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Over 200 appearances for Harrogate 1st XV

Sam Brady Plays his 200th Game for Harrogate



Congratulations to Sam Brady who made his 200th appearance for Harrogate Rugby Club in the game against Chester on Saturday 5th November 2022. In Sam's first season with Harrogate, 2011/2012, he played over 20 games for the 1st XV. In 2015 he was one of six Harrogate players who featured in the Yorkshire County games.

In April 2015 he was selected to play for the England Students team against France.

For the 2019/2020 season, Sam was Harrogate's leading try scorer for the season with 12 tries and on the 11th January 2020 he played his 155th game for Harrogate in the game against Sandal. He was voted Player of the year 2019/2020 and Harrogate Supporters Player of the Year 2021/2022.

He was elected Club Captain for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 and continues to

be a formidable force in the Harrogate 2nd row.

Steve Maycock. (D.O.B. 29/01/1988) Hooker.



At the end of October 2022 Steve had made 211 appearances for the Harrogate 1st XV. Before joining Harrogate in 2010 Steve played for Moortown, Dinnington and Rotherham Titans. In 2010/2011 he played 23 games for the Harrogate 1st XV. Yorkshire travelled to Slovenia on Monday 30th May 2011 for a 4 day tour which included a match against the Slovenian national team. Harrogate players Jamie Broadley, Rob Almond, Steve Maycock, Jacob Brady and Ryan Peacey were all included in the Yorkshire team to play Slovenia in Ljubljana on Wednesday 1st June with a 7 p.m. kick off. Harrogate Team Manager, Graham Siswick, was the tour manager. Ryan Peacey and Jamie Broadley were both in the Yorkshire starting line up and Jake Brady, Stevie Maycock and Robbie Almond benched against Slovenia. In the Yorkshire game against Cheshire on 5th May 2012 Steve made his county debut when he came on as substitute.

Steve played for Yorkshire at U16, U17, U18, U19 and U20 levels. In 2011/2012 he played over 20 games for the Harrogate 1st XV and was voted Man of the Match in the game against Luctonians and again in the game against Stockport.

He was part of the successful Harrogate Sevens team which won the Yarnbury Sevens Competition on Sunday 29th July 2012.

He played for Yorkshire in the 20 points to 5 win over Durham on Saturday 18th May 2013 having missed the previous week's defeat in Lancashire because of a slight muscle strain, and made a solid impact when coming off the bench during the second half.

He also starred in the Harrogate Rugby Club Golf Competition 29/8/2013, played at Oakdale, when his team finished in the top ten. In 2015 the winners of the golf competition were the Harrogate Players team of Tim Heaton, Callum Irvine, Steve Maycock and Chris Wilson.

At the Harrogate Players Awards evening 11/5/2018 Steve won the Harrogate Supporters Player of the Year Award.

Harrogate 1st XV 1985/1986



Back row left to right: Roger Shackleton (Coach), John Tinker, Adam Pearson, John Carter, John Stretton, Simon Croft, Leo Niemic, John Woodthorpe, S.Hanson, Ralph Zoing, Greg Irish. Seated left to right: David Broadley, Gary Irvine, Gary Bowe, Gary Cuthbert, Steve Fawcett (Captain), Robert Booth, Dave Annett, David Taylor, Sean Ledger.

Other First XV players for the 1985/1986 season: Gordon Beattie, Richard Bradley, Steve Baker, Mark Bristow, Gerry Chadwick, M. Clarkson, E. Condon, Mike Cowling, N. Elliott, Andy Gair, Richard Gordon, Jim Hardie, J. Hartley, R. S. Hobson, A. Horner, Fraser Irvine, S. Johnson, M. Johnson, S. Maude, Stuart MacCulloch, Keith Miller, Tim Milnes, Charlie Payne, Don. Reid, Andy Simpson, M. Sloan, A. Stevenson, Steve Stevenson, Nigel Taylor, Andy Thorpe, John Tinker, R. Todd, Richard Gordon, P. Watkinson.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN FOR WAKEFIELD

9th November 1985: The following report appeared in the Burglar Bill Newsletter No. 133 November 2022 for the Wakefield Rugby Club:

Both Wakefield and Harrogate were understrength for this Merit Table encounter at College Grove, with Wakefield missing six regulars to either representative calls or injuries with the Wakefield Express explaining, "Harrogate were at less than strength, though by no means so seriously handicapped in numerical terms. Yet, they fell considerably below the day's requirements, as the 7-0 try count suggests."

WAKEFIELD		HARROGATE	
15 R. BOWE	15 R. ASAMSON	15 G. CUTHBERT	PP
14 S. BROOKE	14 C. HARRIS	14 R. BRADLEY	
13 C. HARRIS	13 I. DYSON T.	13 R. BOOTH PP	
12 I. DYSON T.	11 N. BENNETT T.T.	12 R. GORDON	
11 N. BENNETT T.T.	10 S. TOWNEND	11 R. STEPHENSON	
10 S. TOWNEND	9 D. WOOD	10 G. CHADWICK	PP
9 D. WOOD	1 C. YEMM	9 G. IRVINE	
1 C. YEMM	2 S. CRUISE	1 J. STRETTON	
2 S. CRUISE	3 D. HERON	2 D. TAYLOR	
3 D. HERON	4 C. BURDEN T.	3 M. BRISTOW	
4 C. BURDEN T.	5 W. FOERS	4 L. NIEMIC	
5 W. FOERS	6 HILL	5 S. CROFT	
6 HILL	7 P. FENNELL	6 J. CARTER	
7 P. FENNELL	8 M. RAWNSLEY T.	7 J. HARTLEY	
8 M. RAWNSLEY T.	Replacements:	8 G. IRISH	
Replacements:	16 D. ORR	Replacements:	
16 D. ORR	17 R	16 R. TODD	
17 R		17 E. LONDON	

Referee:
MR. W. CASEY, Northumberland Society

The newspaper suggested Wakefield's seven tries "were based mainly upon opportunism amid a flow of possession, much of it was won in the lines by No 8. Mark Rawnsley, especially when Wakefield opted for the two-man line."

Wakefield opened the scoring in the first minutes of the game when Ian Dyson intercepted and sprinted fifty yards for a try. Raz Bowers, who had "some wholesome contributions to make from full-back", added the conversion. Chris Burden another praised for his efforts "but being guilty of overconfidence" scored Wakefield's second try crashing over from a tap penalty move. Bowers again was on target with the conversion, and then Rawnsley finished off a crisp handing move for Wakefield's third try.

Harrogate remained in the hunt though, Chadwick dropped an early goal and Booth was successful with four penalties to leave the visitors trailing only by a single point after an hour's play. However, in the final twenty minutes, Wakefield stepped up their game. Rawnsley sent Neil Bennett in for his first try, followed minutes later by his second. "Bowers conversion was the vital nail in Harrogate's coffin." "The visitors were now being overrun" with Wakefield adding two more tries - Clive Yemm dived over after pressure from the Wakefield pack, and then Rawnsley scored his second. Another Bowers conversion confirmed Wakefield as 36-15 victors.

Timeline of Harrogate Rugby Club 1871 - 2023

- 1871 Founded as Harrogate Football Club. The first match, played 16/12/1871
- 1875 Played at Dragon Fields where 'Smiths the Rink' is today.
- 1896 19th December the Harrogate FC moves to Claro Road.
- 1903 Harrogate played Canada at Claro Road losing 5 - 0.
- 1905 Win Yorkshire Cup for the first time, 7 - 5 against Wakefield Balne Lane 22/4/1905 at Castleford. This was a replay following a 5 - 5 draw 15/04/1905.
- 1906 Harrogate Old Boys formed from the HFC 2nd XV.
- 1907 HFC win Yorkshire Cup 13/04/07 v Headingley 11 - 6 at Castleford.
- 1914 HFC becomes a soccer club, Harrogate Town, but the war intervenes.
- After the war rugby continues as Harrogate Old Boys playing at Claro Road.
- 1923 Harrogate R.U.F.C. re-formed.
- 1926 Harrogate Old Boys purchase the Claro Road ground
- 1928 The changing rooms were built and regarded as the best in the county. They continued to be used until the club moved to Rudding Lane in 2015.
- 1936 Harrogate R.U.F.C. amalgamates with Harrogate Old Boys.
- 1945 Harrogate Old Boys agree to change name to Harrogate RUFC.
- 1948 Colts team formed under the guidance of Mr. G. Ashcroft.
- 1949 Winners Yorkshire Cup v Skipton 20 - 6 at Otley (23/4/1949) First programme printed.
- 1957 Harrogate Georgians (Ex Civil Service, St Georges Road) join Harrogate R.U.F.C. Georgians name retained as the second team title.
- 1963 New Club House opened 2/9/1963 at Claro Road.
- 1965 Winners Yorkshire Cup v Wakefield 9 - 8 at Otley, 28/4/1965.
- 1968 Winners of Daily Telegraph Northern Merit Table.
- Club Captain Jeff Young, Welsh International.
- 1971 Club Centenary
- 1972 The Bantams, known as the Mini/Junior section formed as one of the first in the country.
- 1981 Won Yorkshire Cup, Harrogate 12 - 3 Morley, 28/4/1981
- 1987-1988 League North 1, finished 5th
- 1988-1989 League North 1, finished 4th
- 1990 Promotion from Division North 1 to Division 4 North
- 1991 Winners Yorkshire Cup v Otley 23 - 4 at Morley, 30/4/1991.
- Finished 6th in League 4 North.
- 1992 Winners Yorkshire Cup v Bradford & Bingley 12-7, 28/4/1992.
- 1992/1993 Division North champions, promoted to newly formed League 4.
- 1993/1994 Division 4 finished 2nd. •1994/1995 Division 3 finished 7th.
- 1995/1996 Division 3 finished 6th.
- 1996/1997 Division 3 finished 5th. •1997/1998 Jewson National 1 finished 14th.

- 1998/1999 Jewson National 1 finished 12th. •1999/2000 Jewson National 1 finished 6th.
- 2000/2001 National 1 finished 5th. Represented Yorkshire in National 7's Cup at Twickenham.
- 2001/2002 National 2 finished 4th. Won Yorkshire Cup 24 - 19 Wharfedale, 15/4/2002 at Otley. Represented Yorkshire in National 7's, winning the competition played at Twickenham.
- 2002/2003 National 2 finished 4th. Won Yorkshire Cup v Doncaster 13-12 at Morley, 14/5/2002. Runners up in National 7's Cup representing Yorkshire at Twickenham.
- 2003/2004 National Division 2 finished 8th. •2004/2005 National Division 2 finished 10th.
- 2005/2006 National Division 2 finished 13th avoided relegation due to league reshuffle.
- 2006/2007 National Division 2 finished 14th – relegated.
- 2007/2008 National Division 3 North finished 6th.
- 2008/2009 National Division 3 North finished 5th.
- 2009/2010 National League 2 North finished 4th. •2010/2011 National League 2 North finished 6th.
- 2011/2012 National League 2 North finished 14th and relegated to National 3 North.
- 2012/2013 Finished 2nd in National 3 North. Won the play off to gain promotion.
- 2013/2014 Finished 9th in National League 2 North.
- 2014/2015 Finished 4th in National League 2 North. Won Yorkshire Cup 16 - 12 v Wharfedale 30/4/2015.
- 2015 End of the 2014/2015 season, left Claro Road and moved to new 26 acre site at Rudding Lane.
- 2015/2016 Finished 7th in National League 2 North. Won Yorkshire Cup 38 - 3 v Sheffield Tigers 18/5/2016
- 2016/2017 Finished 14th out of 16 in National League 2 North. Relegated to Northern Premier League. Won Yorkshire Cup for 3rd season in a row when Sheffield Tigers withdrew from the final.
- 2017/2018 Finished 3rd in the Northern Premier League. Lost 19 - 22 to Doncaster Phoenix in the semi final of the Yorkshire Cup.
- 2018/2019 Finished 3rd in the Northern Premier League. Withdrew from the Yorkshire Cup competition along with many other Yorkshire clubs.
- 2019/2020 Finished 2nd in the North Premier League and promoted to North 2. The season ended early due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the final positions were decided on overall performance during the season.
- 2020/2021 No rugby played due to Coronavirus.
- 2021/2022 National League rugby returns with Harrogate now playing in the National League 2 North. 16th December 2021 - HRUFC celebrates 150 years as a rugby club.
- 2022/2023 National League 2 North.

Granby Corner, Harrogate



This photo is thought to be from the 1930s. The building to the right was the Granby Hotel which became a nursing home. The stand for the Claro Road rugby ground is shown at the extreme right just above half way on the photo with the rugby ground in front of the stand. Claro Road is a row of trees. The road in the centre of the photo became the Skipton Road.