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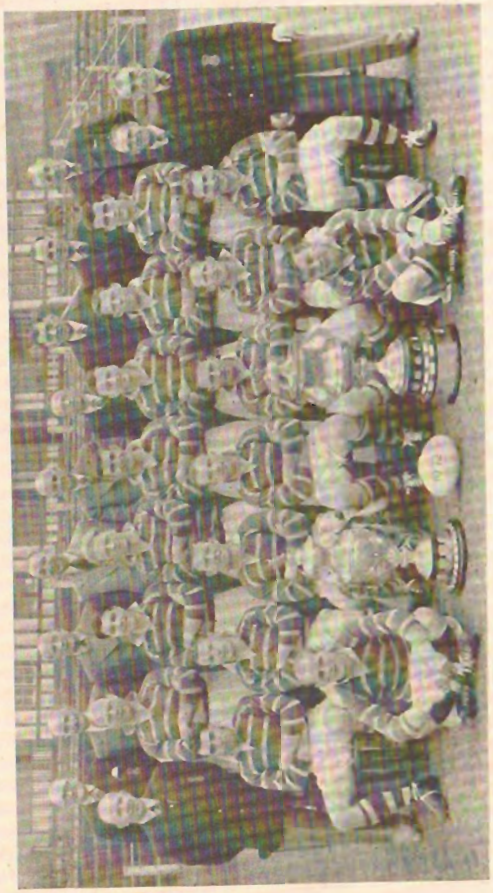

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FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1953-54

First Team

1953		Rugby Football League		
Date		Club	Grd.	Time
Aug.	8	*Halifax (Charity Match)	home	3-0
,,	15	York	away	6-30
,,	22	Oldham	home	7-0
,,	29	St. Helens	away	3-0
Sep.	2	Hull	home	6-30
,,	5	*Wakefield T. (1st. Rd. Y.C., 1st Leg)	home	3-0
,,	9	*Wakefield T. (1st Rd. Y.C., 2nd Leg)	away	6-30
,,	12	Whitehaven	away	3-0
,,	19	Hull K.R.	home	3-0
,,	26	Doncaster	away	3-0
Oct.	3	Hull	away	3-0
,,	10	Leigh	home	3-0
,,	17	Dewsbury	away	3-0
,,	24	Keighley	home	3-0
,,	31	Leigh	away	3-0
Nov.	7	Whitehaven	home	3-0
,,	14	Hunslet	away	3-0
,,	21	Bradford N.	home	2-30
,,	28	Wakefield T.	away	2-30
Dec.	5	Wakefield T.	home	2-30
,,	12	Bradford N.	away	2-30
,,	19	Leeds	away	2-30
,,	25	Halifax	home	2-30
,,	26	Halifax	away	2-30
1954				
Jan.	2	Leeds	home	2-30
,,	9	Featherstone	home	2-30
,,	16	Oldham	away	2-30
,,	23	Hunslet	home	2-30
,,	30	Castleford	away	2-30
Feb.	6	*R.L. Cup (1st Rd., 1st Leg)		3-0
,,	13	*R.L. Cup (1st Rd., 2nd Leg)		3-0
,,	20	Doncaster	home	3-0
,,	27	Keighley	away	3-0
Mar.	6	*R.L. Cup. 2nd Rd.		3-0
,,	13	Dewsbury	home	3-0
,,	20	York (R.L. Cup, 3rd Rd.)	home	3-0
,,	27	Batley	away	3-0
Apl.	3	Castleford (R.L. Cup, S.F.)	home	3-0
,,	10	Hull K.R.	away	3-0
,,	17	Batley	home	3-0
EM	19	St. Helens	home	3-0
ET	20	Featherstone	away	3-0
,,	24	*R.L. Cup Final		3-0
May	1	*R.L. Champ. S.F.		3-0
,,	8	*R.L. Champ. F.		3-0

"A" Team

1953		Yorkshire Senior Competition		
Date		Club	Grd.	Time
Aug.	22	Castleford	away	3-0
,,	24	Leeds	away	7-0
,,	28	Wakefield T.	home	6-30
Sep.	4	Dewsbury	home	6-30
,,	12	Featherstone	home	3-0
,,	19	Doncaster	away	3-0
,,	26	Bradford N.	home	3-0
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,,	10	Halifax	away	3-0

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Our Cup Victories—and what the Press critics said

YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP

Hunslet (away) First Round, Second Leg

When a club, well beaten at home in a cup-tie, goes out of its way to give unstinted praise to the opposition there is a sure sign that the winners have been really good. That's the way it was at Parkside last night, when Hunslet's comments on the glittering Huddersfield display varied from Cecil Thompson's, "A great team," to Jack Walkington's, "What a marvellous show."
—Yorkshire Observer.

Hull (away) Second Round

Once again Huddersfield pulled out their best on away soil. Once again, also, most of the scoring was done by Cooper, but though Cooper could not help looking like a star the first credit for the handsome win at the Boulevard must go to the whole side for their grand team work—**Huddersfield Examiner.**

Halifax (home) Semi-final

Huddersfield hats will go off today to Devery, the man who saved them in an event in which players, officials and spectators were all, in varying degrees, heroes for being there at all. Even the 1,000 or so on the open side, thoroughly drenched though they must have been, certainly had their excitement. Twenty-four hours before, with the sun around, Huddersfield were firm favourites; they were not with the day's heavy rain continuing so persistently.....Neither side triumphed; neither deserved to as the play went.—**Yorkshire Observer.**

Halifax (away) Semi-final replay

Those Fartown shadows proved to be things of considerable substance after all. Three capital tries by players who normally cannot find places in the first team took Huddersfield to the final .....The big hero was 18-year-old Mike Sullivan, one of the eight reserves necessitated by the withdrawal of players engaged in the Other Nationalities v. England game.—**Yorkshire Post.**

Batley at Headingley, Final

Young Peter Ramsden ran through the heart of the Batley defence and lost his shorts in doing so. But he kept going to send Cooper over for a good try which played an important part in the match.....It was a good final, fought in a splendid spirit, well refereed by Charlie Appleton and only marred by the conditions.—**Sunday Pictorial.**

In those last stirring minutes of three-quarter blackness—we saw almost nothing of the last 20 minutes' play—Batley's grim determination could easily have gained them a re-play at 13-all.
—The People.

At no point—contrary to what many expected—was there any suggestion that Huddersfield would trot away with the match, and those Batley forwards were the reason.—**Yorkshire Observer.**

Huddersfield's speed was a vital factor. Batley put up a courageous fight and gained in prestige even though defeated.
—Yorkshire Evening News.

After a semi-final which provided ordeal by storm and tempest Huddersfield reached a final which was a trial in darkness, and so far as one could see they were worthy winners.
—Huddersfield Examiner.

Territorially Batley had more of the play, but their almost constant pressure was punctuated by brilliant Fartown handling movements, which snapped into action in the best Huddersfield manner.—**Sporting Chronicle.**

Because of their speed, Huddersfield pulled out passing moves which Batley could not match, but sometimes they over-elaborated, and no-one but Cooper could have scored three of their tries, particularly the second, when he had Harrison, Walshaw and Laycock all trying to claw him down over the last eight yards to the line.—**Yorkshire Post.**

An early Wembley Casualty.

Peter Ramsden led off the field by trainer Bill Smith.

Fortunately Ramsden's nose was not broken as had been feared.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Castleford (home) First Round, First Leg

Castleford played with plenty of life. There were spells in which their attack was so well pressed that any wilting would have been dangerous. But Huddersfield held out at the most critical stages, and, in the style which shows them at their best, were often most effective when pressed in their own "25." At least four of their eight tries were scored from movements that began not far from their own line.—**Huddersfield Examiner.**

Castleford (away) First Round, Second Leg

The players took some time to accustom themselves to the slippery ground and wet ball, but they pulled out some spectacular movements, in which Huddersfield were always the more dangerous. The visitors switched the point of attack cleverly, especially when Lionel Cooper scored the second of his two tries. A highlight was an entertaining duel between the respective scrum-halves, Pye, of Castleford, and Banks, of Huddersfield, which ended with honours even.—**Yorkshire Observer.**

Barrow (home) Second Round

This was indeed a commentator's paradise. Six tries, every one a gem. Victory went to the better side, yet few will disagree that up to the interval Barrow were definitely on top. The man or, I should say, the boy who put them on the road to victory was 18-year-old out-half, Peter Ramsden. Fastening on to a Banks pass he brushed maestro Billy Horne to one side, streaked through the gap, doubled inside the full-back and dived over with Castle making a desperate effort to stop him. That burst was a memory-kindler of Vic Hey over the same distance and it was the tonic the Fartowners needed.—**Sunday Graphic.**

Bradford Northern (away) Third Round

Huddersfield have been living for the day when they could sit back and say of an important match: "Our forwards have won us the game." That day came at Odsal, when they beat Bradford Northern 17-7 but candidly no one gave them much of a chance when they went off a point down at half-time after being four up. But Huddersfield's forwards, marshalled by crafty Curran, inspired by Valentine's bursts, and themselves thrilled by the outstanding brilliance of one man, Ted Slevin, broke Bradford Northern.—**Daily Herald.**

Wigan (at Odsal) Semi-final

Russell Pepperell gave a great display of pluck to ensure that his team will be at Wembley in his first season as coach. Russell went off 20 minutes after the start with blood streaming down his face, had two stitches in his head, and came back to the relief of his sorely-tried colleagues a minute from half-time, his head bandaged under a skull-cap. Both sets of forwards starred. Slevin, Large, Curran and Valentine were outstanding for Huddersfield. Billy Banks, whose tackling was first-class was a star at scrum half.—**Daily Express.**

St. Helens (at Wembley) Final

Huddersfield gained their second win at Wembley in three appearances. Theirs was a most popular win and the glory of it was enhanced because their young player, Peter Ramsden, who scored two tries was celebrating his 19th birthday and was paid the high honour of securing nearly every vote from the big panel who awarded the Lance Todd Memorial Trophy. In addition to winning on their merits, Huddersfield really drove home their winning blow at a stage when Hunter was off the field injured and Devery was limping on the left wing with Cooper in the centre.—**Sunday Dispatch.**

St. Helens had moments only of ascendancy. Their tactics were not match winning tactics. Huddersfield, who went through the game with misfortune, pain and loss, take the Cup for the sixth time. They were deserving winners.—**Sunday Pictorial.**

One must praise Huddersfield for the way in which they stood up to all that was handed out to them yet did not retaliate .....Though beaten in the scrums their forwards had a determination in the loose, particularly Bowden, Slevin and Valentine that more than matched the opposing set.—**Yorkshire Observer.**

Huddersfield won at Wembley against all the luck and with far less of the ball than their opponents. Deservedly they became cup-winners by reason of a magnificent display in which grit was matched with football skill.....Banks had a great day and it was he who went over for a cheeky try with Hunter lying unconscious 70 yards behind; while Pepperell played a captain's game and in carrying off the Cup gained just reward for a gallant sportsman who has done so much for so long for Huddersfield.
—**Huddersfield Examiner.**

No praise is too great for Slevin, Large and Valentine. They were heroes. Cooper was well watched. So, too, was the flying New Zealander, Henderson. McCormick stuck to him like a postage stamp. But the man of the match was 19-year-old Peter Ramsden.—**Sunday Graphic.**

An amazing final! In many ways a thriller and even in its many degrading moments a truly dramatic game. It had everything. A 24-minutes stalemate opening, nerve-wracking fluctuation, astonishingly robust tactics by St. Helens, which I condemn, and a story-book winning try in the 77th minute by a local boy on his 19th birthday.—**The People.**

It would have been a gross injustice if Russ Pepperell and his colleagues had been denied the winners' medals.
—**Yorkshire Sports.**

A perfect piece of football stamped Huddersfield's class, though there had never been any doubt about it in this game. They were the better football team all the time, and that despite the fact they were beaten in the scrummaging.
—**Yorkshire Evening Post.**

Try Number One—Ramsden cuts through and just gets there

Try Number Two—Banks nips over from a scrum near the line

Try Number Three—Ramsden scores the decider after good work by Valentine and Bowden

Presentation of the Cup to Russell Pepperell by the Duke of Norfolk

A Coronation Year Wembley Cup Final Time-table

2-30 p.m.—Community Singing to the Band of the Irish Guards.

2-50 p.m.—End of Community singing. The teams entered the stadium in double file and lined up at half-way for presentation to the Duke of Norfolk. The teams were then announced over the loud-speakers, each player going to his position as his name was called.

2-58 p.m.—Greenall won the toss for St. Helens.

3- 0 p.m.—The Kick-off. Banks placed the ball, but Devery took the kick, sending the ball dead.

3- 3 p.m.—Devery missed a penalty shot, awarded for obstruction.

3- 4 p.m.—Another unsuccessful Devery goal attempt after Greenall had been penalised for an infringement against Valentine.

3- 6 p.m.—Ramsden injured in a collision with Gullick and had to go off.

3- 9 p.m.—Ramsden returned.

3-10 p.m.—Devery just wide with a penalty shot, awarded for a scrum offence.

3-12 p.m.—Passing got the ball out to Henderson who ran and cross-kicked for Bowden to gather, but the latter's pass to Pepperell in a promising move was forward.

3-14 p.m.—Langfield missed penalty shot, given against Bowden for off-side.

3-15 p.m.—Dangerous burst by Honey, who was pulled down near the posts by Hunter.

3-17 p.m.—Langfield failed with drop goal attempt.

3-26 p.m.—St. Helens pressure lifted and Cooper tackled near the Saints' line.

3-29 p.m.—Ramsden cut clean through for the first try of the game, to which Devery added the goal points.

3-32 p.m.—A good touch-line run by Henderson in which he evaded three opponents but was tackled by McCormick while trying to beat Moses.

3-33 p.m.—Devery missed a penalty shot at goal.

3-36 p.m.—Banks penalised for "own feet." Langfield missed the goal.

3-38 p.m.—Huddersfield penalised in loose play, for Langfield to kick a goal.

3-39 p.m.—Banks kicked off after Langfield's score and the ball was fielded by Moses who sent McCormick away. Greenall gave the final pass to Llewellyn who beat Hunter to score an excellent try by the flag. Langfield failed at goal.

Half-Time—Huddersfield 5, St. Helens 5.
Massed marching display by the Guards' Bands.

3-51 p.m.—Teams take the field for the second half.

3-53 p.m.—Langfield kicked off.

3-54 p.m.—Large cut through up the centre, but lacked support.

3-58 p.m.—Passing saw Banks get Cooper away. St. Helens were penalised for the tackle on Cooper near the corner, but Devery missed the attempt at goal.

4- 5 p.m.—Slevin went through and passed to Ramsden, who looked dangerous until he was tackled by Moses.

4-10 p.m.—Banks just missed a straight drop at goal.

4-11 p.m.—Cooper (playing at centre now) sent Henderson away on a good run, but McCormick made the tackle.

4-12 p.m.—Langfield scored a try after Llewellyn and Greenall had made the running. Langfield failed at goal.

4-15 p.m.—St. Helens penalised for offside, but Cooper was just wide with a long, straight shot for goal.

4-16 p.m.—Pepperell ran and kicked but St. Helens took the ball into touch near the line. Hunter (who did not handle the ball) was laid out in this move and carried off on a stretcher. Large went to full back.

4-19 p.m.—Billy Banks nipped over for a neat try from the scrum and Cooper kicked a good goal to restore our lead.

4-24 p.m.—St. Helens break away. Cooper was injured but resumed after attention.

4-25 p.m.—Langfield dropped a goal to make it 10-10.

4-26 p.m.—Hunter returned.

4-30 p.m.—Valentine and Bowden interpassed to make a great try for Ramsden, to which Cooper added the goal.

4-31 p.m.—St. Helens attacked again, but Hunter and Henderson between them took the ball from our line to the St. Helens "25."

4-34 p.m.—Valentine sent Cooper over under the posts but the referee ruled the pass forward and then blew the final whistle.

Final Score:
Huddersfield 15 pts., St. Helens 10 pts.

Peter Ramsden was awarded the Lance Todd Trophy after the game, by an almost unanimous vote.

The attendance was 89,400 and the receipts totalled £31,500. Both are record figures for any match in which a Fartown team has been concerned.

Members of the Australian Cricket Touring Team were interested spectators at the Wembley Final, many of them being R.L. enthusiasts "down-under."

Fartown's R.L. Challenge Cup Final Teams

1913	1915	1920	1933
Warrington at Leeds April 26th **Won 9-5**	**St. Helens** at Oldham May 1st **Won 37-3**	**Wigan** at Leeds April 10th **Won 21-10**	**Warrington** at Wembley May 6th **Won 21-17**
Holland	Holland	Holland	Scourfield
Rosenfeld	Rosenfeld	Todd	Mills
Gleeson	Gleeson	Gleeson	Brogden
Wagstaff (capt.)	Wagstaff (capt.)	Wagstaff (capt.)	Bowkett (capt.)
Moorhouse	Moorhouse	Fogson	Markham
Davies	Ganley	Habron	Richards
Grey	Rogers	Rogers	Adams
Higson	Higson	A. Sherwood	H. Sherwood
Lee	Lee	Naylor	Halliday
Longstaffe	Longstaffe	Fenwick	T. Banks
Chilcott	H. Banks	Swinden	Tiffany
Gronow	Gronow	Gronow	Talbot
Clark	Clark	Clark	Brindle

1935	1945	1945	1953
Castleford at Wembley May 4th **Lost 8-11**	**Bradford N.** at Fartown April 28th **Won 7-4**	**Bradford N.** at Odsal May 5th **Won 6-5**	**St. Helens** at Wembley April 25th **Won 15-10**
Scourfield	Leake	Leake	Hunter
Mountain	Peake	Peake	Henderson
Towill	Fiddes (capt.)	Fiddes (capt.)	G. R. Pepperell (capt.)
Fiddes (capt.)	Lewis	Lewis	Devery
Markham	Bawden	Bawden	Cooper
Richards	Grahame	Grahame	Ramsden
Dai Davies	A. Pepperell	A. Pepperell	Banks
H. Sherwood	Bradbury	Mallinson	Slevin
Watson	Whitehead	Whitehead	Curran
Roberts	Miller	Miller	Bowden
Tiffany	Mallinson	Aspinall	Large
Fuller	Baxter	Baxter	Brown
Talbot	Givvons	Givvons	Valentine

Match-by-Match Record of Season 1952–53

HALIFAX 27, HUDDERSFIELD 7 (Friendly) Half-Time 9-0

Saturday, August 16th, 1952, at Thrum Hall

Halifax—Bowen; Daniels (capt.), Lynch, Creeney, Cook; Dean, Kielty; Condon, Ackerley, Hopkins, Fearnley, White, Clarkson.
Tries: White 2, Hopkins, Bowen, Cook.
Goals: Clarkson 5, Bowen.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Cracknell, Pepperell (capt.), Rylance, Cooper; Banks, Bates; Cavanagh, Curran, Brown, Large, Slevin, Valentine.
Try: Pepperell. Goals: Cavanagh 2.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester)

WIGAN 23, HUDDERSFIELD 17 (League) Half-Time 10-12

Saturday, August 23rd, at Central Park

Wigan—Ryan (capt.); Bevan, Broome, Ashcroft, Nordgren; Constance, Kelly; Gee, Mather, Woosey, Silcock, Blan, Street.
Tries: Broome 2, Bevan, Nordgren, Street.
Goals: Ryan 4.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Bates; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Large, Fairbank, Valentine.
Tries: Curran, Cooper, Valentine.
Goals: Devery 4.
Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield)

HUDDERSFIELD 11, HULL 7 (League) Half-Time 4-3

Monday, August 25th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Bates; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Large, Fairbank; Valentine.
Try: Pepperell. Goals: Devery 2, Cooper 2.
Hull—Hart; Turner, Hutton, Francis (capt.), Watts; Conway, Burnell; Scott, Harris, Foreman, Coverdale, Markham, Stainforth.
Try: Hutton. Goals: Hart 2.
Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow)

HUDDERSFIELD 19, HUNSLET 14 Half-Time 7-2

(1st Round Yorkshire Cup, 1st Leg)

Saturday, August 30th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Bates; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Fairbank, Valentine.
Tries: Cracknell 2, Curran. Goals: Devery 5.
Hunslet—Evans; Bowman, Thornton, Burnell (capt.), Potter; Ormondroyd, Ellener; Bennett, Rees, Shaw, Thompson, Carroll, James.
Tries: Bowman, Thompson. Goals: Evans 4.
Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow)

HUNSLET 2, HUDDERSFIELD 18 Half-Time 0-5

(1st Round Yorkshire Cup, 2nd Leg)
Tuesday, September 2nd, at Parkside

Hunslet—Evans; Bowman, Thornton, Williams, Potter; Ormondroyd, A. Burnell (capt.), Bennett, Rees, Shaw, Thompson, Carroll, James.
Goal: Evans.
Huddersfield—Dyson; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 2, Valentine, Henderson.
Goals: Devery, Dyson, Pepperell.
Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington)

LEIGH 7, HUDDERSFIELD 33 (League) Half-Time 7-20

Saturday, September 6th, at Kirkhall Lane

Leigh—Ledgard; Teggin, Allan, Kerwick, Kitchen; Baxter, Bradshaw; Edden, Egan (capt.), Owen, Pawsey, Mossop, McFarlane.
Try: Kitchen. Goals: Ledgard 2.
Huddersfield—Dyson; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 2, Devery 2, Banks, Pepperell, Large.
Goals: Devery 5, Dyson.
Referee: Mr. S. Adams (Hull)

HUDDERSFIELD 29, DEWSBURY 0 (League) Half-Time 16-0

Wednesday, September 10th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Banks, Henderson, Brown, Pepperell, Cooper.
Goals: Devery 6, Dyson.
Dewsbury—Thompson; Pollard, Frain, P. Thomas, Withington (capt.); Pearson, Waterson; Wilmot, Winter Payne, Holt Tate, Bevan.
Referee: Mr. N. T. Railton (Liverpool)

HUDDERSFIELD 30, KEIGHLEY 17 (League) Half-Time 13-4

Saturday, September 13th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Cracknell, Henderson, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson 2, Cooper, Brown, Devery.
Goals: Devery 6
Keighley—Lockwood; Rock, Clark, Anson, Cleworth; Prescott (capt.), Gallagher; Ramsden, Traill, Davies, A. N. Other, Raines and Holdbrook.
Tries: Anson, Gallagher, Rock.
Goals: Prescott 3, Lockwood.
Referee: Mr. F. Smith (Barrow)

HULL K.R. 10, HUDDERSFIELD 44 (League) Half-Time 0-22

Saturday, September 20th, at Craven Park

Hull K.R.—Ingram; Egan, H. Mills (capt.), Sutton, Cornforth; McAvoy, Armitage; Palframan, Smith, Moore, Anderson, Tong, Turner.
Tries: Turner, Mills. Goals: Ingram 2.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Heap, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 7, Griffin, Rylance, Henderson.
Goals: Devery 7.
Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

HULL 9, HUDDERSFIELD 29 Half-Time 3-14

(2nd Round Yorkshire Cup)
Monday, September 22nd, at the Boulevard

Hull—O'Leary; Gittoes, Hutton (capt.), Turner, Watts; Conway, Burnell; Scott, Harris, Foreman, Markham, Coverdale, Whiteley.
Try: Gittoes. Goals: Foreman 3.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 4, Large, Devery, Henderson.
Goals: Devery 4.
Referee: Mr. W. Stockley (Leigh)

HUDDERSFIELD 32, WARRINGTON 13 (League) H.T. 9-10

Saturday, September 27th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Pepperell, Henderson, Devery, Large, Banks, Valentine.
Goals: Devery 7.
Warrington—Frodsham; Bevan, Humphreys, Ryder, Lambert; Helme, Sheridan; Livesey, Fishwick, Featherstone, White, Ryan, Bath (capt.).
Tries: Bevan 2, Lambert. Goals: Bath 2.
Referee: Mr. S. Abram (Wigan)

DEWSBURY 6, HUDDERSFIELD 19 (League) Half-Time 0-5

Saturday, October 4th, at Crown Flatt

Dewsbury—Thompson; Pollard (capt.), Frain, Waring, Hemmingway; Callighan, Thornton; Hatfield, Bradshaw, Wilmot, Holt, Payne, Withington.
Try: Withington. Goals: Thompson 2.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery (capt), Sullivan; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Sullivan 2 Henderson, Goals: Devery 5.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester)

CASTLEFORD 10, HUDDERSFIELD 28 (League) H.T. 8-12

Saturday, October 11th at Wheldon Road

Castleford—Lewis; Jones, Lunn, C. Anderson, Broughton (capt.); Parker, Pye; J. Anderson, Hill, Fleming, Howard, Haughey, Hughes.
Tries: Jones 2. Goals: Lunn 2.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson 3, Hunter, Cooper, Large.
Goals: Devery 4, Rylance.
Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey)

HUDDERSFIELD 9, HALIFAX 9 Half-Time 0-9

(Yorkshire Challenge Cup Semi-final)

Monday, October 13th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Try: Devery. Goals: Devery 3.
Halifax—Todd; Daniels (capt.), Lynch, Creeney, Bradley; Dean, Kielty; Condon, Ackerley, Hopkins, Fearnley, White, Clarkson.
Try: Hopkins. Goals: Clarkson 3.
Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow)

HALIFAX 5, HUDDERSFIELD 15 Half-Time 3-7

(Yorkshire Challenge Cup Semi-final replay)

Thursday, October 16th, at Thrum Hall

Halifax—Todd; Daniels (capt.), Bradley, Creeney, Cook; Mather, Kielty; Condon, Hanley, Hopkins, White, Fearnley, Clarkson.
Try: Kielty. Goal: Clarkson.
Huddersfield—Dyson; Ramsden, Rylance, Bawden, Sullivan; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Bowden.
Tries: Sullivan 2, Dyson. Goals: Rylance 2, Bawden.
Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

DONCASTER 25, HUDDERSFIELD 9 (League) Half-Time 10-6

Saturday, October 18th, at York Road Stadium

Doncaster—Griffiths; Cooper, Grace, Williams, Norbury; Clough, Heritage; Hammond, Croft, Belshaw, Street, Bates, Guest.
Tries: Clough 3, Grace, Norbury. Goals: Griffiths 5.
Huddersfield—Dyson; Anderson, Rylance, Ramsden, Sullivan; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Bowden.
Tries: Pepperell, Anderson, Ramsden.
Referee: Mr. A. Hill (Dewsbury)

ST. HELENS 14, HUDDERSFIELD 17 (League) Half-Time 7-15

Saturday, October 25th, at Knowsley Road

St. Helens—Lowe; Prescott, Greenall (capt.), Roach, McCormick; Honey, Langfield; Parr, Blakemore, Whittaker, Bretherton, Thornett, Karalius.
Tries: Greenall 2. Goals: Langfield 4.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Bates; Slevin, Curran, Fairbank, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson, Devery, Rylance. Goals: Devery 4.
Referee: Mr. L. Thorpe (Wakefield)

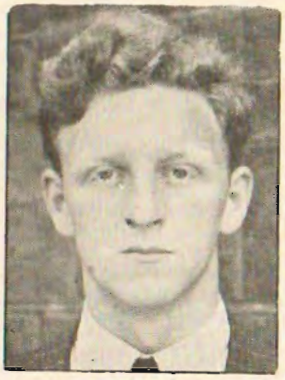
HUDDERSFIELD 9, AUSTRALIA 27 (Tour Match) H.T. 5-12

Saturday, November 1st, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Try: Rylance. Goals: Devery 3.
Australia—Churchill (capt.); Flannery, Hazzard, Geelan, Carlson; Stanmore, Donohoe; Hall, Schubert, Gill, Davies, Tyrrell, Collinson.
Tries: Carlson, Davies, Hazzard, Collinson, Flannery.
Goals: Churchill 6.
Referee: Mr. S. Adams (Hull)

Jack Large

Has had a close season cartilage operation



Jim Bowden

Making a new name for himself as a prop forward

BATLEY 2, HUDDERSFIELD 12 (League) Half-Time 0-5

Saturday, November 8th, at Mount Pleasant

Batley—Walshaw; Harrison, Riches, Kenny, Etty; Riley, Laycock (capt.); Wagstaff, McIntyre, Jones, Palmer, Briggs, Westbury.
Goal: Laycock.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Bowden.
Tries: Curran, Devery. Goals: Devery 3.

Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington)

HUDDERSFIELD 18, BATLEY 8 Half-Time 10-3

(Yorkshire Challenge Cup Final)

Saturday, November 15th, at Headingley, Leeds

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Ramsden, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 3, Valentine. Goals: Devery 3.
Batley—Walshaw; Harrison, Kenny, Riches, Etty; Riley, Laycock (capt.); Wagstaff, McIntyre, Jones, Palmer, Briggs, Westbury.
Tries: Etty, Kenny. Goal: Laycock.

Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington)

YORK 7, HUDDERSFIELD 20 (League) Half-Time 4-10

Saturday, November 22nd, at Clarence Street

York—Hargraves; Cowling, Taylor, Holmes, Baddeley; Robinson, Riley; Hollingworth, Jenkins, L. Dolan, Watts, Briggs, Priestley.
Try: Baddeley. Goals: Baddeley 2.
Huddersfield—Dyson; Cracknell, Ramsden, Bawden, Sullivan; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, J. Cooper.
Tries: Cracknell 3, Ramsden. Goals: Bawden 3, Dyson.

Referee: Mr. H. Squires (Ossett)

HUDDERSFIELD 21, LEEDS 27 (League) Half-Time 11-9

Saturday, November 29th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Ramsden, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson 4, Banks. Goals: Devery 3.
Leeds—Cook; Scholes, McLellan, Ward, Brown; Verrenkamp, Stevenson; Horsfall, Wood, Gwyther, Poole, Moore, Clues.
Tries: Scholes 2, Ward 2, Verrenkamp. Goals: Cook 6.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

HUDDERSFIELD 31, YORK 0 (League) Half-Time 18-0

Saturday, December 13th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Ramsden, Devery, L. Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, J. Cooper.
Tries: Dyson 2, L. Cooper 2, J. Cooper, Henderson, Devery.
Goals: Devery 3, Dyson 2.
York—Hargraves; Cowling, Taylor, Holmes, G. Priestley; Robinson, Riley; Waddington, Jenkins, Hollingworth, Watts, Dolan, R. Priestley.

Referee: Mr. N. T. Railton (Wigan)

HUDDERSFIELD 3, LEIGH 3 (League) Half-Time 0-3

Saturday, December 20th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Bawden, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Try: Henderson.
Leigh—Ledgard; McFarlane, Allan, Kerwick, Kitchen; Baxter, Bradshaw; Edden, Egan (capt.), Owen, Pawsey, Mossop, Foster.
Try: Allan.

Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington)

HALIFAX 6, HUDDERSFIELD 12 (League) Half-Time 6-7

Thursday, December 25th, at Thrum Hall

Halifax—Griffiths; Daniels (capt.), Lynch, Todd, Bradley; Dean, Kielty, Condon, Ackerley, Hopkins, White, Fearnley, Clarkson.
Tries: Dean, Daniels.
Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Ramsden, Devery, Cooper; Pepperell (capt.), Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper, Slevin. Goals: Devery 3.

Referee: Mr. N. T. Railton (Wigan)

HUDDERSFIELD 31, HALIFAX 2 (League) Half-Time 15-2

Friday, December 26th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, L. Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, J. Cooper, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson 2, J. Cooper, Large, Valentine, Pepperell, L. Cooper. Goals: Devery 5.
Halifax—Griffiths; Cook, Lynch, Creeney, Bradley; Dean, Kielty; Condon, Ackerley (capt.), Olson, Hopkins, White, Clarkson.
Goal: Griffiths.

Referee: Mr. F. Smith (Barrow)

HUDDERSFIELD 27, DONCASTER 17 (League) H.T. 15-12

Saturday, December 27th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson 2, Cooper 2, Valentine.
Goals: Devery 3, Dyson 3.
Doncaster—Grace; E. Cooper, Norbury, Williams, Hardy; Lane, Tynan; Hammond, Croft, Belshaw, Bates, Davies, Guest.
Tries: Lane, Tynan, Grace. Goals: Lane 4.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester)

WARRINGTON 27, HUDDERSFIELD 7 (League) Half-Time 14-2

Saturday, January 3rd, at Wilderspool Stadium

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Large, Brown, Valentine.
Try: Valentine. Goals: Devery 2.
Warrington—Frodsham; Bevan, A. Naughton, Ryder, Humphreys; Mountford, Helme; D. Naughton, Fishwick, Wright, Bath, Ryan, Heathwood.
Tries: Bath 2, Humphreys 2, Heathwood, A. Naughton, Ryan.
Goals: Bath 3.
Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey)

HUDDERSFIELD 12, HUNSLET 5 (League) Half-Time 0-0

Saturday, January 10th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, L. Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Large, J. Cooper, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson, Devery. Goals: Dyson 3.
Hunslet—Evans; Snowden, Thornton, Waite, Williams; Gabbitas, A. Burnell (capt.); Tripplett, Marson, Shaw, Thompson, Carroll, James.
Try: Williams. Goal: Evans.
Referee: Mr. A. Howgate (Dewsbury)

HUDDERSFIELD 28, WAKEFIELD T. 2 (League) Half-Time 2-2

Saturday, January 17th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Cooper (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Ramsden 3, Cracknell 2, Henderson.
Goals: Devery 5.
Wakefield T.—Luckman; Reynolds, Mortimer, Froggett (capt.), Boocker; Meredith, Kielty; Booth, Shaw, Robinson, Kelly, Storey, Howes.
Goal: Mortimer.
Referee: Mr. S. Abram (Wigan)

HULL 27, HUDDERSFIELD 11 (League) Half-Time 9-0

Saturday, January 24th, at the Boulevard

Hull—Hart; Cox, Hutton (capt.), Turner, O'Leary; Conway, Tripp; Scott, Harris, Coverdale, Markham, Hockley, Whiteley.
Tries: O'Leary 3, Cox, Harris, Hutton, Turner. Goals: Hart 3.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, L. Cooper, Pepperell (capt.), Sullivan; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Griffin, Large, Brown, Valentine.
Tries: Sullivan, Henderson, Cooper. Goal: Griffin.
Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

HUDDERSFIELD 26, BATLEY 3 (League) Half-Time 13-3

Saturday, January 31st, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, L. Cooper (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.
Tries: Henderson, Cracknell, Ramsden, Valentine, Cooper, Brown.
Goals: Devery 4.
Batley—Walshaw; Harrison, Kenny, Payne, Etty; Riley, Laycock (capt.); Wagstaff, McIntyre, Tindall, Palmer, Briggs, Westbury.
Try: Etty.
Referee: Mr. S. Adams (Hull)

Jack Brown

George Curran

HUDDERSFIELD 36, CASTLEFORD 14 Half-Time 15-9
(1st Round, R.L. Cup, 1st Leg)

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, L. Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 4, Henderson 3, Devery. Goals: Devery 6.
Castleford—Lunn; Beaumont, Jones, Oddy, Woolford; Batten, Pye; J. Anderson (capt.), Hill, Fleming, Haughey, Simpson, Hughes.
Tries: Batten, Oddy. Goals, Lunn 4.
Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington)

CASTLEFORD 2, HUDDERSFIELD 6 Half-Time 2-6
(1st Round R.L. Cup, 2nd Leg)
Saturday, February 14th, at Wheldon Road

Castleford—Lunn; Beaumont, C. Anderson, Oddy, Gunby; Batten, Pye; J. Anderson (capt.), Hill, Fleming, Haughey, Simpson, Ward.
Goal: Lunn.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, L. Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.
Tries: L. Cooper 2.
Referee: Mr. N. Railton (Wigan)

HUDDERSFIELD 29, FEATHERSTONE ROVERS 10 (League)
Saturday, February 21st, at Fartown Half-Time 15-2

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, L. Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Wood, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 3, Henderson 2, Slevin, Valentine.
Goals: Devery 4.
Featherstone Rovers—Mitchell; Batten (capt.), Metcalfe, Tennant, Kelly; Heritage, Smales, Daly, Fawley, Hulme, M. Ogden, J. Ogden, Lambert.
Tries: M. Ogden, Heritage. Goals: Heritage 2.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester)

HUDDERSFIELD 21, BARROW 7 Half-Time 5-7
(2nd Round R.L. Cup)
Saturday, February 28th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cooper 2, Ramsden, Pepperell, Devery. Goals: Devery 3.
Barrow—Stretch; Lewthwaite, Jackson, Goodwin, Castle; Horne (capt.), Toohey; Webster, McKinnell, Pearson, Grundy, Barton, McGregor.
Try: Castle. Goals: Horne 2.
Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

HUNSLET 7, HUDDERSFIELD 16 (League) Half-Time 7-8
Saturday, March 7th, at Parkside

Hunslet—Evans; Snowden, Williams, Waite, Williamson; Gabbitas, A. Burnell; Harter, Marson, Gant, Shaw, Carroll, James.
Tries: James. Goals: Evans 2.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cracknell 2, Henderson, Banks. Goals: Devery 2.
Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow)

BRADFORD NORTHERN 7, HUDDERSFIELD 17 Half-Time 5-4
(3rd Round R.L. Cup)
Saturday, March 14th, at Odsal

Huddersfield—Hunter; Cracknell, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Cracknell 2, Banks. Goals: Devery 3, Banks.
Bradford Northern—Phillips; Hawes, Hastings, E. Ward (capt.), McLean; L. Haley, G. Jones; Shreeve, N. Haley, Greaves, Foster, Tyler, Traill.
Try: McLean. Goals: Phillips 2.
Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 7, HUDDERSFIELD 19 (League)
Saturday, March 21st, at Belle Vue Half-Time 2-11

Wakefield Trinity—Luckman; Reynolds, Mortimer, Froggett (capt.), Burton; Holliday, Fletcher; Higgins, Shaw, Robinson, Ashall, Kelly, A. Street.
Try: Robinson. Goals: Mortimer 2.
Huddersfield—Hunter; Sullivan, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Tries: Ramsden, Devery, Cooper. Goals: Devery 5.
Referee: Mr. S. Abram (Wigan)

HUDDERSFIELD 7, WIGAN 0 Half-Time 0-0
(Semi-final, R.L. Cup)
Saturday, March 28th, at Odsal

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (Capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.
Try: Valentine. Goals: Devery 2.
Wigan—Cunliffe; Nordgren, Roughley, Ashcroft, Bevan; Fleming, Alty; Gee (capt.), Mather, Jones, Silcock, Street, Blan.
Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

HUDDERSFIELD 19, BRADFORD NORTHERN 7 (League)

Monday, March 30th, at Fartown Half-Time 2-7

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery, Cooper (capt.); Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Henderson, Devery, Large. Goals: Devery 5.

Bradford Northern—Phillips; Smith, Mageen, Jenkins, McLean; Hastings, G. Jones; Shreeve, N. Haley, Greaves, Foster (capt.), Tyler, Traill.

Try: Jones. Goals: Phillips 2.

Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson, Manchester.

KEIGHLEY 16, HUDDERSFIELD 19 (League) Half-Time 7-5

Saturday, April 4th, at Lawkholme Lane

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Rylance, Devery (capt.), Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Lightfoot, Bowden, Brown, Large, Griffin.

Tries: Cracknell 4, Rylance. Goals: Devery 2.

Keighley—Lockwood; Rock, Taylor, Ivill, Ward; Black, Rowlands; Woosey, Harden, Davies, Murphy, Palin (capt.), Raines.

Tries: Ivill, Taylor. Goals: Palin 5.

Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield)

Henry Tiffany

Assistant Trainer and a great second row forward during his playing days

Peter Ramsden

1953 Lance Todd Trophy Winner

HUDDERSFIELD 10, ST. HELENS 10 (League) Half-Time 10-7

Easter Monday, April 6th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Valentine, Henderson. Goals: Devery 2.

St. Helens—Moses; Carlton, Greenall (capt.), Roach, Dickinson; Metcalfe, Langfield; Holland, Blakemore, Whittaker, Thornett, Bretherton, Karalius.

Tries: Langfield, Roach. Goals: Langfield 2.

Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington)

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS 7, HUDDERSFIELD 13 (League)

Easter Tuesday, April 7th, at Post Office Road Half-Time 2-3

Featherstone Rovers—Blackburn; Batten (capt), Metcalfe, Tennant, Wildridge; Smales, Evans; Reynolds, Bradshaw, Hulme, Longley, Davis, Lambert.

Try: Tennant. Goals: Davies, Metcalfe.

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cracknell; Ramsden, Bates; Cavanagh, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Henderson, Devery, Large. Goals: Devery 2.

Referee: Mr. A. Hill (Dewsbury)

LEEDS 12, HUDDERSFIELD 5 (League) Half-Time 4-3

Saturday, April 11th, at Headingley

Leeds—Morgan; Turnbull, Moore, McLellan, Scholes, Williams, Watson; Shillitoe, Wood, Gwyther, Poole, Hopper, Clues (capt.).

Tries: Turnbull, Scholes. Goals: Morgan 2 McLellan.

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Sullivan; Rylance, Banks; Cavanagh, Curran, Bowden, Griffin, Large, Valentine.

Try: Henderson. Goal: Devery.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

BRADFORD NORTHERN 12, HUDDERSFIELD 6 (League) Half-Time 10-3

Thursday, April 16th, at Odsal Stadium under floodlights

Bradford Northern—Phillips; Jenkins, Mageen, Seddon, McLean; Hastings, G. Jones; Shreeve, N. Haley, Greaves, Foster, Storey, Traill.

Tries: Jenkins, McLean. Goals: Phillips 3.

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Cooper, Ramsden.

Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow)

HUDDERSFIELD 17, WIGAN 10 (League) Half-Time 7-7

Saturday, April 18th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Brown, Cooper, Devery. Goals: Devery 4.

Wigan—Cunliffe; Bevan, Roughley, Ashcroft, Ratcliffe; Fleming, Alty; Gee (capt.), Mather, Jones, Williams, Silcock, Street.

Tries: Roughley, Ashcroft. Goals: Gee 2

Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester)

HUDDERSFIELD 15, ST. HELENS 10 Half-Time 5-5

(R.L. Challenge Cup Final)

Saturday, April 25th, at the Empire Stadium, Wembley

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Devery, Cooper; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Ramsden 2, Banks. Goals: Cooper 2, Devery.

St. Helens—Moses; Llewellyn, Greenall (capt.), Gullick, McCormick; Honey, Langfield; Prescott, Blakemore, Parr, Parsons, Bretherton, Cale.

Tries: Llewellyn, Langfield. Goals: Langfield 2.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

Touch Judges: Messrs. A. E. Durkin and R. L. Thomas

HUDDERSFIELD 38, CASTLEFORD 5 (League) Half-Time 19-5

Tuesday, April 28th, at Fartown

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), Cooper, Sullivan; Rylance, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, Large, Valentine.

Tries: Henderson 5, Sullivan 2, Large, Cooper, Pepperell.

Goals: Rylance 2, Bowden 2.

Castleford—J. Pye; Beaumont, Lunn, Oddy, Thornley; Batten, Hague; Fleming, Hill, Robinson, Ward, Haughey, C. Anderson.

Try: Ward. Goal: Lunn.

Referee: Mr. J. W. Jackson (Barrow)

HUDDERSFIELD 46, HULL KINGSTON ROVERS 2 (League)

Thursday, April 30th, at Fartown Half-Time 26-2

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson Pepperell (capt.), L. Cooper, Cracknell; Rylance, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.

Tries: Cracknell 3, J. Cooper 2, Henderson 2, Bowden, Brown, L. Cooper. Goals: Rylance 8.

Hull K.R.—Chalkley; Tullock, Knowleden (capt.), McAvoy, Briggs, Key, Daddy; Palframan, Smith, Moore, Evans, Young, Anderson.

Goal: Briggs.

Referee: Mr. W. Stockley (Leigh)

ST. HELENS 46, HUDDERSFIELD 0 Half-Time 28-0

(Championship Semi-final Play-off)

Saturday, May 2nd, at Knowsley Road

St. Helens—Moses; Llewellyn, Greenall (capt.), Gullick, McCormick; Metcalfe, Dickinson; Prescott, Blakemore, Parr, Parsons, Bretherton, Cale.

Tries: Parsons 3, McCormick, Greenall, Cale, Llewellyn, Dickinson, Moses, Gullick. Goals: Metcalfe 8.

Huddersfield—Hunter; Henderson, Pepperell (capt.), L. Cooper, Cracknell; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.

Referee: Mr. A. Hill (Dewsbury)

OLDHAM 13, HUDDERSFIELD 20 (Friendly) Half-Time 8-0

Saturday, May 16th, at Watersheddings

Oldham—Ganley; Warham, Mitchell, Davies, O'Grady; Daley, Stirrup (capt.), Ogden, Mundy, Anthony, Tomlinson, Winslade, Little.

Tries: Warham 2, Davies. Goals: Ganley 2.

Huddersfield—Dyson; Anderson, Rylance, Devery (capt.), Sullivan; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.

Tries: Sullivan 2, Rylance, Dyson. Goals: Rylance 4.

Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield)

BLACKPOOL SPORTS WEEK

Coronation Cup Competition

at the Oval, Stanley Park, Blackpool

HUDDERSFIELD 39, KEIGHLEY 10 Half-Time 13-7

Wednesday, June 17th, 1953

Huddersfield—Hunter; Bawden, Dyson, Rylance, Sullivan; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.

Tries: Dyson 3, Ramsden 2, Bawden 2, Sullivan, Hunter.

Goals: Rylance 6.

Keighley—Prescott; Redman, Clark, Anson, Ward; Black, Rowlands; Woosey, Harden, Davies, Murphy, Palin, Holdbrook.

Tries: Ward 2. Goals: Palin 2.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

BARROW 53, HUDDERSFIELD 7 Half-Time 22-5

Friday, June 19th (Final)

Huddersfield—Pepperell; Bawden, Devery, Rylance, Sullivan; Ramsden, Banks; Slevin, Curran, Bowden, Brown, J. Cooper, Valentine.

Try: Sullivan. Goals: Rylance, Bawden.

Barrow—Gibson; Lewthwaite, Jackson, Goodwin, Castle; Horne, Toohey; Webster, McKinnell, Barton, Grundy, Parker, McGregor.

Tries: Lewthwaite 4, Castle 2, Jackson 2, McGregor, Goodwin, Toohey, Grundy, Gibson. Goals: Horne 5, Gibson 2.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips (Widnes)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES, 1952-53

TEST MATCHES

Great Britain 19, Australia 6 (First Test) at Headingley, Leeds, on October 4th. No Fartowner played, but Valentine was reserve to travel. Cracknell was chosen in the "shadow" team of reserves.

Great Britain 21, Australia 5 (Second Test) at Swinton, on November 8th. Valentine for Great Britain. Banks was chosen in the "shadow" team.

Great Britain 7, Australia 27 (Third Test) at Odsal, Bradford, on December 13th. Valentine for Great Britain.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

England 19, Wales 8, at Wigan, on September 17th. Banks for Wales. Cracknell was selected for England but unable to play owing to injury.

Other Nationalities 31, England 12, at Fartown, on October 18th. Cooper (try), Devery (3 goals), Henderson (2 tries), Hunter and Valentine for Other Nationalities.

Wales 22, France 16, at Headingley, Leeds, on October 25th. Banks (try) and Griffin for Wales.

France 10, Other Nationalities 29, at Marseilles, on November 23rd. Cooper (try), Devery (try), Henderson (try), Hunter and Valentine (try) for Other Nationalities.

France 13, England 15, at Paris, on April 11th. Cracknell (try) for England.

Wales 18, Other Nationalities 16, at Warrington, on April 15th. Banks for Wales. Cooper (try), Devery and Valentine (try) for Other Nationalities.

France 28, Great Britain 17, at Lyons, on May 24th. Banks, Slevin and Valentine for Great Britain.

Note—Lionel Cooper was captain of Other Nationalities, who won the International Championship.

COUNTY MATCHES

Cumberland 8, Yorkshire 7, at Workington, on September 20th. Pepperell for Cumberland. Cracknell for Yorkshire.

Lancashire 41, Cumberland 14, at St. Helens, on October 8th. Bawden (4 goals, 1 try) for Cumberland. Pepperell was selected but unable to play owing to injury.

Yorkshire 11, Australia 55, at Fartown, on November 26th. Cracknell for Yorkshire.

Yorkshire 16, Lancashire 8, at the Boulevard, Hull, on April 28th. Cracknell for Yorkshire.

In addition to the above, R. Wood played for the England Under 21 International team v. France at Leigh

The Three Fartown "Top Fours," 1952-53

NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For Pts.	Agst Pts.	Pts
St Helens	36	32	2	2	769	273	66
Halifax	36	29	5	2	620	309	60
Bradford Northern	36	28	8	–	700	329	56
Huddersfield	36	27	7	2	747	366	56

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For Pts.	Agst Pts.	Pts
Halifax	28	23	4	1	482	232	47
Huddersfield	28	23	5	–	611	259	46
Bradford Northern	28	21	7	–	528	233	42
Leeds	28	21	7	–	555	351	42

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For Pts.	Agst Pts.	Pts
Hunslet	30	20	8	2	498	346	42
Leeds	30	20	9	1	573	379	41
Halifax	29	18	10	1	577	409	37
Huddersfield	27	17	10	–	452	359	34

Final placings were decided on percentage of points scored as Huddersfield and Halifax could not complete all Fixtures.

Records of Fartowners in Representative Games

	Played	Goals	Tries	Pts.
W. M. Banks	4	—	1	3
J. Bawden	1	4	1	11
L. W. Cooper	3	—	3	9
R. Cracknell	3	—	1	3
P. C. Devery	3	3	1	9
W. A. Griffin	1	—	—	—
P. Henderson	2	—	3	9
J. C. H. Hunter	2	—	—	—
G. R. Pepperell	1	—	—	—
E. Slevin	2	—	—	—
D. D. Valentine	6	—	2	6

Results of First Team Matches, 1952-53

Date 1952	Opponents	Gr'd	Rlt	For G	For T	For Pts	Agst G	Agst T	Agst Pts	Attd
Aug. 16	Halifax (fr'ndly)	away	L	2	1	7	6	5	27	10,000
„ 23	Wigan	away	L	4	3	17	4	5	23	25,600
„ 25	**Hull**	**home**	W	4	1	11	2	1	7	12,430
„ 30	**Hunslet** (1st Rd. Y.C., 1st leg)	**home**	W	5	3	19	4	2	14	14,780
Sep. 2	Hunslet (1st Rd. Y.C., 2nd leg)	away	W	3	4	18	1		2	15,199
„ 6	Leigh	away	W	6	7	33	2	1	7	12,000
„ 10	**Dewsbury**	**home**	W	7	5	29	0	0	0	9,710
„ 13	**Keighley**	**home**	W	6	6	30	4	3	17	11,498
„ 20	Hull K.R.	away	W	7	10	44	2	2	10	8,000
„ 22	Hull (2nd Rd YC)	away	W	4	7	29	3	1	9	13,630
„ 27	**Warrington**	**home**	W	7	6	32	2	3	13	18,644
Oct. 4	Dewsbury	away	W	5	3	19	2	1	7	6,000
„ 11	Castleford	away	W	5	6	28	2	2	10	8,000
„ 13	**Halifax** (S.F., Y.C.)	**home**	D	3	1	9	3	1	9	8,998
„ 16	Halifax (S.F., Y.C., replay)	away	W	3	3	15	1	1	5	12,000
„ 18	Doncaster	away	L	0	3	9	5	5	25	3,000
„ 25	St. Helens	away	W	4	3	17	4	2	14	22,000
Nov. 1	**Australia**	**home**	L	3	1	9	6	5	27	25,494
„ 8	Batley	away	W	3	2	12	1	0	2	7,000
„ 15	Batley ... Headingley (Y.C. Final)		W	3	4	18	1	2	8	15,500
„ 22	York	away	W	4	4	20	2	1	7	4,633
„ 29	**Leeds**	**home**	L	3	5	21	6	5	27	9,117
Dec. 13	**York**	**home**	W	5	7	31	0	0	0	5,825
„ 20	**Leigh**	**home**	D	0	1	3	0	1	3	8,261
„ 25	Halifax	away	W	3	2	12	0	2	6	17,000
„ 26	**Halifax**	**home**	W	5	7	31	1	0	2	21,702
„ 27	**Doncaster**	**home**	W	6	5	27	4	3	17	11,348
1953										
Jan. 3	Warrington	away	L	2	1	7	3	7	27	18,200
„ 10	**Hunslet**	**home**	W	3	2	12	1	1	5	7,278
„ 17	**Wakefield T.**	**home**	W	5	6	28	1	0	2	11,830
„ 24	Hull	away	L	1	3	11	3	7	27	8,000
„ 31	**Batley**	**home**	W	4	6	26	0	1	3	8,325
Feb. 7	**Castleford** (1st Rd., R.L.C., 1st leg)	**home**	W	6	8	36	4	2	14	14,988
„ 14	Castleford (1st Rd., R.L.C., 2nd leg)	away	W	0	2	6	1	0	2	6,000
„ 21	**Featherstone R.**	**home**	W	4	7	29	2	2	10	9,121
„ 28	**Barrow** (2nd Rd., R.L.C.)	**home**	W	3	5	21	2	1	7	25,608

Mar. 7	Hunslet	away	W	2	4	16	2	1	7	15,200
„ 14	Bradford N. (3rd Rd., R.L.C.)	away	W	4	3	17	2	1	7	69,429
„ 21	Wakefield T.	away	W	5	3	19	2	1	7	8,394
„ 28	Wigan (S.F., R.L.C.)	Odsal	W	2	1	7	0	0	0	59,022
„ 30	**Bradford N.**	**home**	W	5	3	19	2	1	7	11,992
Apl. 4	Keighley	away	W	2	5	19	5	2	16	8,500
„ 6	**St. Helens**	**home**	D	2	2	10	2	2	10	30,818
„ 7	Featherstone R.	away	W	2	3	13	2	1	7	10,000
„ 11	Leeds	away	L	1	1	5	3	2	12	23,000
„ 16	Bradford N. (under floodlights)	away	L	0	2	6	3	2	12	16,000
„ 18	**Wigan**	**home**	W	4	3	17	2	2	10	13,610
„ 25	St. Helens ... Wembley (R.L. Chall. Cup Final)		W	3	3	15	2	2	10	89,400
„ 28	**Castleford**	**home**	W	4	10	38	1	1	5	9,915
„ 30	**Hull K.R.**	**home**	W	8	10	46	1	0	2	10,264
May 2	St. Helens (League Champ. S.F.)	away	L	0	0	0	8	10	46	30,864
„ 16	Oldham (fr'ndly)	away	W	4	4	20	2	3	13	8,800

Playing Records, 1952-53, First Team

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For G.	For T.	For Pts.	Against G.	Against T.	Against Pts.
Home	23	18	2	3	102	110	534	50	37	211
Away	29	21	8	0	84	97	459	74	69	355
Total	52	39	10	3	186	207	993	124	106	566

"A" Team

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For G.	For T.	For Pts.	Against G.	Against T.	Against Pts.
Home	15	12	3	0	67	57	305	30	38	174
Away	15	6	9	0	45	35	195	48	40	216
Total	30	18	12	0	112	92	500	78	78	390

First Team Appearances, 1952-53

	Lge	Y.C.	R.L. Cup	Frdly	Aust.	Lge S.F.
J. Anderson	1	—	—	1	—	—
W. M. Banks	32	5	6	2	1	1
P. Bates	4	1	—	1	—	—
Jeff. Bawden	2	1	—	—	—	—
Jim Bowden	16	1	6	1	—	1
J. Brown	30	6	6	2	1	1
W. D. Cavanagh	2	—	—	1	—	—
J. N. Cooper	7	—	1	1	—	1
L. W. Cooper	26	5	6	1	1	1
R. Cracknell	15	2	1	1	—	1
G. Curran	34	6	6	2	1	1
P. C. Devery	31	5	6	1	1	—
J. O. Fairbank	3	1	—	—	—	—
F. Dyson	12	2	—	1	—	—
W. A. Griffin	23	6	—	—	1	—
J. Large	33	5	5	1	1	—
P. Henderson	33	5	5	—	1	1
J. C. H. Hunter	24	4	6	1	1	1
B. Heap	1	—	—	—	—	—
S. Lightfoot	1	—	—	—	—	—
G. R. Pepperell	31	6	6	1	1	1
P. Ramsden	23	2	6	1	—	1
R. Rylance	11	3	—	2	1	—
E. Slevin	34	6	6	2	1	1
M. Sullivan	7	1	—	1	—	—
D. D. Valentine	31	5	6	2	1	1
R. Wood	1	—	—	—	—	—

Most Points in a Season for Fartown

Pat Devery almost broke Ben Gronow's long-standing goal and point-scoring records during last season. Indeed, but for the thigh injury he sustained at Wembley, the Australian would probably have established new figures. The following are the highest totals recorded for the club during a single season.

	App.	Goals	Tries	Pts.
Ben Gronow (1919-20)	43	147	15	339
Pat Devery (1952-53)	44	142	16	332
Ben Gronow (1914-15)	44	150	5	315
Jeff Bawden (1947-48)	44	105	20	270
Major Holland (1913-14)	42	128	2	262
Jeff Bawden (1945-46)	44	92	22	250

First Team Debuts during Season 1952-53

Jack Large v. Halifax (a), August 16th
Jack Fairbank v. Wigan (a), August 23rd
Brian Heap v. Hull K.R. (a), September 20th
Michael Sullivan v. Dewsbury (a), October 4th
Roy Wood v. Featherstone R. (h), February 21st

Signings

Roy Wood (hooker) from Pellon Juniors (Halifax), October 17th
William Jenkinson (prop) from Orford Tannery (Warrington), November 25th.
Vernon Grace (centre or full-back) from Doncaster, June 22nd.
Charles Armitt (second row) from Swinton, July 21st.

Transfers

Frank Wagstaff (prop) to Batley, August 21st.
Jimmy Mundy (hooker) to Oldham, January 31st.

Bill Griffin
A leg injury marred the end of last season for him

Russell Pepperell
At the end of the Wigan Cup Semi-final at Odsal

Scoring Feats, 1952-53

First Team

P. Devery
7 goals, 1 try v. Warrington (h)
7 goals v. Hull K.R. (a)
6 goals, 1 try v. Keighley (h)
6 goals, 1 try v. Castleford (h) (R.L.C.)
6 goals v. Dewsbury (h)
5 goals, 2 tries v. Leigh (a)
5 goals, 1 try v. Wakefield T. (a)
5 goals, 1 try v. Bradford N. (h)
5 goals v. Hunslet (Y.C.) (h)
5 goals v. Dewsbury (a)
5 goals v. Halifax (h)
5 goals v. Wakefield T. (h)

R. Cracknell
4 tries v. Keighley (a)
3 tries v. York (a)
3 tries v. Hull K.R. (h)

L. W. Cooper
7 tries v. Hull K.R. (a)
4 tries v. Hull (Y.C.) (a)
4 tries v. Castleford (h) (R.L.C.)
3 tries v. Batley (Y.C.F.) at Leeds
3 tries v. Featherstone R. (h)

P. Henderson
5 tries v. Castleford (h)
4 tries v. Leeds (h)
3 tries v. Castleford (a)
3 tries v. Castleford (h) (R.L.C.)

P. Ramsden
3 tries v. Wakefield T. (h)

R. Rylance
8 goals v. Hull K.R. (h)

"A" Team

Jeff Bawden
9 goals v. Leeds (h)
6 goals, 1 try v. Hunslet (h)
5 goals, 1 try v. Featherstone R. (h)

R. Cockroft
3 tries v. Bramley (a)

M. Sullivan
4 tries v. Hull (a)
3 tries v. Bramley (h)

W. D. Cavanagh
7 goals v. Hull (a)
5 goals v. Hull K.R. (h)
5 goals v. Keighley (a)
5 goals v. Bramley (Cup) (h)

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LIONEL COOPER scored his 1,000th point for the "claret & gold" during the home Castleford cup-tie last February. He was the fifth Fartowner to reach such a total, his predecessors being Ben Gronow, Albert Rosenfeld, Alec Fiddes and Jeff Bawden.

Lionel's try aggregate for the club now stands at 329, a figure which has only been exceeded by Albert Rosenfeld. Representative and other matches bring Cooper's try total in English R.L. up to 353.

Newcomers

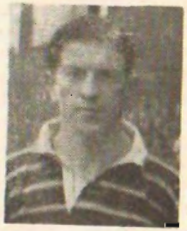
At the time of going to press there have been two new signings from other clubs—Vernon Grace of Doncaster, and Charlie Armitt of Swinton.

Grace, who gained Yorkshire County Amateur honours as a junior, had a couple of seasons with Leeds before joining Doncaster in January, 1952. Equally at home at full back or centre, he proved a useful aquisition to the newly-formed Doncaster club. In his first part season with them he scored four tries, and last season he finished up as their leading try-scorer with sixteen.

Grace is twenty-six years of age, weighs 13st. and stands 5ft. 11½ins. He comes from Ossett and plays cricket for the Ossett club. He played his junior R.L. football in the Wakefield and District League.

Armitt, a second row forward who has also had experience in the three-quarter line, is a son of Tom Armitt, Swinton's Test match hooker of the 1930's. Young Armitt has himself gained international honours, for he represented England against Other Nationalities at Workington in 1949. He has, in addition, played for Lancashire.

Armitt is twenty-seven years old, stands 6ft. and weighs 13½st. He has the reputation of being one of the fastest forwards in the Rugby League game, and is also a useful cricketer and tennis player.



"JOCK" ANDERSON, who recently returned to his native Hawick, became a Fartowner on January 19th, 1946. The announcement of his signing was made after he had played in the Rugby Union International between Scotland and New Zealand, in which he played a match-winning part with two tries.

"Jock" first wore the claret and gold jersey against Oldham at Fartown on January 26th, 1946, and his last first team match was also against Oldham—at Watersheddings, on May 16th of this year. He has given great service to both first and second teams at Fartown even though, latterly, he lost some of the speed which made him such a power in his first few seasons at Fartown.

We know that "Jock" has always enjoyed his football, and supporters will long remember his unique semi-circular goal-kicking action, and the telling way in which he used the cross-kick from the wing. His full Fartown playing record is:

	FIRST TEAM					"A" TEAM			
	App.	G.	T.	Pts.		App.	G.	T.	Pts.
1945-46 ..	15	—	17	51	...	—	—	—	—
1946-47 ..	17	—	7	21	...	—	—	—	—
1947-48 ..	35	—	23	69	...	—	—	—	—
1948-49 ..	26	—	19	57	...	10	7	10	44
1949-50 ..	17	4	9	35	...	6	4	3	17
1950-51 ..	12	16	7	53	...	19	21	20	102
Blackpool, 1951	1	—	—	—	...	—	—	—	—
1951-52 ..	3	2	1	7	...	32	22	29	131
1952-53 ..	2	—	1	3	...	26	6	9	39
Totals	128	22	84	296	...	93	60	71	333

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