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FOREWORD

Twenty-five years ago I had the pleasure of helping to compile a Brochure published by the Supporters' Club, covering its history from the formation in 1921 to 1946. It now gives me equal pleasure to write this Foreword to this new publication marking the attainment of the Club's Golden Jubilee Anniversary.

I think that readers will find much to interest them in this Brochure covering the Club's activities during the past 50 years, memories will be stirred and, I hope, interest in Fartown affairs re-kindled.

A Golden Jubilee is not the final chapter, it is just a milestone in our history; a time to look back with pleasure upon our past efforts, also a time to make a critical appraisal of any omissions or deviations from the high ideals set as our target when the Club was first formed.

It is also the time to look to the future, for the Supporters' Club and our Parent Club to redouble their efforts to restore the "Claret and Gold" to its former glory. With the help of the sporting public of Huddersfield this can be achieved.

WILFRED STOKER,

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1936	H. Littlewood	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
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1940	W. Noble	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1941	G. Hirst	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1942	G. Hirst	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1943	E. Clayton	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1944	E. Clayton	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1945	E. Starkey	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1946	E. Starkey	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1947	E. Starkey	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1948	C. E. Ellis	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1949	C. E. Ellis	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1950	J. A. Brook	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1951	J. A. Brook	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
1952	G. Baker	E. Starkey	W. Stoker
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ITS FORMATION

Twenty-five years ago, to be exact on June 6th, 1921, about 50 members of the H.C. and A.C. met in the St. John's Schoolroom, Hillhouse, to decide whether or no, in their opinion, the interests of the Club could be advanced by the formation of a Supporters' Club. The meeting had been convened as the result of previous "feelers" thrown out by a few ardent H.C. and A.C. members who then decided to place their views before a larger body of members.

At the meeting in the St. John's Schoolroom the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That, in the opinion of this meeting, composed of members of the H.C. and A.C., the time is now opportune for the formation of a Supporters' Club with the object of securing and supporting suitable members to serve on the various Committees and Sub-Committees of the premier Club and also to use its influence in the general interests of the H.C. and A.C." Mr. Herbert Hardy, who read out the resolution and also gave to the meeting several reasons which had prompted the idea of the formation of a Supporters' Club was elected Chairman, pro tem, along with Mr. F. B. Hoyle (Secretary). The following gentlemen were elected as a Committee pro tem: Messrs. Goodwin, F. Brown, H. Lovell, C. H. Taylor and T. McCrea.

The Secretary was requested to send in to the "Huddersfield Examiner" a report of the meeting. It was decided that the Committee try and secure suitable accommodation in the town in order that a further and larger meeting could be held at as early a date as possible and to advertise such meeting in the stop press "Examiner" when arrangements had been completed.

A collection towards defraying the charge for the use of the St. John's Schoolroom realised £1 11s. 8d. Thus was the first Supporters' Club for followers of N.U. football conceived.

On June 10th, 1921, a further General Meeting of members of the H.C. and A.C. was held in the Friendly and Trades Hall, Northumberland Street, when there would be about 200 persons present.

Mr. Herbert Hardy occupied the chair and was supported by the other Officers and Committee elected pro tem at the previous meeting earlier referred to. The minutes of this latter meeting were read and the Chairman then asked for confirmation of same, particularly in regard to the resolution re the formation of a Supporters' Club.

A proposer and seconder were forthcoming and the minutes were carried unanimously.

The election of officers resulted in the following gentlemen being appointed:—

Chairman: Mr. H. Hardy.

Secretary: Mr. F. B. Hoyle.

Treasurer: Mr. C. H. Taylor.

Committee (12 decided to be the number):

Messrs. H. Barrett, W. Armitage, E. Starkey, H. Abbey, R. W. Kettlewell, T. McCrea, F. Brown, J. Senior, J. Calvert, T. K. Whittle, Buckley and R. Hartley. 5 to form a quorum.

The Chairman invited members to hand up or forward to the Secretary the name of any gentleman thought to be a suitable candidate for nomination for the Supporters' Club for the General Committee at Fartown. The Supporters' Committee would then give these recommendations — if any — their consideration at the next meeting and would place before the members the result of their findings. In the event of there being no nominations from the general body of Supporters' Club members, the Committee would then recommend their own nominations to the next general meeting and ask for support to carry such nominations through at the Annual Meeting of the H.C. and A.C.

It was resolved that "a report of this meeting be forwarded to the Secretary of the H.C. and A.C. in order that same be placed before the General Committee."

It was further resolved that application be made at the same time for official recognition by the H.C. and A.C. of the newly formed Supporters' Club.

As the result of a canvas for members, at the close of the meeting 150 people had joined the Supporters' Club.

The first Committee meeting was held in the Y.W.C.A. rooms, New North Road, on Friday, June 17th, 1921. The first business was the drawing up of rules and the following were agreed upon:—

- 1—The name of the Club to be "The H.C. and A.C. Supporters' Club."
- 2—The objects of the Club are to secure and support suitable members to serve on the various Committees of the H.C. and A.C. and also to use its influence in the general interest of the premier club.
- 3—All members of the H.C. and A.C. to be eligible for Supporters' Club membership.
- 4—The minimum Annual Subscription shall be 1s. per member.
- 5—The Club shall be governed by the following officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of 12 (5 to form a quorum), all to be elected annually.

6—Any member or members of the Supporters' Club securing election on any Committee of the H.C. and A.C. shall not, by reason of such election, cease to be a member or to hold any office in the Supporters' Club.

7—The Annual Meeting may be held in the month of May or June.

8—Seven days' notice, in writing, shall be given to the Secretary for nominations for the Supporters' Club Committee.

9—The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy arising on the Committee during any year of office and to deal with any other matter not provided for in these rules.

The following gentlemen were nominated by the Committee as candidates for the General Committee of the H.C. and A.C.: Messrs. S. Abbey, H. Hardy, R. J. Goodwin, P. Hardy, P. Eastwood, F. Settle and E. Starkey.

No nominations had been forthcoming from the general body of members.

An amendment that the list of candidates be reduced to 5 was carried and as a result the names of Mr. F. R. Settle and P. Eastwood were deleted from the original list of 7 names.

It was unanimously decided to support the candidature of Messrs. S. Abbey and A. B. Canby, respectively, for the Football Committee of the H.C. and A.C.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

A letter was read from the Secretary of the H.C. and A.C. in which the newly formed Supporters' Club was given official recognition with best wishes for the success of its work on behalf of the Fartown Club.

The question was raised as to whether the policy of the Supporters' Club was to nominate and vote for candidates drawn only from the ranks of the Supporters' Club. After discussion it was agreed that a broader attitude be adopted and that any gentleman deemed suitable, would be supported, even though such a candidate was not a member of the H.C. and A.C. Supporters' Club.

AN APPEAL

In response to a letter from Mr. H. G. Roebuck, Secretary of the Huddersfield and District Junior Rugby League, it was decided that the Supporters' Club take an active interest (as suggested) in supervising local Junior Clubs where such assistance could be of service.

At a later meeting the proposed rules of the Supporters' Club were approved and arrangements were made for issuing cards of membership containing list of rules.

SUCCESS AT THE POLLS

On July 8th, 1921, the H.C. and A.C.'s Annual Meeting was held in the Parochial Hall. Supporters' Club members attended in good numbers and in the voting for seats on the General Committee all 5 candidates nominated by the Supporters' Club were elected. Mr. F. R. Settle also was successful. In addition, Messrs. S. Abbey and A. B. Canby were elected on the Football Sub-Committee.

The great success of the Supporters' Club gives an indication of its early strength and the popularity of its objects. At the same time opposition was openly shown in some quarters. This feeling was largely due to a misplaced fear that the Supporters' Club was intent upon interference with the management of the H.C. and A.C.

Another expression of opinion, heard in some quarters and voiced in a section of the Press, was that a Club of the standing of the H.C. and A.C. did not need any "outside" assistance and that the various Sub-Committees and the General Committee itself were quite capable and large enough in numbers to carry on the work of the Club. In the passing of the years no one, surely, after reading this history of the Supporters' Club with its ceaseless round of activities and money-raising efforts on behalf of the H.C. and A.C. will deny that the Supporters' Club has justified its existence over and over again.

Later pages will reveal the variety of the work done, all voluntary, and the total amount of money raised and handed over to the premier club from 1921 to 1946.

The opponents of the Supporters' Club in the early stages of its development appeared to read into the first part of Rule 2 something that constituted a threat to the management of the H.C. and A.C., but they omitted to realise the great possibilities of the latter part of the same rule — "to use its influence in the general interests of the premier club" — these few words cover the principles and objectives of all true supporters' clubs — service to the club and its followers. At a later stage in the development of the club it was decided to alter Rule 2 to read — "The object of the Club is to use its influence in the general interests of the H.C. and A.C., to secure and support suitable members to serve on the various Committees and Sub-Committees of the H.C. and A.C." In the ranks of football club followers there is always a hard core of enthusiastic and willing men whose combined talents and abilities can be of great service to the club if properly harnessed and organised in working a supporters' club. Many of the men now serving on the General Committee of the H.C. and A.C. served their apprenticeship with the Supporters' Club, their sincerity and willingness to serve being tested to the full by Supporters' Club work.

SMALL BEGINNINGS

One little "pointer" towards the Club's all round interest in Fartown affairs was forthcoming in the summer of 1921 when it was decided to defray the cost of a stop press "Examiner" advert. for the 2nd round Sykes Cup cricket match at Fartown.

Supporters' Club interest was also centred around the increasing of public interest in the "claret and gold reserves," or as it was called in those days "2nd team" football.

A welcome letter came from Mr. Harry Lodge enclosing a subscription to the Supporters' Club and accepting an invitation to address the members at a coming general meeting to be held in the Northumberland Street P.M. Schoolroom. Messrs. S. Abbey and A. B. Canby, from the Football Sub-Committee, also promised to attend. Continued interest in the Supporters' Club was shown in the attendance of 130 members at its next General Meeting.

The following recommendation was approved and forwarded in due course to the General Committee at Fartown for their consideration:-

"That a small Sub-Committee be appointed to manage the football 2nd team;

"That when players not required for 1st team duty and fit to play they be included in the 2nd team, thereby increasing interest in the 2nd team."

Representatives from the Huddersfield and District Rugby League referred to the difficulty of securing suitable grounds. If this serious obstacle could be overcome many new clubs would take up the game. They further stated that members of the Supporters' Club would be gladly welcomed at Committee meetings of a junior club in their own district and if agreeable to serve would be co-opted on such a Committee.

Messrs. S. Abbey, A. B. Canby and H. Lodge in turn addressed the meeting. The two members of the Football Committee stated they were in full sympathy with the recommendations earlier referred to and would do everything possible to field a strong 2nd team which, in the coming season, would take part in the newly formed Yorkshire Senior Competition.

CRICKET AFFAIRS

The question as to the desirability of a recommendation being sent to the H.C. and A.C. calling for an effort to enter a higher cricket league before next cricket season was discussed from many points and the matter was deferred. Mr. Canby, answering questions relative to the known official objection to collections being made at Fartown for good cricket performances during a match, stated that talent money had been increased to meet this difficulty. He, personally, had no objections to collections at Fartown, and the matter could be brought before the General Committee for their consideration.

Tickets for the cricket professional's (A. Mortimer) benefit met with a good sale at the close of the meeting. The membership of the Supporters' Club had now reached the 260 mark.

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In regard to collections for players in the cricket section, it was later known that several of the Huddersfield 1st teamers had taken the matter into their own hands and made a collection from the spectators in a recent match at Fartown for a home player who had scored 50 runs in that game. This matter had since come before the General Committee of the H.C. and A.C. and while they would have preferred the players to have first obtained the Club's sanction—which would probably have been granted—they (the General Committee) were willing to fall into line with a custom apparently in vogue throughout the Huddersfield and District Cricket League. In future, therefore, no restriction would be placed upon either 1st or 2nd team in making collections at Fartown.

FOOTBALL — 2nd TEAM

The next meeting of the Club was held on August 16th, 1921, in the Press Box in the Football Stand at Fartown.

It was decided that a formal application be made to the H.C. and A.C. General Committee for the Supporters' Club to be granted the privilege of holding its meetings in future in a room in the Pavilion. It was announced that, as the result of the recent Supporters' Club recommendation, the Football Committee had deputed Messrs. R. J. Goodwin, P. Hardy and F. R. Settle to the management of the 2nd team. In readiness for the first match in the Y.S. Competition, v. Wakefield, at Fartown, the following ways of popularising the fixture were suggested:-

- 1—That Mr. G. H. Hirst (Y.C.C.) be invited to kick-off.
- 2—That 1,000 admission tickets be printed for sale by members of the Supporters' Club.
- 3—That team sheets be printed and circulated in shop windows in the town and district (this team sheet idea was later adopted for all cricket and football matches, these being typed and distributed by the Supporters' Club for many years until the demand was so great that it became necessary to have them printed and the work was undertaken by the H.C. and A.C.)

That a blackboard advertisement of the football match, v. Wakefield, be shown at the Sykes Cup cricket final at Fartown.

It was decided to make a recommendation to the H.C. and A.C. General Committee that season tickets for the "terrace side" be more widely offered for sale.

A request for a deputation from the Supporters' Club to visit the newly formed junior clubs, i.e., Central Lads, Meltham Scouts and Friendly and Trades respectively, was agreed to and arrangements made.

These visits were duly fulfilled and later Mr. Roebuck thanked the members for what they had already done. He stated that the prospects for the Junior League for the coming season were brighter than for some years past.

Mr. Herbert Smith referred to complaints of the bad condition of the approach to the terrace side of the football field and hoped something could be done to remedy this matter. He also suggested the Supporters' Committee should approach the General Committee on the question of securing entrance to the football ground by way of Poplar Street.

The announcement that Mr. Harold Wagstaff had kindly consented to give his popular lecture on "The last Rugby League Football Tour in Australia" was greatly welcomed. It was decided that Mr. Gwyn Thomas be invited to take the chair.

HEADQUARTERS — FARTOWN!!!

On September 16th, 1921, the Supporters' Club held a meeting, for the first time since its inception, in the Fartown Pavilion.

On behalf of the General Committee of the H.C. and A.C., Mr. W. H. Hirst (Secretary), replying to a request from the Supporters' Club, stated a room for Supporters' Club meetings would be available from now onward.

This practical encouragement from Headquarters was received with great satisfaction and warmly acknowledged in due course.

CLUB BADGES

There was a big demand for the Supporters' Club "claret and gold" coloured metal buttons, suitably inscribed. These were sold at 1s. each to members of the Supporters' Club only.

Representatives from the H.C. and A.C. Football Committee were present and assured the meeting that they and their colleagues would do everything possible to secure new players of promise for the 1st and 2nd teams. Although, as yet, no outstanding "captures" could be announced for the 1st team, there would be no slackening of endeavour to find the right men.

HAROLD WAGSTAFF'S LECTURE

A large and enthusiastic gathering of Supporters' Club members assembled in the Queen Street Schoolroom, on Friday, October 7th, 1921, to hear the "Prince of Centres" in his role of Lecturer. An added attraction was the presence of Gwyn Thomas as Chairman.

Prior to the lecture, Huddersfield's Captain sprang a "back stage" surprise in his announcement to the officials present, that he intended to speak on his "recollections of famous matches and players during his connection with the Fartown Club," instead of the subject previously advertised. Arising out of this last minute "behind the scenes" announcement, came an amusing — to those in the know — incident. Just before the proceedings opened, into the vestibule of the Schoolroom appeared a press representative. Said he, "I suppose Mr. Wagstaff is going to lecture on the Last Rugby League Tour in Australia?" "Yes," came the reply from a door steward, who was completely unaware of the change referred

to. "Then I needn't stay," said the press man, "I can write it up from previous 'copy' of the Tour Lecture." It would have been interesting to know the feelings of this young reporter when he afterwards discovered that his paper, the following day, contained an account of a lecture, the subject of which was never touched upon. Further, had he stayed, he would have gathered some splendid "copy" from Mr. Wagstaff's very topical and intensely interesting lecture in which "Fartown" players, past and present, prominently figured. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Lecturer and Chairman to which Mr. Thomas suitably replied. The occasion, from every point of view, was a great success.

With the object of giving Fartown followers an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the rules, 100 Northern Union Rugby Football Guide books were ordered. These met with a ready sale, and a further quantity were ordered.

About this time the Supporters' Committee introduced the question of catering for refreshments (teas, minerals, etc.) at Fartown. Discussion also took place as to the possibility of using the large room under the Cricket Stand as a Social Club for Fartown members. It was finally decided to bring the two above named matters before the H.C. and A.C. General Committee for their consideration.

The booking of a "chara" to take the Supporters' Committee and friends to the forthcoming Leeds v. Huddersfield Cup-tie at Headingley was the forerunner of many such events on a more pretentious scale, to be undertaken by the Supporters' Club.

As readers of this "History" may have surmised, most of the data, records of meetings and events in the early days of the H.C. and A.C. Supporters' Club have been in the shape of extracts taken from the 1st minute book. Now, in making a brief summary of the position of the Club in the autumn of 1921 it can be said with pleasure that the Supporters' movement was firmly established. Further than this, even more important, relations with the General Committee and all Sub-Committees of the H.C. and A.C. were very cordial.

Not all of the Supporters' recommendations were approved or carried out, but where considered impracticable or undesirable, a friendly talk, giving reasons "against" were welcomed and accepted in good spirit. Other of these recommendations were approved and acted upon from time to time and were found to be in the interests of the parent body.

Not at any time, however, was there any attempt at interference with H.C. and A.C. management. As the result many converts were won over and membership of the Supporters' Club increased. At this stage the total would be about 250.

The H.C. and A.C. having given permission to open a refreshment room at Fartown, this provided a much needed amenity for spectators of Cricket and Football matches, which was greatly appreciated from that time until the food situation forced us to

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limit our work in the early stages of the War. Members of the Supporters' Club, have in past years given thousands of hours voluntary labour in the "Dry Canteen" as it is usually called. A special tribute should here be paid to Mr. H. H. Hardy and Mr. P. Hardy together with their wives and other lady helpers who did so much for this section for many years, and during the last few years Mr. H. Littlewood and his helpers have given valuable service under very difficult conditions. The Supporters' Club are hopeful that it will soon be again possible to provide the kind of refreshment you may need when visiting Fartown for cricket or football matches.

By this time, the Supporters' Club movement had "caught on" in the Rugby League world and in March, 1923, the H.C. and A.C. Supporters' Club took the initiative in calling a conference of representatives of Yorkshire Supporters' Clubs, with a view to considering the formation of a Federation. As the result of this meeting, held in Leeds, at which 9 Clubs were represented, the Federation of Yorks. R.L. Supporters' Clubs came into being. Its first President and Secretary, respectively, came from the Huddersfield Supporters' Club, in the persons of Mr. Fred Wright and Mr. F. B. Hoyle. Headquarters were established in Leeds and very soon "missionary" work on the part of delegates from the Federation resulted in Supporters' Clubs being formed in connection with the Dewsbury, Batley, Halifax, Featherstone and Castleford Rugby League Clubs, all of whom joined the Federation.

How, later, the Federation, with the approval of the Rugby League Council, launched its 14-16 years of age Inter-Towns' League and in so doing helped to produce and train so many lads who eventually did first team service for their premier Club and later became County and International players (many also touring Australia) is a matter which will find ample confirmation in the records of many Rugby League Clubs in our County and later in that of Lancashire — to mention but a few, Stanley Smith, Ernest Pollard, G. Todd, Thornton, Brogden, Jones, Cunniffe, White, A. J. Pimblett, E. Ward, and our own Frank Royston.

Federation Inter-Towns' games filled the gap between Schools and Intermediate football beside being welcomed as "curtain raisers" to the senior matches. Hundreds of spectators assembled early in order to see and enjoy the boys matched in various Rugby League grounds.

The Federation suspended its meetings and football activities during the recent War, but now hopes soon to be "calling all Clubs" once more to hear from the appointed delegates "club reports" telling of good work in hand for the benefit of its respective parent Club.

And now, turning once more to the doings of our own Supporters' Club, may we shape these following pages in the form of a Diary with outstanding events recorded as the years have slipped by.

1925—Came a musical treat in the shape of a first class Concert Party to Fartown, with the Dewsbury Rugby League Supporters' Club responsible for the artistes. The large upper room in the Pavilion was crowded to the doors. A very enjoyable evening.

1926—A series of Whist Drives held in this same upper room in the Pavilion at Fartown resulted in a profit of £24.

The room above referred to was decorated about this time and the cost defrayed by the Supporters' Club. In July of this year, delegates "toured" many local outlying districts, aiming in this way to increase interest in Fartown affairs. First on the list was Lockwood, where at the Liberal Club, under the presidency of Councillor Walter Scott, Messrs. H. Lodge, F. B. Hoyle and Councillor Sellars made interesting speeches.

Enthusiasm was not as pronounced at Marsden where a meeting was only moderately attended.

A big event in the Supporters' Club social programme in this year was a splendid lecture by Mr. Ponder, Manager of the New Zealand "All Blacks," then touring our country.

Another district meeting, this time at Newsome was well patronised.

1927—In February a football trip by rail to Swinton, organised by the Supporters' Club, saw two saloons comfortably filled by Fartown enthusiasts.

June of this year saw another Annual Meeting of the Supporters' Club well attended when the Committee was increased from 12 (the original number) to 18. The additional successful candidates were Messrs. J. O'Brien, W. Noble, W. Stoker, J. W. Baxter, B. B. Eastwood and F. Coates.

Strong support was forthcoming from the Supporters' Club to the H.C. and A.C. General Committee's successful objection to greyhound racing on the Fartown grounds.

1928—Further highly successful district meetings were held. At Crosland Moor Liberal Club (28th October), Ben Gronow and Ernie Mills played a billiards match, while a little later, at the Golcar Liberal Club, a billiards "foursome" found Ben Gronow and Ernie Mills opposed to "Len" Bowkett and Harris the newly arrived Australian winger. Brief speeches were made before good audiences, on Fartown topics.

In the year 1928 it was resolved that the Supporters' Club take the lead in proposing the extension of the Members' Stand at Fartown. After many meetings and obtaining rough estimates of the cost, the matter was placed before the H.C. and A.C. General Committee. In August of this year the above Committee approved of the Supporters' Club proposal re extension of Stand, but asked that the raising of the necessary funds should be largely a Supporters' Club responsibility. Thus in September, 1928, a circular letter appealing for subscriptions towards the above object was sent out to all members of the H.C. and A.C.

The Supporters' Club gave the lead with a donation of £50 and a further £250 followed which added to the donations received by H.C. and A.C. enabled the Club to go ahead with the actual job. Eventually, not only was the Members' Stand enlarged, but new and up-to-date dressing rooms for two teams were provided under the new portion of the Stand.

1929—The Supporters' Club strongly recommended the Football Committee to try a "7-a-side" Competition at Fartown. That the suggestion was not acted upon was not the fault of the Football Committee. Enquiries showed that very few Rugby League Clubs at that time were sufficiently interested to send a team to Fartown, and so the idea had to be abandoned for the time being. How, in more recent years, interest in "7s" became aroused and how in many of these Tournaments at Fartown and elsewhere the "Claret and Gold" colours have won the day under the master hand and mind of Alex Fiddes, the Scottish 7s wizard, makes pleasurable history to Fartown's present day followers.

In March of this year (1929), another very well attended lecture was given by Mr. G. F. Hutchins of Oldham (one of the Tour Managers of the Rugby League Team of 1928). Mr. John Wilson, Rugby League Secretary, also took part in the proceedings. Lantern slides of the Tour and match incidents were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Hutchins was given a hearty vote of thanks at the close.

About this time, Supporters' Club trips were a very popular item. Huddersfield supporters were welcome guests on many Rugby League grounds on which occasions the "claret and gold" were fulfilling "away" fixtures. One excursion to Hull Kingston and another to York were very well patronised. In connection with the last named trip, an amusing incident is worth recording. The special train was scheduled to stop at Bradley on the outward journey in order to accommodate several Fartown supporters who lived at that end of the town. Among the intending passengers was a lad, who, as the result of an alleged dream, foretold that the train would go straight through Bradley station, leaving the party stranded. Sure enough, it did, as the result of an oversight of a railway official who forgot to make the required arrangements. However, the Bradley party caught the next train, though they failed to reach the Clarence Street ground in time for the kick-off.

These inter Supporters' Club visits helped to promote good feeling between rival partisans and many lasting friendships were formed in consequence.

Of course the most popular Supporters' Club trip of all was the one to Wembley in 1933 when Fartown won the Rugby League Challenge Cup defeating old opponents, i.e. Warrington, in the doing. Two years later another Supporters' Trip was made to Wembley with Fartown opposing Castleford in the Final. This time, as we all know, our colours were lowered in a "Glass-blowers" triumph, but more about these Wembley trips will be found in later pages.

Back again to the land of Supporters' Club lectures brings to mind one in which the Rev. Frank Chambers was the speaker. He had his audience greatly interested in what to-day would be termed a "quiz" on the rules of the game. The Rev. gentleman was in a very serious frame of mind that evening, but his sedateness was considerably upset when in reply to his question "What is the weight of a Rugby football?" a "wag" in the audience replied "It depends if it's wet or dry." The old Fartown forward and referee — at that time — glared at the speaker concerned and made some scathing remark, and "sent him off the field" figuratively speaking.

Another very interesting lecture was one given by that great Fartown forward "Duggy" Clark. "Duggy" was so warmed to his subject — the N.U. Tour of Australia in 1914 — that it was only with great difficulty and no little prompting that he brought his talk to a close. His recital of the famous story of "The Snake" was one of the highlights in his altogether interesting lecture.

1930—Was a year of changes in the constitution of the Supporters' Club — the office of Chairman was altered to President and a number of Vice-Presidents elected, which together with the Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee of 18 to form the governing body.

1931—Saw no particularly outstanding event, but the usual round of what was now regarded as commonplace jobs was carried out, and 54 persons made the trip to Wembley for the Halifax v. York Cup Final. At the Annual Meeting of this year, our present day Honorary Secretary, W. Stoker was appointed for his first year of office, a position he has held from that day.

1932—In November of 1932 it was decided, due to lack of patronage, to discontinue the weekly Whist Drives. These Whist Drives had for many years been a source of pleasure and profit to the Club, but the promotion of "Big" Drives in town adversely affected our attendances.

The Yorkshire Challenge Cup Final, Leeds v. Wakefield, was played at Fartown this year, and we provided the Stewards for the stand reservations.

1933 — WEMBLEY

When the Rugby League decided to take the Challenge Cup Final to Wembley in 1929, the proposal aroused critical comment and opposition in many quarters, but others favoured this attempt to give a higher status to the game, and there is no doubt that as the Cup-tie season arrives a possible trip to Wembley seems to give an added zest and incentive to players and supporters alike which the finals in the North lacked, this point is strengthened by the experiences of Huddersfield in past finals. After winning the cup in 1920 at Leeds, no more than a couple of dozen people were in the "Square" to welcome home the team, but following our success at Wembley in 1933 an estimated crowd of 15,000 people were awaiting the return of Bowkett and his men, and in 1935 a

crowd equally as big awaited Fiddes and his men, although losers, again in 1945, after winning the cup at Bradford, not more than half-a-dozen greeted the players with the cup. Yes! Wembley has a special appeal — "Autolycus," of the "Huddersfield Examiner," writing on May 13th, 1933, summed up this appeal with the following:—

"The Wembley Stadium, with its great sense of spaciousness, its flags, its military bands, its touch of pageantry, all combine to lift a game played there on to a plane out of the ordinary. That is especially the case when the match is played under the patronage of Royalty — for the hush that suddenly falls upon a cheering multitude, who rise as one, in salute of the Royal representatives, and then the solemnity of the National Anthem, must always be a thrilling moment and one that adds dignity and status to the event."

The Supporters' Club at Fartown decided to do all in their power to support the R.L. efforts to give a higher status to our game, but our first Wembley trip did not receive the support that we hoped for, only about 80 making the trip for the Wigan v. Dewsbury final in 1929, nor had we much success in the following years, but we were sure that if Fartown played at Wembley, the organising abilities of the Supporters' Club would be taxed to the full. Therefore, in 1933 after Fartown had beat Dewsbury, Barrow and Swinton, we felt sure that this was our year, and preliminary arrangements were put in hand, enquiries were made in many quarters as to what kind of a trip would suit the majority of our supporters, did they favour a Friday night start or early Saturday morning, did they wish us to arrange for meals on the train, meals and conducted tours in London, etc.? From the information thus acquired plans were based so that after the great victory over Leeds in the semi-final we were ready, and within a matter of hours adverts. were out—"BOOK NOW FOR THE "CLARET AND GOLD EXPRESS," A RESERVED SEAT IN A PULLMAN SALOON, WITH A MEAL ON BOTH OUTWARD AND INWARD JOURNEY, leaving Huddersfield 6-0 a.m. Saturday, May 6th, returning midnight from London, inclusive fare, 21s." Arrangements were made that a deposit secured a place and the balance could be paid weekly at our booking office at Fartown, or at our town centre, the shop of our friend and true Fartowner, the late Mr. Fred Wood, he and his assistant Mr. W. Spence were indeed a great help to us as about 50 per cent. of those making the trip availed themselves of this convenient centre to make their reservations. It soon became evident that one train would not be able to take all those that wished to travel on the "Claret and Gold Express;" Another train was arranged, the "Claret and Gold Express No. 2," the total capacity of the two trains being 1,088. It will be realised that the Supporters' Club officials in charge of the matter had a busy time in the short period available between the semi-final and final, the last few days being the biggest strain, fixing up last minute requests for seats and allowing cancellations for sickness, etc. One week before the Final each person that had booked was given rail, saloon and meal tickets with a leaflet giving full

instructions and information for their guidance, the leaflet reading as follows:-

HUDDERSFIELD C. and A.C. SUPPORTERS' CLUB

**TRIP TO
RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL at WEMBLEY
SATURDAY, MAY 6th, 1933**

Our Patrons are Requested to Note Carefully

The Following Particulars:

"The Claret and Gold Express" will leave Huddersfield Station in Two Sections, Both at 6-0 a.m.

No 1 Section starting from the nearest platform to Main Entrance to Station, and is due in Euston, London, at 11-13 a.m., and returns fro Euston at 12-0 midnight, due Huddersfield 4-45 a.m.

No. 2 Section will start from Island Platform (enter Station through Sub-way), and is due at St. Pancras at 11-5 a.m., returning from St. Pancras at 12-40 a.m., Sunday morning, due Huddersfield 5-38 a.m.

Each Patron will be provided with the following ticket:

Rail Ticket, on which is printed the Section No. of Train, No. 1 or No. 2.

Saloon Ticket, on which is indicated the particular saloon to be entered — each saloon being lettered similar to tickets.

Red Saloon Tickets are for No. 1 Section

Yellow Saloon Tickets are for No. 2 Section

Breakfast Ticket, to be handed to Attendant at Breakfast

Supper Ticket, to be handed to Attendant at Supper

Rail Tickets entitle holder to travel to Wembley from Euston Station, also return from Wembley to Euston — trains running every few minutes. Patrons having tickets for No. 2 Section (St. Pancras) must note to go to Euston Station to get train to Wembley.

MENUS

Breakfast

Tea or Coffee
Porridge
Bacon and Egg
or
Sausage and Bacon
Rolls, Butter and Preserves

Supper

Tomato Soup
Roast Beef
Green Vegetables
Baked and Boiled Potatoes
Cheese, Salad

All those wishing to take advantage of Mr. Mabane's offer to conduct Huddersfield visitors through the Houses of Parliament, should let us know so that Mr. Mabane can be notified.

We take this opportunity of extending to our Patrons our good wishes for a pleasant journey, and trust that the arrangements made for their comfort will be appreciated. We also hope that the match and everything connected with our trip will always be a very pleasant memory.

Anyone requiring further information should write to Honorary Secretary:-

WILFRED STOKER,
20 Holly Road, Thornton Lodge,
Huddersfield.

At last the great day dawned and the two platforms at Huddersfield Station formed an animated scene as the crowd of 1,066 passengers eagerly awaited the trains. Cheers rent the air as the two trains drew in with their engines gaily decorated with claret and gold bunting — A word of praise here to Mr. C. E. Fry, the Stationmaster, and his staff, and to the staff of Hillhouse loco. sheds for the excellent co-operation which was given to the Secretary at all times. Prompt to time the first train was on its way, No. 2 section followed a few minutes later, both trains arrived in London within a few minutes of their scheduled time to find London awaiting at its best — a beautiful morning in May, with the fresh green of grass and trees in parks and gardens, the flowers of spring in all their glory, outstanding being a wonderful display of tulips, lovely blooms on long straight stems, standing up proudly like Guards on parade, as if anxious to impress these Northerners.

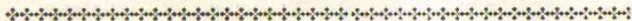
Upon arrival in London the parties split up into their various groups and hurried off in diverse directions, as the fancy took them, each anxious to see the part of London they planned to see, and very quickly the "Claret and Gold" was to be seen all over the City. So far as the writer was concerned the first job was a telegram of good wishes to Len Bowkett in the name of 1,066 Supporters, then a stroll through the streets of the City to the "hub of the universe," Piccadilly, meeting from time to time groups of rival supporters engaging in good humoured chaff and wisecracks, a quick lunch and then to Wembley — Fartown at Wembley! what we had waited for, and the result? all that we hoped for — back to the city, etc., until the time of our return. Between five and six o'clock Sunday morning the two sections of our party arrived at Huddersfield, tired, but very happy, the trip had been a great success, the writer remembers well the feeling of contentment as he returned, the past six weeks' work had been worth while, the Supporters' Club organisation had stood the test, and proved of service once again to those who availed themselves of the facilities offered.

1934—The Annual Conference of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Federation of R.L. Supporters' Clubs was held at Huddersfield.

Plans similar to 1933 were put into operation ready for another trip to Wembley, but Hunslet put paid to our account in the semi-final at Wakefield.

1935—The Supporters' Club gave all possible assistance for Tiffany's benefit match and arranged a film lecture by Mr. T. Canby, the proceeds for this fund.

Wembley again! Another great success. Two trains full to capacity, 1,088 persons making the trip. Bookings closed a week before the great day. We were again favoured by the weather and had the added pleasure of seeing London gaily decorated for King George V. Silver Jubilee celebrations, the only 'fly in the ointment' being the defeat of our favourites.



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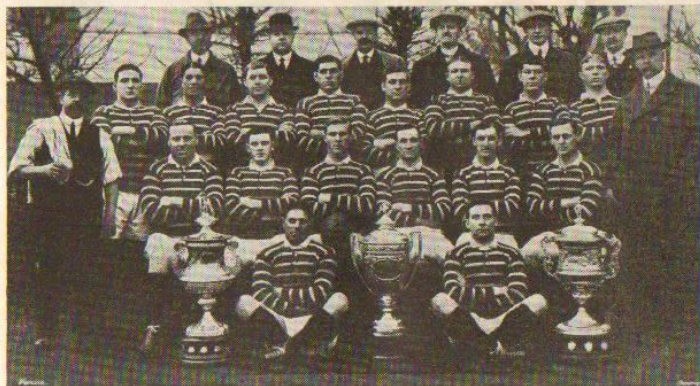
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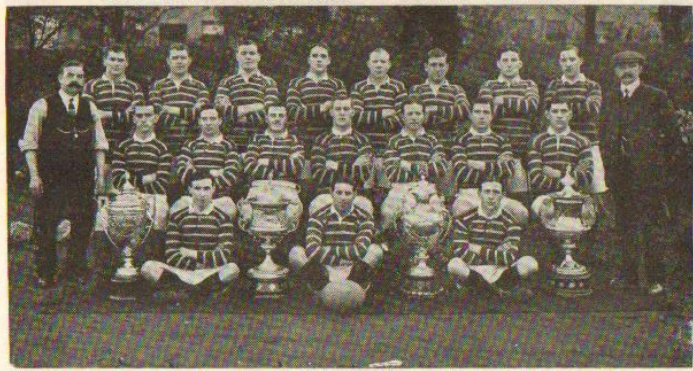
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Winners of the Northern Rugby League Championship Cup, Yorkshire Rugby League Cup,
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Winners of the Rugby League Challenge Cup
Presented by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, at Wembley, May 6th, 1933



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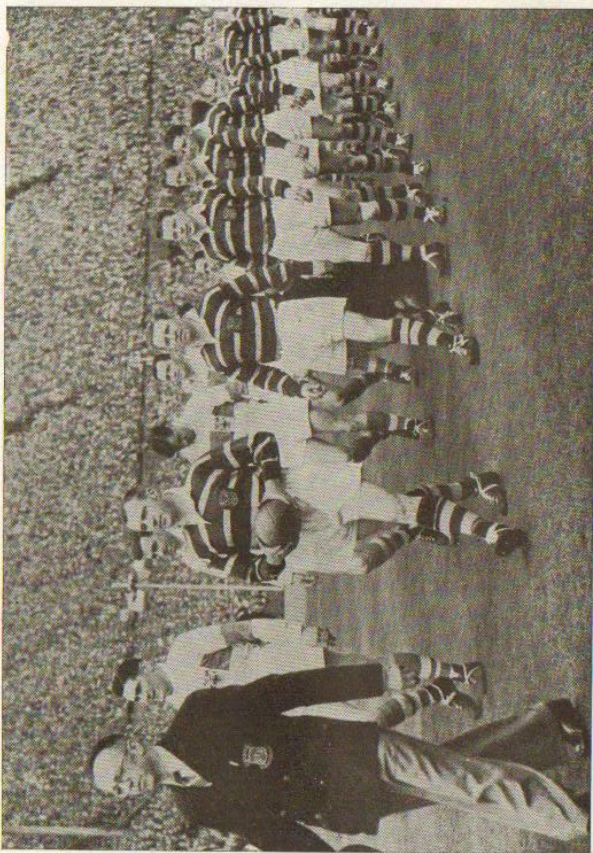


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Mr. W. Stoker (Chairman) leads his team onto the field

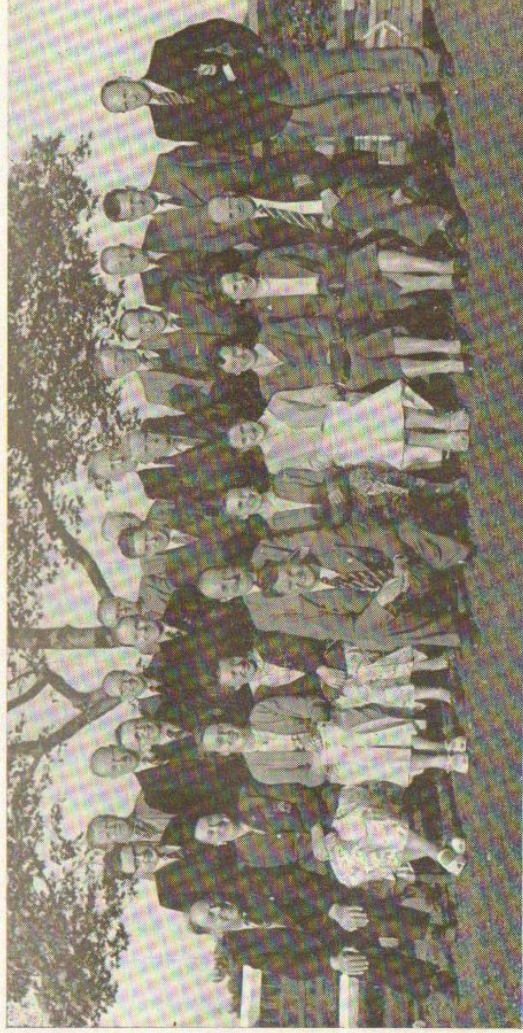


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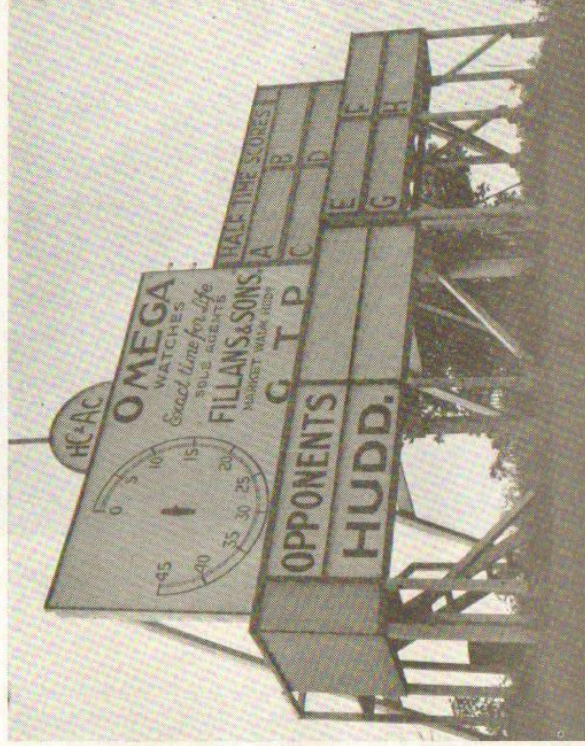
PRESENTATION TO RUSSELL PEPPERELL

On September 7th, 1953, an Illuminated Address was presented to Russell Pepperell by Mr. Ernest Starkey, Jr. (President of the Supporters' Club) on behalf of the members and committee of the Huddersfield C. & A.C. Supporters' Club. The Address was an appreciation of Russell's services to the "Claret and Gold" (particularly his leadership in the Wembley season) and to the Rugby League game in general.



Back row—Messrs. S. Garride, J. A. Brook (Hon. Treas.), B. Robinson, J. Stubbings, G. Hirst
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 W. Mosley, J. Webster, G. Bortomley
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 Mr. A. Lockwood. In front—Mr. P. Crabtree (Hon. Secretary)

THE HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD



The Holms Valley Branch of the H.C. & A.C. Supporters' Club presented the Half-time Scoreboard to the Soccer club and it was first put into use on November 10th, 1956, when the Australian Tourists were playing at Fartown.
 The Omega Clock has been operating since February, 1931.

THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB REFRESHMENT HUT

Opened March 2nd, 1957, at the Doncaster game



Our picture shows: Back row—Misses P. Dickinson, J. Rushforth, B. Brook
Front row—Misses M. Haigh, N. Beaumont, M. Whitwam

Takings in the hut since the opening day have amounted to over £7,000. The work has been long and hard and much preparation put in both before and after each home game. The sale of pies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee, pop and sweets, etc., etc., has become an important part of our work. Our thanks are due to all the ladies who have helped in this venture, so keep them busy you terrace-siders.

HUDDERSFIELD'S THREE NATIONAL FEDERATION RUGBY LEAGUE QUEENS



Miss Josephine Sykes
1955

Miss P. Dickinson
1957

Miss Jean Hollingworth
1956

THE FARTOWN MAT SERVICE

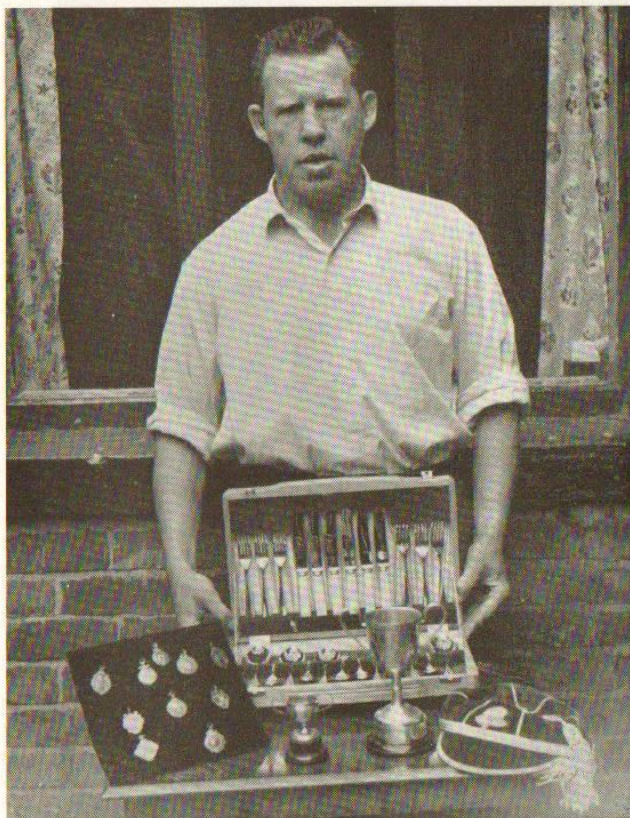
Since 1946 some £2,500 has been taken by the sale of mats. This means that something like 200,000 mats have been manhandled in that time. Stand members have appreciated this service for they have proved very comfortable, much better than the hard forms. Don't forget to hire yours at each home game.

HUDDERSFIELD — THE RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS Winners of the Rugby League and Yorkshire League Championships 1948—1949



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S. V. Pepperell, W. Banks, Yorkshire League Cup, Rugby League Championship Cup, G. R. Pepperell, A. Ferguson

TED SLEVIN WINS THE YORKSHIRE FEDERATION AWARD — 1960



The Huddersfield C. & A.C. Supporters' Club nominated Ted Slevin for the Yorkshire Federation of Supporters' Clubs "Fairest and Most Loyal Player" Competition and Ted was awarded the trophy

Our picture shows Ted with the latest addition to his remarkable collection. He has, with Wigan and Huddersfield, won every medal open to a Rugby League player

SPEAKERS AT THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB DINNER — MAY, 1960



Left to right: Messrs. J. H. Wardle, C. E. Horsfall, M. W. Wicks, S. Garside, R. Rylance, W. Cunningham, E. Clay and J. A. Brook



Ben Gronow presents Frank Dyson with the silver statuette given by the Supporters' Club to commemorate the setting up of a new F.C. record, April, 1961, with Mr. E. Starkey (centre) in the chair

TESTIMONIAL PRESENTATION TO FRANK DYSON



The President of the H.C. & A.C. Supporters' Club, Mr. A. N. Gaulton, presents Frank Dyson with Testimonial at the Annual Dinner on March 1st, 1961. J. Ety (Wakefield T.) and G. Owen (Halifax) look on



Back row—Mr. H. Lockwood, Mr. G. Armitage, Mr. W. Curningham (Chairman), Mr. E. Sheard (President), Mr. G. Matthews, Mr. G. Bottomley, Mr. E. Hobson, Mr. P. Crabtree
 Middle row—H. Tiffany (Asst. Trainer), L. Booth, A. Redfern, D. Devereux, K. Bowman, E. Stevin, F. Dyson, D. D. Valentine (Coach), K. Senior (Secretary)
 Seated—G. Davies, A. Breen, M. Wicks, T. Smales (Capt.), P. Ramsden, H. Deighton, A. Kilroy
 In front—R. Haywood, D. Close

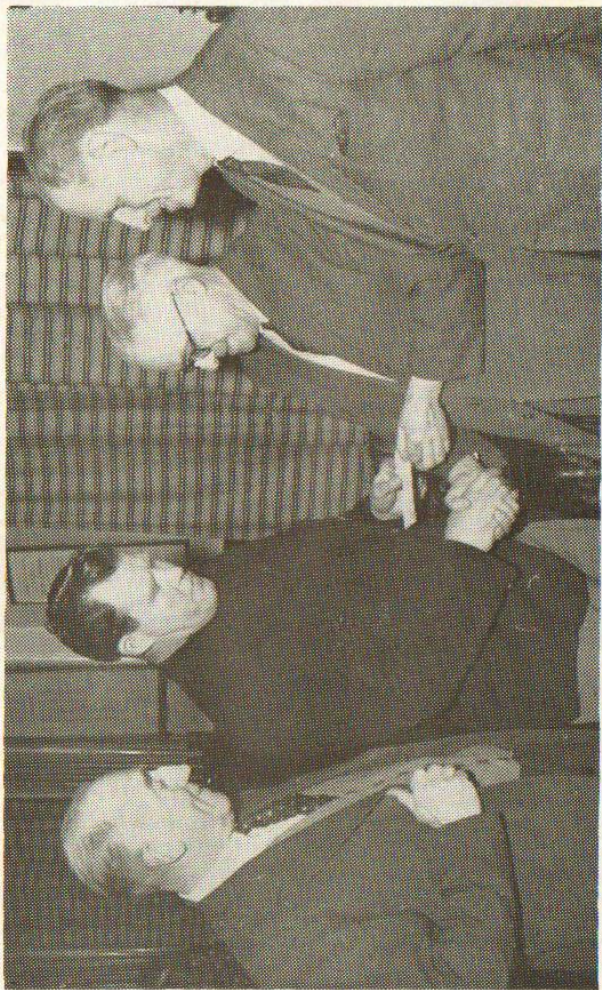
HUDDERSFIELD'S 1962 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST



Mr. E. Starkey (Chairman) presents Ken Noble with an electric toaster and an electric blanket

Past Tourists to Australasia:-

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- 1914—H. Wagstaff (Capt.), D. Clark, J. Chilcott, F. Longstaffe, S. Moorhouse, J. Rogers and J. Clifford (Manager)
- 1920—H. Wagstaff (Capt.), D. Clark, B. Gronow, J. Rogers and G. Thomas
- 1924—B. Gronow
- 1932—S. Brogden
- 1946—R. Nicholson
- 1954—J. Bowden, B. Briggs, D. D. Valentine
- 1957—(World Cup)—M. Sullivan
- 1968—K. Noble



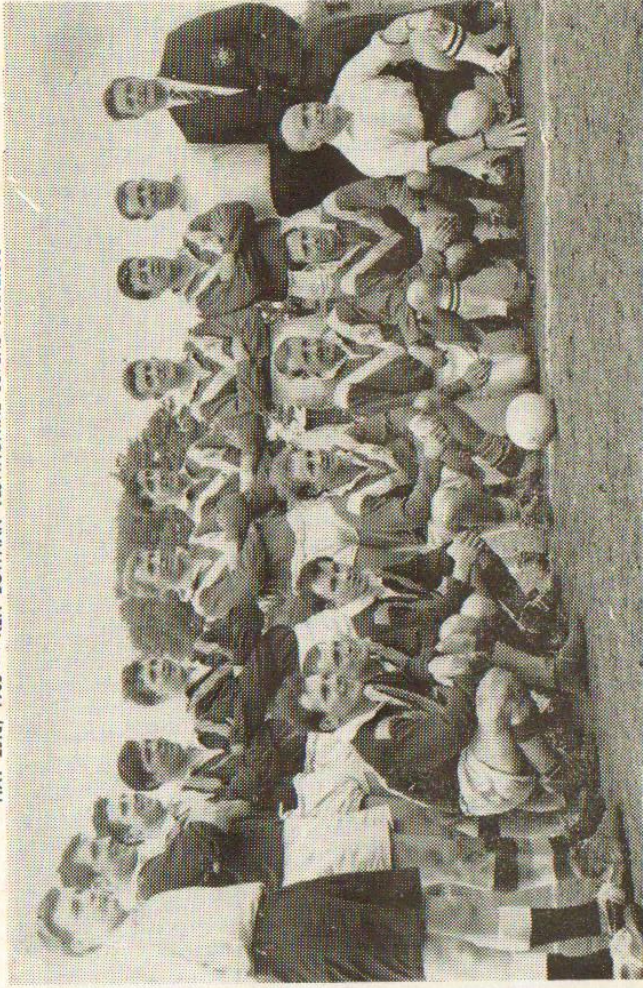
Mr. Jim Scubbings (President) hands the Supporters' Club Testimonial cheque to Ted Slevin during a Social Evening, January, 1963. Mr. Ernest Starkey (Chairman and Mr. Tom Matthewman (Football Committee Chairman) look on



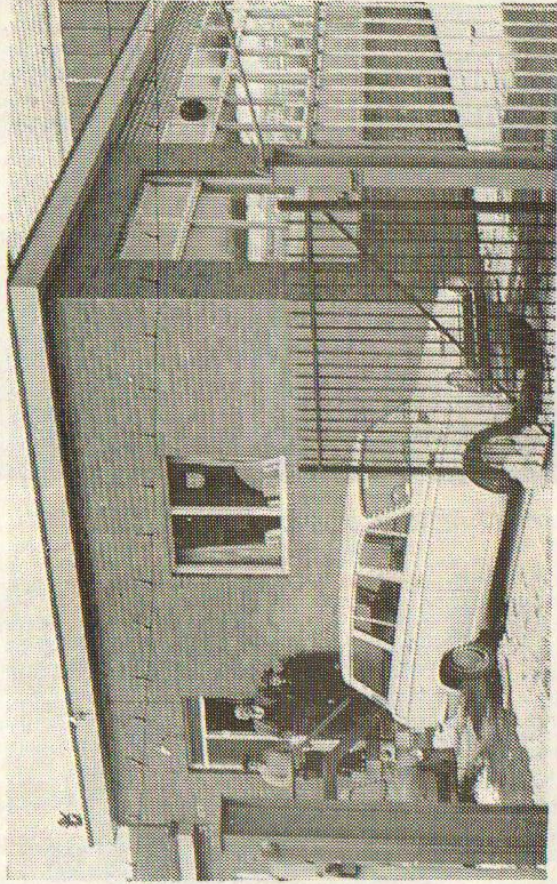
Mr. Jim Scubbings (President) makes a presentation to Tommy Smales following the latter's appointment as Captain of Great Britain



Albert Rosenfeld presents the silver statuette, given by the Supporters' Club to commemorate the breaking of his own club record of 388 tries — October, 1954



Back row—R. Stubbings (touch judge), D. Heppleston, J. Brooke, F. Davies, G. Shepherd, C. Kenlison, R. Valentine, B. Smith, D. D. Valentine, P. C. Oldfield (touch judge), K. Bowman
Front row—C. Filist, K. Senior, A. Sutcliffe, B. Robinson, G. Turnbull, A. Broatch, C. Sutcliffe (referee)





Back—K. Bowman, G. Thompson, J. Anderson, J. Saukura (reserve)
 Front—A. Ford, K. Senior, T. Smales, D. Close
 DON CLOSE SEVENS — MAY 19th, 1968



David Watkins (Salford) and Colin Dixon (Halifax) after the Final in which
 Salford beat Halifax 21—18

1936—In the early part of this year we broke 'new ground' by the purchase of 360 carpet squares to offer on loan to the patrons of the stand for use as seating mats, the charge being 1d. per match, and this innovation was soon a great success. Unfortunately, we lost several dozen of these mats during the first few weeks of the venture, the bulk of the losses being sustained at a cup-tie, a number of patrons must have thought that the charge of 1d. covered a sale instead of hire. We did hear that they were excellent for covering the floor of a motor car. Only once did we see one of these mats about to disappear through the gate. When approached the "gentleman" apologised for his absent-mindedness. This mat service has continued throughout the passing years, but our stock is now very low, not having been able to obtain any replacements during the war years.

On September 5th of this year a party of 81 Supporters made the trip to Newcastle in three motor coaches for the first home match of the new Newcastle R.L. Club. A very enjoyable trip with Supporters' luck with the weather, the majority of the party spending the evening at Whitley Bay..

In December we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. R. F. Anderton lecture upon his experiences with the Touring side of 1936 in Australia. The lecture, together with the film which accompanied it, was very interesting and was greatly appreciated by the 700 members of the audience at the Temperance Hall, Huddersfield.

1937/8—Although nothing outstanding occurred during these years the usual activities proceeded as usual, doing everything possible to help the H.C. and A.C. to uphold its proud tradition of "Fartown, the home of all that is best in sport."

1939/45—The war years—with more serious work for all of us to do, provided a difficult time, but although opportunities were limited, the Supporters' Club at Fartown continued to function, endeavours were made to build up a reserve fund so that we should be in a position to give financial aid to the premier club when it was most needed. It will have been noted that when the H.C. and A.C. launched the £5,000 Reconstruction Appeal fund, the Supporters' Club at once donated £150, a further donation of £50 has since been made.

During this period the Supporters' Committee also teamed up with the Catering Committee of the H.C. and A.C. in the formation of a "Special Efforts" Committee, the objects of this Committee being to promote money-raising efforts to give financial aid to the Club and so help to keep football going. By means of dances and various other ways more than £500 was raised for this purpose.

1946—Peace—but conditions far from normal, the increased opportunities given us have been utilised to the full and plans laid for the future. Our annual Xmas Draw was revived, a Tour competition organised, and to wind up the football season a trip to Maine Road to see the League Final, Huddersfield v. Wigan. Although transport by road was at a premium, the Supporters' Club delivered "the goods," three 'buses being obtained.

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CONCLUSION

We feel justified in looking back upon this 25 years' work for "Fartown" with pride. Mistakes have, of course, been made from time to time, inevitably so, in a movement starting from scratch, but we have at all times endeavoured to help both the H.C. and A.C. and its followers. During the period under review the monetary value of the work done cannot be calculated, but we have donated in cash and paid for ground improvements to a total value of over £2,000. In addition the "Dry Canteen" has contributed approximately £2,300 and there is, of course, the credit due to us for our share in the promotions of the "Special Efforts" Committee and their contribution of over £500 — all this for the Club which we are proud to support — to the rank and file supporters we have given social functions, lectures, organised trips, and an opportunity to show their interest in the Rugby League game and the Fartown Club in particular, in a practical way.

THE FUTURE

Having read the previous pages giving the brief history of the Supporters' Club during the last 25 years, the reader will most likely, be asking what of the future? This question has received a great deal of attention during the last few months, and in reviewing the past, we realise that there has been a tendency to become absorbed in efforts to help the H.C. and A.C. financially, and may be not enough time and thought to the social side, and other means of helping the general interests of the Club, a tendency to judge new ideas and ventures on the principle of "will it bring money to the Club" when after all, it is obvious that to have the Terraces and Stands full on match days is the answer to any Club's financial worries and to obtain this for "Fartown" more and more people must take an interest in Rugby League football.

We at Huddersfield think that Supporters' Clubs, here and in other Rugby League areas, can play a big part in achieving this desirable objective, and have for the future a three point programme, **SUSTAINING, RE-AWAKENING, AND CREATING** — interest in Rugby League Football and the Fartown Club in particular. The first two points are covered by a continuation of our work of the past 25 years, but something different is called for to **create** interest, to arouse the interest of school boys and girls, and those adults without knowledge of Rugby Football. It is no easy matter in these days of many counter attractions, and the publicity which other sports receive both by Press and Radio compared to that given to our game.

On Saturday, May 11th, 1946, 9 o'clock news, the announcer made reference to a full day of sport — Cricket, Association Football, Racing Tennis, etc., but no reference was made to Rugby League Football at Huddersfield and Wigan, two vital matches attracting almost 70,000 people. Is it to be wondered that many of us in North have a suspicion that someone with an 1895 complex rules in high places at the B.B.C. ? This lack of publicity for our game makes

it very difficult to interest those with very little knowledge of the Rugby code, but we believe that Supporters' Clubs in all areas can play a big part in overcoming these difficulties, each one of us can be publicity agents for the game, Supporters' Clubs with a strong membership, if banded together in a strong Federation, can do a great deal more.

We at Huddersfield have tried out a few ideas with a certain degree of success, and have further ideas to bring forward from time to time, but the first essential is a strong and loyal membership of the H.C. and A.C. Supporters' Club to give us the authority to speak and act with the knowledge that we do so on behalf of a large number of the game's supporters.

Will you help us? It is open to any follower of the Rugby League game to join the Supporters' Club, whether a member of H.C. and A.C. or not, the minimum subscription is 1s. a year, you may give more if you wish. If you give us the large membership we ask for, we can then, with one last glance back at the past for encouragement and incentive, go forward, facing the future with confidence in our ability to do even better for the Rugby League game and for the Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club, trying at all times to live up to the motto "Fartown — the home of all that is best in sport."



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee of the Huddersfield C. & A.C. Supporters' Club express their thanks to the Proprietors and Sports Staff of the "Huddersfield Examiner" for the loan of blocks, also the "Rugby League" and to the Advertisers.

1946—1971

After the Silver Jubilee and with the Second World War over, a great deal had to be done to maintain and create interest in Rugby League Football and to help the upkeep of the Huddersfield club. The Supporters' Club were moving into action and taking a leading part at Fartown. As the years roll on you will see what has been done and what more could have been achieved with support and help from the right quarters. If it was Rugby League, then we had to help.

1947 came in and information was being sought regarding broadcast equipment. Eddie Waring gave a film show and lecture in the Temperance Hall, admission 6d and a full house. Alex Fiddes was awarded a Testimonial and our efforts for him gave us the first of many Souvenir Brochures to be published and compiled by Norman Gaulton. Dances were held, membership rose to over 400 for the first time. Alterations to rule were made at the Annual General Meeting:-

The Club shall be governed by the following Officers: President (Chairman of Committee), Nine Vice-Presidents (with power to add), Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee of eighteen (nine to be elected annually) any five to form a quorum. £50 handed to the H.C. & A.C. from the Dry Canteen Funds and £50 to the Reconstruction Fund.



S. V. Pepperell was awarded a Testimonial and a booklet published. Coach trips were becoming very popular and a jump in receipts of over £1,000 for these outings were shown. The canteen staff had a full day as always at the Sykes Cup Final. Mr. C. Ellis presented new broadcasting equipment to the senior body, President H. V. Wood receiving same.

CUSHIONS

The Cushion Service was re-stocked by 800 ex-Air Force cushions, purchased at 1/6 each, i.e. £60. How they paid their way at 3d. a time.

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1948—Coaches were becoming very difficult to get for away matches. What good trips we've had: Hull with tea at Hessle, Workington and glorious weather in the Lake District. The Secretary had a phone installed at Holly Road to facilitate booking. Arrangements were in hand for a Wembley trip. At the Annual General Meeting Mr. F. B. Hoyle, made presentations to Mr. E. Starkey (Snr.) on completion of 25 years as Treasurer and to Mr. W. Stoker on 17 years as Secretary and the completion of 21 years as an Officer. The Senior body had been approached regarding membership to the Terrace side and that a good band be engaged for the football season.

The Australian Tourists flew into Fartown for their opening game. A Tour Souvenir issued by the Rugby Football League was put on sale, we ordered 500 and sold 2,000, J. Kilgannon doing a wonderful job. Team photographs proved a popular sale.

1949—New badges were bought and Fattorini's of Bradford supplied 1,500. Mat receipts were rising. Branches at Meltham, Mirfield and the Holme Valley.

Featherstone Rovers were in financial trouble and £10 was donated to defray their travelling expenses to Fartown on Easter Tuesday. Membership: 1,173. Football fixtures were included in the membership cards. Mr. C. Ellis and Mr. E. Starkey (Jnr.) attended the Dinner Dance on our behalf following an invitation from the Senior body to celebrate the winning of the Championship. Once again we defrayed the cost of posters advertising Cricket at Fartown. Rugby League Gazettes were put on sale and sold very well. A trolley was made and presented by Mr. S. Crabtree for the collecting and carrying of cushions after home games. It was resolved that our funds be concentrated so that they could be given to the Senior body should the proposal to lengthen the main stand be forthcoming. Joined the National Federation of Supporters' Clubs with Mr. G. Baker as representative.

1950—All balances in hand of the dry canteen, £253, were donated to the H.C. & A.C., the financial side of this work in the Pavilion to be done in future by them. Many hours were spent by our Committee and their wives in helping both upstairs and in the canteen. The work being carried on by the same people after the change over. Rugby League Cavalcade, by Harry Sunderland, was on sale. Mr. F. B. Hoyle given a Complimentary Dinner at the Griffin Hotel on his retirement as Secretary of the Yorkshire Federation. Once again bills for advertising cricket paid for. Affiliation fees payable by branches to be 6d. adults, 3d. juniors.

Russ Peppereil Testimonial book published. Rugby League Queen Dance held. Help from branches and a cheque for £459 handed over by Mr. J. A. Brook. R.L. Official Guides, 300 ordered (how many to-day?) through the National Federation. Mr. G. Lovell won the Stephenson Cup Bowling Handicap.

£20 donated to Schools Football Union and £25 to New Clubs for Wales appeal by the National Federation.

1951—Bob Nicholson Testimonial another booklet, various events and a cheque for £352 handed to the player. Flowers —

French marigolds — planted in the main drive, and it was coats off once again, many bad backs, but the main drive looked a picture.

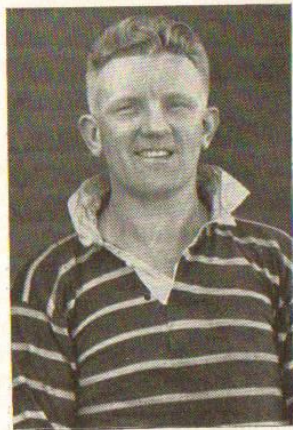
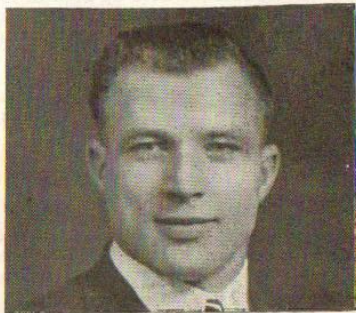
TERRACE SIDE

£1,000 handed over to the Senior body to help defray cost of reconstructed terrace side. Suggested to Senior body that gates be placed in railings, when these were replaced, for use of ambulancemen.

Mr. W. Stoker appointed Chairman of the Football Committee. Mr. B. Taylor appointed Assistant Secretary but illness, however, limited his service and Mr. P. Crabtree appointed to act as deputy.

YEAR BOOK

New Zealand Tour books sold. Mr. A. N. Gaulton to be in charge of publishing a Year Book dealing with football only, to call on members of the Committee as required. A Ladies' Section broached.



1952—Eddie Waring again, a Tour lecture in St. Patrick's Hall with receipts of over £18 donated to the G. Lawrinson Testimonial. A new branch in the Spen Valley. Miss J. Sharpe elected Rugby League Queen by the Yorkshire Federation. The National Federation issued a handbook and 200 ordered. Mr. W. Stoker was elected an Hon Life Member of the Yorkshire Federation for services rendered. First Year Book published. £5-5-0 donated to the Mayor's Lynnouth Disaster Fund. Mr. E. Starkey presented to Mr. Stoker a wristlet watch to mark his 21 years as Secretary.

WEMBLEY, 1953

1953—Help given in the sale of Official Club programme. Revision of rules discussed and were approved at the Annual General Meeting. Yorkshire Federation Queen Dance held and our representative was placed third. A final, however, for our Footballers and the Supporters. St. Helen's, at Wembley, 1,121 travelled on the two trains, the organisation had been taxed to the full and like the 1933 visit, victory for our heroes made for a good day. It was a proud day for Secretary W. Stoker as he led his side onto the field. All the service he had given to the Supporters' Club and the H.C. & A.C., ably supported by his wife, must have felt worthwhile.

Mr. P. Crabtree was appointed Hon. Secretary and Mr. B. Taylor Treasurer, at the Annual General Meeting. An illuminated address was presented to G. R. Pepperell in appreciation of his services to the Club and particularly his leadership in the Coronation Year Wembley success.

J. Bawden Testimonial Fund opened with a further booklet and various activities. More team group photographs for sale and Year Book sales very good.

Several issues of Year Books and Testimonial books issued to the local Hospitals.

LADIES

Mr. S. Garside nominated as our representative on the Hospital Broadcasts Committee. Miss P. Dickinson elected Yorkshire Rugby League Queen. Blazer badges ordered. Presentations made to the three Australian Tourists, J. Bowden, B. Briggs and D. D. Valentine. May 31st, seven ladies: Misses N. Beaumont, B. Brook, M. Haigh, J. Rushforth, E. Shaw, O. Stocks and Mrs. C. Jackson, co-opted on to the existing Social Committee; two: Miss Beaumont and Miss Shaw allowed to attend full Committee meetings with power to vote.

Pat Devery presented with an illuminated address by Mr. E. Starkey and a recording of the



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proceedings made for the Hospitals. Several successful whist drives held at Silvios. Rugby League diaries became very popular. Lionel Cooper presented with a statuette by A. A. Rosenfeld for his feat in passing Rosenfeld's try-scoring record. This Rugby Rendezvous at the Friendly and Trades Club was a huge success, unfortunately the room was not large enough to hold all the intending audience.

A telegram of congratulations sent to D. D. Valentine's successful World Cup side in France. Subscription to G. H. Hirst Memorial Fund. "Rugby Round the World," Eddie Waring, in the Town Hall, was well supported. World Cup booklets were sold.

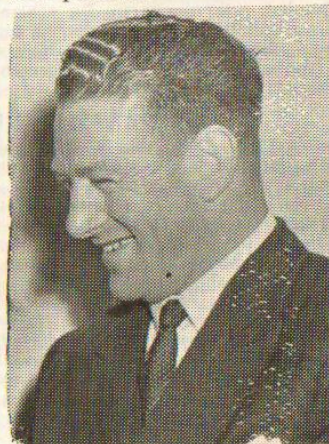
FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

1955—The first Annual Dinner was held at Heywood's Cafe. Speakers included H. Sunderland, S. Crowther, W. Cunningham, L. W. Cooper, W. Stoker, E. Waring, J. Harrison. After protracted discussions four complimentary tickets were issued for use of visiting Supporters' Clubs at Fartown, this brought us into line with several other Supporters' Clubs.

Permission refused by the Senior body for use of the pavilion for our meetings on a Monday; resolved to seek permission to build our own headquarters on the ground. Permission after further meetings was granted for Mondays. Sale of ball-point pens started.

POOLS

At the Annual General Meeting all seven ladies on the Social Committee were elected to the Supporters' Club Committee. How they worked, the Club ought to be proud of them. Pools — a need already for them — we joined SOS Pools (Accrington) but the response was negligible, only 33 coupons sent in the first week, and this declined. A Rummage Sale was held, all hands to the pumps and a revelation. Vic Wilson gave his film show and lecture. Jeff Bawden presented with a cheque for £206. Miss J. Sykes elected National Rugby League Queen at Wigan. L. Cooper awarded a Testimonial, and a cheque for £144 presented.



1956—Several committee members held whist drives at home. First moves for a terrace side hut made. Resolved that further dealings with the Senior body be done in writing through the Secretary. J. Hunter granted a Testimonial and a cheque for £254 presented.

Permission asked for the holding of our meetings upstairs in the Pavilion.

D. D. Valentine granted a Testimonial. 1,692 books sold at Leeds game. Miss J. Hollingworth elected Northern Rugby League Queen at Blackpool.

Gymnasium down drive considered for use as a Clubroom; senior body sounded but request turned down.

Testimonial game played for D. D. Valentine. Attendance 5,667; Receipts £276. World Cup XIII 7g 9t, 41pts. British Empire XIII 7g 11t — 47pts.

TERRACE SIDE HUT

August, and ground committee gave permission for Terrace Side Hut to be erected; following further meetings, digging out started in November. Moves made to start Pool. Bramley Schoolboys visited Fartown, tea and buns provided — greatly appreciated

Betting and Lotteries Act gone into with S. D. Lister; October, rules drawn up for scheme, several schemes having been discarded. Billy Banks presented with tray. Code cards printed for pool, three numbers, soccer teams to be used; Office in Observer Chambers obtained; weekly sheets to be printed in Batley. Seventeen members became agents.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB BUILDING FUND

1957—Supporters' Club Building Fund commenced January 5th, the same night a Dance was held at the Town Hall. Sunday morning winning codes worked out. The following had been elected to run and manage the scheme: P. Crabtree (Secretary), S. Fletcher (Treasurer), R. L. Hoyle, E. Starkey (Jnr.), J. Stubbings, J. Webster, Miss N. Beaumont, Miss M. Haigh, Miss B. Brook, Miss J. Rushforth and Mrs. C. Jackson (any five to form a quorum). Not much enthusiasm shown by the Senior body but Mr. H. Littlewood, a Vice-president of the Supporters' Club, became an agent. Several of the General Committee were of course members of the Supporters' Committee and had pledged their support. Work carried on Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings and Monday evenings, monies collected, prizes worked out, paid out, sheets sent out. Teams, i.e. Arsenal, Manchester United, etc., etc., were always worked out by the Secretary. The highest scoring sides appearing on



the weekly sheets. In summer the pool continued with the use of Australian soccer sides, and County Cricket batsmen, i.e. Yorkshire No. 1, Lancashire No. 2 were also given a chance to boost interest during the summer. Returns had to be made out of each week's pool and forwarded to the local authorities; stamps bought, monies paid into the bank. A thousand and one jobs to do.

£212 spent on Terrace side hut; Opened March 2nd at the Doncaster game. Receipts £6-19-5½. A start at last — what a boon for terrace-siders. What a lot of work: Every article for sale had to be transported round from the storeroom under the Pavilion steps, water transported too, for there was no running water at the start. Gates would be locked, goods were carried round by hand, gates locked by the time you returned. It was chaos, but the "White Elephant" as it was called, certainly showed its tusks. After each match all unsold goods were manhandled back, and the same procedure to go through again at the next match. You've no idea.

HAT TRICK

Miss P. Dickinson elected Northern Rugby League Queen. A hat-trick of victories: 1955, 1956 and 1957. Bill Griffin presented with a watch. Johnny Hunter a Testimonial cheque for £254; £579 to D. D. Valentine for his Testimonial. P. Henderson presented with a gift on his retirement. More flowers in the main drive.

Donation of £1,011 to the H.C. & A.C. £700 spent on painting of Main and West Stands from the Building Fund account. £25 to Schools Rugby League. Running water to the Terrace Side Hut.

1958—Building Fund had raised £2,346 in 63 weeks since its inception, but still lacked support from high quarters, and how the money was needed. Christmas Draw still going strong and our best effort so far. More shrubs and flowers for the main drive. £25 for T. Smales. Building Fund provided new turnstiles at Spaines Road. Cricket roller repaired, a van bought to maintain and increase the fund. £831 paid the H.C. & A.C. rates.

JUNIOR SECTION

1959—Increase in membership, the first for six years, after a steady decline. A Junior section was formed with meetings held in the Pavilion; speakers included Mike Wicks, B. McColl, Ben Gronow, A. Brown, T. Webb, A. N. Gaulton; film shows were held. A trip to Batley but our lads lost the game they played there. These boys, given the encouragement needed would become officials, players, or even just spectators of the Future. F. Dyson awarded a Testimonial. Jim Clarke presented with £25 cheque following the sudden end of his football career.

1960—Ted Slevin was nominated for the Yorkshire Federation Annual Award: "The Fairest and most Loyal Player," and was unanimously awarded the trophy. £600 donated to the H.C. & A.C. A stop watch competition was held successfully. A wrestling tournament held on the football field was not a success. Matches included The Mask v. Albert Wall, Dai Sullivan v. Masambula, Reg Williams v. Peter Deakin, Ernie Riley v. John Allan. Junior training continued in the field at the back of the scoreboard, N. Bower was in charge and a further taste of football at Oldham.

1961—Frank Dyson received a £400 Testimonial cheque, and also received a statuette presented for us by Ben Gronow for breaking the Fartown goal-kicking record.

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Mr. J. A. Brook had to relinquish the position of Treasurer through ill health and Miss N. Beaumont appointed to the position.

In April the Building Fund was wound up after handing over £8,000 to the senior body. A very worthwhile contribution, and the Rugby League Section Development Fund formed. K. Senior and P. Crabtree were joint secretaries.

April 29th winners included four winners each receiving £11-6-4 and twelve winners £2-10-3.

Results for May 6th, 1961, read as follows:

TOTAL POOL	...	...	£242	0	0
PRIZE MONEY	...	...	£121	0	0
1st Prize	C436—B. Hitchcock	receives	£36		
	Agent E. Skacowski	receives	£6-1-0		
2nd Prize	G576—G. Abbot	receives	£24-4-0		
	Agent H. F. Brook	receives	£3-12-7		
3rd Prize	B526—Mrs. Buckley	receives	£12-2-0		
	Agent J. Stubbings	receives	£2-8-5		

By November the need for a second pool arose and on November 25th, 1961, results were as follows:-

R. L. DEVELOPMENT FUND

TOTAL POOL	...	...	...	£745	10	0
PRIZE MONEY	...	...	...	£372	15	0

First Prize

L756—C. Parkinson, of Kirkburton, receives £100
Agent A. E. Halstead receives £18-12-9

Second Prize

J757—E. Ball, of Bradley receives £86-7-6
Agent S. Horsfall receives £11-3-8

Third Prize

Q441—Mrs. Lindley, of Almondbury receives £37-5-6
Agent W. Cook receives £7-9-1

SUPPORTERS CLUB BUILDING FUND

TOTAL POOL	...	...	...	£109	3	0
PRIZE MONEY	...	...	...	£54	11	6

First Prize

B817—G. Jagger, of Lepton, receives £16-7-4
Agent J. Carter £2-14-7

Second Prize

B287—J. Corner, of Slaithwaite, receives £10-18-3
Agent C. Pickles £1-12-9

Third Prize

B984—A. Wade, of Rawthorpe receives £5-9-2
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WEMBLEY, 1962

1962—P. Ramsden awarded a Testimonial. Wembley Souvenir issued and the Claret and Gold Express took to the rails again,



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Under-17 side in District League, H. Littlewood trainer, Home games to be played at Leeds Road. First victory to report 44-0 v. Rastrick. November: Specimen copy of lease re Clubroom read. December: Black and White Minstrels visited at Leeds.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hirst celebrated their Golden Wedding and a presentation was made in the Bowling Club. Mr. J. H. Rayner elected President of the Yorkshire Federation.

K. Bowman granted a Testimonial and our first effort at running 7's. A very successful competition was run, which attracted one of the largest crowds of the season at Fartown.

Ricky Dunbar the British professional sprint champion ran the 100 yards in 9.85 seconds in an exhibition sprint. It was magnificent to see him that Sunday morning on the cricket field. We even had a letter from the H.C. & A.C. congratulating us on the magnificent manner in which the 7's were run.

A single wicket cricket match for the Testimonial Fund. Alteration to rules at the Annual General Meeting. September: Following a visit to Court re licence for Clubroom by the President and Secretary, rules amended.

September 25th, opening at the Warrington game. Another "white elephant" but how it prospered. Work, yes! How was it all done? Only we know how. B. Robinson did a magnificent job, ably assisted. Bramley boys visited once again, tea, etc., and their team won. Ken Bowman presented with Testimonial cheque, £1,200, which included £500 from the H.C. & A.C.

200 CLUB

1966—Several film shows shown in the Clubroom. D. Lockwood appointed Subscription Secretary. £500 loan paid back to H.C. & A.C. 200 Club formed following a suggestion to the Senior body



that a money-raising committee be formed. Members given permission to run a side in the Rastrick Workshops. T.V. installed in Club. Austin Kilroy awarded a Testimonial — more 7's — Final: Scotland 16, Other Nationalities 3. McAnerey of Blyth won the hundred yards sprint in 9.78 seconds. At the Annual General Meeting 2/6 minimum annual subscription passed. The first lady President, Miss N. Beaumont, elected.

Junior side discontinued through lack of players.

Club licence granted for a further 12 months. Senior body stopped junior training in October, available again in November.



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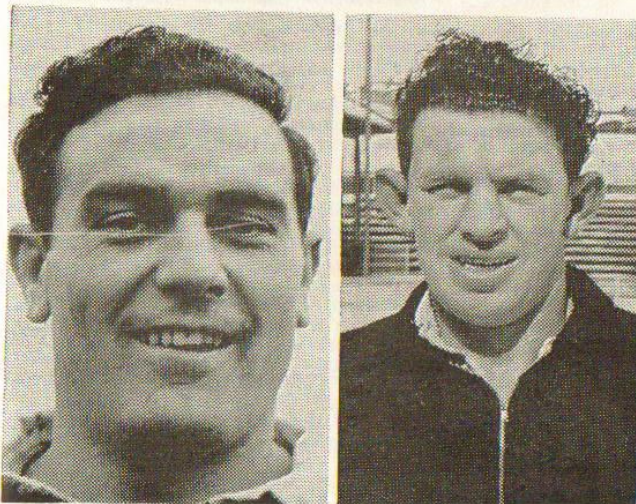
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1967—Visit to Webster's Brewery. Austin Kilroy cheque £820 (£500 from H.C. & A.C.) Ex-Players Association founded, first get-together in the Club, February 22nd. Terrace-side Hut extended by permission of the Grond Committee.

Don Close awarded a Testimonial. £5-5-0 granted to Centenary Cricket Match at Fartown .

1968—Deputation of Miss N. Beaumont, W. Cunningham, D. D. Valentine and P. Crabtree met R.L. Officials in Leeds re Don Close 7's. This turned out to be the last for players for after this meeting with the Rugby League Management Committee they adhered to an earlier directive that "sevens" for players testimonials be not allowed in future.

Holiday Draw won by Mrs. Merrick, Majorca bound. Shaw Cross Boys' Club books sold. Plan to extend Club made. £62 cheque forwarded to District Rugby League to pay off their debts.



1969—£500 donated to the H.C. & A.C. towards cost of repairs to main stand roof; £448 for tarmacing surrounds of Club and Cricket Pavilion; £509 for a new van. Bar sales rise over £1,100.

Testimonial for Raymond Haywood. Don Close received cheque for £1,340 (£500 from H.C. & A.C.) New Amplifying System for Bar.

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1970—Crisis at Fartown, £2,500 transferred to Parent Club's bank account to offset debt. £200 from Junior Supporters' Marathon Walk donated to Senior body. New set of jerseys and shorts, £62 for Senior side. A hat-trick of Lady Presidents: Miss J. Rushforth elected.

1971—£554 for new tannoy equipment. New set of jerseys and shorts £105. Terrace side repairs £100. Alteration to junior dressing rooms £38. Raymond Haywood Testimonial cheque for £1,000 (£500 from Senior Body).

So the work goes on.

Fifty years on and still going strong. After the first twenty-five years a conclusion was included. Now after fifty, the second twenty-five shows how much has been done, and what could have been done.

The Supporters' Club has had drive, very many worthy helpers who have given thousands of hours to the cause, and a strong belief that they were moving with the times. So very much more could have been achieved given the right encouragement, but the brake has been applied so very many times — and is still being applied.

Financially the Huddersfield C. & A. Club has benefited by over £16,500 during these last twenty-five years either in cash or kind and they should be proud of the Supporters' Club and its achievements. Without them there would be no FARTOWN to-day. This in addition to the Building Funds £150,000. What a start the Supporters' Club gave and the thousand and one jobs that have been done and the millions of hours given cannot be estimated.

Since 1946 many names have passed through the ranks: Mr. J. A. Brook, a former Treasurer, did he start all the interest in club colours, scarves, etc., on that holiday in Devon, many Supporters now wear club colours in whatever code they follow. Mr. J. Stubbings, who was interested in all our works, and would have given more if his health would have allowed it. Mr. A. N. Gaulton, compiler of records, who played such a large part in the production of Year Books and Testimonial Books. Mr. S. Fletcher, the first Treasurer of the Pools, and those still with us today: Mr. W. Warburton, how many mats has he stacked in his time and the Ladies: Miss N. Beaumont, Treasurer, who became the first Lady President, her work in connection with the Pool, the Terrace-side hut, and in the Clubroom, Miss M. Pilling, Treasurer of our Bar accounts, work with the Pool. Mr. B. Robinson, Chairman, for his work in that Office and in the Clubroom. Many others come to mind, all have played a part.

We are not sure whether we were the first ever Supporters' Club but we were the first in Rugby League. Fifty years continuous working is quite something. Our Year Books were a first, and Lady Presidents too. Testimonials, some 14 have been run and the players concerned have all been worked for and benefited by over £12,500 (£500 to each player being donated by the H.C. & A.C.)

Truly a magnificent second twenty-five years. The H.C. & A.C. should be proud of its Supporters' Club and its workers, no club has ever had better throughout the years. Well done all of you.

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