

The History of

Huddersfield & District Chess Association

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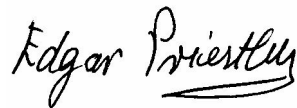
Having already compiled a 'Biography of John Watkinson', and a 'History of the Huddersfield Chess Club', I thought it was only proper that I should complete the local picture by producing a history of the Huddersfield and District Chess Association.

This has indeed been a labour of love, as it was due to this organisation that I began to play the game seriously. I was introduced to the Watkinson Knock-out (section three) in 1940 by a friend, Andrew Leitch, who worked alongside Norman Calvert, who was then the Association secretary. At that time paying the entry fee of one shilling (5p) meant that you became a member of the Association. I was beaten in this final by Harold Beaumont, but with my runners-up prize money, I joined the Huddersfield Chess Club.

I should like to express my thanks, firstly to the present secretary, Bill Lumley, who has provided me with the dates of various events, and also with many names missing from my own records of winners. And secondly to Nigel Hepworth for transferring my written notes into print.

Edgar Priestley

April 2004



The Beginning

It has been recorded that in the 1894-95 season, the Huddersfield Chess Club had an 'A' team which played mid-week friendly matches against some local teams, for example, Honley, Lindley Parish Church, Lindley Liberals, Huddersfield YMCA, St. John's YMCA, Hillhouse Congregational Church and the Friendly & Trades Club.

At the AGM of the Club on 18th May 1895, it was proposed and agreed to inaugurate a new competition for a trophy open to Clubs in the Huddersfield district (defined as the Huddersfield Poor-Law Union area).



John Watkinson

John Watkinson proposed that a meeting should be called at which representatives of district teams should meet officials of the Huddersfield Club to formulate the rules for this new competition. He also said that he would contribute a suitable trophy.

On 13th July 1895, a meeting was held at the Huddersfield Club's headquarters in the Byram Arcade, and rules were agreed for the 'Watkinson Trophy'.

"There were to be teams of 6 players, but no team was to have in it more than one player who within the last four years had competed for the Woodhouse Cup or the Silver Castle Trophy.

Prizes, to become the property of the winning team, shall be competed for, in addition to the trophy."

On 14th September 1895 there was a 'Watkinson Trophy Meeting'.

This was held at the Byram Arcade, under the chairmanship of the Huddersfield Club's President, T.S.Yates, with the Huddersfield secretary, W.U.Rothery, and representatives of the other clubs.

Twelve teams entered for the trophy competition, namely, Honley Liberal Club, Slaithwaite chess team, Milnsbridge House chess club, Lockwood Conservative club, Primrose Hill club, Lindley Church Institute, Friendly and Trades club, Huddersfield YMCA and St. John's YMCA.

The teams were divided into 3 groups of 4. Fixtures were made for each team to play home and away matches in these groups by the end of February 1896. Then a further meeting was to be called to arrange details for the 3 group winners to play off to decide the trophy winner.

Although these two meetings were not officially described as the 'Huddersfield Chess Association' it seems clear that this was the real beginning of this organisation.

It would appear that the Holmfirth Club was a late entry, as they were to become the first winners of the Watkinson trophy. When they repeated their performance in the 1900-01 season, they claimed possession of this trophy. It was described as "a handsome black marble timepiece with an engraved and ornamental gilt dial, bronze figure and bronze inlaid, standing on an ebony pedestal in which were inserted gilt chamfered shields, one inscribed with the name of the donor, and the

object of the trophy, and the other with the name of the winning team, and of the captains who had lead them to victory.”

John Watkinson then presented a second trophy, in the form of a large silver rook, with the proviso that this one could not be won outright. This is the trophy which is still in use up to the present day.

John continued to support this competition, and it is reported that when a team from Meltham won the trophy in 1908, he was invited to a special celebration at the Carlisle Institute in Meltham, where he gave a simultaneous exhibition against the six players of their team. Even at the age of 65, he was able to get 5 wins and a draw. The meeting concluded with a special song, with words put to a well known tune, written by the Meltham captain.

Individual Knockout Competitions

In 1936, it was decided to inaugurate three knockout competitions for individual players. These were divided into groups designated as ‘strong players’, ‘average players’ and ‘novices’. Three cups were purchased for the winners to hold for twelve months, and they were engraved with the name of ‘John Watkinson’, despite this being thirteen years after his death.

Entry to these knockout competitions was open to anyone living in the Huddersfield district. In paying the sum of one shilling (5p) the person became a member of the Association. At the time the Financial Secretary was Norman Calvert, of the Huddersfield Club, and he was dedicated to attracting entries. Up to 1937, all boys attending the Huddersfield College (a secondary school) were taught the game of chess by the then headmaster, H.E. Atkins (nine times British Champion). As most of these pupils obtained employment in local industries, it followed that there were a large number of men in the district who could play chess. Consequently for the first few years of these competitions there were large numbers attracted to the lower section - usually in excess of 60.



Stanley Littlewood

Stanley Littlewood became President of the Association in 1939. He was a prominent member of the Lindley Chess Club. On this occasion he entreated all strong chess players in the association to join the Huddersfield Club, in order to strengthen their teams in the Yorkshire competitions. He set an example by joining himself. Unfortunately the Second World War intervened, when all Yorkshire fixtures were abandoned for the duration. No

Association team matches were played either, although the individual knockouts continued to thrive.

Stanley was a great character, and he had a wealth of anecdotes of events from his earlier days. One of his favourite stories concerned the occasion when the Lindley team had to visit Brighouse for the final deciding fixture. The match was closely contested and the games continued for a long time (there were no clocks used then), so much so that when finally the Lindley team had proved victorious they found out that they had missed the last tram back to Huddersfield. So they had to walk back all the way to Lindley.

Post World War II

On re-starting the Watkinson League after the War, the teams taking part were, Huddersfield, Halifax, Lindley, Ravensthorpe, the Huddersfield Industrial Society, Britannia Works & David Brown's Gears. They were soon joined by the Polish and Ukrainian Clubs.

Jack Walker (of Lindley) took over as secretary, being succeeded in the early 1950's by Harry Wadsworth (of Huddersfield). Harry continued in office for about 15 years. In 1952, the Huddersfield Club initiated a weekly chess column in the Examiner, and Harry contributed a weekly report of Association matters, using the none-de-plume of 'Max Lange', for many years. He was also the captain of the successful Huddersfield Knights team.

At the AGM of 1957, Stanley Littlewood resigned as President, as he thought that he had held the position for so long, it was time to give someone else a chance. He suggested that it would be beneficial if the office was only held for 5 years. His successor was Norman Calvert who had been a successful secretary in the past.

Handicap System

It was in 1958 that a major change to the handicap system was introduced. Previously each club received a block handicap for the season, depending on results from the previous season. Each club had to produce a list of registered players, and this handicap evaluation was based on the strength of a club's strongest players.

Now a change was introduced which required that every registered player should have an individual handicap, from 0 to 10, with 6 points being awarded for a win, and 3 points for a draw. These were initially agreed by a show of hands at a special committee meeting, at which all clubs were represented, at the beginning of the season. Later it was decided that a separate Handicap Committee should be elected to determine these handicaps on a more studied scientific method. Prominent early

members were Ted Mitchell (ICI), Edgar Priestley (Huddersfield), Bob Ramage (Britannia Works) and Eric Bower (David Browns).

Initially there were fears expressed about the mathematics of this new system, but year by year confidence grew as it was apparent that in practice the system did work. No particular type of team appeared to benefit unduly, so that teams of varying strengths could compete equally.

This change (and note that this was developed before the National Grading system was adopted by the BCF) had several beneficial effects. Firstly, a club that was not able to field its strongest team in a particular fixture, was not penalised on this handicap system, so that clubs were able to involve many more of their members in matches. Secondly, clubs who had some strong members who were not available on a regular basis could now register them without any penalty. Previously not many leading players in the district took part in Association matches, but under the new conditions many Woodhouse Cup players were registered by several Association clubs.

Peak Years

So that there was a dramatic increase in the number of players taking part in the Watkinson League, as now some clubs were entering more than one team.

Bob Ramage, who became the President in 1962, was the leading force behind the Britannia Works Club. He was a popular figure and had been a prominent member of the Association for many years. He was also a member of the Huddersfield Club, where he was the captain of their second team taking part in the I.M.Brown Shield competition at that time. There were eight teams taking part in the Watkinson League at this time, namely, Huddersfield Knights and Bishops, Britannia Works, Armitage and Norton, Lindley, Park Works, ICI and King James Grammar School. Incidentally, the first four all shared their headquarters at the Britannia Works Social Club at Blacker Road, Birkby. It was at Bob Ramage's suggestion that a new competition was introduced in 1966 into the calendar, namely a team knockout event for a newly purchased Challenge Cup. For the first three years this trophy was held by the Huddersfield Knights, under the captaincy of Harry Wadsworth.

The next President (1967-72) was Horace Walker, the popular Huddersfield player. In the early 1950's, as his work prevented his appearance in Saturday matches, he was undoubtedly the strongest player in the Watkinson League. He went for many years without losing a game. He was also the captain of the Bishops, who had a very successful side in the 1960's. Denis Hill, who played for Armitage & Norton

took over the secretarial duties. By 1967, Dewsbury, C&J Hirsts, Huddersfield New College and the Colne Valley High School had joined the Association. Edgar Priestley of the Huddersfield Club became President 1972-77. Alan Wright was secretary for the first year being succeeded by Brian Herriot. Both were members of the ICI club. There was a dramatic increase in the popularity of chess, following the publicity arising from the Fischer-Spassky World Championship match in 1972. The established clubs had increased memberships, and there was a gradual increase in new clubs affiliating to the Association. Consequently there was a general demand to have more fixtures available, so that a secondary handicap tournament was introduced in 1973, when fixtures were arranged on alternating weeks with the major competition. A new trophy was purchased for the winners and named the 'Stanley Littlewood Shield', in commemoration of a long and distinguished contribution to the Association.

New clubs had an option of the number of teams they could enter in both competitions, giving works clubs more fixtures per player, whilst regional clubs who had more players could run more teams.

The Dial System

This increase in the number of teams entering, which now varied from year to year, created a fixture problem. However these were solved when the President devised a system whereby any number of teams could be accommodated in one competition. The teams were arranged into a dial, each team having home fixtures against the 4 teams immediately to one side, and away matches against the 4 teams on the other side.

This gave each team 8 fixtures for the season, which was followed by a play-off between the top four teams to decide the trophy winners. In the 1973-74 season there were 20 teams in the Watkinson League, and 10 teams in the Littlewood Shield competition.

At this time there were almost 90 players taking part in the individual knockouts, and to facilitate games, fixed venues and dates were allocated for each round. Section 1 games being played at the Huddersfield Club headquarters (Lindley parish room), Section 2 at ICI, and Section 3 at Britannia Social Club in Macaulay Road, Birkby.

In April 1974 a 40 board match was played at Brighouse between an Association team and a team representing the Bradford & District Chess Association, our team winning by 19-17. A repeat fixture took place at the Polytechnic in September which we lost by 18-19.

In 1976 the office of 'Financial Secretary' of previous years was divided, W.F.Lumley took over as Tournament Secretary, while B.J.Herriot was responsible for financial affairs. The following year the offices were described as Secretary and Treasurer, being held by Bill Lumley and Rupert Fisher (both of the Polytechnic). Thus began Bill Lumley's long service as secretary. He also joined the Handicap Committee at this time.

In 1977 Eric Bower became President, but only served for three years as his employment lead him to leave the district. Eric was a very keen player, being secretary at the David Brown's club., and treasurer and second team captain at Huddersfield. He also found time to captain the winning Watkinson League team at Crosland Moor Liberals in 1971.

In November 1977, a Kirklees Twinning Trophy event was held at the Sports Centre, between Kirklees, Besancon, and Kreis Unna. This triangular tournament took place over a weekend. On the Saturday Kreis Unna beat Besancon by 4½ games to 1½. On the Sunday morning the Association team (D.Firth, R.van Kemenade, T.Pogson, F.W.Brown, J.E.Harrison and R.Keely) beat the Germans by 3½ to 2½. Having to play two matches on the same day the Association fielded a second team (D.Firth, W.Smith, J.Atherton, E.Priestley, M.Fox and R.Fisher) against the French in the afternoon, but lost 5 games to 1. In the evening, the Mayor of Kirklees entertained all the players and officials to a Presentation Dinner at the Sports Centre.

Scratch League

At this time there was a strong lobby for converting the Watkinson League to a scratch competition. There were now more stronger teams in the competition. Two recent additions had been the Polytechnic and the Denby Dale club. The former contained several teachers who had had experience of other leagues, whilst the latter consisted mainly of players from the Wakefield club. A trial scratch competition was held in 1976-77 which was won by the ICI team.

So the following season it was agreed to organise the major competitions on a scratch basis. There was a 1st division of 8 teams competing for the Watkinson Trophy, and a 2nd division of 7 teams playing for the Littlewood Shield. A new trophy was provided by the Huddersfield Examiner for a handicap tournament (15 teams). The Challenge Cup continued on a handicap basis.

In 1980, Frank Brown (ICI and Huddersfield) took over as President. The post of Treasurer was held by Dr. J.Atherton (1979-83) followed by Alan Kennedy (Kirklees Finance) (1983-98). Alan also served on the Handicap Committee.

Rapid Play Tournament

An innovation started in 1980 was a one day (Sunday) rapid-play tournament. This was first held at the ICI club, but later at the Polytechnic, and has continued as a regular event. In 1986, Frank Brown presented a trophy to be held by the winner. The controller of this event has been John Newsome, of the Netherton Family Club.

The individual knockout competitions were very popular at this time, for example, in 1983 the total entries reached an all time record of 110 competitors. Section 1 was now held at ICI (Frank Brown controller), Section 2 at the Polytechnic (Bill Lumley) and Section 3 at Huddersfield's headquarters at the Polish Club (Edgar Priestley controller). There were thirteen clubs affiliated to the Association.

The next President was Colin Brooke of Dewsbury 1988-92. Colin was very keen to establish a stable structure to the running of the Association. So he was very keen to put forward his idea that any changes made to the rules should only be possible if two-thirds majority of votes was recorded. Previously a simple majority sufficed. Tony Midgley, of Huddersfield, joined the committee.

It was in 1989 that the Britannia Works club dropped out of the Association after a very long existence. Also the Polytechnic team gave up. Bill Lumley was responsible for the formation of a new club at East Bierley.

John Newsome became the President in 1992. Special mention must be made of his contribution to the Association. Not only has he been controller of the rapid-play event since its inception, but he has been responsible for the development of the Netherton Family Club. Starting as a team of pupils from his local school, the club has gradually increased by attracting members from the Wakefield and Barnsley areas. At the present time Netherton has the largest number of registered players and enter the most teams in the competition. Since the demise of the ICI club in 1992, they have also hosted the AGMs at the Netherton WMC.

The Decline

The number of teams in the Watkinson Trophy competition had generally declined, so that by 1994-95 season a single division of 12 teams took part. These included 4 teams from Netherton and 3 teams from Denby Dale. The Littlewood Shield was hence forward awarded to the runner-up in this competition.

In 1992 the total entries for the individual knock-outs had declined to 40. As these could all be accommodated at the Huddersfield Club's headquarters, now at the Royal Infirmary, all the rounds in all sections were played there, with Edgar Priestley as controller.

The next President, in 1996, was Roger Tuddenham, of the Denby Dale Club. Whilst a teacher at the Huddersfield New College Roger had been responsible for chess at that school, which had produced many fine players in the recent past. He had also been captain of the Huddersfield Club's Woodhouse Cup team, but he will be remembered chiefly as the organiser of the club at Denby Dale. He managed to attract many strong players from the Wakefield Club, and they have been a very competitive team in the league.

The Centenary

On the 24th June 1995, the Association celebrated its Centenary at an event held at the University. A buffet meal was followed by a chess match between the large number of members attending. It was especially pleasing that our old friend Stanley Littlewood was able to be present. Although now 95 years of age (and not having played any competitive chess for 15 years) he took part in the match, and even managed to win his game against the youngest player present. This was D.W.Jackson of Netherton, who incidentally was to become winner of Section 1 of the individual knockout competition in 2002.

Alan Kennedy, of Kirklees Finance (later NALGO), retired after 14 years as Treasurer, in 1998. This office was taken over by David Firth. David has had a long career in the Huddersfield first team, playing for many years with ICI, then East Bierley. He is perhaps best recognised for his record number of wins (11 to date) of Section 1 of the knockout competition.

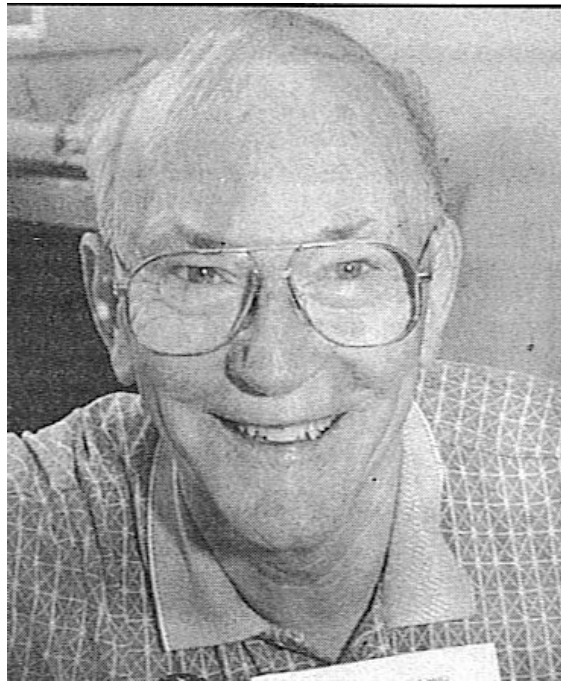
Up to 1996 the handicap committee had worked out individual handicaps for each season, based on player's performances of the previous year. Comparisons with the National and YCA gradings were always made, but it was felt that due to various reasons, our local assessments were more accurate than the other systems. However it was always hoped that some correlation between the systems could be realised, and this step was taken in 1996 as it was recognised that by this time the National Grading system had been improved. So that the Huddersfield handicap grades of 0 to 10 were evaluated in terms of ranges of the YCA grades. This evaluation was revised in 2003.

Alec Ward was President in 2001-2005. He had been a disciple of Bob Ramage at Britannia Works, where he played for many years. When this team resigned from the league he joined the David Brown's Gears team. This club now was a work's team in name only having no direct link to the works. So that now there were no clubs representing industrial works left in the Association. There were also no clubs remaining with headquarters near the town centre of Huddersfield, and no school teams. These factors were due to the changing patterns of local life.

A new competition was inaugurated in 2003. This was a rapid play team event, which was played as an all-play-all tournament held at four venues. A new trophy was purchased to be presented to the annual winners and was named the 'W.F.Lumley trophy'.

Bill Lumley

This history would be incomplete without a special reference to the outstanding contribution of Bill Lumley, who retired as secretary after 28 years in office. His organisational skills coming from his years as controller of the Polytechnic (later University) Sports Hall, have proved to be a great advantage to the Huddersfield and District Chess Association. It should also be mentioned that Bill has also become an expert at correspondence chess, in which field he has graduated to become an International Master.



Bill Lumley

Geoff Peake took over from Bill Lumley in 2005.

Presidents

1939-57	Stanley Littlewood
1957-62	Norman Calvert
1962-67	Bob Ramage
1967-72	Horace Walker
1972-77	Edgar Priestley
1977-80	Eric Bower
1980-88	Frank Brown
1988-92	Colin Brooke
1992-96	John Newsome
1996-01	Roger Tuddenham
2001-06	Alex Ward
2006-	Bill Lumley

List of Affiliated Clubs to the Association since 1945

Note that several have had changes in their names.

- 1.Armitage and Norton / Accountants
- 2.Brighouse
- 3.Britannia Works and Sports
- 4.Thomas Broadbents
- 5.Colne Valley High School
- 6.Crosland Moor Liberals
- 7.David Browns Tractors
- 8.Denby Dale / Chartists
- 9.Dewsbury
- 10.East Bierley / Spen
- 11.Halifax
- 12.Heckmondwike
- 13.C. and J. Hirsts
- 14.Holme Valley
- 15.Holme Valley Grammar School
- 16.W.C. Holmes / Peabody-Holmes
- 17.Holset
- 18.Huddersfield - Bishops, Knights, Dragons, Castles, Rooks
- 19.Huddersfield Industrial Society
- 20.Huddersfield New College
- 21.ICI and Dalton Works
- 22.John Crowthers
- 23.King James Grammar School / College
- 24.Kirklees Finance / NALGO / Unison
- 25.Kirkheaton Liberals / Conservatives
- 26.Lindley
- 27.Mirfield High School
- 28.Netherton Family
- 29.Park Works / David Browns Gears
- 30.Polish
- 31.Polytechnic
- 32.Post Office / Telecom
- 33.Ravensthorpe
- 34.St. Gregory's Grammar School / All Saints
- 35.Thornton Lodge Bowling
- 36.Ukrainian
- 37.Wakefield
38. York House

Watkinson Trophy Winners

38. Holmfirth
39. Milnsbridge House
40. Milnsbridge House
41. Friendly & Trades
42. Holmfirth
43. Holmfirth
44. Lockwood Conservatives
45. Milnsbridge Liberals
46. Lockwood Conservatives
47. Brighouse
48. Brighouse
49. Brighouse
50. Meltham
51. Linthwaite
52. Huddersfield YMCA
53. Huddersfield
54. Huddersfield YMCA
55. Huddersfield
56. Milnsbridge Liberals
1920. Huddersfield
1921. Lockwood & District
1922. Brighouse
1923. Berry Brow
1924. Huddersfield YMCA
1925. Huddersfield YMCA
1926. Huddersfield
1927. Lindley
1928. Meltham
1929. Lindley
1930. Parkwood Institute
1931. Huddersfield
1932. Huddersfield YMCA
1933. Lindley
1934. Huddersfield
1935. Parkwood Institute
1936. Lindley
1937. Huddersfield
1938. H.I.S. Ltd
1939. Lindley
1946. Huddersfield
1947. Halifax
1948. Lindley
1949. Ravensthorpe

1950. Halifax
1951. Lindley
1952. Ravensthorpe
1953. Huddersfield
1954. David Browns Tractors
1955. Ukrainian Association
1956. David Browns Tractors
1957. Polish
1958. Polish
1959. Polish
1960. King James Grammar School
1961. Polish
1962. Britannia Works
1963. David Browns Athletic
1964. Huddersfield Bishops
1965. King James Grammar School
1966. Huddersfield Bishops
1967. Huddersfield Bishops
1968. David Browns Park Works
1969. Accountants
1970. King James Grammar School
1971. Crosland Moor Liberals
1972. Britannia Works
1973. Dewsbury
1974. Huddersfield
1975. Britannia Sports
1976. Dalton Works
1977. Huddersfield Dragons

Scratch

1978.Huddersfield Knights
1979.Denby Dale
1980.Huddersfield Knights
1981.ICI
1982.ICI
1983.ICI
1984.Huddersfield Knights
1985.Denby Dale
1986.Polytechnic
1987.Huddersfield Knights
1988.Huddersfield Knights
1989.Polytechnic
1990.Huddersfield Knights
1991.Huddersfield Knights
1992.Denby Dale
1993.Denby Dale
1994.Denby Dale
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1997.Netherton
1998.Netherton
1999.Huddersfield Knights
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2004.Netherton
2005.Netherton
2006.Netherton
2007.Netherton
2008.Huddersfield Knights
2009.Huddersfield Knights
2010.Huddersfield Knights

Challenge Cup Winners

1966. Huddersfield Knights
1967. Huddersfield Knights
1968. Huddersfield Knights
1969. Huddersfield New College
1970. Dewsbury
1971. Crosland Moor Liberals
1972. Lindley
1973. Dewsbury
1974. Polytechnic
1975. Huddersfield New College
1976. Mirfield High School
1977. Huddersfield Dragons
1978. Denby Dale
1979. David Browns Gears
1980. Britannia Works
1981. David Browns Gears
1982. Huddersfield Bishops
1983. Huddersfield Rooks
1984. Holme Valley
1985. Polytechnic
1986. Huddersfield Bishops
1987. Polytechnic
1988.Mirfield High School
1989. Dewsbury
1990. Dewsbury
1991. David Browns Gears
1992. Denby Dale
1993. East Bierley
1994. Netherton
1995. Netherton
1996. Netherton
1997. Denby Dale
1998. Brighouse
1999. Brighouse
2000. Brighouse
2001. Netherton
2002. Netherton
2003. Holme Valley
2004. Chartists
2005. Netherton
2006. Huddersfield
2007. David Browns
2008. Holme Valley
2009. West Bretton
2010. Netherton B

Littlewood Shield Winners

1973. Britannia Works
1974. Huddersfield New College
1975. ICI
1976. Denby Dale
1977. Denby Dale
1978. Huddersfield Dragons
1979. Polytechnic
1980. Dewsbury
1981. Kirklees Finance
1982. Holme Valley
1983. Polytechnic
1984. Holme Valley
1985. Netherton
1986. Huddersfield Dragons
1987. Dewsbury
1988. Holme Valley
1989. York House
1990. Huddersfield Bishops
1991. Dewsbury
1992. Netherton
1993. Brighouse
1994. Huddersfield Knights
1995. Denby Dale 'B'
1996. David Browns Gears
1997. Huddersfield Knights
1998. Denby Dale
1999. Netherton
2000. Chartists
2001. Chartists
2002. Huddersfield Knights
2003. Huddersfield Knights
2004. Huddersfield Knights
2005. Huddersfield Knights
2006. Huddersfield Knights
2007. Huddersfield Knights
2008. Netherton
2009. West Bretton
2010. Huddersfield Bishops

Examiner Trophy Winners

1978 Polytechnic
1979 Huddersfield Castles
1980 Huddersfield Dragons
1981 Post Office
1982 Huddersfield Rooks
1983 Kirkheaton Conservatives
1984 Dewsbury
1985 Huddersfield Bishops
1986 Huddersfield Bishops
1987 Huddersfield Bishops
1988 Holme Valley
1989 NALGO
1990 Denby Dale
1991 Holme Valley
1992 Huddersfield Rooks
1993 Denby Dale
1994 Huddersfield Dragons
1995 Netherton
1996 Netherton
1997 Huddersfield Rooks
1998 Brighouse
1999 David Browns Gears
2000 David Browns Gears
2001 Netherton
2002 Chartists
2003 Chartists
2004 Holme Valley
2005 Netherton
2006 Netherton
2007 Holme Valley
2008 Chartist
2009 Huddersfield Rooks
2010 Huddersfield Rooks

Individual Knock Out Section 1 Winners

1937. W.Dyson	1979. A.Holford
1938. W.Dyson	1980. D.Firth
1939. T.Milne	1981. R.van Kemenade
1940. H.Boothroyd	1982. D. Firth
1941. H.Rawcliffe	1983. R.van Kemenade
1942. H.Boothroyd	1984. P.Noble
1943. H.Boothroyd	1985. D.Firth
1944. T.B.Small	1986. M.White
1945. T.B.Small	1987. D. Firth
1946. H.Greenwood	1988. M. White
1947. S.Leff	1989. T. Pogson
1948. H.Boothroyd	1990. R.van Kemenade
1949. K.Beaumont	1991. G.Keeling
1950. A.G.Midgley	1992. G. Neave
1951. T.B.Small	1993. D. Firth
1952. A.G.Midgley	1994. D. Firth
1953. H.Boothroyd	1995. D. Firth
1954. A.G.Midgley	1996. C.P. Booth
1955. K.Beaumont	1997. D. Firth
1956. A.Goodwin	1998. R.S.Boylan
1957. A.G.Midgley	1999. M. Eke
1958. C.H.Hinchliff	2000. M. Eke
1959. A.G.Midgley	2001. R.S. Boylan
1960. G.M.Sheldrick	2002. D.W. Jackson
1961. P.R.Bielby	2003. D. Firth
1962. P.R.Bielby	2004. P. Shaw
1963. P.R.Bielby	2005. P. Shaw
1964. R.de L.Holmes	2006. R. van Kemenade
1965. M.Hellewell	2007. P. Shaw
1966. M.Hellewell	2008. P. Shaw
1967. P.R.Bielby	2009. G. Eagleton
1968. M.Hellewell	2010. P. Shaw
1969. A.Heaton	
1970. E.Priestley	
1971. A.M.Walker	
1972. E.Priestley	
1973. H.Walker	
1974. F.W.Brown	
1975. T.Pogson	
1976. D.Firth	
1977. T.Pogson	
1978. D.Firth	

Individual Knock Out Section 2 Winners

1937.	D.Hirst	1979.	P.Noble
1938.	A.E.Middleton	1980.	G.Twitchell
1939.	A.Collinge	1981.	D.Heaton
1940.	H.Rawcliffe	1982.	V.Nikitin
1941.	H.Warwick	1983.	S.Tatlock
1942.	N.S.Calvert	1984.	M.McDonald
1943.	H.H.Smith	1985.	P.Punter
1944.	A.Asquith	1986.	P.F.Miall
1945.	E.G.Bainbridge	1987.	A.Kennedy
1946.	J.Rushton	1988.	D.Wilkinson
1947.	H.Walker	1989.	C.Sykes
1948.	A.G.Midgley	1990.	D.Woodhead
1949.	E.Denison	1991.	E.Mellor
1950.	E.Tregeris	1992.	H.Carr
1951.	E.B.Spratt	1993.	W.F.Lumley
1952.	D.Hirst	1994.	P.Mallard
1953.	J.Berry	1995.	A.Randall
1954.	J.Haluszka	1996.	D.Dragicevic
1955.	A.Goodwin	1997.	D.Tooley
1956.	Z.T.Karpinski	1998.	P.H.Jackson
1957.	T.R.Richards	1999.	I.Craig
1958.	G.M.Shelrick	2000.	N.R.Hepworth
1959.	W.Wiewidrowski	2001.	A.Ward
1960.	N.S.Calvert	2002.	D.Dragicevic
1961.	R.A.Lee	2003.	W.F.Lumley
1962.	S.Hnatkiwskyj	2004.	N.R.Hepworth
1963.	R.de L.Holmes	2005.	D. Woodhead
1964.	A.M.Walker	2006.	R.J.Sutcliffe
1965.	D.Renehan	2007.	A.R.Tuddenham
1966.	J.L.Fayne	2008.	D. Gray
1967.	D.Wilkinson	2009.	N. Hepworth
1968.	T.V.Prior	2010.	
1969.	J.Callaghan		
1970.	G.Fielding		
1971.	H.Wadsworth		
1972.	J.Callaghan		
1973.	H.U.Hanson		
1974.	B.J.Herriot		
1975.	C.Grier		
1976.	D.Meade		
1977.	C.Thompson		
1978.	A.Ward		

Individual Knock Out David Woodhead Trophy

2008.	J. Hill
2009.	P.H. Jackson
2010.	C. Stratford

Individual Knock Out Section 3 Winners

1937. J.Thornton	1980. A.Brett
1938. J.Thornton	1981. D.Bowkett
1939. H.Stables	1982. C.J.I.Marsh
1940. J.Potter	1983. M.Haigh
1941. H.Beaumont	1984. C.Sykes
1942. D.H.Goodyear	1985. Mrs.Sanderson
1943. J.Turner	1986. S.Inglis
1944. N.Naylor	1987. J.Carr
1945. F.Schofield	1988. G.McLeary
1946. C.Armitage	1989. B.Watson
1947. E.B.Spratt	1990. C.Mulligan
1948. J.Walker	1991. N.R.Hepworth
1949. H.Wadsworth	1992. W.Westerman
1950. R.A.Ballinger	1993. J.D.Courouble
1951. H.B.Cartwright	1994. S.Westermoreland
1952.	1995. G.F.Wellick
1953.	1996. D.Pickering
1954. F.Reynard	1997. N.Walpole
1955. Z.T.Karpinski	1998. M.Rojinsky
1956. K.Garside	1999. J.Brook
1957. T.Hirst	2000. D.T.Hill
1958. G.Walker	2001. J.Castle
1959. B.Crowther	2002. K.Haigh
1960. A.Heaton	2003. M.Shah
1961.	2004. M.Shah
1962. J.D.Bremner	2005. P.Czerwinski
1963. A.M.Walker	2006. N.Battye
1964. B.Taylor	2007. J.Froggatt
1965. V.Eglinton	2008. C. Stratford
1966. A.M.Crawford	2009. J. Eagers
1967. J.D.Kaye	2010. M. Wiford
1968. L.Lankovits	
1969. J.E.Kabala	
1970. J.S.Armitage	
1971. M.H.Hardi	
1972. H.U.Hanson	
1973. B.J.Herriot	
1974. B.McGreevy	
1975. D.Woodhead	
1976. A.Dearnley	
1977. K.Ramsden	
1978. B.Lockwood	
1979. V.Nikitin	

Individual Rapid Play Winners

- 1979. D.Firth
- 1980. D.Firth & M.Eke
- 1981. M.Eke
- 1982. B.J.Herriot
- 1983. D.Firth, R.van Kemenade & A.Hart-Davis
- 1984. R.van Kemenade
- 1985. D.Firth, T.Pogson & K.A.Dawson

F.W.Brown Trophy

- 1986. M.Eke
- 1987. M.Eke
- 1988. R.van Kemenade
- 1989. T.Pogson
- 1990. T.Pogson
- 1991. D.Firth
- 1992.
- 1993. T.Pogson
- 1994. R.Keely
- 1995. D.M.Denison
- 1996. R.Keely
- 1997. M.Ellis
- 1998. R.Keely
- 1999. R.Keely
- 2000. D.M.Denison
- 2001. P.Shaw
- 2002. D.M.Denison
- 2003. L.Keely
- 2004. P.Shaw & D.M.Denison
- 2005,6,7,8 not played
- 2009. P. Shaw
- 2010.

W.F.Lumley Trophy - Team Rapid Play Winners

- 2003. Netherton
- 2004. Netherton
- 2005. Holme Valley
- 2006. Netherton
- 2007. Chartist
- 2008. Netherton B
- 2009. Huddersfield
- 2010. Netherton A

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