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FOREWORD . . .

IT gives me great pleasure to contribute the foreword to this Souvenir Brochure, published to commemorate the occasion of the Huddersfield team reaching the Final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup on April 25th, 1953. Eighteen years have passed since the club last appeared at Wembley, and it has been the great wish of Club Supporters, especially the younger generation, to be able to visit this wonderful ground and cheer their team to victory. It has also been the ambition of all our players to play there, and the attainment of this ambition is but a fitting reward for their determined and oftentimes brilliant play.

Our opponents in the Final—St. Helens—are worthy foes, having a splendid League record this season. The clash of these two great teams should be well worthy of the great crowd that will fill Wembley Stadium.

I would also like to express appreciation to our Supporters for the enthusiastic support and encouragement given to the team in the earlier rounds.

In conclusion, only one team can win the Cup, but you can be sure that the "Fartowners" will endeavour to play the game in keeping with the club's great traditions.

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How They Got There

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Castleford (1st Rd.) home	36-14
Castleford (1st Rd.) away	6- 2
Barrow (2nd Rd.) home ...	21- 7
Bradford N. (3rd Rd.) away	17- 7
Wigan (S.F.) at Odsal ...	7- 0
	87-30

Scorers—Goals: Devery 14, Banks 1. Tries: Cooper 8, Henderson 3, Cracknell 2, Devery 2, Banks 1, Pepperell 1, Ramsden 1, Valentine 1.

ST. HELENS

Oldham (1st Rd.) home ...	20- 4
Oldham (1st Rd.) away ...	5- 5
Belle V.R. (2nd Rd.) home	28- 0
Leigh (3rd Rd.) away	12- 3
Warrington at Swinton ...	9- 3
(S.F.)	74-15

Scorers—Goals: Langfield 16, Tries: Gullick 4, Llewellyn 3, McCormick 2, Prescott 2, Bretherston 1, Greenall 1, Moses 1.

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This Souvenir has been published to commemorate another outstanding achievement by the Fartown team on the Rugby Field, and despite little available time, it has been endeavoured to make it a publication worthy of the club's traditions, revenue from the sale of which will benefit club funds.

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Season - 1952-53

UP TO AND INCLUDING TUESDAY, APRIL 21st

	P	Home			Away			Pts.		Pts.
		W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	
St. Helens	36	15	1	2	17	1	0	769	273	66
Halifax	36	16	1	1	13	1	4	620	309	60
Barrow	35	16	0	2	10	1	6	560	315	53
Bradford N.	34	16	0	1	10	0	7	665	304	52
Huddersfield	34	13	2	1	12	0	6	663	359	52
Leeds	36	14	0	4	10	0	8	690	452	48
Leigh	35	12	0	5	10	2	6	539	364	46
Oldham	35	14	0	4	8	2	7	586	263	46
Whitehaven	36	13	2	3	6	1	11	465	485	41
Salford	35	11	0	7	9	0	8	500	430	40
Wigan	36	11	0	7	8	2	8	673	414	40
Hunslet	36	13	0	5	7	0	11	485	358	40
Warrington	33	10	0	6	9	1	7	632	427	39
Hull	36	11	0	7	6	2	10	461	451	36
Workington	36	10	2	6	6	0	12	453	460	34
Swinton	35	10	0	7	7	0	11	421	387	34
Keighley	36	12	1	5	4	0	14	465	547	33
Wakefield	36	12	0	6	4	0	14	410	595	32
Dewsbury	36	10	1	7	5	0	13	410	440	31
Castleford	35	11	0	7	4	0	13	387	464	30
Batley	36	11	0	7	3	2	13	405	579	30
Rochdale H.	36	8	3	7	5	0	13	443	536	29
Widnes	34	9	1	7	3	1	13	325	470	26
Featherstone ...	35	9	1	7	3	0	15	413	524	25
York	35	9	9	9	1	0	16	356	476	20
Doncaster	36	7	0	11	3	0	15	377	665	20
Belle Vue	36	9	0	9	1	0	17	301	705	20
Hull K.R.	35	7	1	10	2	0	15	355	600	19
Bramley	34	5	0	13	1	6	15	276	794	12
Liverpool C.	35	2	0	15	1	0	16	192	830	6

Yorkshire Challenge Cup Final

November 15th, 1952, at Headingley, Leeds
HUDDERSFIELD 18 v BATLEY 8

Huddersfield were in the running for All Four Cups this season until defeats at Headingley and Odsal cost them their Yorkshire League title during the past week. They are still in running for the R.L. Championship Cup, with a good prospect of finishing in the First Four, provided they win next week's two home matches.

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A Brief History of the Club

THE History of the Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club dates back to November, 1864, when a group of athletes formed the Huddersfield Athletic Club. It was the amalgamation of this body with the St. John's Cricket Club (founded in 1866) that saw the birth of the Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club. The amalgamation took place in 1875.

Athletics and cricket were the principal activities in those far-off days, but it is not our purpose to discuss them here. Our interest lies in a brief resumé of the affairs of the football section, which may have no part in the official name of the club but which certainly plays a very important part in its affairs today.

Rugby Union football was played in the early days of the club, and the team supplied many players to the county sides. The first Rugby football game at Fartown took place in 1878 when Huddersfield played Manchester Rangers. Four years later the semi-final of the F.A. Challenge Cup—between Sheffield Wednesday and Blackburn Rovers—was played on the ground.

The Huddersfield rugby team enjoyed a fairly successful period, but it was not until 1890 that the first trophy was captured. This was the Yorkshire Challenge Cup—"The Owd Tin Pot"—which was won after a memorable game against Wakefield Trinity. The winning of this Cup inspired the catchy little song "Hurrah for the Claret and Gold," written by the late Mr. Robert Field and still sung to this day.

In 1895, when the Northern Union was formed, Huddersfield was the birth-place of the game and the Huddersfield club was one of the founder members. The team did not fare too well in the first few years, and at the end of season 1903-04 they were relegated to the second division. Fortunately for them, the competition was re-organised in 1905 to include all the clubs into one section, so Huddersfield only spent one season in the second division.

From this time onwards, the fortunes of the club turned for the better. The team finished well up the table and the foundations were soon to be laid for the glorious "Team of all the Talents" which carried all before them and took Huddersfield to the pinnacle of fame during the years before the 1914-18 War.

Names that will always be revered and remembered at Fartown began to come into the team. In November, 1906, a fifteen-year-old boy played his first game for Huddersfield at Bramley. That youth, Harold Wagstaff, grew to become one of the greatest players the game has known. He captained his club, his county and his country in countless thrilling games, and was acknowledged as the Prince of Centres.

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Billy Kitchen, who had been signed in 1900, returned from South Africa, and the incomparable Jim Davies came north from Wales. "Clon" Sherwood was signed, and the team was also considerably strengthened by the acquisition of Edgar Wrigley who had toured England with Baskerville's pioneer team of "All Golds" in 1907-08.

Interest in the activities of the team was growing, the crowds were getting bigger and Huddersfield were rapidly approaching the "golden age". Albert Rosenfeld and "Paddy" Walsh joined the club in 1909 along with Douglas Clark, and they were followed by such stalwarts as Tommy Grey, Stanley Moorhouse, J. W. Higson, Ben Gronow, Fred Longstaffe and Johnny Rogers.

The Yorkshire Challenge Cup was won in 1909 and this proved the fore-runner of many other Cup and League triumphs in the next few years. Season 1911-12 saw three of the four major trophies brought to Fartown, only the Northern Union Challenge Cup eluding the grasp of Wagstaff and his men. A year later thefeat had been repeated—three out of the four Cups—the missing one this time being the Yorkshire Challenge Cup.

There were only two trophies won during 1913-14, but this was a prelude to the great All Four Cups feat of 1914-15, a performance which has only been equalled by Hunslet and Swinton. However, the 1913-14 season did see the establishing of two records which have yet to be beaten. In the first round of the N.U. Cup, 119 points were scored against Swinton Park, Rosenfeld claiming 7 tries, and Holland 18 goals and a try. Rosenfeld went on to record a total of 80 tries, a figure which Lionel Cooper so nearly approached last season.

During the All Four Cups year, Huddersfield were immeasurably superior to all their rivals. They scored nearly 1,000 points more than their opponents, the figures being 1,269 for and 288 against. Only two games were lost out of 47 played. The principal try-scorers were Rosenfeld (55), Moorhouse (48), Wagstaff (35), Todd (33), Rogers (30) and Gleeson (29). Ben Gronow did not take over the goal-kicking as a regular job until December, but he finished up with 150 goals to his name.

Had the Great War not stopped competitive football, more and more records would undoubtedly have been set up. Four years is a substantial slice out of a footballer's life, but the Fartown team resumed in 1919 where it had left off in 1915. The Yorkshire Challenge Cup was won in May, and again in November. The end of the 1919-20 season saw three Cups at Fartown again. It might easily have been all four, but the team had to take the field for the League Championship Final without the services of Wagstaff, Clark, Gronow, Rogers and Thomas (away on the Australian Tour) and Moorhouse (injured). Even so, Hull only beat them by 3 points to 2.

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Time took its inevitable toll, however, and the greatness of the side was not to last for long after the War. The brilliant players who had made the name of Huddersfield world-famous gradually dropped out one by one and the replacements could not strike the same consistently high note of form.

Cup successes were few during the middle 'twenties, but careful team planning went on, and the signing of players like Len Bowkett, Ernie Mills, Stanley Brogden, Gwyn Parker and Henry Tiffany ushered in a new period of success. Huddersfield came to the forefront again, carrying off the Rugby League Championship and the Yorkshire League in 1928-29 and in the following season.

A disappointing opening run marked the beginning of the 1932-33 campaign, five of the first seven League matches being lost. But great things were in store. New blood was brought into the side, and the inspiration given by the coming of Ray Markham, Tom Scourfield, Fred Brindle and Les Adams was a great factor in Huddersfield's first visit to Wembley Stadium.

That 1933 Cup Final is now Rugby League history. Huddersfield beat Warrington by 21 points to 17, and many of the people who have been regular visitors to the Wembley Finals still claim that this game was the greatest of them all. Len Bowkett, who had kicked brilliantly throughout the previous Cup rounds, played a captain's part with six superb goals. This was the first Royal Rugby League Cup Final, and at the end of the game Bowkett received the trophy from the hands of the Prince of Wales.

After the excitements of Wembley, 1933-34 proved a quiet season with no honours. But another year saw Huddersfield at the Empire Stadium again, this time in opposition to Castleford in the 1935 Silver Jubilee Cup Final. It was a great shock when Huddersfield, strong favourites for the trophy, were beaten by 11 points to 8. The 1933 scrum halves were again in opposition but this time Les Adams was playing for Castleford, while Dai Davies (formerly with Warrington) was in the Huddersfield side. Alex Fiddes captained the Fartowners, who suffered a great blow a few weeks before the Final when Ernie Mills damaged his knee—an injury which ended his football career.

The next few years found the Fartowners an inconsistent team, capable of brilliant things yet so often failing to realise the hopes of their supporters. They reached the Yorkshire Challenge Cup Final in 1937, only to be beaten by Leeds at Wakefield, but made amends twelve months later when they beat Hull at Odsal in the Yorkshire Cup Final. A feature of this game was the brilliant "hat-trick" of tries by Ray Markham, who was in devastating form.

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The war years—1939 to 1945—saw the club carrying on as best it could with the services of "guest" players, nearly all the regulars being in the Forces. The last war-time season gave Huddersfield another Cup success in the two-legged Final against Bradford Northern. Both games (at Fartown and Odsal) were won, and Jeff Bawden did the lion's share of the scoring with 10 of the 13 points which Huddersfield recorded in the two matches.

The resumption of peace-time football saw the claret and gold among the trophies again as another great team was gradually built up. True to their tradition that nothing but the best was good enough, the Fartown Football Committee went out and bought the best. The post-war story is too fresh in the mind to need detailing here. Suffice it to say that Russ. Pepperell, Lionel Cooper, Johnny Hunter, Pat Devery, Billy Banks, Dave Valentine and the other, more recent, newcomers have proved themselves well worthy of their illustrious predecessors.

And now, what better way can we end the brief history of the club for this Souvenir Cup Brochure than by giving the names of the men who wore claret and gold jerseys in previous Rugby League Cup Finals. We do so in the hope that the deeds of the past will act as an inspiration to the players of the present.

Huddersfield 9, Warrington 5, at Leeds, April 26th, 1913

Holland; Rosenfeld, Gleeson, Wagstaff (capt.), Moorhouse; Davies, Grey; Higson, Lee, Longstaffe, Chilcott, Gronow, Clark. (Moorhouse scored all 3 tries).

Huddersfield 37, St. Helens 3, at Oldham, May 1st, 1915

Holland; Rosenfeld, Gleeson, Wagstaff (capt.), Moorhouse; Ganley, Rogers; Higson, Lee, Longstaffe, H. Banks, Gronow, Clark. (Gronow had 5 goals and a try. The Huddersfield score is still the highest score ever recorded in a Rugby League Challenge Cup Final).

Huddersfield 21, Wigan 10, at Leeds, April 10th, 1920

Holland; Todd, Gleeson, Wagstaff (capt.), Pogson; Habron, Rogers; A Sherwood, Naylor, Fenwick, Swinden, Gronow, Clark.

Huddersfield 21, Warrington 17, at Wembley Stadium, May 6th, 1933

Scourfield; Mills, Brogden, Bowkett (capt.), Markham; Richards, Adams; H Sherwood, Halliday, T Banks, Tiffany, Talbot, Brindle.

Huddersfield 8, Castleford 11, at Wembley Stadium, May 4th, 1935

Scourfield; Mountain, Towill, Fiddes (capt.), Markham; Richards, Dai Davies; H. Sherwood, Watson, Roberts, Tiffany, Fuller, Talbot.

Huddersfield (7) (6) 13, Bradford N. (4) (5) 9, at Fartown and Odsal Stadium, April 28th and May 5th, 1945

Leake; Peake, Fiddes (capt.), Lewis, Bawden; Grahame, A. Pepperell; Bradbury (at Fartown only), Mallinson, Whitehead, Miller, Aspinall (at Odsal only), Baxter, Givvons.



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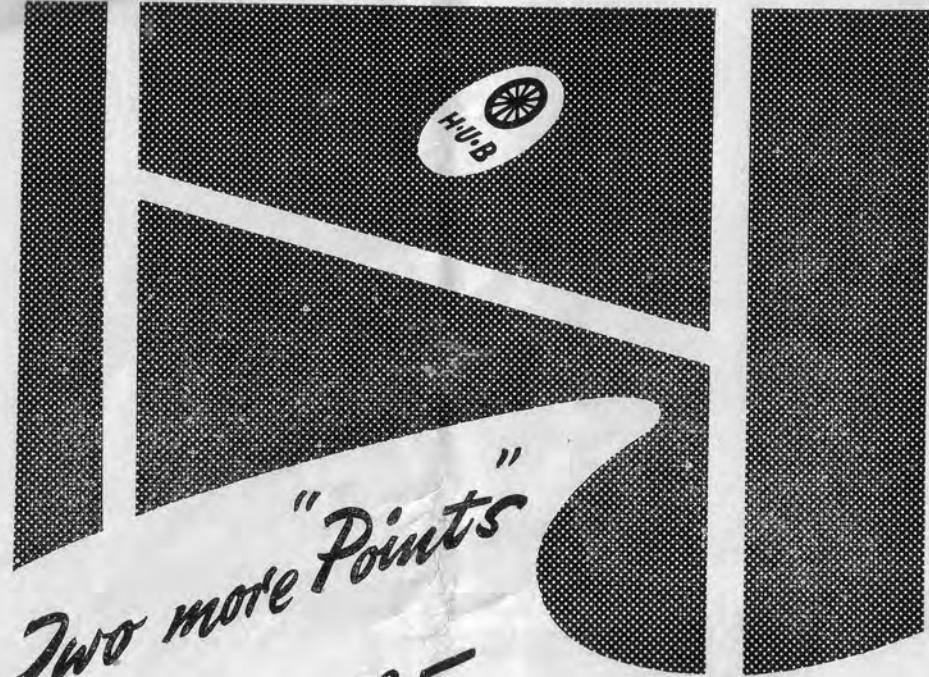
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Before their appearance in the 1953 Coronation Wembley Final, the largest crowd before which a Fartown team had ever played was the 75,195 at Maine Road, Manchester. The game was the 1948-49 League Championship Final, when Huddersfield won by 13 points to 12.

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Old-timers claim most of the club scoring records. Albert Rosenfeld has the most tries in a season (80) and the highest aggregate (388). Ben Gronow leads in goals, with 723, and also in points (1,701).

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The record crowd at Fartown was the 35,136 (receipts £6,339) who watched the Leeds v. Wakefield Trinity Cup Semi-final in 1947. The biggest crowd for a club match was the 32,912 who watched Russell Pepperell's Testimonial game v. Wigan in 1950.

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Lionel Cooper set up a League try-scoring record in November 1951, when he got ten tries in one match. He also kicked two goals.

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Jeff Bawden had a fine all-round feat against Swinton at Fartown in April, 1946. He scored five tries and kicked ten goals, a total of 35 points.

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Although football is the main interest for many Fartown supporters, the bowling and cricket sections have also brought many honours to the club. At one time there was a flourishing athletic section, whose annual Athletic Festival used to be termed the "Ascot of the North." It is a great pity that interest in this branch of Fartown activities has waned.

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Henry Tiffany, who was a prominent member of the Huddersfield team in the 1933 and 1935 Wembley Finals is still connected with the club in his capacity as assistant trainer. "Tiff" was a great second-row forward in his playing days.

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In addition to their many Cup and League honours, Huddersfield teams have won considerable distinction in seven-a-side R.L. football. At one period, under the guidance of Alex Fiddes, they won every competition they entered for.

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A Wembley Final is a great occasion for any player. In the cases of Billy Banks and Peter Henderson it marks a particular milestone. Banks will be playing in his 200th game for the Huddersfield first team and Henderson in his 100th.



Winners of the Rugby League Challenge Cup—Season 1932-33

Presented by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, at Wembley, May 6th, 1933

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**THE ALL FOUR CUPS TEAM
(Season 1914-15)**



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Into the final tie.
And now, at last, the dream's come true,
Our Wembley Day is nigh.
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Along the Wembley trail,
We're out to bring that cup back home
And don't intend to fail.

To play good football, one has found
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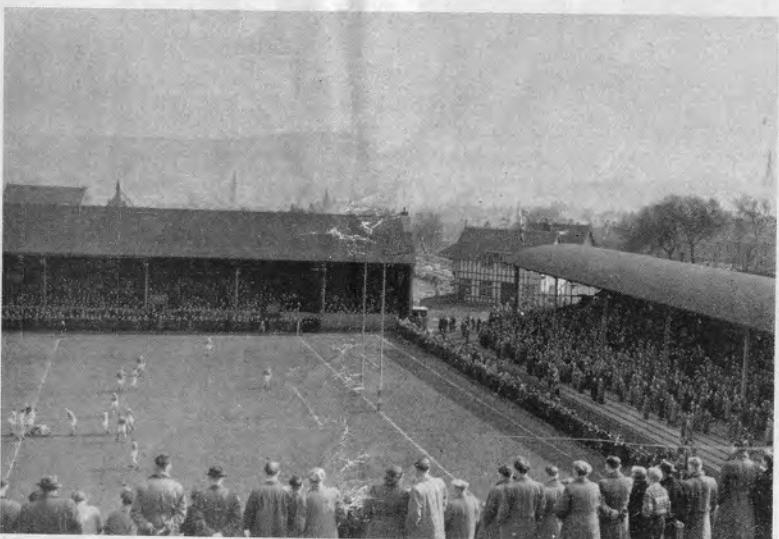
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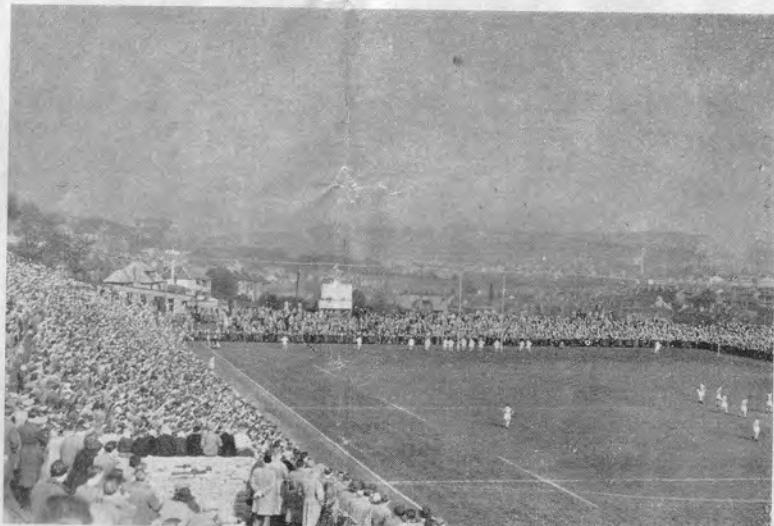
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First Team Playing Records 1952-53

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J. Anderson	1	—	1	W. Griffin	30	1	1
W. M. Banks	42	1	6	B. Heap	1	—	—
P. Bates	6	—	—	P. Henderson	41	—	36
Jeff. Bawden	3	4	—	J. Hunter	33	—	1
Jim Bowden	20	—	—	J. Large	43	—	7
J. Brown	41	—	4	S. Lightfoot	1	—	—
W. D. Cavanagh	3	2	—	G. R. Pepperell	42	1	8
J. N. Cooper	7	—	2	P. Ramsden	30	—	9
L. W. Cooper	36	2	45	R. Rylance	14	3	4
R. Cracknell	18	—	16	E. Slevin	45	—	2
G. Curran	45	—	3	M. Sullivan	7	—	5
P. Devery	42	141	16	D. Valentine	41	—	11
F. Dyson	14	12	3	R. Wood	1	—	—
J. Fairbank	4	—	—				

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J. Bawden—Cumberland.

L. Cooper—Captained Other Nationalities (winners of International Championship) three times.

R. Cracknell—England and Yorkshire.

P. Devery—Other Nationalities (three times).

W. Griffin—Wales.

P. Henderson—Other Nationalities (twice).

J. Hunter—Other Nationalities (twice).

G. R. Pepperell—Cumberland.

E. Slevin—England.

D. Valentine—Second and Third Tests v. Australia (was reserve to travel for the First). Other Nationalities (three times).

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1948-49

Runners-up:

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1949-50

The Yorkshire League Championship Cup

Winners:

1911-12 1912-13 1913-14 1914-15 1919-20

1921-22 1928-29 1929-30 1948-49 1949-50

1951-52

Runners-up:

1922-23 1923-24 1930-31 1931-32 1945-46

1946-47 1947-48

The Yorkshire Challenge Cup

Winners:

1909-10 1911-12 1913-14 1914-15 1919
1919-20 1926-27 1931-32 1938-39 1950-51
1952-53

Runners-up:

1910-11 1925-26 1930-31 1937-38
1942-43 1949-50

The Rugby League Challenge Cup

Winners:

1912-13 1914-15 1919-20 1932-33 1944-45

Runners-up:

1934-35

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John Hunter (full back)

An Australian who joined Huddersfield along with Lionel Cooper in 1947. They played together in the Eastern Suburbs team in the Sydney Competition. Hunter has been a regular choice for the Other Nationalities team and is one of the most spectacular full backs in the game.

Peter Henderson (right wing)

A New Zealander who made seven appearances with the N.Z. "All Blacks" R.U. side before turning professional. Has played in international R.L. football as a stand-off and on the wing. Is second to Cooper in the try-scoring list. Represented New Zealand in Empire Games as a sprinter.

Dick Cracknell (right wing)

Still selected for England although he cannot win a regular place in the Huddersfield side owing to the brilliance of Henderson. Has played in only one cup-tie, scoring two tries. His father was with Leeds, Huddersfield and Swinton.

Russell Pepperell (right centre)

Captain and longest-serving member. Made his debut against Bradford Northern in September, 1939, and has filled every position in the back division. Two brothers who have also played with Huddersfield are Stanley and Albert.

Pat Devery (left centre)

Played Test football for Australia in 1946 before coming to Fartown. The first player to score 300 points this season and is hot on the trail of Ben Gronow's club scoring records.

Lionel Cooper (left wing)

Another Australian who played for his country in the 1946 Tests. At Fartown he has led the try scoring list in each season since his arrival and has totalled well over 300 tries. An automatic choice for Other Nationalities and has captained them this season.

Peter Ramsden (stand-off)

A product of local junior football who played a few first team matches last season before an appendix operation kept him out of the game. Competent judges claim he has a great future before him. Played at centre in the Yorkshire Cup Final but has now settled down as partner to Banks. Playing at Wembley on his 19th birthday.

Billy Banks (scrum-half)

Leeds brought him from South Wales in January, 1946, but allowed him to move to Wakefield Trinity nearly a year later for £500. In August, 1948, was transferred to Huddersfield for £1,850, and is regarded as the best Welsh scrum-half in the game.

Ted Slevin (prop forward)

He and Curran are the only Huddersfield players with experience of Cup football at Wembley, playing with Wigan against Barrow in 1951. Signed in November, 1951, and has played for England.

George Curran (hooker)

Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1946 as a Salford player, but returned to join Wigan. Went to Fartown in December, 1951, and has played a large part in the success of the pack.

Jim Bowden (prop forward)

Won Yorkshire Rugby Union schoolboy honours while at Giggleswick School, and played for his county in Rugby League football as a centre. Huddersfield have switched him to the pack, where he is following in the footsteps of his father (a Bramley forward).

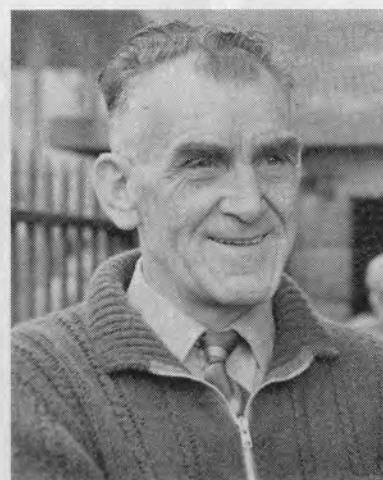
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Bill Griffin (prop forward)

Joined Huddersfield in August, 1951, from Abertillery, where, in his last season in the amateur code, he was the club's leading goal and try-scorer. Made his debut for Wales against France.

Jack Brown (second row)

Graduating from Pendlebury Juniors, he signed with his brothers for Salford. During the war "guested" with Oldham, Batley and Wakefield Trinity. Left Salford for Fartown in November, 1951.

Jack Large (second row)

The third Wigan player in Huddersfield's pack, he moved last close season. Fartown's officials wanted him after watching Wigan beat Bradford Northern in the championship final last season.

Dave Valentine (loose forward)

The only Scot in the side, he was playing for Hawick Rugby Union club when Huddersfield signed him. Won Test and international honours, and recently became an all-in wrestler.

Bill Smith (trainer)

Came to Fartown in July, 1951, from York, where he had been trainer-coach. Was a stand-off half with Batley and Bradford Northern during his playing days and first took up the trainer's sponge at Headingley in 1935. During his stay with Leeds, the club won nine trophies.

This season Fartown's side has been
Among the best that we have seen,
And now their open style of play
Has earned a trip down Wembley way.

John Hanter plays at number one,
For years now he's been looked upon
As a spectacular full back
Who shows up best in the attack.

"Pete" Henderson plays on the wing.
This Kiwi's an elusive thing;
He tackles well, is very fast,
And few can catch him once he's passed.

"Russ" Pepperell's captain of the side.
His knowledge of the game is wide.
Since he became the player-coach,
His play has been beyond reproach.

Pat Devery is number four,
His goals are vital to the score;
I'm sure that I can safely say
No better centre plays today.

Left winger Cooper's quite well known.
His powers every team will own.
He's quite a one for scoring tries,
In him their biggest danger lies.

Peter Ramsden's number six,
Though only young, He's full of tricks;
When on defence he stands his ground,
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PEN PICTURES

Glyn Moses (full back)

Followed his brother Dai to Salford in 1948, but last season returned to Wales, playing odd games with Cardiff. Came North again this season to St. Helens.

Stewart Llewellyn (right wing)

Another Welshman. St. Helens went to watch a forward and a centre at Abertillery, but were shrewd enough to sign Llewellyn instead. An international.

Douglas Greenall (right centre)

Local product, he captains the side and is a regular member of the Great Britain and England teams.

Don Gullick (left centre)

Played for Pontypool and Monmouthshire before coming North. A school teacher, he has played for Wales.

Stan McCormick (left wing)

Native of Oldham, he played for his county and country while with Belle Vue Rangers.

Jim Honey (outside-half)

One of two brothers on the staff. Both are products of local football.

George Langfield (scrum-half)

Only Yorkshireman in the side, he played for Castleford before moving to St. Helens just over a year ago.

Alan Prescott (prop forward)

Since leaving Halifax, where he played at loose forward, he has won Lancashire, England and Great Britain "caps" as a front row man.

Reg Blakemore (hooker)

Was hooker for Wales and Newport when he signed professional forms in August, 1947, but has not represented his country in the R.L. code.

George Parr (prop forward)

Played junior football with Greenall before the war. Has filled every position in the pack.

George Parsons (second row)

Welsh international in both codes, he signed in January, 1948.

Bill Bretherton (second row)

Fourth season with the club, played for England and Lancashire as an amateur.

Ray Cale (loose forward)

The sixth Welshman in the side, he comes from Pontypool. Has represented Wales.

Jim Sullivan (trainer-coach)

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