

WAKEFIELD WIN CUP

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The weighty forces of Rugby League invaded London. It was the Final of their Challenge Cup, the annual opportunity for the South to see this great game at its best. Derek Turner won the toss for Wakefield Trinity, and 85,000 saw the brawny stalwarts of Huddersfield get the match under way. Wakefield are playing from right to left. This code differs in many ways from Rugby Union. There are 13 men to a team, not 15, and there are no line-outs.

Certainly neither side was giving or asking any quarter. After Neil Fox had scored a drop goal for Wakefield, Trinity attacked in earnest. Ken Hirst passed Fox and he was away like the wind.

That's it. A try for Wakefield.

Five points in arrears, Huddersfield were like bulldozers gone berserk. In possession was their scrum half and captain, Tommy Smales, going full pelt for the line.

What a tonic; a try for Huddersfield.

Will it be another try for Wakefield? Right-wing three-quarter Fred Smith absolutely all out. But what a tackle. Huddersfield's bacon saved. So at half-time, it was Wakefield five, Huddersfield three. Both sides resumed in fine fettle after the interval.

All through the game Wakefield three-quarter Fox and Hirst combined beautifully. Fox to Hirst...

Hirst kicks ahead, but the Huddersfield defence is untroubled.

The Wakefield skipper Derek Turner passes to Neil Fox, and that's another drop goal.

Huddersfield tried hard to put on the pressure.

Wakefield scented victory. Turner put Hirst in possession, and that brilliant left-winger raced for the line.

Huddersfield fought back. Smales to Peter Ramsden... a try:

Turner to Fox: drop goal number three. What a genius, this man Neil Fox; winners by 12 points to six, Wakefield Trinity went up to receive the cup. The proudest man on the field was Derek Turner. Congratulations to Wakefield Trinity on victory well deserved.