

View from an Old [very old] Scout

My memories of playing against Trinity commenced from 1970 onwards after I had joined Northampton Old Scouts RFC.

The early days saw Scouts win fairly comfortably but as the years went on the two teams became more equally matched and, towards the end of the life of Trinity RFC, they usually came out on top in hard fought matches. In those days 'hard fought' was what it said on the tin and many a personal battle was carried out on the pitch and most of mine were with Geoff Keates.

However, players used to talk to each other after the games, unlike today, and a few sherbets were downed whoever had come out on top on the pitch. There was a great deal of camaraderie between the two clubs. This continued after Trinity's unfortunate demise when a number of players came to play for Scouts* at Rushmere Road and many friendships are still in place today.

One obscure note is that RFU Competitions had a bizarre ruling that if a player transferred, they had to wait 120 days before they could play for their new club. I can remember arguing long and hard with the then Chairman of the RFU Competitions Committee that these players were not transferring as there was no club they were coming from! Conversations got very intense but I did not win the battle.

Strange how things move on as I then progressed to be Chair of same Committee!!

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** a number of these players, including Andy Meadows our last skipper, helped Scouts in 1999 win the Alliance Cup for the first time in their long history – a trophy they then retained for the next 2 seasons.*