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The 1907 Touring Team

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# THE FIRST

# TOURING TEAM

# HUDDERSFIELD V NEW ZEALAND

The 1907 New Zealand touring side who beat Fartown 19-8.

In 1907 arrangements were finalised to bring a team from New Zealand to tour the northern clubs. Their arrival in England caused great excitement and a challenge for all the clubs involved.

The tour opened at Bramley on October 9th, with a 23-6 victory for the tourists. Their second game was at Fartown and on Saturday October 12th, Huddersfield played their first ever touring side.

In spite of the increased admission price there was a crowd of around 10,000 when Wright, the New Zealand captain, led his men on to the field to the sounds of "Auld Lang Syne", which was followed by the famous Maori war cry. Unfortunately this was lost amid the amazement and laughter of the English crowd.

The Reverend Frank Chambers kicked off and straight away Huddersfield threw themselves into the game. The Fartowners got possession in nearly every scrummage, leaving "The Blacks", pretty well inside their own "25". In the first half Huddersfield played downhill, and had the assistance of the strong wind which blew over the ground.

At the interval, Huddersfield led by one goal and two tries to New Zealand's one try, but in the second half with both the wind and slope against them, the Fartowners were in for a hard time.

The forwards struck gloriously for the Claret and Golds and for a time the tourists seemed unable to break down the defence. With only ten

minutes remaining, Huddersfield led by two points, but then the tourists scored to take the lead.

Byrne scored again for New Zealand, and Wrigley followed with a penalty goal, whilst Todd finished the game off with another try for the touring team.

The tour of the northern clubs was proving successful with the colonial side as they followed their win over Bramley with a 19-8 victory over the Huddersfield team, who would have been disappointed with the result, but not with the effort of their players and the fight they put up against the club's first touring side.

1909	Feb 20th	- Huddersfield beat Australia	5-3
1911	Dec 2nd	- Huddersfield beat Australia	21-7
1921	Nov 19th	- Australia beat Huddersfield	36-2
1929	Oct 9th	- Australia beat Huddersfield	18-8
1933	Nov 18th	- Australia beat Huddersfield	13-5
1937	Nov 20th	- Huddersfield beat Australia	17-7
1948	Sept 18th	- Huddersfield beat Australia	22-3
1952	Nov 1st	- Australia beat Huddersfield	27-9
1956	Nov	- Australia beat Huddersfield	20-10
1959	Dec	- Australia beat Huddersfield	21-7
1907	Oct 12th	- New Zealand beat Huddersfield	19-8
1926	Nov 6th	- Huddersfield beat New Zealand	12-10
1947	Nov 22nd	- Huddersfield beat New Zealand	12-7
1951	Oct 10th	- New Zealand beat Huddersfield	34-12
1955	Oct 22nd	- Huddersfield beat New Zealand	25-16