

KEITH HOLLIDAY

One of the most under rated players in Wakefield Trinity's history is three time Wembley winner, Keith Holliday. The wily scrum half was one of the club's great servants and lies sixth on the club's all-time appearance list, ten winners medals aswell as county and international recognition.

Keith's Trinity career spanned fourteen years (1952-66); played 438 times and only Neil Fox has played more post-war Trinity games. He was an outstanding local product and arrived at Belle Vue via Cathedral School and Eastmoor. He progressed through the intermediate and A-teams before making his debut in the first match of the 1952-53 season, scoring a try in a 30-21 victory over Doncaster.

He made steady progress, starting out as a stand off and alternating in the centres and within four years of his debut, he represented Great Britain, partnering Don Fox, in an unofficial 18-10 victory over France at Bradford in 1956. He added to his representative honours a season later when he was stand off for Yorkshire, in defeat to Cumberland at Whitehaven.

By the late 1950s, Trinity were coming out of the wilderness on the domestic front, reaching their first major final in five years. A 23-5 Yorkshire Cup Final victory over Hunslet gave Keith the first of his cup winners medals in 1956. He had now formed a formidable half back partnership with Ken Rollin and it was not until 1958 when he moved to scrum half when Harold Poynton became his half back partner.

The try-maker turned try scorer with two scorching tries at Wembley in 1960, when Trinity defeated Hull, 38-5 to win the RL Challenge Cup. It was the first of three Challenge Cup winners medals for Keith as he was at scrum half, again, in 1962 and 1963 which went alongside four Yorkshire League Championship winners medals (1959, 1960, 1962 and 1966) and two further Yorkshire Cup winners medals (1961-62 and 1964-65). He was also one win away from the League Championship on two occasions after final losses in 1960 and 1962; Keith playing in nine major finals for Trinity, winning six.

Keith remained the major tradesman at scrum half throughout the early 1960s, the club being one win away from winning 'All Four Cups' on 1961-62 and being rewarded with a testimonial season in 1962-63. He gained his second county cap in 1961, captaining Yorkshire in defeat to Lancashire at Leigh. He moved to loose forward in 1964 before playing his last game for Trinity, in defeat to Hull, in March 1966. He then moved to Bramley as player coach.

He finished his career with 94 tries and was also club captain in the 1957-58 season, being voted the supporter's player of the years two years running in 1961-62 and 1962-63 ... a true club legend

Keith Holliday Trinity Playing Record				
Season	Played	Tries	Goals	Points
1952-53	20	3	0	9
1953-54	31	6	0	18
1954-55	24	7	0	21
1955-56	27	6	0	18
1956-57	42	9	0	27
1957-58	19	5	0	15
1958-59	43	12	0	36
1959-60	41	6	0	18
1960-61	18	2	0	6
1961-62	44	14	0	42
1962-63	35	10	0	30
1963-64	32	9	0	27
1964-65	38	3	0	9
1965-66	24	2	0	6
TOTALS	438	94	0	282

