

Representative Honours

Club representative honours were sparse throughout the 1980s with no Great Britain internationals, one England international and four Welsh internationals.
We did have Yorkshire county players and Great Britain junior international recognition.
Here is our 1980s representative honours board:

England

Keith Rayne	v Wales	29 th Feb 1980	Hull KR	W. 26-9
Keith Rayne	v France	16 th Mar 1980	Narbonne	W. 4-2

Wales

Steve Diamond	v France	26 th Jan 1980	Widnes	L. 7-21
Brian Juliff	v France	26 th Jan 1980	Widnes	L. 7-21
Trevor Skerrett	v France	26 th Jan 1980	Widnes	L. 7-21
Brian Juliff	v England	29 th Feb 1980	Hull KR	L. 9-26
Steve Diamond	v England	29 th Feb 1980	Hull KR	L. 9-26
Harold Box	v France	31 st Jan 1981	Narbonne	L 5-23
Steve Diamond	v France	31 st Jan 1981	Narbonne	L 5-23
Brian Juliff	v France	31 st Jan 1981	Narbonne	L 5-23
Brian Juliff	v England	18 th Mar 1981	Hull KR	L. 4-17



Welsh team, v France at Widnes in 1980

Juliff (back row, third from left), Skerrett (back row second from right), Diamond (front row, second from left)

Great Britain u24s

Keith Rayne	v France	13 th Jan 1980	Carcassonne	L. 7-11
Colin Maskill	v France	11 th Nov 1983	Villeneuve	W. 28-23

Great Britain u21s

Gary Price	v France	19 th Mar 1988	St Helens	L. 4-8
Gary Price	v France	20 th Jan 1989	Leeds	W. 30-0
Gary Price	v France	4 th Feb 1989	Carpentras	W. 16-8

Yorkshire

Andrew Fletcher	v Cumbria	17 th Sept 1980	Hull KR	L. 16-17
Kevin Rayne	v Cumbria	17 th Sept 1980	Hull KR	L. 16-17
Andrew Fletcher	v Lancashire	24 th Sept 1980	Widnes	L. 9-17
David Topliss	v Lancashire	24 th Sept 1980	Widnes	L. 9-17
Kevin Rayne	v Lancashire	24 th Sept 1980	Widnes	L. 9-17
Harold Box	v Cumbria	23 rd Sept 1981	Whitehaven	L. 10-20
Andy Mason	v Papua New Guinea	18 th Sept 1987	Wigan	W. 16-10
Andy Mason	v Lancashire	27 th Sept 1987	Leeds	W. 28-4
Andy Mason	v Lancashire	20 th Sept 1989	Wigan	W. 56-12

Today's Line-up			
LANCASHIRE (15) 19		1	5
1 DOUGLAS BRIDGES (captain) 2 KEVIN BENTLEY (wicket-keeper) 3 JIMMY BIRCHALL (all-rounder) 4 KEVIN BIRCHALL (all-rounder) 5 JOHN BODDIE (all-rounder) 6 NICK BOWLING (all-rounder) 7 MIKE O'NEILL (batsman) 8 ANDREW LLOYD (all-rounder) 9 BOB STILES (all-rounder) 10 ALAN HARRIS (all-rounder) 11 STEVE O'DRISCOLL (all-rounder) 12 MIKE KERRAN (all-rounder) - Captain Substitutes: 13 ALAN HARRIS (all-rounder) 14 TIMMY DODDIE (all-rounder)		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
YORKSHIRE (15) 19		1	5
1 GARY BRADLEY (captain) 2 ANDREW FLETCHER (batsman) 3 JOHN JOYCE (all-rounder) 4 STEVE GARD (all-rounder) 5 ALAN HARRIS (all-rounder) 6 DAVID TOMLINSON (batsman) 7 DAVID TOMLINSON (batsman) - Captain 8 MIKE HALLIDAY (all-rounder) 9 MIKE HALLIDAY (all-rounder) 10 TREVOR SKERRET (all-rounder) 11 ALAN HARRIS (all-rounder) - Captain 12 STEVE HORTON (all-rounder) Substitutes: 13 TIMMY DODDIE (all-rounder) 14 DAVID HARRIS (all-rounder)		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Source: Mr. A. HODGSON (all-rounder)
 Former player turned umpire by The Music Shop, Widdow & Co.



RODSTOCK WAR OF ROSES	
KICK-UP	
LANCASHIRE	YORKSHIRE
<p>Manager: JOHN JAMES Manager: ALF HARRISON Coach: ALES RUMBER</p>	<p>Manager: JOHN JAMES Manager: KIMMY JIMSON Coach: PETER FOX</p>
STEVE HARRISON (striker)	KEVIN WILKINSON (striker)
KEVIN MC CORBICK (St. Ireland)	2. CARL GILSON (Leeds)
DANIEL STEPHENSON (Leeds)	3. TONY WAINWRIGHT (Cardiff)
ANDREW MCNULTY (Leeds)	4. GUY WAINWRIGHT (Leeds)
JOHN ROBERTS (Leeds)	5. WENDON GILL (Wigan)
SWAIN CROFTING (Wigan)	6. SILENT HILL (Wigan)
ANDY GREGORY (Wigan)	7. DENNIS FOX (Preston North End)
BRYAN CASE (Wigan)	8. KEVIN WALD (Cardiff)
BURTON STEPHENS (Wigan)	9. KEVIN SEARWORTH (Cardiff)
JOHN MCNULTY (Wigan)	10. GUY WAINWRIGHT (Leeds)
PAUL ROUNG (Stratford)	11. LEO CORRIE (Blackburn)
ANDY POTTER (Stratford)	12. CHRIS BOUTON (PAUL R.)
MICHAEL GREGORY (Stratford)	13. KEVIN WILKINSON (Leeds)
JOHN WOODS (Stratford)	14. JOHN JOHNSON (Cardiff)
BILLY BURGITT (Stratford)	15. PAUL DIXON (Stratford)

Cumbria

Alan McCurrie	v Lancashire	3 rd Sept 1980	Barrow	W. 19-16
Alan McCurrie	v Yorkshire	17 th Sept 1980	Hull KR	W. 17-16
Alan McCurrie	v New Zealand	8 th Oct 1980	Whitehaven	W. 9-3
Alan McCurrie	v Lancashire	16 th Sept 1981	Wigan	W. 27-15
Alan McCurrie	v Yorkshire	23 rd Sept 1981	Whitehaven	W. 20-10

Great Britain Colts

Tony Rose	v France	15 th Mar 1980	Oldham	W. 31-2
Wayne Morrell	v France	31 st Jan 1981	Leeds	D. 5-5
David Jones	v France	6 th Dec 1981	Hull	L. 8-10
David Jones	v France	21 st Feb 1982	Limoux	L. 4-15
David Jones	v Papua New Guinea	6 th Jun 1982	Lae, PNG	D. 14-14
Dean Williams	v France	15 th Jan 1983	Apt	D. 12-12
Phil Eden	v France	5 th Mar 1983	Leigh	W. 24-10
Dean Williams	v France	5 th Mar 1983	Leigh	W. 24-10
Gary Spencer	v France	18 th Dec 1985	Lezignan	L. 6-28
Gary Price	v France	23 rd Jan 1988	Salon	L. 10-17



GB Colts team, v France at Salon in 1988
 Gary Price (back row, 6th from left)

Johnny Thompson

Only one player played at the club throughout the whole decade, a forward who epitomised Trinity throughout this era, Johnny Thompson. He virtually played throughout the 1990s too, amassing 302 appearances in his nineteen year playing career, from 1978 to 1997.

JOHN THOMPSON BENEFIT BROCHURE



INCORPORATING TEN YEAR TRINITY REVIEW
BY IAN PROCTOR

The Trinity 'Glory Years' had faded by the time 18 year old Johnny Thompson left the Eastmoor youth set up and joined the Trinity Colts team in 1977. He was man of the match in the Yorkshire Senior Cup Final (A-team) as Trinity defeated Hull, 25-17 after extra time. A couple of seasons in the Colts and A-team set him up for the first team, making his debut as a substitute at Headingley in a 6-22 loss to Leeds on Boxing Day 1978 followed by another seven later in the season as Trinity rotated their squad as Wembley loomed. By the start of the 1980s, Johnny had played 20 first team games but was a cornerstone of the A-team pack. 21 games followed in 1980-81, highlighted by a try double at Salford in November and a key try in the home victory over St Helens in February and he blossomed under the coaching of Ray Batten.

The Wembley'79 team gradually broke up and new faces arrived and Johnny made another 21 appearances in 1981-82 as relegation struck the club. Visits to Leeds, Castleford, St Helens and Warrington were replaced with journeys to Blackpool, Bramley, Cardiff and Huyton with Johnny alternating between the first and second teams. Promotion again in 1982-83, and the great Wally Lewis came to Belle Vue in late 1983 but Johnny did not grace the same field as him in his ten appearances, but gained another eighteen appearances as Trinity were relegated again at the end of 1983-84. In this season, Johnny made his 100th appearance for the club in a home cup game with Warrington in November 1983.

More coaching changes, more player movements and visits to Mansfield and Southend saw Johnny start his sixth season with the club in 1984-85, in what was to be one of the worst season in the club's history, finishing eleventh in division two. Johnny was also part of an infamous game at Keighley in October 1984 when he was one of six players sent off, Johnny receiving a five game ban. Promotion was achieved under Len Casey, who then departed for Hull with his deputy Tony Dean taking over. Dean was sacked before Christmas 1985 and Trinity were relegated for a third time in the 1980s at the end of the 1986-87 season.

There was little to cheer about at Belle Vue in this era, but in the summer of 1987 David Topliss returned to the club as head coach, although Johnny spent much of the season captaining the A-team, making only seven appearances.

It was similar scenario the following season as Mark Graham and Steve Ella arrived ... and then departed before the season's end, Ella's unfortunately through injury. Johnny's big break season came in December

when the Kiwis returned home; he wore the number eight shirt at Widnes and was then part of an awesome display as Trinity performed a league double over Featherstone Rovers over the holiday period. Local pride led the way with Johnny, Billy Conway, Paul Mallinder, Gary Price, Nigel Bell, Ian Sheldon and some Steve Ella magic. He maintained his position in the pack alternating between prop and hooker for the rest of the season. This was also Johnny's benefit year after ten years at the club. His 200th club appearance came at Bradford in March 1989.

Johnny continued to give another eight years of his life to playing with Trinity, eventually playing his last ever game on 6th April 1997 in a 10-43 defeat at Hull. If you could add his A-team appearances to his total, his contribution may well have been into four figures. He scored twenty two tries along the way.

Always a fan's favourite, he is still a regular face at Belle Vue 38 years after he arrived there, regularly carrying the water bottles at home team games, and there is even an end of season trophy named in his honour to the 'Clubman of the Year'



Heritage Numbers 1980s

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| <p>872. Dale Fennell (1980-82)
 873. Wayne Morrell (1980-82)
 874. Barry Holliday (1980-81)
 875. Peter Clarkson (1980-82)
 876. Colin Forsyth (1980-82)
 877. Terry Day (1980-81)
 878. Allan Agar (1980-81)
 879. Harold Box (1980-85)
 880. Billy Harris (1980-84)
 881. Mick Hughes (1981)
 882. Alan Dickinson (1981)
 883. Dennis Buckley (1981-84)
 884. Gary Cocks (1981-87)
 885. John Lyons (1981-87)
 886. Adrian Ripley (1981)
 887. Nigel French (1981)
 888. Ian Hopkinson (1981-88)
 889. Ray Baxendale (1981-82)
 890. Bryce Nicholson (1981, 85)
 891. Mario Cowan (1981)
 892. David Jones (1981-86)
 893. Graham Walters (1981-82)
 894. Chris Walker (1981)
 895. Clive Pickerill (1981-84)
 896. David Heslop (1981-83)
 897. David Busfield (1981)
 898. Derek Parker (1982)
 899. Graham Eccles (1982-83)
 900. Colin Maskill (1982-85)
 901. Roger Hudson (1982)
 902. Gary Moore (1982-83)
 903. Ricky Winterbottom (1982)
 904. George Pienazek (1982)
 905. John Burnage (1982)
 906. Nigel Stephenson (1982-84)
 907. Bryan Adams (1982-84)
 908. Lindsay Rotherforth (1982-88)
 909. Tony Johnson (1982)
 910. Malcolm Swann (1982-83)
 911. Chris Harrison (1982-83)
 912. Paul Gearey (1982-86)
 913. John Buckton (1982)
 914. Paul Coventry (1982-84)
 915. Phil Eden (1983-94)
 916. Kevin Simpkin (1983)
 917. Ian Hughes (1983-88)
 918. Dean Williams (1983-86)
 919. Michael Norton (1983-84)</p> | <p>920. Andrew Wilkinson (1983-85)
 921. George Oglethorpe (1983-84)
 922. Alan Burns (1983-84)
 923. Glenn Worne (1983-84)
 924. Andrew Ross (1983)
 925. Richard Kelly (1983-85)
 926. Bradley Waugh (1983-85)
 927. Scott Lewis (1983-84)
 928. Wally Lewis (1983-84)
 929. Nigel Bell (1984-96)
 930. Peter Muscroft (1984)
 931. Lindsay Gill (1984)
 932. Paul Hendry (1984-87)
 933. Paul Hampson (1984)
 934. Steve Rollin (1984)
 935. Andrew Sygrove (1984-89)
 936. Mark Bridge (1984)
 937. Andrew Walker (1984-90)
 938. Alan Shaw (1984-86)
 939. Andrew Tosney (1984-86)
 940. Mark Wild (1984-87)
 941. Howard Budby (1984)
 942. Rod Snell (1984-85)
 943. Graham Gerard (1984-86)
 944. Billy Conway (1984-97)
 945. Don Swanston (1984-86)
 946. Darren Waters (1984-85)
 947. Gary Spencer (1984-87, 91-95)
 948. Tony Craig (1984-85)
 949. Len Casey (1985)
 950. Stuart Wainman (1985)
 951. David Sutcliffe (1985)
 952. Steve Potts (1985-90)
 953. Richard Pell (1985)
 954. Graham Evans (1985)
 955. Ian Jowitt (1985-90)
 956. Kevin Hickman (1985-86)
 957. John Millington (1985)
 958. Stuart Smith (1985-86)
 959. Tom Davies (1985)
 960. Keith Whiteman (1985-86)
 961. Wally Youngman (1985)
 962. Tracy Lazenby (1985-86, 88-93)
 963. Neville Ramsey (1985)
 964. Roy Holdstock (1986)
 965. David Hall (1986)
 966. Greg Sharp (1986)
 967. Ricky Hewland (1986)</p> | <p>968. Ken Jones (1986)
 969. Brian Parkes (1986)
 970. Kevin Robinson (1986)
 971. Steve Green (1986)
 972. Jimmy Green (1986-87)
 973. Steve Evans (1986-87)
 974. Tom Gittins (1986-87)
 975. Rowan Brennan (1986-87)
 976. Glenn Stanton (1986-87)
 977. Russell Klein (1986-87)
 978. Bob Cowie (1986-87)
 979. Phil Cartwright (1986-87)
 980. Gary Thornton (1986-88)
 981. Steve Parish (1987)
 982. Neil Kelly (1987)
 983. Gary Haggarty (1987-90)
 984. Ian Sheldon (1987-90)
 985. Ian Douglas (1987-90)
 986. Gary van Bellan (1987-88)
 987. Tony Zelei (1987-90)
 988. Kevin Harcombe (1987-90)
 989. Steve Halliwell (1987-88)
 990. Dick Jasiewicz (1987-88)
 991. Paul Mallinder (1987-90)
 992. David Moll (1987)
 993. Andy Mason (1987-94)
 994. Phil Fox (1987-90)
 995. Mark Conway (1987-93)
 996. Greg Lennon (1987)
 997. Gary Price (1987-93, 98-2001)
 998. Julian Russell (1988)
 999. Paul Haigh (1988)
 1000. Steve Ella (1988-89)
 1001. John Glancy (1988-94)
 1002. Mark Graham (1988)
 1003. Andy Wilson (1988-96)
 1004. Brent Todd (1988)
 1005. Richard Slater (1988-95)
 1006. Jason Timmins (1988-92)
 1007. James Leuluai (1988-90)
 1008. Steve Norton (1988-89)
 1009. Alan Hunte (1989)
 1010. John Hirst (1989-96)
 1011. Mike Thompson (1989-90)
 1012. Brian Jackson (1989-90)
 1013. Ray Price (1989-90)
 1014. Chris Perry (1989-92)</p> |
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Steve Ella
'The Zip Zip Man'
 On his way to his 'super try' at
 The Boulevard, Hull
 in September 1988