

- *Leeds United: The Complete Record* by M. Jarred and M. Macdonald (L 796.334 JAR) – Definitive study; also covers Leeds City (1904-1919).
- “Leeds United Football Club: The Formative Years 1919-1938” and “The Breakthrough Season 1964-5” – Photo-essays by D. Saffer and H. Dalphin, in *Aspects of Leeds*, vols. 2 & 3 (L 942.819 ASP).
- LUFC Match Day Programmes; newspaper supplements; fan magazines (e.g. *The Hanging Sheep*, *The Peacock*) – We hold various items from the 1960s to 2000s (see catalogue, under ‘Football’).

Golf

- *Guide to Yorkshire Golf* by C. Scatchard (YP 796.352 SCA) – Potted histories of Leeds and Yorkshire golf clubs as of 1955.
- *Some Yorkshire Golf Courses* by Kolin Robertson (Y 796.352 ROB) – 1935 publication with descriptions of many Leeds courses, including Garforth, Horsforth, Moortown and Temple Newsam.

Horse Racing

- Race Day Cards for Haigh Park Races (Leeds Race Ground) 1827-1832 (L 798.4 L517) and map of race course (ML 1823).
- *A Short History of Wetherby Racecourse* by J. Fairfax-Barraclough (LP W532 798).
- *Sporting Days and Sporting Stories* by J. Fairfax-Blakeborough (Y 798.4 BLA) – Includes various accounts of Wetherby and Leeds races and riders (see index of book).

Motor Sports

- *Leeds Motor Club 1926* (LF 796.706 L517) – Scrapbook of newscuttings and photographs relating to motorbike and car racing.

Rugby (Generally referred to as ‘football’ before the 1870s)

- The football essays listed above cover some early rugby history.
- *The Leeds Rugby League Story* by D. Callaghan (LQ 796.333 CAL).
- *Leeds Rugby League Club* by P. Caplan and L. Hoole (L 796.333 CAP).
- Rugby Football League Official Guides, 1953-1993 (L 796.33 R84).
- *Hunslet Rugby League Football Club 1883-1973* by Les Hoole (L HUN 796)

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General Histories of Sport in Leeds

- “Leeds and Its Industrial Growth: Sport” by E.M. Sigsworth, in *The Leeds Journal*, vol. 28 (March 1957) p. 77 (Shelf mark: L 381 L517) – Excellent essay on the development of team sports in Leeds.
- *The Illustrated History of Leeds* by S. Burt and K. Grady (LQ 942.819 BUR) – See index for histories of many individual sports.
- *Yorkshire at Play* by Gary Firth, James Hagerty and Keith Leyburn (YQP 796 F51) – Resource book looking at various sporting pastimes in Leeds in the 18th and 19th centuries, including bowling, hunting, ball games and horse racing.
- Local newspapers – A useful overview of sports taking place in the city can be found by looking for reports in newspapers such as *the Leeds Intelligencer* (later *Yorkshire Post*), *Yorkshire Evening Post* and *Leeds Mercury*, all of which we hold on microfilm. Over 100 years’ worth of the latter has been digitised and is searchable by keyword online on the website Nineteenth Century British Newspapers (visit www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources and follow the link).
- “History of Rothwell Sport” – Article from the *Rothwell Advertiser*, 17 Jan 1991, p. 7 (photocopy at LQP ROT 796).
- *The Yorkshireman* (YQ 052 YOR) – 19th-century magazine reporting on sports, including cycling, athletics, tennis and lacrosse, between March 1888 and 1892.

Athletics

- Scrap Book of Harry Croft* (SRQ 796.4 CRO) – Newscuttings 1931-1960 covering athletics and other sports, compiled by a longstanding secretary of Leeds St Mark’s Harriers.
- Leeds City Athletic Club Newsletter (LQ 796.4 L517) – Covers the period 1972-2009.
- Olympics 2012 Yorkshire Athletes Display (YQP 796 OLY) – Collection of news articles (mainly from the *Yorkshire Evening Post*) about Leeds and Yorkshire sportspeople.

Bowling

- *A History of the Harehills Park Bowling Club 1906-1994* by C. Yelland and J. Boyd (L HAR 796).
- Bramley Bowling Club Minute Book 1909-31* (SR 796.31 B732) and Rules (LP 796.31 B732).
- Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association 1892-1992 Centenary Brochure (YP 796.31 YOR).

Boxing

- “Seconds Out: Boxing in Leeds” by Isadore Pear, in *Aspects of Leeds*, vol. 3, p. 157 (L 942.819 ASP) – History from earliest organised matches in early 1900s through to 1960s.
- Lee Murtagh’s Boxing Diary – Monthly column since 2009 in *East Leeds Magazine* (L CRO 307).

Cricket & Yorkshire County Cricket Club

- *A History of Yorkshire Cricket* by J.M. Kilburn (Y 796.358 KIL) – Overview dating back to 1776 for Leeds clubs.
- *Field of Dreams: Headingley 1890-2001* by R. Mills (LQ HEA 796).
- *100 Years of Leeds League Cricket 1892-1992* by R.E. Wheatley (L 796.358 ONE).
- *Bowling ‘Em Out* by Hedley Verity (L 796.358 V58) – The famous cricketer provides some local anecdotes in this book.
- *The History of Rothwell Cricket Club* by W.H. Banks (LP R746 796).
- *100 Not Out: A History of Whitkirk Cricket Club* by J. Bowman & P. Kelly (LQP W589 796).
- *A Century at the Homestead: A History of North Leeds Cricket Club* by Ian Chappell (L ROU 796).
- *The Official History of Yorkshire County Cricket Club* by Derek Hodgson (Y 796.358 HUD).
- *The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Yearbook* (Y 796.358 YOR) – Our holdings go from 1896 to the present year.

Cycling

- *Leeds Cyclists and Cycle Makers, 1880-1901* by Arthur Elton (LP 796.6 ELT – from Thoresby Society Miscellany, 2nd Series, vol. 5).

Football & Leeds United

- “Shall It Be Bradford or Leeds? The Origins of Professional Football in the West Riding Textile District” by A.J. Arnold, in Thoresby Society Publications, vol. 63, p. 81 (L 906 THO) – Essay covering 1840s to 1905, including ties with rugby.
- “Leeds and Its Industrial Growth: Sport (II) – The Rise of Football” by E.M. Sigsworth, in *The Leeds Journal*, vol. 28 (May 1957) p. 149 (L 381 L517) – Essay covering 1864-1930.
- “The Origin and Development of Football in Leeds” by Mike Green (L & LP 796.33 GRE) – Exhaustive overview of football and rugby.
- *Yorkshire Football: A History* by C. Fleming (Y 796.334 FLE).