

BRADFORD WIN ALL-YORKSHIRE DUEL

The Duke of Edinburgh meets the Bradford Northern 13, making their third successive appearance at Wembley - hot favourites for the Rugby League Cup. Before a world record 95,000 crowd, they meet their neighbours, Halifax, in an all-Yorkshire tussle.

Bradford scrum-half Ward kicks off - and the battle of the giants is on. Halifax win the ball and start the first dazzling movement. Macdonald gets it - hands-off Batten - streaks for the corner - but the ball goes out of play.

Bradford pick up a back-heal. It reaches Ward, who cross-kicks to the wing. Batten races after it - snaps it up - and beats two men for a try in the corner.

Ward's wide-angle kick - straight between the posts - puts Bradford 5 up at half-time.

Now the massive power of Bradford's pack - average 15 stone - really starts to tell. Watch Paddy Reid of Halifax (now with the ball) crumple under Bradford hooker Derlison's weight - and see those two boys say "Hullo." The new ball has much to do with scrappy play, but when Bradford get going, it's a runaway steamroller on the move. Only bad luck keeps the score from piling up.

Now Bradford's Foster heels to Ward - Ward slings a pass to Traill - the crowd's on its toes - as Foster strolls over for Bradford's second try.

Ward, who also kicked a penalty, makes the final score 12-nil, and receives the Rugby League Challenge Cup from the Duke of Edinburgh. Winners in 1947 - runners-up last year - Bradford Northern crown three wonderful years with a wonderful win.