



Discover Rugby League

In 1895 a group of northern clubs broke away from the unified rugby code and formed the Rugby Football League. Unlike the amateur Rugby Union they left behind, the League openly allowed compensation to players who took time off work to compete. The historic legacy of this unique sport, founded in Huddersfield, can be discovered at Heritage Quay through the most comprehensive archive of the sport in the world.

Innovative Play

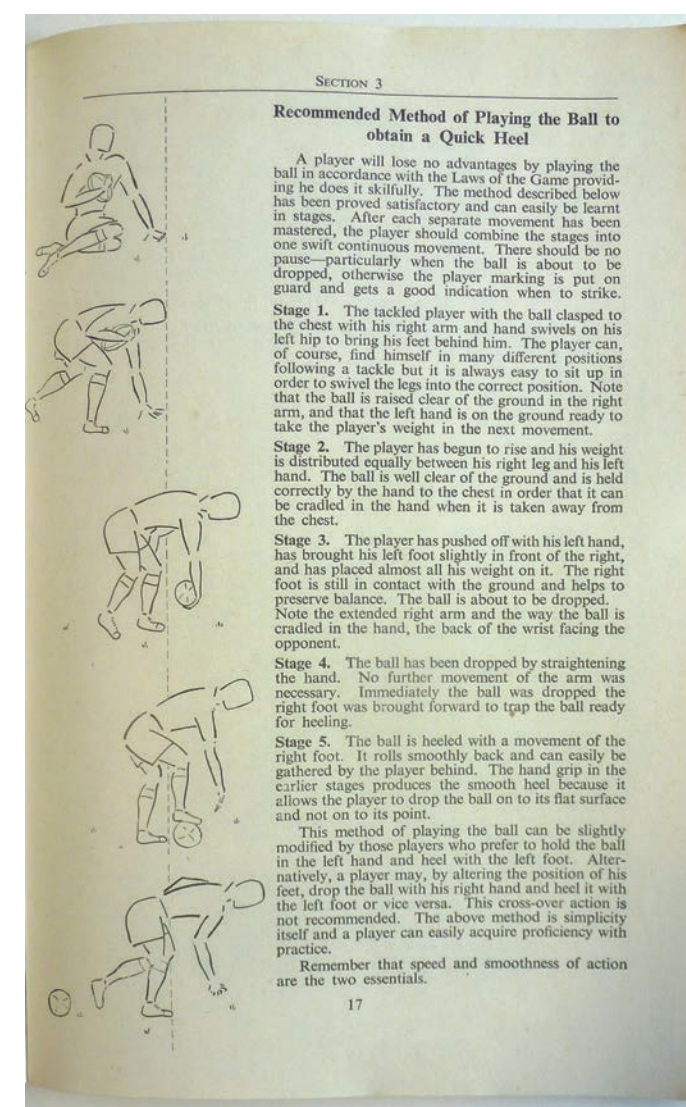
Rugby League was formed to allow financial payments to be openly made to players - but it quickly developed its own unique rules of play and a range of competitions.

International Competitions

Rugby League was founded in the north of England and still has a strong base in this area, but today it is also played across the UK and in more than 30 nations worldwide. Rugby League has a long history of international tests and worldwide competitions – the first international match took place in 1908 between Great Britain and Australia.

Inspirational Stories

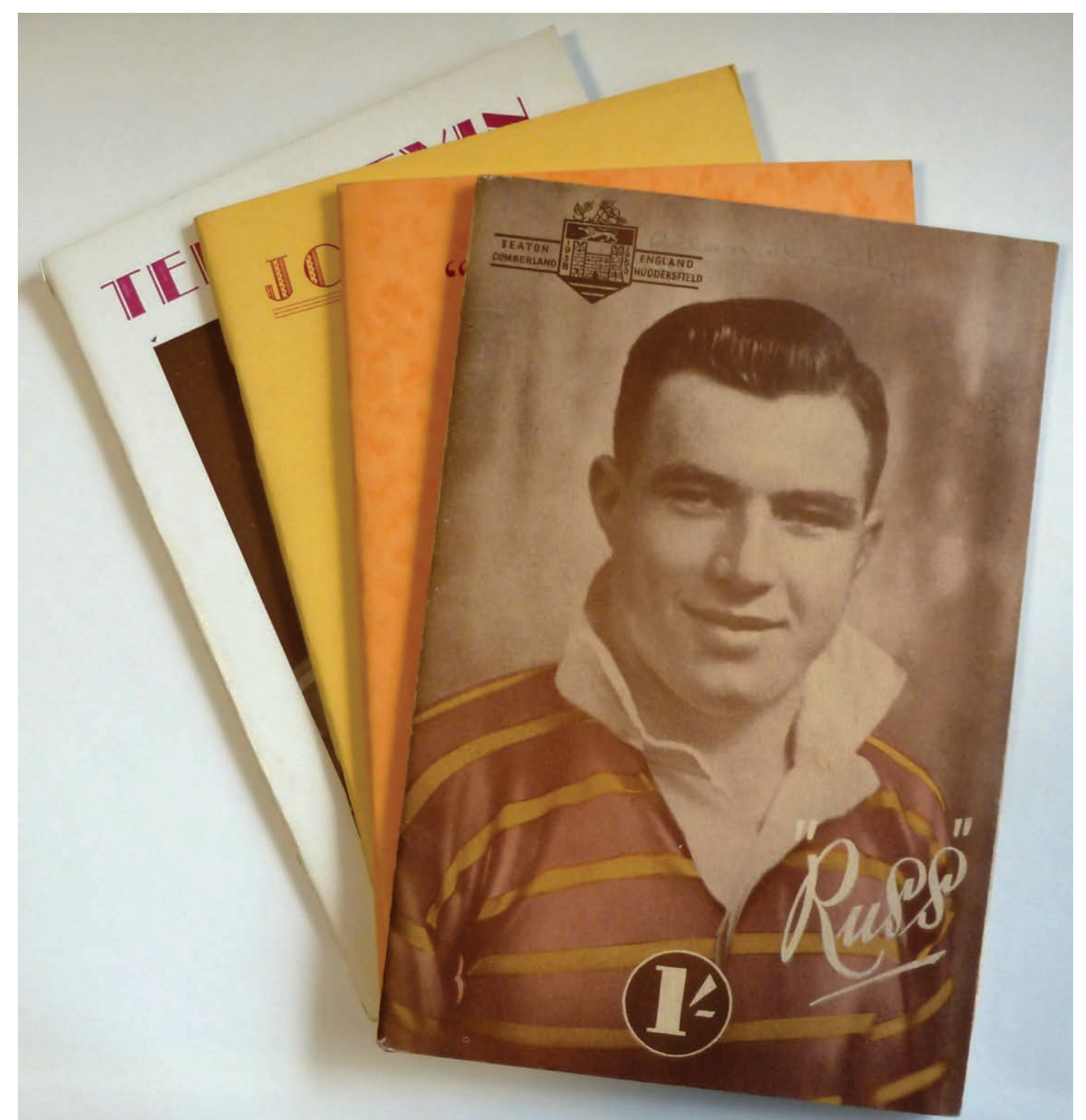
Rugby League's history has many heroes – from legendary players who brought glory to their teams, to officials who have worked to develop and improve the game. And not forgetting the supporters who have stood by their teams through good times and bad.



1. Manual of Rugby League Football illustrating the 'Play the Ball' rule, c1960s



2. Programme for a match between England and Australia, 1933



3. Testimonial brochures produced for Huddersfield players, 1940s-1960s