

## Henry 'Harry' Keenan

Born 14/1/1918 in Gateshead and died in Gateshead in 1993.

A wood machinist by trade who played for Westoe RFC in the pack where it was noted that he gave 'sterling service.' Also represented Durham County on 7 occasions before taking up refereeing.

He controlled the Final England trial in January 1962 before being elevated to the RFU International Panel. At this point in time he was living in Seaburn, Sunderland. In 1962 he controlled Italy v France in Brescia and his capped International Match was Ireland v New Zealand at Lansdown Road in 1963.

Ending the 62/63 season in traditional style, the Rovers and Oakes XV at the New Friarage. The Oakes XV by the match programme is Full Back: B. Marshall, Threequarter Backs: R.J. McCarten, D. Port, M.K. Flynn, R.M. Impett Half Backs: A. E. Chapman, S. Coughtrie. Forwards: S. Millar, J.S. Dick, B. Robson, M.A. Walsh, W.J. McBride, D. Boyd, P. Ashworth, P. Gaffney.

The gentleman in the centre is Mr Hartley B. Elliott, (Durham County President that season who assembled the Oakes' team), with the Referee, Harry Keenan (Durham Ref. Soc.) standing slightly behind him.

Result: Hartlepool Rovers 18pts, R.F. Oakes' XV 26pts. In 1963

