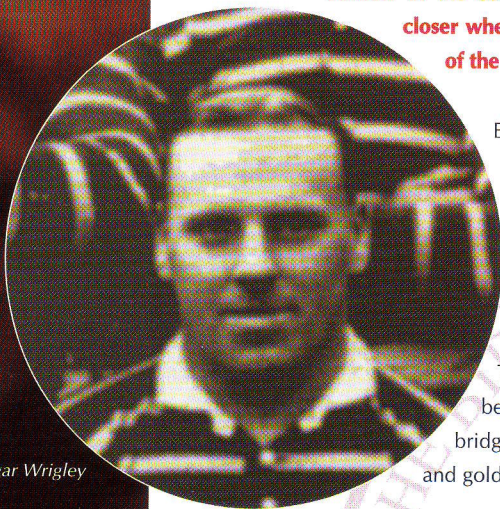


THE FIRST OVERSEAS SIGNING

The first overseas signing was Arthur Larard from South Africa. He was actually born in Hull in 1871 and went out to the Cape when he was 17 years old. He represented South Africa at Half-Back and scored their first ever try against England. His first game for Fartown was against Salford at home on September 29th 1901, playing at scrum-half in an 11-3 defeat. Larard played in 94 first team games in four seasons and apart from his debut, played all his other games at centre. He scored 12 tries and kicked 6 goals and was captain in his final season.

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The relationship between Huddersfield and New Zealand was a tremendous one following the success of the colonials first tour to England in 1907. The bond became even closer when on September 5th 1908 the Claret and Gold club signed one of the touring players.



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Edgar Wrigley, who had played in 32 of the 35 1907 tour matches, proved an enormous asset to Huddersfield. The president Mr C. Sykes, on obtaining the newcomer's signature, remarked that he would "considerably strengthen the Huddersfield team" - and that he certainly did, and in doing so proved himself as the first overseas player.

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Wrigley's first game for Fartown was at Rochdale Hornets on September 19th 1909, when he scored a brilliant try. In his first season he finished with an impressive 27 tries and 31 goals.

Wrigley was a member of the Huddersfield team which won the 1909 and 1911 Yorkshire Cup, but due to blood poisoning in his leg he was unable to play in the team which secured the 1911-1912 League Championship.

Eventually Wrigley had the cartilage in his right knee removed, and after he had recovered he refused to return in the reserve team. As a result, trouble brewed up between Wrigley and the Huddersfield officials, and when Hunslet offered him a £500 fee in 1914, he left the Fartown club behind.

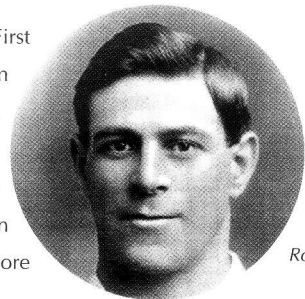
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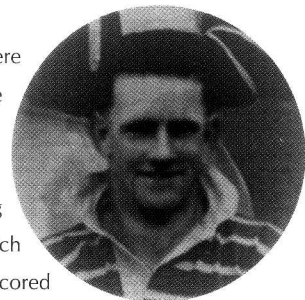
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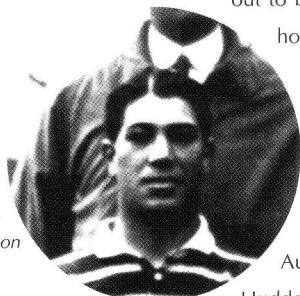


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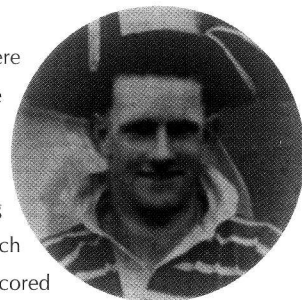
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The players listed in the eighties were the ones which stayed the shortest time, until Wally Gibson and Greg Shuttleworth arrived in 1989. Wally became a huge favourite at Fartown and is now successfully playing for Oldham. Ken Kerr, Brad Davies, Jason Lawrence, and Dave King have also proved to be very popular.

Since Peter Subritzky, who made his debut alongside Gibson and Shuttleworth, Fartown have welcomed seventeen overseas players in five years. Included for the first time at Fartown were two young Frenchmen, Laurent Lucchese and Pierre Jammes. Lucchese stayed and became very popular before leaving for Sheffield Eagles but James unfortunately was recalled home after just two games.

We now have another record holder on the books, Greg Austin last season equalled the Rugby League try scoring record for a centre with 52 tries. Along with Dean Hanger, Dave King, Greg Pearce and Darryl Shelford, Fartown are once again housing quality overseas players to bring success back to HUDDERSFIELD.

COLONIAL SIGNINGS

NAME	COUNTRY	SIGNED	POS	DEBUT	DATE
Edgar Wrigley	NZ	5/9/08	Centre	Rochdale	19/9/08
Albert A Rosenfeld	AUS	2/1/09	Wing	Bramley	4/9/09
Paddy Walsh	AUS	2/1/09	FWD	Bramley	4/9/09
William M Trevarthen	NZ	Sept/09	FWD	Broughton	11/9/09
Con A Byrne	NZ	Sept/10	FWD	Halifax	8/10/10
Thomas P Gleeson	AUS	9/11/12	C/Wing	Dewsbury	23/11/12
OVERSEAS BAN 11/2/13 - 9/6/27					
Ernest Mills	AUS	9/6/27	Wing	Castleford	27/8/27
Sidney Harris	AUS	28/10/27	Centre	H.K.R.	12/11/27
Albert Carr	AUS	28/10/27	FWD	H.K.R.	12/11/27
Ray Markham	AUS	Jan /33	Wing	Leeds	7/1/33
Ron Bailey	AUS	Dec/37	Centre	Halifax	25/12/37
Tommy Grahame	AUS	Dec/37	S/O	Halifax	25/12/37
OVERSEAS BAN 1937 - 1946					
Lionel Cooper	AUS	Feb/47	Wing	H.K.R.	15/3/47
Johnny Hunter	AUS	Feb/47	F/B	H.K.R.	15/3/47
Patrick Devery	AUS	Sept/47	Centre	Work'ton	4/10/47
Ian Clarke	S.A.	Sept/47	Centre	York	20/3/48
Ken Morrison	S.A.	Feb/48	FWD	Bfd. N	27/9/48
Peter Henderson	N.Z.	Sept/50	Wing	Bramley	7/10/50

Kevin brasch	AUS	Oct/57	Centre	F'stone	9/11/57
Athol Brown	Rhod	July/58	Wing	Warrington	16/8/58
Barry McColl	AUS	5/3/60	FWD	Widnes	3/5/61
Johannes De Klerk	S.A.	July61	Wing	Liverpool	17/2/62
Joe Saukurn	Fiji	1/6/64	FWD	W'haven	22/8/64
Tom Naidole	Fiji	1/6/62	Wing/Centre	W'haven	22/8/64
John Ravitale	Fiji	1/6/62	FWD	W'haven	22/8/64
Tom Waqabaca	Fiji	20/12/64	Wing/Centre	Rochdale	23/1/65
Bob Hagan	AUS	31/12/64	Centre	Salford	9/1/65
John Andrew	AUS	15/10/65	F/B	Hunslet	1/1/66
Les Edmonds	AUS	18/2/67	FWD	Oldham	11/3/67
Fred McGregor	N.Z.	20/10/67	S.H.	None*	
Lynsday E Bone	N.Z.	11/8/69	-	None*	
Wayne Bennett	AUS	Sept/72	Centre	Warrington	30/9/72
Greg Veivers	AUS	Sept/72	FWD	Keighley	7/10/72
Dave McManus	AUS	1977	-	None*	
Michael Punter	N.Z.	2/5/79	S.H.	Bradford N	8/5/79
Andrew G Wilson	N.Z.	1982	-	None*	
Greg Gerrard	AUS	Feb/84	FWD	Huyton	26/2/84
Kuku Benioni	N.Z.	Dec/85	FWD	Doncaster	15/12/85
Jeff Ashe	AUS	Oct/86	FWD	Batley	26/10/86
Kenny O'Brien	N.Z.	Nov/86	S.H.	Sheff Eagles	20/11/86
Tisi Finekifolau	AUS	Jan/87	FWD	Swinton	1/1/87
Damian Keniffe	AUS	Jan/87	S.O.	Swinton	1/1/87
Scott Hamilton	AUS	Dec/87	S.O.	Mansfield	13/12/87
Nick Webster	AUS	Oct/88	FWD	Workington	9/10/88
Brad Parker	AUS	Oct/88	FWD	Workington	9/10/88
Wally Gibson	AUS	Aug/89	F.B.	Whitehaven	3/9/89
Greg Shuttleworth	AUS	Aug/89	S.H.	Whitehaven	3/9/89
Peter Subritzky	N.Z.	Aug/89	FWD	Whitehaven	3/9/89
Russell Stewart	N.Z.	Oct/90	FWD	Leigh	14/10/90
Stuart Walker	AUS	Jan/91	FWD	Chorley	6/1/91
Jason Gilbert	N.Z.	Oct/91	S.O.	Batley	20/10/91
Arnold Lomax	N.Z.	Oct/91	FWD	Trafford B	28/10/91
Tony Mitchell	N.Z.	Sept/92	FWD	Oldham	20/2/92
Warren Yates	AUS	Sept/92	Centre	Oldham	20/2/92
Jason Laurence	AUS	Oct/92	F.B.	Swinton	4/10/92
Rion Pearce	AUS	Oct/92	FWD	Swinton	4/10/92
Brad Davies	AUS	Oct/92	S.O.	Swinton	4/10/92
Ken Kerr	AUS	Nov/92	Centre	Bramley	15/11/92
Laurent Lucchese	FR	Aug/93	F.B.	Workington	29/8/93
Dave King	AUS	Aug/93	FWD	Workington	29/8/93
Pierre Jammes	FR	Aug/93	Wing	Workington	29/8/93
Greg Pearce	AUS	Sept/93	FWD	Barrow	26/9/93
Greg Austin	AUS	July/94	Centre	Batley	21/8/94
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