

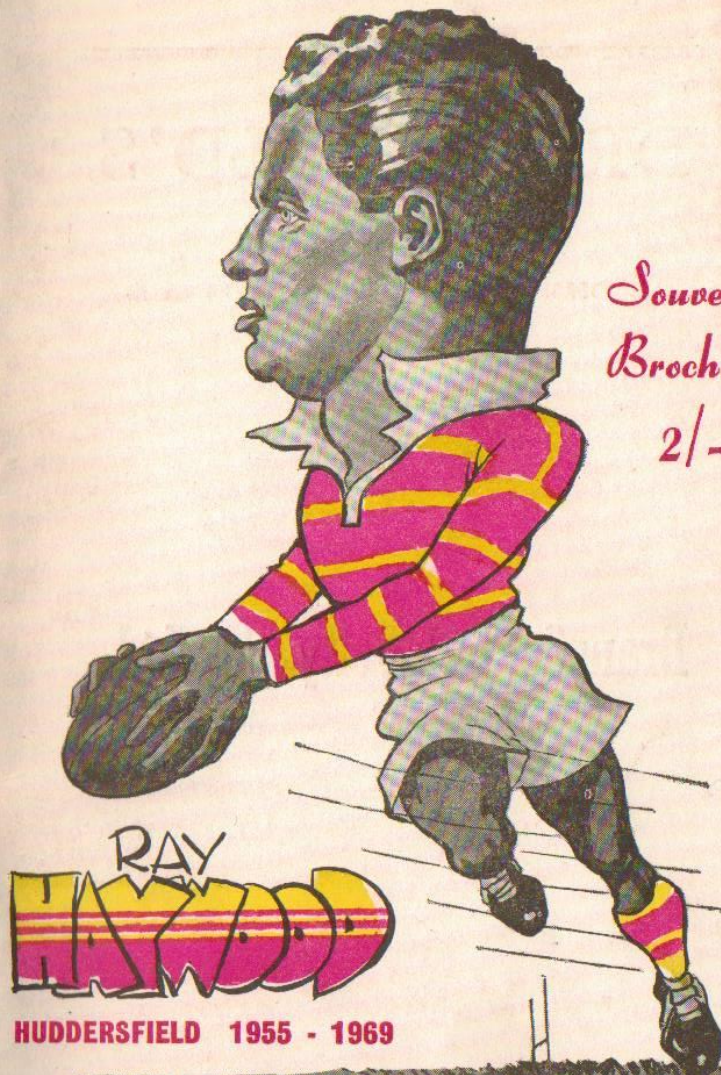
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The Football Career of Raymond Haywood in words  
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achievements in the Rugby League game



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RAY THE FAMILY MAN

At home with his wife, Jean, and sons Mark and Shaun

## FOREWORD



Raymond Haywood, the local boy who has been a Fartown player for a long number of seasons, has completed his tenth year on the club's register as a professional player. However, he also played as an amateur for a season or two, which makes him to have been a Fartowner for nearly fourteen years.

Over the last season or so, Raymond has been called on for first team duties, even though he was coaching the "A" team. He has always given of his best and been an inspiration to the younger players who were on the field with him.

I trust that Raymond's Testimonial will be a great success.

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# RAY HAYWOOD

Like so many other Rugby League players, Raymond Haywood came into the game as a schoolboy, although his first memory of sport participation is when he played soccer for the Birkby County Secondary School. It wasn't long, however, before he was in the Rugby League team.



Even in those days he was showing the all-round versatility that has marked his career in senior football, for he played full back, centre or stand-off half, and he became captain of the school team. At the age of 13 he played for the Huddersfield Schools R.L. Team in the stand-off position at Warrington.

Cricket was also among Ray's interests at that time. He captained the school team and was in the Town Boys side which won the Yorkshire Cup. Ken Taylor, later to play cricket for Yorkshire and England, and soccer for Huddersfield Town, captained that team which also included Bill Fiddes (a son of former Fartown captain Alex Fiddes) who later made quite a name for himself with the Huddersfield R.U. Club.

Ray joined Bradley Mills in the Huddersfield and District Cricket League. He captained the junior team and in 1952 won the Junior League batting prize with an average of 53.8 runs per innings, in addition to taking more catches than any other player in the section in which they played.

He had his first game with Bradley Mills first team at the age of fifteen and has spent many happy hours on the cricket field. These include games with army teams, and also the Huddersfield R.L. v. Huddersfield Town cricket match which used to be an annual event.

Ray continued to mix his sports on leaving school, when he joined the Birkby Civic Youth Club, from which present Fartowners Ian Van Bellen and Martin Calvert were also signed. At Birkby they played both soccer and Rugby League while Ray was a member of the Youth Club. He was either right wing or centre forward for the soccer team and mostly at centre with the R.L. side.

In 1953 he was presented with the Club Sportsmanship Award. He remembers it well because that was the year Peter Ramsden



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returned to the Club after winning the Lance Todd Trophy at Wembley on his nineteenth birthday.

Ray then joined the Woodhouse C.Y.C. Under-18 side and his team-mates included Maurice Oldroyd, now an "A" team referee, and Dennis Broadbent, who later played for Bradford Northern just before they were disbanded. A return to the Birkby C.Y.C. followed and it was at this period that the name of Ray Haywood appeared in the Fartown first team for the first time.

The date was October, 22nd, 1955, and Huddersfield had international opponents in the New Zealand Touring Team. Ray played at left centre, and in opposition were Tommy Baxter and Bill Sorenson two of the best centres the Kiwis have ever sent over here. But Ray played a cool and resourceful game and was in no way outclassed. He scored a try, his winger (Mick Sullivan) scored two, and Huddersfield won by 25 points to 16.

For the record, the teams that day were:- **Huddersfield**—Dyson; Henderson, Barrow, Haywood, Sullivan; Ramsden (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Wood, Griffin, Fairbank, Briggs, Pawsey. **New Zealand**—Haggie; Robertson, Baxter (capt.), Sorenson, Bakalich; Menzies, Creedy; Maxwell, Kilkelly, Butterfield, McDonald, Yates, Percy. Referee: Mr. H. Squires, of Ossett.

Although Ray had signed amateur forms at Fartown and could, after that rather sensational debut, have become a professional, he showed no inclination to change his status. He continued to play for Birkby C.Y.C. but the season had an unfortunate ending for him. The last game was a Final and Ray scored the only try of the game in the first ten minutes but strained his knee ligaments and finished the game hobbling on the wing.

Cricket was out for him that summer, as he had his leg in plaster, but he was back in action for the next football season, this time with Lockwood R.L.F.C. He nearly played in the Rugby League Challenge Cup Competition against a senior club with Lockwood, for they were knocked out in the last qualifying round that year. One of his team-mates at this time was "Tuffy" Hirst, the present Dewsbury full back.

During his career in amateur Rugby League, Ray won nearly all the honours open to him. He was a regular member of Huddersfield and District A.R.L. teams in all the age groups, and very often was the captain. In 1956 he was vice-captain of the England Under-21 side which won 10-8 at Tarbes in France. Team-mates that day who were later to join him at Fartown were scrum half Terry Gorman (now with Batley) and loose forward Brian Shacklady. That same season Ray was Reserve to Travel for the England Open-Age side.

He played for Yorkshire on several occasions, being captain of the team on quite a few of them. In those days he added goal-kicking to his other accomplishments. A game he remembers well was with the Huddersfield and District Under-18 team at Featherstone when, with three goals and two tries, he scored 12 of his side's 15 points. Playing in the Huddersfield pack in that match was David Flint, a prop who later played senior football with Huddersfield and Salford.

Raymond has always been noted for his sportsmanship on and off the field. In the 1954-55 season this was given official recognition



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when the Huddersfield and District Amateur Rugby League presented him with the S. G. Bye Award for Good Sportsmanship.

Then came an interruption of his amateur R.L. footballing career — he got his National Service calling-up papers. He served with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and was stationed at Halifax for six months, waiting for the Battalion to come back from Cyprus. The Lockwood club made a special appeal to the Army authorities, and their secretary wrote:

"Raymond Haywood's loss at this period of the season comes as an irreparable blow, owing to the fact that we are in the running for top-four honours, together with several cups, the rounds of which commence next week. May we ask your kind permission that he be released to play in as many of our remaining matches as possible."

There was no Rugby League in the Army, but Ray played cricket, soccer and Rugby Union for his depot, and the cricket team won the Northern Command Cup.

Then he was moved to Northern Ireland with the Battalion and had a spell at Londonderry where he played R.U. for H.M.S. Eagle, the Navy camp where they were stationed. Later he was moved to Belfast where the Dukes were preparing for the Army Cup. Ray played in all the Cup matches and was on the left wing.

They went over to Germany to play the Cup Final, which the Dukes won by 25 points to 3, and included in that side were Brian Saville (Hull, Doncaster and Batley) and Derek Davies (Bradford Northern and Leeds). His friend and neighbour Dennis Broadbent (Bradford Northern) was in the opposing team and Ray says he has always thought it was a long way to go to play against a life-long mate who lived just across the street.

Raymond still has a copy of "The Iron Duke," the Magazine of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) and it contains some interesting comments on the Final of the Army Rugby Cup Competition of 1958 which was played at Bad Lippspringe.

The report on the game includes the following: "The next score came from a loose scrum on the right. The ball went quickly out to the left wing, where Haywood took it and side-stepped inside his opposite number. He encountered the covering R.A.S.C. forwards but went inside and drove in hard for an excellent try. Saville converted."

A summary of the players in the Duke's team has this to say about Raymond: "Pte. Haywood. He has been consistently the outstanding player. A converted centre, he has shown tremendous determination and a good side-step. Not terribly fast, but very dangerous from the opposition "25." Tackles well."

Ray has happy memories of his footballing days in the Army, when he played with and against many players he was to meet later on Rugby League fields — such as Brian Curry, Jack Scroby, Alan Kellett, Brian Glover, Roy Sabine, Norman Field.

After Ray was demobbed he decided to turn professional. One or two clubs were interested in his future but when he did sign — in March, 1959, it was for Huddersfield. His first senior game as a



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professional was against Batley at Fartown. He didn't score this time but Huddersfield won 22-15.

It is interesting to compare the Fartown team for that afternoon with the team which had opposed New Zealand less than four years earlier. There were quite a few changes. The Huddersfield side against Batley was — Dyson; Haywood, Plunkett, Ashcroft (capt.), Breen; Ramsden, Curry; Slevin, Wood, Devereux, Bowman, Colburn, Thornley.

There are many who believe that a player who specialises in one position has a better chance of gaining a regular place in a team than a player who is regarded as a versatile utility man who can occupy a variety of positions as the need arises. This may be open to argument, but it might be applied to Raymond Haywood's case.

In two seasons he has made more than thirty appearances, and in another three more than twenty, but he never was allowed to keep one position for very long. Left centre was his most frequent position, but when — at different times — players like Mike Wicks, Gwyn Davies, Gordon Blackett and others were injured it was invariably Haywood who was moved in to fill the position until the player concerned was fit again.

That he did so uncomplainingly, always filling the bill, always giving of his best, and often causing supporters to say that he didn't deserve to be dropped when that time came, is tribute to Ray's attitude to the game. He has been among the most loyal of club-men we have ever had at Fartown, although he has never been in the limelight when representative honours were handed out.

Many Fartown followers will remember Raymond best for his work in the 1968 side which came within a whisker's breadth of going to Wembley. If only that try by Rob Valentine in the Odsal semi-final had been allowed! But it's all a matter of history now. The score-sheet remained blank and Wakefield Trinity won the re-play and, eventually, the Cup went to Leeds.

Ray was in the problem position of stand-off at that time, and he had a steadying influence which was an important factor in those cup successes. At the beginning of that 1967-68 season he had been appointed as "A" team player-coach, but since the appointment he has spent more time with the first team than the reserves.

One of Fartown's genuine "local lads," Raymond has never given less than an all-out effort. He has been a skilful footballer and a first-rate sportsman who has given great pleasure to the club's supporters over a period of many years.

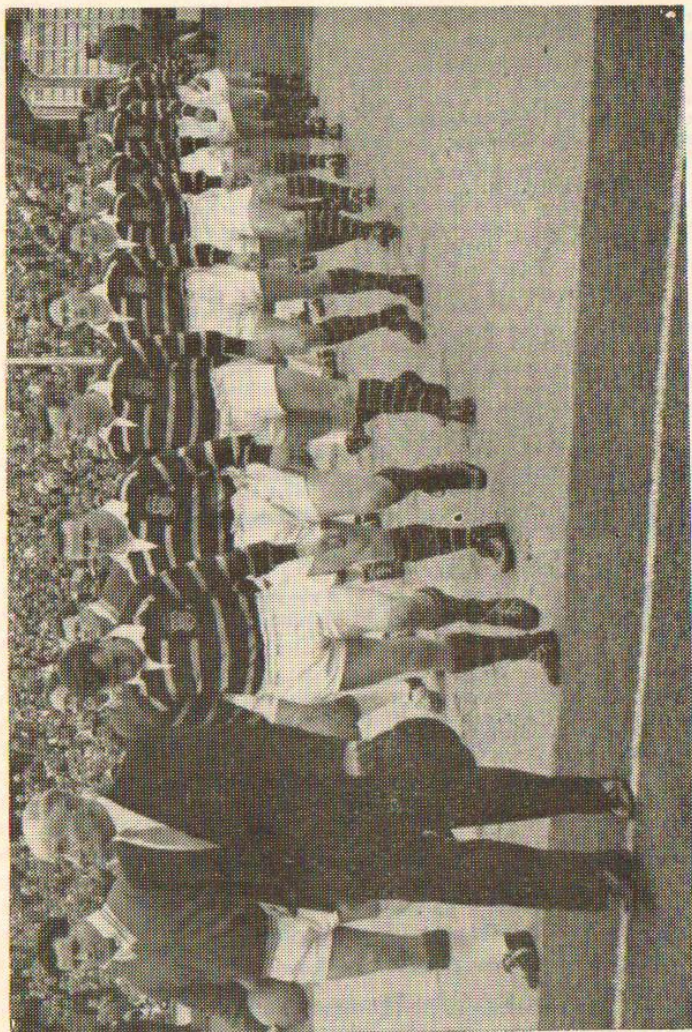
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COMING ON TO THE FIELD AT WEMBLEY IN 1962  
Mr. W. Cunningham leads the Fartown team out. Ray is the fifth Fartowner,  
between Leo Booth and Mike Wicks

## Ray's Fartown Playing Records

Season	App.	G	T	Pts.	App.	G	T	Pts.
1955-56 ... ..	10	—	2	6	...	6	3	4 18
1956-57 ... ..	—	—	—	—	...	3	—	—
1957-58 ... ..	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
1958-59 ... ..	3	—	—	—	...	1	—	—
1959-60 ... ..	6	—	2	6	...	19	1	3 11
1960-61 ... ..	4	—	—	—	...	18	—	5 15
1961-62 ... ..	20	—	4	12	...	14	—	7 21
1962-63 ... ..	34	—	10	30	...	2	—	—
1963-64 ... ..	29	—	4	12	...	4	—	1 3
1964-65 ... ..	15	—	1	3	...	10	—	5 15
1965-66 ... ..	37	—	7	21	...	—	—	—
1966-67 ... ..	9	—	1	3	...	8	—	—
1967-68 ... ..	22	—	3	9	...	5	—	1 3
1968-69 ... ..	8	—	1	3	...	11	2	5 19
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## Press Comments

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Raymond Haywood can look back upon his debut with satisfaction. He scored his side's opening try and looked every bit as good as his costly co-centre, Roland Barrow.

— v. New Zealand, October, 1955.

Banks gave to Wainwright who went straight through a gap and put Haywood over for a sensational early try.

— v. Warrington, November, 1955.

Sullivan collected a Haywood cross-kick and scored, but had the try disallowed for offside. A doubtful decision.

— v. Leeds, November, 1955.

So far as young Haywood is concerned, it is a pity he is not playing alongside a really first-class centre partner every week. In such an event I think we should see an even greater improvement in his play — and that is not to be taken as implied criticism of Haywood, who is pulling his weight in defence and attack.

— v. Dewsbury, December, 1955.

The absence of Ashcroft did not disorganise the team, for Haywood had a good game at centre. He scored a try and made one early tackle which prevented a Whitehaven score.

— v. Whitehaven, September, 1959.

Ray Haywood, replacing the injured Mike Wicks, gave a remarkably confident display on the left wing. Haywood had impressed at centre on his previous outings, but on this form he must certainly be given further opportunities on the wing to show that this was no flash in the pan.

— v. Keighley, October, 1959.

Haywood again demonstrated his ability to beat a man but was always outnumbered when he got the ball.

— v. Hunslet, October, 1959.

Gwyn Davies could claim much of the credit for this Cup win but others played no small part and there was some telling tackling by Deighton and Haywood.

— v. York, R.L. Cup, February, 1962.

The next threat came from Haywood who dribbled a dropped Wigan pass forty yards and seemed certain to score when he picked up three yards out. Griffiths, however, crashed him down and knocked the ball out of his grasp.

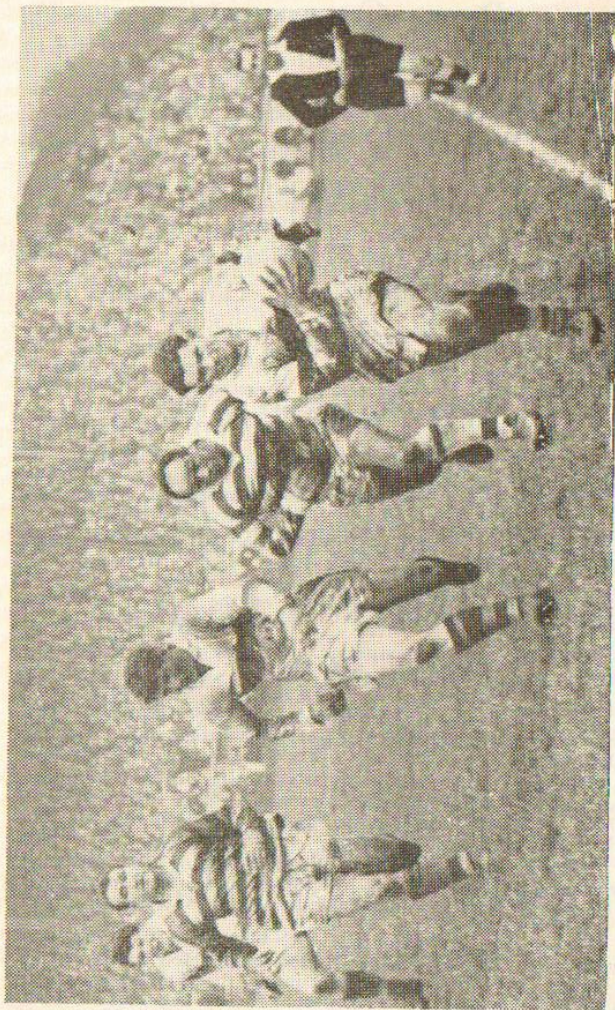
— v. Wigan, April, 1962.

Haywood was assured in everything he did, and attack and defence came alike to him. By whipping Boston's legs from under him he showed that size and strength are of no avail against a man who goes low.

It was Haywood who completely bluffed the Wigan defence by going out to the wing, and as Boston and Ashton waited for the back pass to Stocks who had moved inside, the Huddersfield centre raced away and was over at the corner as Boston, realising his error, chased back to tackle just too late.

— v. Wigan, May, 1962.





A TRY IS ON THE WAY  
Billy Boston gives vain chase to Ray at Wigan. The other Fartowners are  
Geoff Stocks and Mick Clark

Booth and Haywood played well at centre, and with a little luck either or both might have scored.

— v. Wakefield T., R.L. Cup Final, at Wembley, May, 1962.

After Haywood had side stepped first one way, and then another, he sold a dummy to score the third try.

— v. Bradford N., August, 1962.

The most polished of the Huddersfield backs was undoubtedly Haywood, and that despite a bang which closed one eye.

— v. Batley, August, 1962.

Haywood danced through with a bewildering side-step, and if he had been able to maintain the speed over fifty yards he showed over fifteen he would have had two tries.

— v. Bradford N., August, 1962.

Ray Haywood's try just after the interval more or less made sure of victory, and the opportunist manner in which he took his chance was pleasing to see.

— v. Widnes, November, 1962.

Haywood's equalising try was a good one. He was given the ball some fifteen yards out after a passing movement and jinked his way over the line very cleverly.

— v. Oldham, November, 1962.

Strong surged through and passed to Haywood, who was able to beat his man near to the line and score a fine try.

— v. Workington Town, April, 1963.

Haywood was Huddersfield's most notable attacker, putting in some good first-half runs.

— v. Wigan, August, 1963.

Blackett brought the best out of centres Haywood and Deighton. One try, scored by Smales and in which Haywood played the major part, was sheer delight.

— v. Doncaster, September, 1963.

Haywood rounded off the Fartown win with two fine tries late in the game, and he made one save in the first half when he overtook Devonshire who looked a certain scorer.

— v. Hull, September, 1963.

Which is the best pair of centres at Fartown? You can perm any two from Hagan, Haywood, Russell and Longstaff.

September, 1965.

There seemed no way through when Haywood was given the ball twenty yards out. First he moved to the left, the way was barred; then he switched to the right, found a sudden acceleration, side-stepped one tackle and went forward so hard that the defence only helped to take him over for a try by the posts.

— v. Halifax, May, 1964.

Few of the Fartowners showed the form we know they are capable of. Haywood, at stand-off was the best and was the one back to show any variety of moves. It was from one of his kicks ahead that Senior scored Huddersfield's only try.

— v. Bramley, November, 1965.



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Haywood came into his own in the second half. Within five minutes of the restart he capitalised upon good work by Dobson, Kilroy and Curry to finish with a try between the posts. Then, around three-quarter time, he gave Tomlinson the ball at half-way for the latter to cover some twenty yards before cross-kicking. Haywood followed up to take the ball from the kick and score a try which brought the house down.  
— v. Leigh, November, 1965.

The absence of Gordon Blackett is being well covered by the splendid form being shown by Ray Haywood, who is probably playing better now than at any previous time in his career.  
(November, 1965).

One run to the right and cross-kick to the left by Haywood failed only because the ball bounced too high for Senior.  
— v. Barrow, January, 1966.

There was a two-man cover to mark Haywood and Major but, seeing his winger well marked, Haywood took it on himself to race through and just managed to get in at the corner.  
— v. Hunslet, March, 1966.

Haywood was the best centre on the field, coming nearest to giving the next man room in which to move. Once he made a clear opening, but Roberts could not take his pass.  
— v. Halifax, August, 1967.

Their monopoly of the ball, coupled with the substitution of Haywood at stand-off, helped to change the Huddersfield side from a group of misfits into a team working well together,  
— v. Dewsbury, September, 1967.

Haywood has had what is probably his best season at Fartown and has played well in a few different positions.  
(Review of Fartown 1965-66 season).

Ray Haywood, brought in to fill the vital stand-off position, has fitted in remarkably well and has given some good displays on attack and in defence. His tenancy of the position may only be a short-term one, but he could well help the Fartowners to be among the honours this season.  
(March, 1968).

Featherstone were defending desperately near their own line when the ball squirted from the grasp of one of their mud-coated forwards. Valentine hacked it over the line and Haywood darted after it and managed to get his hands on the ball before it went dead.  
— v. Featherstone R., R.L. Cup, March, 1968.

Haywood worked a neat reverse pass with Ford for the latter to go hurtling through a gap, and there was Rhodes beside him to take his pass and score by the posts.

— v. Wakefield T., R.L. Cup S.F. replay, April, 1968.

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AN IMPORTANT TRY  
Ray scoring the match-winning try in the Sunday cup-tie against Featherstone Rovers last year

## Personal Tributes

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Testimonials being given after ten years, it was to me a little surprising to find that Raymond Haywood is being given his just dues only this year. It seemed to me that he'd been with us so long, and indeed I find that his first game with Huddersfield was played as long ago as October 22nd, 1955. But he was then an amateur, and it was not until May 30th, 1959, that he signed as a professional.

I remember his early appearances very well. I remember a youth who looked a natural footballer. He ran with the kind of body balance that belongs only to the first-class player, he had good footwork by which he could create an opening within little room, and obviously also he had a good intelligence.

If he had been only a yard faster he would have been a great player. But one thing about him I always admired — he played the game as though he really enjoyed it. His football made everyone who watched it feel that they had been witnessing enjoyable rugby. He played anywhere in the backs and one could have argued his claim for any position behind the scrum — allowing for the fact that he was not quite fast enough for a wing.

That he has been in the game as long as he has is an indication of his qualities. There might have been occasions when he said to himself that he was not really fit that afternoon, but no-one could have noticed it, for he was conscientious and full of football sense. He was always a trier.

As a young man he played like one who was born with an old head on his shoulders. That old head he kept, otherwise he could not have continued in such a game as Rugby League for fourteen years. The club have been fortunate in one who has served them and the game in such a way.

S. H. CROWTHER  
("Autolycus" of the Huddersfield Examiner)

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Raymond Haywood is a "players' player," he has always commanded greater respect and admiration among fellow players than he has with the press and public. Not to say that Ray has not had his share of acclaim, but I feel sure his great talent and rugby expertise has not been fully recognised.

Modest and unassuming, Ray was accepted as a wonderful player by players like Pat Devery, Lionel Cooper, etc., back in his amateur days when he first arrived at Fartown.

I have the greatest admiration for Ray both on and off the rugby field, and I know that all his old colleagues as well as the new will join me in wishing Raymond a well deserved and generous benefit.

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A player of distinction, a credit to the game and a gentleman both on and off the field, ever ready to help a young player in his progress. He has always given 100% whether playing or coaching and is an outstanding example of a true sportsman.

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Testimonials are awarded to Rugby League players by their clubs for ten years' loyal service, and if ever any Huddersfield player has deserved this award it is surely Raymond Haywood. Loyalty is defined by the dictionary as being true, faithful to duty, love or obligation and there can be no better example than this year's beneficiary.

Haywood joined the club from Birkby C.Y.C. and for two years played as an amateur so that he has in fact given far more than the ten years' qualifying service. Furthermore he has given, always of his best, in whatever position the club have asked. Not for him the tantrums oft associated with players of demanding their own position whatever the needs of the team. He has been ready to turn out at centre, on the wing, at stand-off or at full-back, and has moved from post to post with only one thought — the best for his club.

His abilities, too, have not been small. Had he been fortunate to be drafted into a top-class side I have no doubt he would have made a greater name for himself as the "brains" of a three-quarter line, but he had the misfortune to come into a side which was struggling after a period of great renown.

One cannot forget that, though a centre towards the end of his playing career, he was brought in at stand-off and brought a steadiness that helped so much in the good Cup run.

From playing he turned to coaching the second team and if he is able to engender the same loyalty among the youngsters he controls, as well as pass on some of his own abilities, Huddersfield will have cause to bless him even more.

I trust he has the good fortune to have his testimonial reach the proportions he richly deserves.

G. COCKIN

("The Scout," Huddersfield Examiner)



I was very pleased when asked to write a few words for Raymond Haywood's testimonial brochure. This I do willingly, for I have a high regard for him both as a player and, more important, as a person.

The 'Dukes' were stationed in Northern Ireland during 1957, 1958, and 1959, and I was fortunate to captain our Regimental side during two of our peak seasons. We had many great games in Ireland, most of which we won, and made a lot of friends throughout Ulster.

Raymond Haywood was one of our stars, and on the left wing scored many splendid tries. He was very sound defensively, and I do not recall him ever flinching, nor many opponents getting past him.

Although he was such a good performer I believe his greatest contribution to the 'Dukes' was his team spirit. In every game, in every practice and in every way, he always worked for the team. We all knew we could rely on Raymond entirely, and that he would be giving 100% effort.

It is also nice to recall this attitude extended to all he did in the Regiment whilst serving as a National Serviceman. He was a good soldier and I know I did all I could to persuade him to stay on with us as a regular.

So, it is with great pleasure that I write these few words, and to Raymond and his family I send my sincere best wishes, and in doing so I know I am joined by all members of the Regiment who were privileged to know him.

Lieutenant Colonel D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH  
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### RAYMOND HAYWOOD . . .

Was born on December 10th, 1935.

Married Miss Jean Dyson, of Linthwaite.

Has two sons, Simon Mark aged 3½ years and Shaun Nicholas aged 7 months.

Won Amateur County and International honours while playing in the Huddersfield and District Amateur Rugby League.

Served an apprenticeship as a plumber with J. Braithwaite & Son Ltd., and now works at the Huddersfield Corporation Estate and Property Department.

Made his first team debut at Fartown as an amateur against New Zealand on October 22nd, 1955, and scored a try.

Played his first game for the "A" team against Keighley (h) on September 3rd, 1955, and scored a try.

Signed professional forms for Huddersfield on March 30th, 1959. Played for Huddersfield at Wembley in the 1962 R.L. Cup Final.

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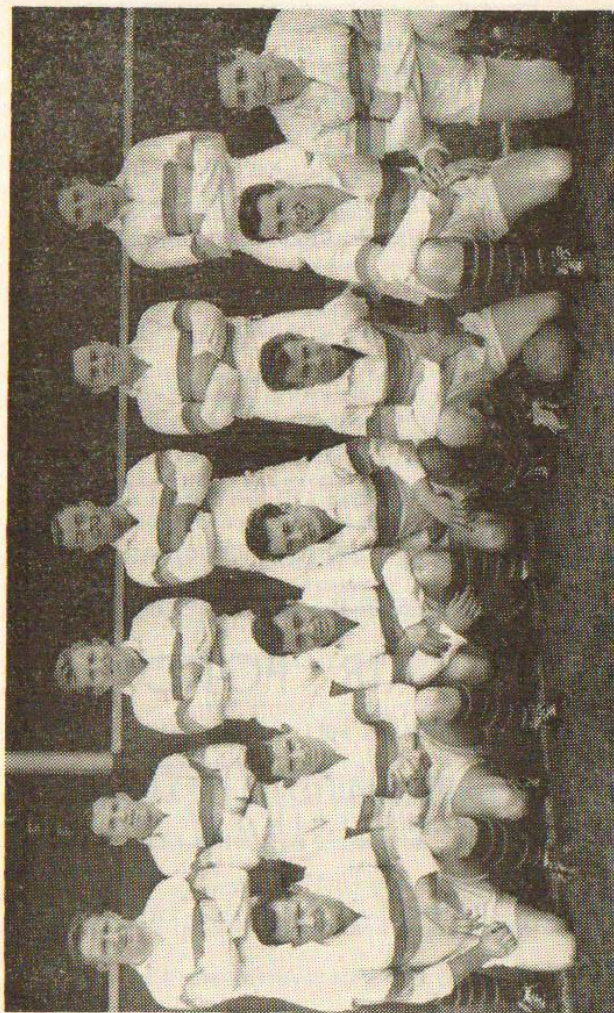
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I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank past and present members of the Huddersfield Football Committee, players, staff, and all followers for the help they have given me during my career at Fartown.

Also the members of the Supporters' Club for all the work and effort in the promoting of my Testimonial Fund, and everybody associated with the production of this Testimonial book. Thank you all.

Yours sincerely,

RAYMOND HAYWOOD.

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