

## Rugby Sevens 1960s

### 1960 Ilkley Sevens Team Photo 1



Photo from Howard Widmore and Bud Abbott. Thank you.

**Back Row L-R:** Alan Barker, John Cooper, J.C. Smith, Howard Widmore, Peter Lockett

**Front Row L-R:** Albert Parkin, Geoff Trueman, Terry Deeley

**Team:-** Smith, Deeley, Widmore, Trueman, Parkin, Cooper, Lockett.

## Ilkley Sevens Team Photo 2



**Back Row L-R:** Alan Barker, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. L. Tate, Mr. B. Booth.

**Front Row L-R:** John Cooper, Peter Richmond, Albert Parkin, Geoffrey Trueman, Geoffrey Cartledge, Peter Lockett, Howard Widmore.

The Ilkley Sevens were a great success this year as we reached the final for the third time since the start of the competition. No one person can be singled out for his performance as every member played at his best. Our hardest matches were against Woodhouse Grove (result 3-0 win) and Silcoates (result 6-0 win); victory in the latter game was gained only in the second half of extra time shortly after the injury of the Silcoates scrum-half. After this gruelling game and a tiring semi-final, Heath beat us in the final. Training began weeks before the actual day of the competition and I would like to thank the people who made our success possible, especially Mr. Tate and Mr. Booth who, along with the reserves, turned out for every training session. I would also like to thank the Old Boys and members of the Wakefield R.U.F.C. who provided match practice for us. Two bus loads of spectators travelled with the team and their vocal support helped a lot in sticky situations.

**Trueman G., UVIS**

### 1961

At the Ilkley Sevens, considered by many to be the acid test of Yorkshire Schoolboy Rugby, we managed to reach the last eight out of some fifty schools present, being displaced by Scarborough Grammar School, 5-13, who went on to prove their worth by sustaining the lowest score of the Tournament, a try to nil, to the eventual winners, Whitcliffe Mount Grammar School.

At the BRIDLINGTON SEVENS we were defeated in the first round by a fine side from Huddersfield New College, who reached the final and only narrowly lost to Whitcliffe Mount Grammar School by two points in eight.

Teams from: Ackroyd, Adamson, Hinks, Randall, Worgan, Cuthbert, Parkin, Sugden.

**1962**

**Ilkley  
Bridlington  
Barnsley**

Lost six points to three to Whitcliffe Mount G.S. in the Second Round.  
Defeated in the semi-final 18-0 by Crossley and Porter G.S.  
**Won 16-5 in the final against Wath G.S.**

Teams from: Linsey, Sugden, McKenzie, Tate, Colley, Nuttall, Bateman, Parkin, Cuthbert, Jones, Allen.

**1963 Ilkley Sevens**



Photo from Ken Johnson. Thank you, Ken.

**Back Row L-R:** Mr. Tate, Norman Tate, David Nuttall, Des Jones, Dave Fearnside

**Front Row L-R:** Ron Newitt, Dave Sugden, Ken Johnson



Photo contributed by Ken Johnson. Thank you, Ken.

**Back Row L-R:** Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Pacy

**Middle Row L-R:** Andy Hudson, Andy Coope, Colin Dawson, Dave Fearnside

**Front Row L-R:** Ron Newitt, Norman Tate (Captain), Derek Coop, Ken Johnson

We entered two Sevens competitions at Ilkley and Bridlington and our teams put up some excellent performances. At Ilkley we were runners-up to Heath by 12 points to nil. It was a remarkable achievement when we won the Bridlington Sevens for the first time, beating Sir William Turner's of Redcar in the final by 19 points to 3.

Teams.

Bridlington Tate, Newitt, Johnson, Fearnside, Coop, Hudson, Dawson.

Ilkley Tate, Newitt, Johnson, Fearnside, Coop, Hudson, Coope.

Tate, N. M.

## On the Ilkley Pitch in 1964



Image from Dave Fearnside. Thank you, Dave

**Back Row L-R:** Colin Dawson, Andrew Hudson, David Fearnside, Ron Newitt, Derek Coop

**Front Row L-R:** Andrew Coope, Norman Tate, Ken Johnson

Round 1	Walk over
Round 2	HGS 19, QEGS Wakefield 0
Round 3	HGS 11, Goole GS 0
Semi Final	HGS 8, Keighley GS 0
Final	HGS 0, Heath GS 12



Article from Terry Mills. Thank you, Terry. The image comes from Mr. Howdle. Thank you.

**Back Row L-R:** Jack Burbeck, Mick Osborne, John Fradgely, Dave Fearnside  
**Front Row L-R:** Jack Marston, Mr. D. Howdle, Ken Johnson, Mr. D. Wilkinson, Terry Mills

It was fifth time lucky for Hemsworth Grammar School on Saturday when they won the Ilkley R.U.F.C.'s schools seven-a-side tournament by beating Bradford G.S. 23 - 18 in a splendid final. Hemsworth has had a team in the competition ever since it was launched in 1950 and were in the final four times but always finished as runners up. Hemsworth had a shaky start in the first round against Goole GS but they recovered and scored the winning try in the last few seconds. Tries for Hemsworth, who won 8-6, were scored by Mills and Fearnside, one being converted by Johnson. Hemsworth regained their confidence for their second round match with Crossley and Porter GS, whom they beat 6-3, and although the score was close it did not reflect the true pattern of play. Mills and Fearnside again scored tries. Playing some of the most attractive rugby of the tournament, Hemsworth beat West Leeds GS 13-0 in the third round. Forwards and threequarters combined well, and tries were scored by Johnson, Fearnside and Osborne, with two conversions by Mills. Hemsworth coasted through the semi-final to beat Hipperholme GS 20-0. Tries were scored by Marston (2), Fearnside and Mills, and there were four conversions by Mills.

Against Bradford GS in the final, Hemsworth played equally as well as they had done throughout the tournament and were soon 10 points up with two great individual tries by Fearnside. Hemsworth were leading 20-5 at half-time, but Bradford came back strongly on the resumption most of the danger coming from fast and strong wingman Davies. Hemsworth defended well and were eventual winners by 23-18. Other try scorers were Marston, Osborne and Mills, the latter converting four.

This team also won the Hipperholme Sevens. They reached the quarterfinals of the Llanelli Sevens, the semi-final at The Loughborough Sevens and the semi-final at the Heath Old Boys Sevens.

# Rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> Seven 1966



Photo from Roger Poole. Thank you Roger.

**Back Row L-R:** Bob Moxon, Keith Shelley, Tony Abbott, Roger Poole, Alan Howey

**Front Row L-R:** Mr. D. Wilkinson, Neil Stones, Peter Hryschko, Dave Smith, Mr. D. Howdle