Always ready to lend a hand behind the scenes, or at social functions, Dave was one of our most popular members, and will be very greatly missed by his countless friends at the Club. On behalf of the Supporters' Club Committee and Members we would like to offer his family our very sincere sympathies.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Supporters' Club membership is now due, and we are hoping that the new cards will have arrived from the printers in time for today's match. Please go along to the Club before or after the game and renew your membership. The price is the same as for last season, i.e. Juniors and O.A.P. 5p, ordinary members 50p, including V.A.T.

**COACHES:** If you are interested in joining a party to the match at Blackpool on Honley Feast Sunday please contact Mr. Brian Lockwood in the Club, who will also take names for our week-end Wembley trip.

May we conclude by wishing all Fartown Supporters' a happy and successful season.

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# Batty's bit

By Brian Batty of the "Daily Mail"

The kaleidoscope of events which have tripped across our television screens in recent weeks have tended to blur the memory of last winter's sporting deeds.

Wimbledon was the first world class show to capture the attention while the Test series against West Indies and the British Open Golf championship bridged the gap until the Olympics.

It has certainly been a hot and heady experience for sports fans, including those of Rugby League, since St. Helens helped to send the temperatures soaring at Wembley.

I always find it difficult to approach a new season without casting my mind back to the last one, recalling the highlights and wondering if they will be repeated.

At international level it was England's World championship win over Australia which set the adrenalin pumping fiercely even though it came too late to gain Alex Murphy's men the trophy.

There was an exciting contrast in that popular Players No. 6 Trophy competition as Second Division Hull downed Saints, Leeds and Salford before crashing to Widnes in a drastically contested final.

There were many outstanding League encounters, not all confined to the First Division. I found Rochdale's promotion clinching win at York full of the ingredients of Cup rugby despite the unfortunate first dismissal of Neil Fox after his remarkable record.

Saints have finished many a season in conquering style but with few more convincing Cup and League double successes and it was a tragedy that they failed to maintain their record in Australia and New Zealand.

It was asking a lot to beat a team of Eastern Suburbs power but it was the size of the defeat that proved unpalatable and has placed a large question mark against the possibility of further club trips.

My friend Ian Heads, the top League writer for the Sydney Telegraph, was quite charitable towards Saints in a recent letter.

He suggests the timing of the tour was bad and that Saints should have been out almost as soon as the season had ended in England.

'As it was the five week break was just too long and Saints could not handle a team like Easts in their hard match condition,' he says.

'I just hope that Easts' win will not kill off such games in the future for the idea seems a good one and the crowd, some 27,000, seemed to justify it.'

Some Australian cynics were pretty caustic in their criticism of Saints and made sweeping statements about the poor standard of English club sides but they obviously have forgotten the records of some of the Kangaroo sides on their trips to Knowsley Road and other strongholds.

## FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1976 Northern Rugby Football League

F A

August

22 **DEWSBURY** ... home 3-00 ... ..  
(Esso Y.C., 1st Round)

September

5 **HULL** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
10 Whitehaven ... .. away 7-00 ... ..  
19 **HUYTON** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
26 Blackpool B. ... .. away 3-00 ... ..

October

3 **DONCASTER** ... home 3-00 ... ..  
10 Hull ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
17 **BRAMLEY** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
24 \*Players No. 6, 1st Round  
31 **SWINTON** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..

November

7 \*Players No. 6, 2nd Round  
14 York ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
21 **NEW HUNSLET** home 3-00 ... ..  
28 Swinton ... .. away 3-00 ... ..

December

5 **WHITEHAVEN** .. home 3-00 ... ..  
12 New Hunslet ... .. away 3-30 ... ..  
27 **DEWSBURY** ... home 3-00 ... ..

Northern Rugby Football League

F A

1977

January

2 Halifax ... .. away 3-30 ... ..  
9 **BLACKPOOL B.** ... home 3-00 ... ..  
16 Huyton ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
30 Doncaster ... .. away 3-00 ... ..

February

6 **KEIGHLEY** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
13 \*Challenge Cup, 1st Round  
20 Batley ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
27 \*Challenge Cup, 2nd Round

March

6 Bramley ... .. away 3-30 ... ..  
12 \*Challenge Cup, 3rd Round  
20 **BATLEY** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
26 \*Challenge Cup, 1st semi-final  
27 **YORK** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..

April

2 \*Challenge Cup, 2nd semi-final  
10 **HALIFAX** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
11 Dewsbury ... .. away 3-30 ... ..  
17 Keighley ... .. away 3-00 ... ..

May

7 Challenge Cup Final  
28 Premiership Final

\* ALL PAY

## "A" TEAM FIXTURES

1976 Yorkshire Senior Competition

F A

August

21 Dewsbury ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
28 **KEIGHLEY** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..

September

4 Hull ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
11 **BRADFORD N.** .. home 3-00 ... ..  
18 \*Yorks. Senior Cup Comp., 1st Rd.  
25 **DEWSBURY** ... home 3-00 ... ..

October

9 **HULL** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
16 \*Yorks. Senior Cup Comp., 2nd Rd.  
22 Keighley ... .. away 7-30 ... ..  
30 **CASTLEFORD** ... home 3-00 ... ..

November

6 Bramley ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
13 **YORK** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
20 New Hunslet ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
27 **WAKEFIELD T.** .. home 3-00 ... ..

December

5 Bradford N. ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
11 **NEW HUNSLET** home 3-00 ... ..  
31 Halifax ... .. away 7-30 ... ..

Yorkshire Senior Competition

F A

1977

January

8 Featherstone R. ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
15 **FEATHERSTONE** home 3-00 ... ..  
29 **LEEDS** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..

February

5 Hull K.R. ... .. away 2-30 ... ..  
12 Leeds ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
19 **BATLEY** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
26 Castleford ... .. away 3-00 ... ..

March

5 **BRAMLEY** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
12 **HULL K.R.** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..  
19 Batley ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
26 York ... .. away 3-00 ... ..

April

2 Wakefield T. ... .. away 3-00 ... ..  
9 **HALIFAX** ... .. home 3-00 ... ..

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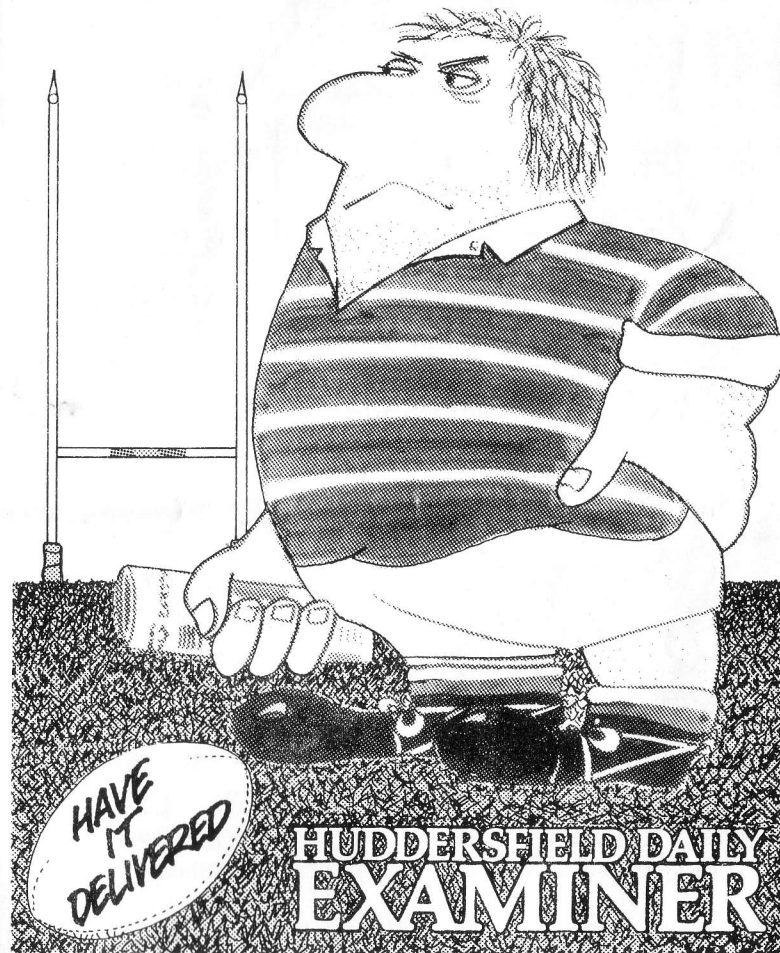
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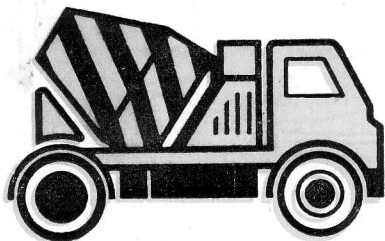
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