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## Happy New Year!

### Resilient to the Final Whistle

Harrogate Ladies 1st XV 0 - 87 Leicester Tigers. Saturday 19th November 2022

The Harrogate Ladies faced a tough encounter against Leicester Tigers at Welford Road. Despite a disappointing final result, the opportunity to play at Welford Road Stadium made this an unforgettable day.

The first half saw a series of impressive tackles from Harrogate, with intense play resulting in the ladies winning several rucks and holding off Leicester on a number of occasions. Particularly notable



were tackles from Kel Morgan, Sarah Foster, Georgina Youlden and Charlie Goode. The score at half time was 36-0 to Leicester, but the Harrogate Ladies did not make this an easy win. The Ladies continued to perform well in the second half of the match, preventing Leicester from scoring several times. The defensive play remained commendable with strong tackles again from Em Attwood and Sarah Foster and one particularly notable long pass from Georgia Briggs leading to an impressive run down the pitch from Georgina Youlden. This difficult match showed the grit and determination of Harrogate Ladies.

Leicester Tigers were expected to be a challenging team to play against, however the Ladies have much to be proud of in their performance.

Match report by Zoe Clarke

## Harrogate Rugby Club Captains

### Harrogate Football Club

HFC 1871/1872 G.Milner  
HFC 1872/1873 E.Pullan  
HFC 1873/1874 T.Fawcett  
HFC 1874/1878 Unknown  
HFC 1878/1880 J.Pullan  
HFC 1881/1883 F.Barber  
HFC 1883/1887 Mr.Armitage  
HFC 1887/1892 Unknown  
HFC 1892/1893 Gad Smith  
HFC 1893/1894 G.Laycock  
HFC 1894/1895 J.W.Horner  
HFC 1895/1896 G.Laycock  
HFC 1896/1897 R.H.Gill  
HFC 1897/1900 Unknown  
HFC 1900/1903 J.A.Batley  
HFC 1903/1904 G.Tattersall  
HFC 1904/1905 H.Vincent  
HFC 1906/1908 W.Maddison/A.S.Pickering

### Harrogate Rugby Football Club

HRFC 1910/1911 J.Robinson  
HRFC 1912/1913 E.Jenkinson  
HRFC 1913/1914 J.Whittaker

### 1914/1918 First World War

HRFC 1923/1929 James M.Simpson/A.Dawson  
HRFC 1929/1932 W.A.Child  
HRFC 1932/1933 W.(Badger)Jackson  
HRFC 1933/1936 H.Hitchen/W.J.Burton  
HRFC 1936/1937 A.J.W.Sheffield/F.Broadbank

### HOB (playing as 2nd XV) and HRFC combine 1936 as HRUFC

HRUFC 1937/1938 E.R.Thomas  
HRUFC 1938/1940 J.F.P.Waterhouse

### 1939/1945 2nd World War

HRUFC 1945/1946 C.Murray

### Harrogate Old Boys

#### 1906 Harrogate Old Boys formed

HOB 1906/1910 W.Roberts  
HOB 1910/1913 N.Barrett  
HOB 1913/1914 J.J.Greenwood

### 1914/1918 1st World War

HOB 1919/1920 N.Barrett  
HOB 1920/1921 T.L.W.Strother  
HOB 1921/1923 Dr. C.R.Watson  
HOB 1923/1924 A.Hart  
HOB 1924/1925 F.A.Ledgard  
HOB 1925/1926 Dr.C.R.Watson  
1926 HOB purchase Claro Road ground  
HOB 1926/1927 F.Richardson  
HOB 1927/1929 H.Moore  
HOB 1929/1931 J.P.Walker

HOB 1931/1933 J.G.Troup  
HOB 1933/1934 J.W.Aspsdin  
HOB 1934/1935 G.B.Robinson  
HOB 1935/1936 J.H.L.Philips  
HOB 1938/1939 J.A.Brett

Friendly games continue at Harrogate during

**WW2 1939/1945** between armed forces teams

### HRFC becomes Harrogate RUFC 1947

1946/1947 E.Moss-Blundell  
1947/1948 D.J.Walliker  
1948/1949 D.J.Walliker/Ian King  
1949/1950 Ian King  
1950/1951 Ian King/Gordon Frank  
1951/1952 Gordon Frank  
1952/1953 G.B.Frank/D.C. Hopper  
1953/1954 D.C.Hopper/Ian King  
1954/1955 Ian King  
1955/1958 Ian W.Black  
1958/1959 D.B.Fletcher  
1959/1960 A.N.Wyatt-Gunning  
1960/1961 Norman Hesp  
1961/1963 Harry E.Constable  
1963/1964 A.G(Gerry).I.Wood  
1964/1965 Mike Hymas  
1965/1967 J. Graham Cumming  
1967/1969 Jeff Young/Roger Wesley  
1969/1971 Michael Newport  
1971/1972 A.(Tony).M. Edwards  
1972/1973 Brian R.Forshaw  
1973/1974 Glyn M.T.Williams  
1974/1976 Alan R. Everson  
1976/1977 Mike Milburn  
1977/1982 Peter Clegg  
1982/1984 Colin Simmonds  
1984/1985 Peter J. Squires  
1985/1987 Steve J.Fawcett  
1987/1991 Garry J.M. Irvine  
1991/1993 Simon Croft  
1993/1995 Jeremy Hopkinson O.B.E.  
1995/1997 Richard Marcroft  
1997/1999 David Wheat  
1999/2004 Rhys Morgan  
2004/2006 Brendan Back  
2006/2007 Andrew Enston  
2007/2008 Andrew Boyle  
2008/2012 Ed. Smithies  
2012/2013 James (Jimmy)Browne  
2013/2019 Jake Brady  
2015 HRUFC moves to Rudding Lane  
2019/2021 Danny Matthews  
2021/ Sam Brady

## Grounds

- 1871 Founded as Harrogate Football Club. The first match, played on 16th December 1871, was played opposite The Coach and Horses on the area currently known as the West Park Stray which continued to be used until 1875.
- 1875 Harrogate FC Played at Dragon Fields opposite where Smiths the Rink is today.
- 1896 Harrogate FC moves to Claro Road. First game played 19th December.
- 1906 Harrogate Old Boys playing at the Agricultural Showground, Starbeck, currently Shaws Trailer Park.
- 1926 HOB purchase Claro Road ground.
- 1931/1932 Harrogate RFC playing at the Agricultural Showground, Starbeck.
- 1936 HRFC and HOB combine to become Harrogate RUFC at Claro Road.
- 2015 HRUFC moves from Claro Road to Rudding Lane.

## Harrogate FC

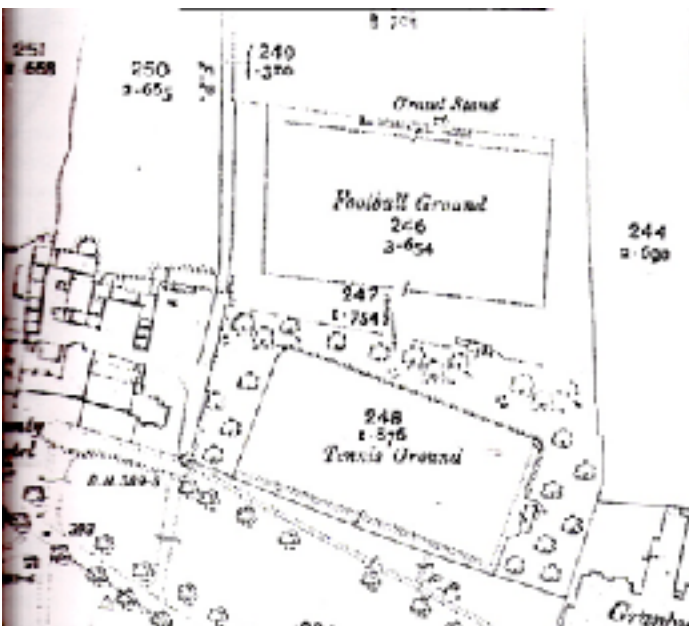


Despite the dearth of material available from the history of rugby in Harrogate it is remarkable that this splendid photograph, of the Harrogate Football Team from 1875 has survived and takes pride of place in the Ridding Lane clubhouse. It appears to have been taken outside the West Park Hotel on the West Park Stray.

**Harrogate Football Team** Unbeaten 1872 - 3 - 4 - 5. Back row left to right: T. Fawcett, G. Milner, J. H. Young. Next row: H. Thomas, Dick Toas, Tom Gospel, J. Toas, J. Foggo (with hat), J. W. Ackrill, G. Walshaw. Front row left to right: J. Howard, C. Williams, F. Fawcett, A. Pullan, Frank Fawcett, W. Fawcett, Ted Shutt.



On this photograph from 1908 the game appears to be played on the Stray.



This map is dated 1909 and shows the location of the rugby ground when Claro Road was merely a track. There are now flats on the Tennis Ground.



## Wakefield 22 - 20 Harrogate (30th January 1982)

<i>Wakefield</i>		<i>Harrogate</i>	
BLACK & GOLD		(RED AMBER & BLACK)	
15 M. SHUTTLEWORTH * (Capt)	FULL BACK	15 M. COWLEY	
14 M. HARRISON * T	RIGHT WING	14 P. SQUIRES +	
13 B. BARLEY *	RIGHT CENTRE	13 R. SHACKLETON + T	
12 S. TOWNEND T	LEFT CENTRE	12 C. BOOTH P.T	
11 N. BENNETT *	LEFT WING	11 G. BOWE	
10 A. MORAN Dg Dg Dg	OUTSIDE HALF	10 C. SIMMONS C.P.	
9 A. SHARPE	SCRUM HALF	9 G. IRVINE	
1 M. STONE	LOOSE HEAD PROP	1 J. STEPHENSON T	
2 S. CRUISE	HOUKIN	2 M. TAYLOR	
3 W. HOYLE	TIGHT HEAD PROP	3 J. TINKER	
4 A. SUMNER *	LOCK-FORWARD	4 A. ABBOTT	
5 R. HANSON	LOCK-FORWARD	5 L. NIEMIEC	
6 I. HILL +	FLANKER	6 P. CLEGG	
7 P. FENNELL	FLANKER	7 S. FANCETT *	
8 M. RAWNSLEY P.G.P.	NUMBER 8	8 R. SWAINSON	
17 C. HARRISON		16 M. BAUGH	
16 M. HUNT		17 S. FIRTH	

Referee: Mr. G. R. SEDDON (Manchester Society)

+ international players  
\* county players

Robert Waterhouse, writing about Wakefield's 22 - 20 victory over Harrogate in the Guardian newspaper, explained, "Just when Northern club rugby seemed in the doldrums these two very different Yorkshire teams produced an entertaining epic with unlimited skill and courage.

Wakefield, playing against the wind, and the run of play, opened the scoring. "Collecting the ball on the blind side in his own 22 Steve Townend gave Mike Harrison a well-judged pass to the wing. Harrison proved too quick for everyone else. But the lumbering Simmonds traded dropped goals with Angus Moran and there was nothing in it at halftime."

Wakefield used the wind to their benefit in the second half. Mark Rawnsley added a penalty and Bryan Barley picked up a loose ball to send Townend over for a try. Harrogate, now ten points down, responded: "with some rousing stuff" which led to a try for Cowling (spelt incorrectly Cowley in the team list.) "Wakefield's reply was even more dynamic", pushing Harrogate off their own ball, gaining twenty yards and setting up Moran for a drop goal.

However, Harrogate were still not beaten, and their internationals Roger Shackleton and Peter Squires combined and allowed Simmonds to snatch a try. Wakefield added another Rawnsley penalty before Shackleton added another try converted by Simmonds.

## Touch Rugby 7s and Christmas Raffle

Organised by Tony Lewis, the Touch rugby sevens competition played on Thursday 29th December at Rudding Lane was a huge success and was followed by the equally successful club Christmas Hamper Draw organised by Mike Cowling. The day was an opportunity to raise funds for the Mind Charity.

