

The Coaching Years

In July 1968, injuries finally caught up with Derek and he finally left Belle Vue, after nine years, to take up his inaugural coaching role at Castleford.



He replaced George Clinton and inherited a top eight side that featured class personnel in Alan Hardisty, Keith Hepworth, Dennis Hartley, Brian Lockwood and a young Malcolm Reilly. Ironically his first game as first team coach saw Champions, Trinity visit Wheldon



Road and he sent them back to Belle Vue, defeated 18-6.

It was rather a successful first season as 'Rocky' took Castleford to the Yorkshire Cup Final (losing 11-22 to Leeds), fourth in the league table, the RL Championship Final (again, losing to Leeds 14-16) and to their first Challenge Cup success for over thirty years as they beat Salford, 11-6 at Wembley.



After one season, Turner then moved to Leeds in 1969, leading them to the League Leaders Trophy, Yorkshire League Championship and runners up, to St. Helens, in the Championship Final in his first season. Again, he inherited a top class side, which included Holmes, Smith, Atkinson, Hynes, Shoebottom, and Seabourne in the backs, the forwards led by Ray Batten. He led Leeds to back-to-back Wembley appearances in 1971 and 1972, unfortunately the talented team of rising local talents missed out on silverware at Wembley, losing out to Leigh and St Helens.

However there was some measure of revenge gained in 1972, when a week after defeat at Wembley, Leeds rebounded to defeat Saints in the Championship Final at Swinton to win the Championship for only the third time. After another Yorkshire Cup success, a Players No6 Trophy win in March 1973 and a shock Championship Final loss to Dewsbury in May, Derek walked away from rugby league to concentrate on his business.

He had won eight trophies in his four seasons at Headingley.

In 1983, Trinity came calling who had just gained promotion to Division One, and he joined in July.

He brought Bob Haigh in as his assistant and Nigel Stephenson remained his captain. His first game was an 18-14 success over Fulham. Trinity rocked the rugby league world a couple of months later when they signed Wally Lewis on a ten game deal and over 8,000 turned up at Belle Vue to witness his debut against Hull. People still talk about this era to this day, but once Wally's ten games were done, Trinity slumped to defeat after defeat and after only ten wins in thirty one, Derek decided to walk away in March 1984 just before relegation hit the club.



The Later Years

Derek set up his haulage and removals company in the early 1960s and to this day it is one of the most reliable companies in the city. Many people who did not see Derek play in the 'Glory Years' all know of his removal company and is often the first call you make when moving house or business. In his retirement, his son Darren has continued with its success. When Derek visited your home to move your whole life he still had many stories from his rugby league days to tell you.

As a tribute to his Rovers days, he also

named his house in Ossett, 'Kingston'. In later life you did not see much of Derek as, after his rugby world finished in 1984, he concentrated on work and family life. On many occasions stars of the game attempted to invite him to dinners but he always refused the limelight. He is a member of the Oldham Hall of Fame and was an inductee into Trinity's inaugural Hall of Fame in 2014.

He suffered from ill health in his later life and eventually past away on Friday 31st July 2015, aged 82 and he received a fitting send off in Ossett at his funeral on 20th August



OLDHAM RLFC INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

Back Row (left to right): Maseese Solomona (1992-94) Oldham & New Zealand. **Bob Irving** (1965-73) Oldham, Great Britain - Tourist 1970. **Andy Goodway** (1978-85 & 1993-94) Oldham, England, Captain of Great Britain - Tourist 1984. **Derek Turner** (1955-59) Oldham & Great Britain. **John Armstrong** (c.1884-92) Oldham & Lancashire RU. **Billy Farnsworth** (1912-20) Australia & Oldham. **Bryn Goldswain** (1949-56) Oldham, Wales & Other Nationalities. **Sid Little OBE** (1932-59) Oldham & Great Britain. **Bob Lindner** (1993-94) Captain of Australia & Oldham. **Hugh Waddell** (1986-89) Oldham & Great Britain - Tourist 1988. **Bob Sloman** (1921-29) Oldham, England & Great Britain - Tourist 1924 & 1928. **Sir Philip Sidney Stott** (c.1877-85) Oldham. **Ike Southward** (1938-61) Oldham & Great Britain. **Joseph Platt** (1885-1930) Oldham FC President. First Hon Secretary Northern Union 1895-1919.

Third Row (left to right): **Harry Varley** (1893-97) England RU & Oldham. **John 'Ben' Andrew** (c.1891-95) Oldham, Lancashire RU & South Africa. **Syd Dean** (1908-12) Captain of Australia, Rorkes Drift Test & Oldham. **Bert Avery** (1905-14) Oldham, England & Great Britain - Tourist 1910. **Bill McCutcheon** (1888-97) Oldham & Wales RU. **Bernard Ganley** (1951-61) Oldham & Great Britain. **Abe Ashworth** (1891-93) Oldham & England RU. **Alex Givvons** (1933-42 & 1948) Oldham & Wales. **Ken Jackson** (1950-61) Oldham & Great Britain - Tourist 1958. **John Ety** (1955-59) Oldham & Yorkshire. **Reg Farrar** (1920-30) Oldham & Yorkshire. **A. E. 'George' Anlezark** (1909-14) Australia & Oldham.

Second Row (left to right): **Martin Murphy** (1966-82) Oldham & England. **Frank Stirrup** (1950-60) Oldham & Lancashire. **Mike Ford** (1987-91 & 1999-2000) Oldham & Great Britain - Tourist 1988. **Jim Lomas** (1910-13) Oldham, Captain of England and Great Britain. **George Tyson** (1902-11) Oldham, England & Great Britain. **Viv Farnsworth** (1912-15) Australia & Oldham. **Sid Rix** (1919-32) Oldham, England & Great Britain - Tourist 1924. **George (GW) Smith** (1908-14) New Zealand All Black RU, New Zealand All Golds RI, & Oldham. **Herman Hilton** (1913-25) Oldham, England & Great Britain - Tourist 1920. **Joe Ferguson** (1899-1923) Oldham & Captain of England.

Front Row (left to right): **All Wood** (1908-20) England RU, Oldham, England & Great Britain, Rorkes Drift Test - Tourist 1914 & 1920. **Billy Hall** (1913-25) Oldham, England, Great Britain, Rorkes Drift Test - Tourist 1914. **Terry Flanagan** (1979-89) Oldham & Great Britain - Tourist 1984. **George Frater** (1896-1905) Oldham & Other Nationalities. **Arthur Lees** (1892-1907) Oldham, Lancashire RU & Lancashire RI. **Alan Davies** (1950-61) Oldham, England & Great Britain - Tourist 1958. **Dave Holland** (1913-21) England RU, Oldham, Great Britain, Rorkes Drift Test - Tourist 1914.

-- This Sporting Life --

"One of the most acclaimed sporting movies ever filmed was the 1963 English production *This Sporting Life*. It was the story of a crude, violent Yorkshire coalminer who became a successful rugby league player and it won an Oscar nomination for lead actor Richard Harris.

One noted American movie guide pointed out: 'The squeamish will not like the games scenes' and with good reason! They were filmed on Wakefield Trinity's Belle Vue ground and the 'extras' were members of the Wakefield senior team. They held nothing back as the director Lindsay Anderson strove for realism. One story tells how Anderson allegedly told Great Britain Test forward, Derek 'Rocky' Turner, 'I want you to hit Richard just like you would an opponent player in a normal game'. So when Harris, in his role as a loose forward, broke from the next scrum, Turner hit him with a screamer of a stiff-arm tackle. The actor was carried off the pitch unconscious and took longer to shake the cobwebs from his head than he took to sing his 1968 hit single 'MacArthur Park'. Filming had to be postponed for 48 hours"

Reference: 'Hardmen' written by Malcolm Andrews (2012)



This SPORTING LIFE 1963
Players, Cast & Crew at Belle Vue, Wakefield



Facts, Tributes, Quotes etc.

'Rocky' Turner Trinity facts I

He became the first rugby league captain to lead a club to three Wembley final successes after he led Trinity to three Challenge Cup wins in 1960, 1962 and 1963

Derek's way was driving his men into action from the front, by example, by fitness, by dedicated professionalism
John Lindley '100 Years of Rugby' Trinity history 1973

'Rocky' Turner Trinity facts II

He is one of only three Trinity captains to lift the RL Challenge Cup, after Harry Slater (1909) and Billy Stott (1946)

He was a destroyer rather than a creator. His style was aggressive ... he did not create openings he forced them.
John Lindley '100 Years of Rugby' Trinity history 1973

'Rocky' Turner Trinity facts III

He captained Trinity to seven trophy wins, but won nine winners medals in all.
Aswell as the three Wembley wins, he led them to Yorkshire Cup glory in 1960 and 1961 and two Yorkshire League Championship wins in 1959-60 & 1961-62
(He was not captain, initially, in 1959, or 1966, but picked up two Yorkshire League Championship medals, and was injured for the 1964 Yorkshire Cup win)

His style demanded supreme fitness and he trained with the appetite of a man whose livelihood depended on it. He was strong, powerful and fearless. He was no respecter of reputations, yet he earned respect by every single player in the game

John Lindley '100 Years of Rugby' Trinity history 1973

'Rocky' Turner Trinity facts IV

He was one of eight former legends inducted into Trinity's inaugural Hall of Fame in 2014.
He joined Ian Brooke, Mick Exley, Neil Fox, Jonathan Parkin, Harold Poynton, David Topliss and Harry Wilkinson

He hated Australians almost as much as he hated losing
John Lindley '100 Years of Rugby' Trinity history 1973

'Rocky' Turner Trinity facts V

In 1962 he became Trinity's second ever Great Britain Test captain, after Jonathan Parkin in the 1920s.
He captained GB twice in the two test matches with New Zealand in Auckland in August 1962, losing 0-19 and 8-27

There was never a harder man that played rugby league,
but he was not short of skill and was as good as any loose forward who ever played the game
Colin Hutton, former Widnes & Hull; Great Britain coach 1962 & Hull KR chairman

In a match against Leeds at Belle Vue, Leeds' Australian full back, Ken Thornett flattened one of our young players; I think it was Ian Brooke. The penalty kick went straight to Thornett; Rocky made the next tackle on Thornett and sent him into another world.
Although Thornett doesn't remember much of the game, he was badly concussed, but he had a blinder

Brian Robinson, Facebook

Derek 'Rocky' Turner Factfile
Date of Birth: 18th November 1932

Signed for Hull KR	15 th September 1951 from Ossett RU (aged 18)
Debut	v Bramley (A) 5 th September 1951, lost 2-6
Last game	v Leeds (A) 24 th August 1955, lost 11-30
Signed for Oldham	August 1955 (£2,750)
Debut	v Hunslet (H) 3 rd September 1955, lost 8-15
Last game	v St.Helens (H) 27 th December 1958, lost 6-22
Winners medals	RL Championship Trophy 1956-57 Lancashire Cup 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59 Lancashire League Championship 1956-57, 1957-58 League Leaders 1956-57, 1957-58
Signed for Trinity	March 1959 (£8,000)
Debut	v Batley (A) 14 th March 1959, won 28-16
Captain	1959-64
Last Game	v Castleford (A) 20 th August 1966, lost 4-8
Heritage Number	#654
Hall of Fame	Class of 2014 Inductee
Winners medals	RL Challenge Cup 1959-60*, 1961-62*, 1962-63* Yorkshire Cup 1960-61*, 1961-62* Yorkshire League Championship 1958-59, 1969-60*, 1961-62*, 1965-66
<i>* As captain</i>	

Representative Honours	
Yorkshire Appearances	9 (1 whilst with Hull KR, 2 with Oldham, 6 with Trinity)
Yorkshire Debut	v Lancashire (Bradford), 6 th October 1954, won 20-10
Last Game	v Australia (Hull KR), 18 th September 1963, won 11-5
Honours	County Championship winners 1954-55, 1957-58, 1958-59, 1960-61
England Appearances	1 (whilst with Trinity)
England Debut	v France (Leeds), 17 th November 1962, won 18-6
GB Test Appearances	24 (11 with Oldham, 13 with Trinity)
Great Britain Debut	v Australia (Bradford), 1 st December 1956, 2 nd Test, lost 9-22
Last Game	v France (Perpignan), 2 nd December 1962, 1 st Test, lost 12-17
Honours	World Cup winner 1960, Ashes 1956, 1959, 1962

Coaching Career	
Castleford	July 1968 to July 1969
Record	Played: 51, Wins: 40, Lost: 11 (78.8%, win %)
Trophies	RL Challenge Cup 1968-69
Leeds	July 1969 to June 1973
Record	Played: 189, Wins: 154, Lost: 31, Draws 4 (81.5%, win %)
Trophies	RL Championship Trophy 1971-72 League Leaders 1969-70, 1971-72 Yorkshire Cup 1970-71, 1972-73 Yorkshire League 1969-70 BBC Floodlit Trophy 1970-71 Players No.6 Trophy 1972-73
Wakefield Trinity	July 1983 to March 1984
Record	Played: 31, Wins: 10, Lost: 21 (32.3%, win %)

Full Playing Records				
	P	T	G	Pts
Hull Kingston Rovers	140	27	0	81
Oldham	134	35	1	107
Wakefield Trinity	213	45	0	135
Yorkshire	9	1	0	3
England	1	0	0	0
RL XIII	1	0	0	0
Great Britain (tests)	24	8	0	24
Great Britain (other)	24	14	1	44
Other (1957 tour)	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	547	130	2	394



The face and eyes that scared the Aussies!!!

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The Hull Kingston Rovers Years

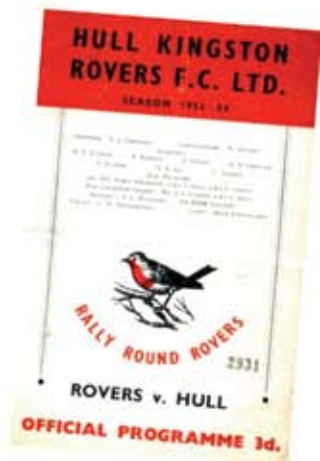
Derek Turner's first venture into professional rugby league came in 1951 when he signed for 'The Robins' of Hull Kingston Rovers where he would play over a hundred games in four seasons.

He signed for the Craven Park club, as an eighteen year old, on 15th September 1951 from Ossett RUFC as a 12st 4lbs centre, standing at 5ft 11".

He debuted in a league game at Bramley, a week before his signing, playing at loose forward as a triallist, in a 2-6 loss. His next eleven games saw him play in the centres, scoring his first try against Featherstone in a 24-14 win on 15th

September, the day he officially signed. He was back at loose forward in December, playing in his first Humberside derby on Boxing day in front of a 13,500 crowd at Craven Park. He even played a game at full back at York in December 1951.

He soon became a 'fans favourite', and a very hard man as well, especially when moving into the pack. Initially, he shared the loose forward role with the great Alec Dockar and then when he retired in 1953, Turner took over the role permanently.



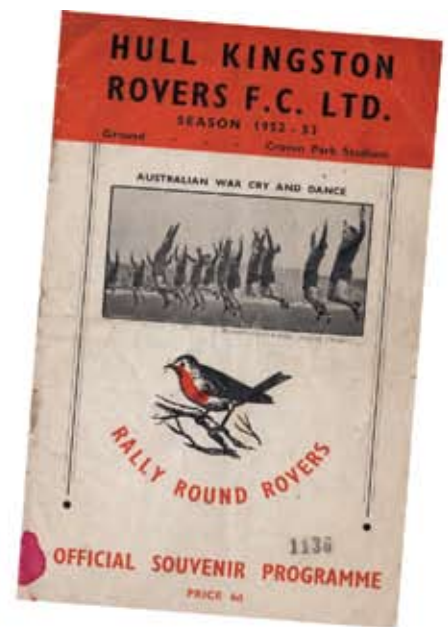
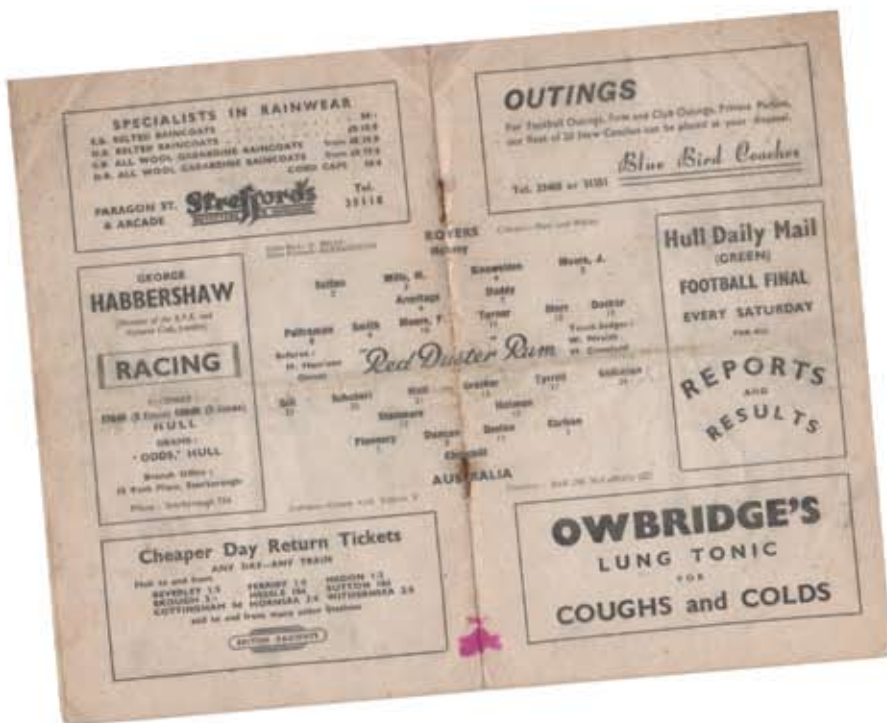
ROVERS 1951-52
(left to right)

Standing: Derek Turner, Matt Anderson, George Barker, Jim Tong, Alec Dockar, John McAvoy, Henry Mills
In Front: Ron Mills, Ron Armitage, Bill Egan, Bryn Knowelden (captain-coach), Dennis Briggs, Geoff Tullock

A couple of the highlights stood out for 'Rocky' in those early days. Although not the result, one highlight was playing in front of 27,670 fans at Boothferry Park, home of Hull City FC, in the April 1953 Humberside derby, with Hull winning 13-2; the very first derby to be played at the football ground and still the biggest league crowd for the derby. He played in six Humberside derbies, being on the losing side on all six.



1954, Back Row: B. Beck, S. Elmes, A. Garry, T. Sutton, J. Barraclough, B. Spence, S. Young. Front Row: P. Austin, S. Evans, J. Holt, D. Turner, D. Rushton, J. Tong



A second 'highlight' was playing against the 1952 Australian Kangaroo tourists, although that ended in defeat too, 6-31, with the legendary Clive Churchill at full back for the tourists.

However, such was the progress he made over the years a move to a bigger club beckoned. Rovers in the 1950s were not the force of the modern day Robins and in each of 'Rocky's' years they finished 25th, 28th, 29th and 25th in the thirty team league. With Hull Kingston Rovers also desperately short of funds, at the time, and having to sell their best players just to survive, when Oldham made an offer of £2,750 the club reluctantly let him go to the Lancashire club. He played his final game at Leeds on 24th August 1955, scoring a try from his favoured loose forward position in an 11-30 defeat.



He played a total of 140 games between 1951 and 1955, scoring 27 tries for Rovers. He also made his Yorkshire debut in 1954 whilst with The Robins.

Ex-Trinity committeeman, Terry Kelly, once wrote that he saw Turner play at Belle Vue in the Hull KR pack in a 1952 Yorkshire Cup tie



(right) and noted this "powerfully built young man, wearing lug caps playing like a man possessed putting every ounce of strength he could muster into some mighty tackles on the Trinity forwards"

Derek Turner Hull KR Playing Record				
Season	Played	Tries	Goals	Points
1951-52	34	8	0	24
1952-53	37	7	0	21
1953-54	35	5	0	15
1954-55	32	6	0	21
1955-56	2	1	0	0
TOTALS	140	27	0	81

Source: 'Teams & Scorers' 1951-56 & Dave Sherwood, Hull KR Historian

The Oldham Years

After a short time in the Army, Turner moved across the Pennines in August 1955, transferring to the Roughyeds of Oldham. Many Oldham fans regarded this as 'the last piece in the jigsaw' in becoming the great team of the 1950s. They were correct, as in less than four years he had won a Championship medal, three Lancashire Cup medals and two Lancashire League Championship medals.

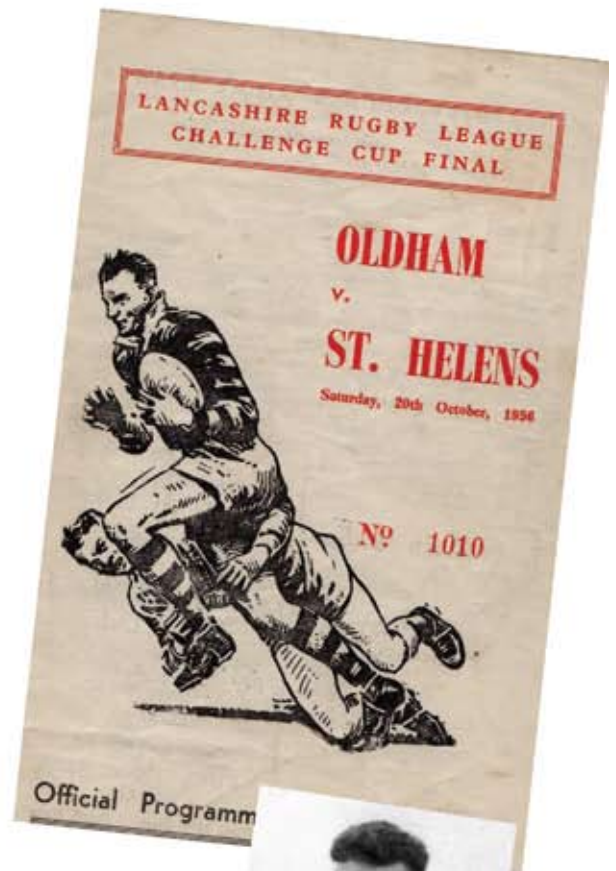


-- Oldham 1956-57 --

He debuted in a home loss to Hunslet on 3rd September 1955 and scored eight tries in thirty appearances in that first season. On his signature he was classed as an 'uncompromising powerhouse of a forward, always giving 100% on attack or defence'.

The following season was classed as Oldham's best ever in the post-war era as they won the Lancashire Cup (defeating St. Helens, 10-3), finishing top of the league by six points, winning another Lancashire

League title and defeating Hull 15-14 to win the RL Championship Final at Odsal. Turner contributed fifteen tries including two hat tricks (against Blackpool and Whitehaven) in his forty-two appearances. Oldham even defeated the touring Australian Kangaroos, 21-2. Oldham fans still talk about their Championship winning pack of Ken Jackson, Jack Keith, Don Vines, Sid Little, Charlie Winslade and Derek Turner.





The following season (1957-58), Oldham retained the Lancashire Cup, defeating Wigan 13-8 and finished top of the league again but were defeated by Hull in the Championship semi final. The Lancashire Cup 'hat trick' was achieved in October 1958 with a 12-2 victory over St.Helens but after a personal dispute with the club, the 'cracks' started to appear in the team and star players began to leave ... a trio leaving for Trinity, John Etty, Don Vines and Turner.



On leaving Oldham, he was noted as 'a born leader, with never a backward step, he demonstrated a terrific work rate on both attack and defence, giving everything in the eighty minutes while inspiring others to do the same and was always a thorn in the side of the opposition'. His Oldham career saw him play 135 times, scoring 35 tries and a goal. As well as his six winners medals, he represented Yorkshire on three occasions and Great Britain on eleven occasions, and an RL XIII representative appearance against Australia at Odsal in 1956



HULL		THE TEAMS		OLDHAM	
1 C. HUTTON	Full Back	1 W. B. GANLEY	Full Back	2 R. CRACKNELL	Wing Threequarter
2 S. COWAN	Wing Threequarter	3 A. DAVIES	Centre Threequarter	4 D. M. AYRES	Centre Threequarter
3 G. DANNATT	Centre Threequarter	5 J. W. ETTY	Wing Threequarter	6 F. DALRY	Out-half
4 C. TURNER	Centre Threequarter	7 E. FITCHFORD	Scrum-half	8 K. JACKSON	Prop Forward
5 I. WATTS	Wing Threequarter	9 J. KRITH	Hooker	10 D. G. VINES	Front Row Forward
6 E. MOAT	Out-half	11 C. WINSLADE	Second Row Forward	12 S. D. LITTLE	Second Row Forward
7 T. FINN	Scrum-half	13 D. TURNER	Loose Forward		
8 M. SCOTT	Prop Forward				
9 P. T. HARRIS	Hooker				
10 J. DRAKE	Front Row Forward				
11 C. SYKES	Second Row Forward				
12 W. D. DRAKE	Second Row Forward				
13 J. W. WHITELEY	Loose Forward				

Referee: M. COATES, Tulse. Touch Judges: V. Widdows, Leigh and T. Males, Wakefield.

On all grounds . . . *Players' Please*



Derek Turner Oldham Playing Record				
Season	Played	Tries	Goals	Points
1955-56	29	8	0	24
1956-57	42	16	0	48
1957-58	41	10	0	30
1958-59	22	1	1	5
TOTALS	134	35	1	107

Source: Oldham RLFC: The Complete History 1876-1997 (Michael Turner)

The Trinity Years

Derek Turner became Trinity's instant leader when he signed in March 1959 and debuted in a 28-16 victory at Batley on 14th March, scoring the first of his 45 Trinity tries. Trinity won ten of their last twelve games of the season, winning the Yorkshire League Championship. Within a year, Derek was shaking hands with the Queen as he led Trinity to Challenge Cup victory at Wembley.

The 1959-60 season was one of Trinity's most successful ever with the RL Challenge Cup and the Yorkshire League Championship Trophy safely tucked away in the Belle Vue trophy cabinet. Turner reached his second Championship Final, and Trinity's first ever, in May 1960 after finishing second in the league but it resulted in a 3-27 defeat to Wigan in front of over 80,000 spectators at Odsal.

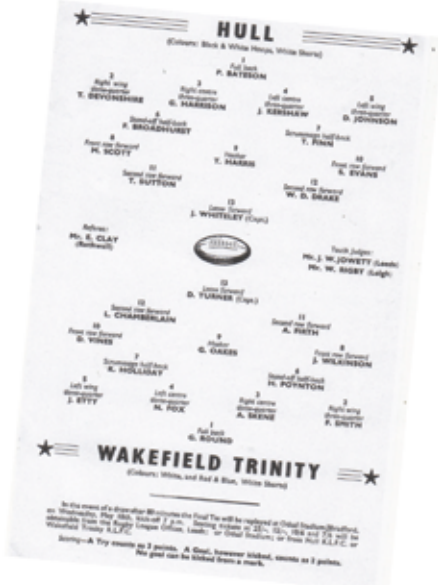
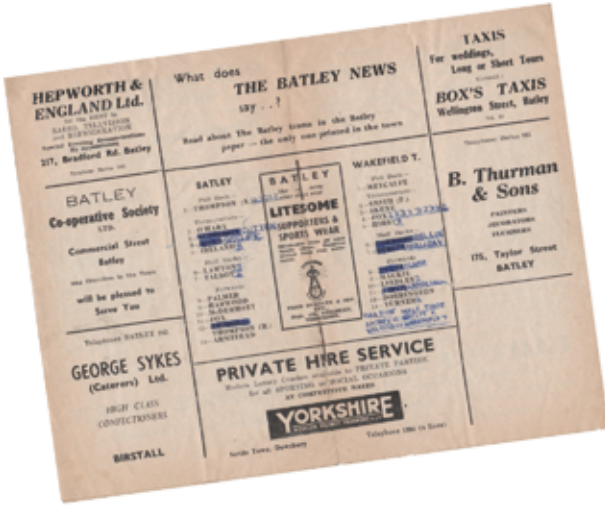
Turner had been inspirational throughout the whole campaign, and he achieved his personal ambition of playing at Wembley and leading Trinity to a 38-5 victory over Hull,

the club's first Wembley triumph for fourteen years.

In terms of overall success, 1960-61 was a relatively quiet season with only the Yorkshire Cup to show with a 16-10 victory over Huddersfield at Headingley. Derek only missed seven of the forty two games, which saw Trinity finish seventh in the league table and relinquishing the Challenge Cup at the second round stage with a 0-2 loss at home to Wigan in front of a post-war Belle Vue record of 26,000.

County and international honours were now returning for 'Rocky' as the 1961-62 season started, which would see Trinity fall one game short of winning "All Four Cups". He scored a rare try in a 73-5 mauling of Bradford Northern on their way to retaining the Yorkshire Cup, defeating Leeds 19-9 at Odsal in the final. The touring New Zealand Kiwis were defeated, 20-7 as Derek led Trinity on a record breaking run, the club being undefeated from early September to mid-March (28 games) with only a 0-0 draw at Batley, in February, affecting their winning run. The run also included a 14-11 home win over Wigan with another record breaking crowd of 27,614. In the Challenge Cup, Wigan visited again, at the quarter final stage with another record breaking, Belle Vue crowd of 28,524 seeing Trinity reach the semi finals with a 5-4 success.

Wembley beckoned again and Featherstone Rovers were defeated, 9-0 at Odsal in front of 43,637 to set up a Huddersfield final. In a tight schedule of fixtures at the end of the season, Featherstone were defeated twice more for Trinity to finish second in the league table and reach their second Championship Final. Huddersfield were the cup final opponents two weeks running with Derek lifting the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley after a 12-6 success but coming second best a week later in the Odsal rain. The Yorkshire League Championship Trophy was won again and Derek had lifted three trophies throughout the campaign. Derek also celebrated after being selected as vice captain of the Great Britain touring team to Australia and New Zealand.



A minor dispute erupted on 'Rocky's' return from the Australian tour when he put in a transfer request in order to take up a player-coaching role in Australia and he missed the first seven games of the season. It was quoted that 'Turner was irreplaceable both as a leader and a footballer' and the problem was soon resolved. The 1962-63 season started poorly, all round, with various changes in playing personnel causing poor league form and the loss of the Yorkshire Cup and then three months off due to a poor 1963 winter, but as the weather changed, so did Trinity's fortunes.

The bad winter caused a backlog of fixtures and Trinity's cup campaign spluttered past Bradford Northern, Liverpool City and York before beating Warrington in the semi final, 5-2. Trinity were big underdogs this time around as Wigan awaited them at Wembley, but Derek led Trinity magnificently to gain a 25-10 victory and become the first captain to lift the trophy three times at Wembley.



The next couple of seasons were times of change at Belle Vue with players leaving and new ones joining and only the Yorkshire Cup won in 1964. With the arrival of Bob Haigh, and Keith Holliday playing the occasional game at loose forward, Derek moved to blind side prop in 1963-64. He also joined the coaching staff, as Ken Traill's assistant after declining the Leeds' coaching job, but he then decided to retire at the end of the 1963-64 season, aged 31. His last match in this period was a home loss to Swinton in May 1964.

His retirement lasted fifteen months and he decided to make a comeback, assisting a young Trinity pack, playing at open side prop in a home loss to Halifax in August 1965 and playing in twenty four games throughout the season, winning a Yorkshire League Championship medal, but injuries were now catching up with him and he was not finishing matches.

Derek was named vice captain at the start of 1966-67 but with injuries still a problem and a dislocated shoulder, in the first match of the season at Castleford, eventually finished his career. This was 20th August 1966. He remained on the coaching staff throughout the year seeing the club lift their first RL Championship at the end of the season.



Derek Turner finished with 213 appearances, scoring 45 tries in his Trinity career. He was a powerful, dedicated professional; leading his team from the front and by example, well respected by every player he led and came across. As a loose forward, he was a destroyer more than a creator or tactician. He had an aggressive style and a great quote from John Lindley's '100 Years of Rugby' noted he 'did not create openings ... he forced them'

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Trinity Playing Record				
Season	Played	Tries	Goals	Points
1958-59	12	3	0	9
1959-60	35	13	0	39
1960-61	35	3	0	9
1961-62	40	12	0	36
1962-63	32	4	0	12
1963-64	34	6	0	18
1964-65	0	0	0	0
1965-66	24	4	0	12
1966-67	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	213	45	0	135

'Rocky's' Trinity Gallery I



With Shirley Bassey & Neil Fox
1960



**A TRINITY OF CUPS
FOR TURNER**



FROM
HER MAJESTY
THE QUEEN
1960

Photo—"Sunday Times"



FROM
LORD
ALEXANDER
1962

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FROM
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MONTGOMERY
1963

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