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CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners: 1979-80
Runners-up: 1904-05, 1924-25, 1963-64, 1980-81, 1985-86
Rugby League Champions: 1922-23, 1924-25,
1978-79, 1983-84, 1984-85
Runners-up: 1920-21, 1967-68, 1982-83
Second Division Champions: 1989-90, 1995-96, 1996
Premiership Trophy Winners: 1980-81, 1983-84
Premiership Trophy Runners-up: 1984-85
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John Player Special Trophy Runners-up: 1981-82, 1985-86
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Floodlit Trophy Runners-up: 1979-80
Silk Cut Challenge Plate Wnners: 1997
Yorkshire Cup Winners: 1920-21, 1929- 1930, 1966-67
1971-72, 1974-75, 1985-86
Yorkshire Cup Runners-up: 1906-07, 1911-12, 1933-34
1962-63, 1975-76, 1980-81, 1984-85
Yorkshire League Champions: 1924-25, 1925-26, 1966-67
Yorkshire League Runners-up: 1911-12, 1912-13, 1967-68
Eastern Division Champions: 1962-63

CLUB RECORDS

Highest Ground Attendance: 22,282 v Hull F.C., 7th October
1922. Postwar 16,084 v Hull F.C. on 20th April 1984,
(27,670 watched Rovers home league match v Hull F.C.
on 3rd April 1953, but this was played at Boothferry Park).
Highest Win: 100-6 v Nottingham City, 19th August 1990
Highest Defeat: 0-68 v Halifax (away) 3rd April 1956
Most Points in Career: 2,760 by Mike Fletcher, 1986-1998
Most Points in Season: 450 by Mike Fletcher, 1989-90
Most Points in Match: 53 (11 tries, 10 goals) by
George Henry West v Brooklands Rovers, 4th March
1905 (also a Rugby League record).
Most Goals in Match: 14 (10 placed 4 drop) by Alfred
Carmichael, Merthyr Tydfil, 8th Oct 1910.
14 by Mike Fletcher v Whitehaven, 18th March 1990.
14 by Colin Armstrong v Nottingham City, 19th August 1990.
Most Tries in a Career: 207 by Roger Millward, 1966-1980
Most Tries in a Season: 45 by Gary Prohm, 1984-85
Most Tries in a Match: 11 by George Henry West v
Brooklands Rovers, 4th March 1905
Most Appearances in Career: 481 + 8 subs by
Mike Smith, 1974-91
Longest Sequence of Consecutive club Appearances:
190 by Gilbert Austin, 1918-19 to 1923-24
Most International Appearances: 45 plus 2 as sub by
Roger Millward (including with Castleford) between 1966-78.
Most International Tries: 20 by Roger Millward
Most Yorkshire County Appearances:
23 by Anthony Starks between 1897 and 1904.



Big Dipper

It has certainly been something of a rollercoaster ride this last two or three weeks. After hitting top spot for the first time this season we slumped to successive defeats at Workington and Featherstone. Then after getting ourselves up for the visit of Dewsbury we hit a steep downward section at Barrow with our worst performance of the season.

Despite the criticism which came our way after the first two defeats. I was confident we could turn things back around for one simple reason. They were largely the consequence of mistakes, not a lack of effort, mistakes we had not previously been prone to on quite such a scale.

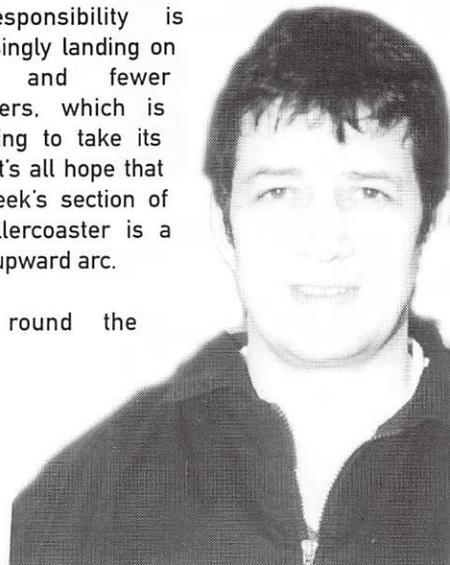
At Workington the mistakes with the ball meant we were unable to mount any sustained pressure on their line. At Featherstone the failure of Jon Wray to clear up a kick and the two knock ons in our 20 metre area by Whetu Taewa and Allan Dunham cost us 10 points at a time when we were already 9-2 down but not out. After that it was an almost impossible task against a side equally desperate to win.

Mistakes I am afraid are part of the human condition.

The bottom line is that players are not machines. The trick is trying to keep them to a minimum. Against Dewsbury we simplified the game plan and as a result completed 38 of our 40 sets with the ball, a staggering total. In other words the players had learned from their mistakes and put it right.

Last week's defeat, however, was far more worrying. We were simply blown away, and seemed unable to compete with Barrow's power and pace. With an injury list including Aston, Booth, Everitt, Slater, Smith, and Crane, all experienced campaigners, I am concerned that we are beginning to rely too heavily on the youngsters who have served us so well this year, largely in supporting roles. Equally the lion's share of responsibility is increasingly landing on fewer and fewer shoulders, which is beginning to take its toll. Let's all hope that this week's section of the rollercoaster is a sharp upward arc.

Rally round the Robins





AVEC

rather be without?....

WHETU... ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to Bradford Bulls on their Challenge Cup victory over Leeds Rhinos. Bradford were deserved winners but not without a fight from Leeds. All credit to Leeds who never gave in, and possibly could have caused an upset, it went right down to the last kick. Anything can happen in finals. I can remember back when Sheffield beat Wigan - what a day that was.

Well done again to the academy for their fine performances and congratulations to big Ryan Woods on his first team debut. Woodsy made a big impact with his sheer size and now its up to him to keep his place.

During the school holidays we have taken a couple of Rugby Sessions at Ings Road Primary school organised by the local police. This was a last minute project set up a couple of days before but never the less

the kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Also during the

holidays as part of the Hull and Districts Player and Coaching panel we held two training days to nominate players to attend the Under 13 and Under 15 GB and Ireland development camps. The Under 15's were made up of both HKR development squad and the HFC Development squad.

They were assessed on basic skills and drills.

Everyone did exceptionally well and hope we get as many selected as we can.

I would like to welcome David Hall back to the Club as he will be helping Rich Chamberlain with the Under 12 HKR Development Squad. Dave has a great knowledge of Rugby League and also coaches the under 12 Hull Boys Club team. So Dave has first hand knowledge of the under 12 age groups. Also Andy Dannatt has joined our Development scheme on the coaching team. Andy is keen to do some coaching and give a little back to the game. Now we have many quality people on board with our scholarships and this will ultimately benefit the kids. Our two latest signings could have not come at a better time. Welcome to Richard Wilson and Phil Kennedy. I think this will add more confidence throughout the team. Richard has been training with us for a few months and Phil has been here before so both have fitted straight in.

Not to take the shine off any other clubs' efforts and achievements but our fans will no doubt recall from youth club reports in the programmes last year that a recent initiative undertaken by our opposition in the west has already been done by Hull KR for the last two seasons. Last year, Wayne Parker, Stanley, David Luckwell, Marcus Vass, myself and others visited schools every week to talk about sport as the healthy alternative. We spoke to the children about everything from fitness, diet, drugs and behaviour as well as giving the message about friendships through sport. To be fair, the present regime across the city would probably not know too much about this. However, when it comes to youth initiatives we have been in advance of many clubs.

Whetu Taewa





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The Ways and Means Golf Day will take place on 23rd August at Brandesburton. Full information from the office. phone 374648

Wanted...The Club require additional stewards and Turnstile operators - you can help the Club and earn some money whilst you are doing so. Why not call into the office or phone 374648 for further information.

Rovers trip to Mars - The name of the Club has been included on a compact disc which has been mounted on the "Mars 2001 Lander" which will help in the Exploration of the Planet. (If you would like to put your name down for our first inter planetary away game see Adge or Keith).

Today's collection is in aid of The Red Cross. they give an outstanding service to the Club, and, many other organisations - Please help them along by dropping something in one of their collecting boxes.

Frunk and Jean Morton collected a further £250 at the Dewsbury game towards the CVA fund, many thanks to all who donated. Today they are organising a tombola in the Stadium Club - proceeds will go to the Support Group funds for team strengthening. are totally unacceptable. Allow everyone to enjoy the game.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mary the wife of the late Ray Speckman - who passed away suddenly on Thursday 27th April, and to his family Paul and Susan. Ray was always a popular figure at Craven Park having played a number of 'A' team games, and, had in fact made his first team debut. He later returned to the club as 'A' Team Coach - a position he held successfully for a number of seasons. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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AMATEUR NEWS

Open Age

Yesterday should have seen the destination of the White Rose Premier Division. Norland entertained Hunslet Warriors and with each team having dropped 6 points the winners became champions. A draw and the title would go to Hunslet Warriors on points difference. Next Saturday at the Boulevard Ideal Isberg meet Skirlaugh (3.00p.m.) in the final of the B.A.R.L.A. National Cup. Both teams are also still involved in their respective league titles. Skirlaugh are on equal points with West Hull with 2 matches to play, however they have a better points difference than West Hull. Ideal Isberg lost their crunch match last Wednesday against Oulton, who are now Division 1 champions. Ideal must now win 3 of their remaining 5 league matches to ensure that they are promoted to the Premier Division. Unfortunately the 2 away matches are prior to the National Cup final namely Heworth (York) and Millom (Barrow). The final of the Bassett Cup was abandoned last Thursday in tragic circumstances when ex player, referee and current league disciplinary chairman Ray Speckman collapsed and died. The league would like to send sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Youth

The season is entering its last 2 weeks with the finals of the various group trophy finals. These finals are reached by all teams who have not won a main trophy being divided into groups of 4. In the intertown competition the u12's are away to Huddersfield in the semi-final while the u14's have to play Castleford at home to earn the right to also visit Huddersfield in the semi final. It has been a great season for the league with regards to the winning of trophies. East Hull (U18) lead the way. They won the BARLA National Cup, the BARLA Yorkshire Cup, The Yorkshire Youth Premier Division, The Yorkshire Youth Knockout Cup and they play Ideal Isberg in the final of the Louis Pearlman Cup. Embassy Longhill (U14) also won 3 main trophies in the BARLA National Cup, the BARLA Yorkshire Cup and the Hull and District League going through the season unbeaten.

Alan Parker

TODAY'S VISITORS

welcome to Oldham Roughyeds

Craig Barker. Local lad who was with the Bears before signing for the Roughyeds. A stand off half with a neat pair of hands, this product of the Waterhead amateur club is still waiting the opportunity to command a regular senior place.

Keith Brennan. A late entrant to the pro ranks. Keith played for Higginshaw and Shaw Rhinos before impressing as an amateur for Oldham towards the end of the 1999 season.

Mark Campbell. One of the 16 new boys brought to the club by Mike Ford during the first two months of the player coach's reign. Formerly with Leeds and Keighley, this 21 year old hardworking back row forward is studying at Leeds University for a degree in chemical engineering.

Leo Casey. A tough prop who played for the former Oldham club, Featherstone, Swinton and Rochdale before signing for the Roughyeds for the 1999 season. Captained the side and, at the age of 32, became a firm favourite of the crowd. Recently returned from a three match suspension after being sent off at Rochdale in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Jason Clegg. A product of Littleborough RL Club, this heavyweight prop turned pro for the Bradford Bulls and had a stint with Batley before signing for the Roughyeds shortly after the club was formed. Made a first team place his own property in 1999 and earned selection for the West of Pennines side against an East side coached by Mike Ford. In superb form this season and was voted the Oldham player of the month for February.

Peter Ferris. Another former Higginshaw player and another late recruit into the pro ranks. Toured Australia with BARLA under 19's and represented BARLA under 23's but left the game to play for Duckinfield Rugby Union. It was there that Mike Ford spotted the utility back and invited him to join the Roughyeds.

Kevin Fitzpatrick. A fullback who made his name with Saddleworth Rangers before signing for Oldham at the age of 20. Recently celebrated his 21st while studying for a degree in journalism and the media. Hopes to make the headlines as well as write them.

Mike Ford. A scrum-half who has been making the right sort of headlines all his sporting life. Played for Wigan at Wembley when only 19. Also starred for Leigh, Oldham, Castleford, Warrington, Wakefield and South Queensland Crushers. Toured Down Under with Great Britain in 1988. Coached Bramley to mid table respectability in 1999 before landing his dream job of coaching his home town club. Still a key player with an excellent kicking game.

Anthony Gibbons. One half of the twin combination which played for Leeds Rhinos and Bramley before joining Oldham at the start of the 2000 season. The 23 year old is playing consistently well at centre but also helped out at scrum half against Rochdale in the cup.

David Gibbons. The other twin. Became a household name at Headingley and played more than 20 senior games, including several in the first Super League season of 1996. Formerly captain of Bramley. David will be a key figure for the Roughyeds at stand-off half.

Danny Guest. This 22 year old, 18 stone prop was an up and coming youngster with the Bears. Also played for Keighley and Lancashire Lynx before returning to Oldham. Has been playing mainly as a substitute this season but has been a consistent performer, as shown when scoring with his first touch of the ball in the recent rout of Lancashire Lynx.

Chris Naylor. A young prop formerly with the Academy sides at St Helens and Salford. Big and strong. Chris played for England in the Last Students World Cup, becoming the only English player to be named afterwards in an imaginary World X111. Played for the first team until picking a serious shoulder injury which he is just returning from.

more Roughyeds...

Joey Hayes. A young winger who has crammed a lot into his relatively short spell as a pro. Made his name with St Helens but also played 11 Super League games for Salford City Reds last season. Turning into a real crowd favourite at Oldham and certainly must be one of the most exciting wingers in the NFP.

John Hough. Has had two cracking seasons in 1998 and 1999, when he took the club's player of the year award. Played more than 30 senior games for Warrington before returning "home" to Oldham. Been in tremendous form again this season which was encapsulated in a superb match winning try in the defeat of Widnes Vikings.

Kevin Mannion. 22 year old Kevin is a ball playing loose forward, who made his senior debut with Rochdale Hornets when only 16. Played for England and GB students, for whom he has toured Australia and played in France. Has put in some good performances this season but was unlucky in picking up a serious knee injury in the victory over Widnes Vikings.

Joe McNicholas. Broke his leg for the Roughyeds in the new club's first league game at Workington and missed the rest of the 1998 season apart from a brief spell as sub in the final match. A pacy winger. Joe bounced back to hold down a regular spot on the right flank in 1999.

Shayne McMenemy. Recent recruit to the club replacing the injured Tom O'Reilly. Began the season at Rochdale Hornets where he caught the eye of Mike Ford. Hard working second row forward this Australian made his debut 48 hours after arriving from Sydney.

Andy Proctor. Named captain of the club by Ford for the 2000 season. This former Saddleworth, Wakefield Trinity, Oldham and Bramley prop forward, now aged 30, won a Man of Steel award while with Trinity, as the club was then called, and has built a reputation as a player's player, who performs well above his weight.

Pat Rich. Another of the younger signings. 21 year old Pat is a native of the North-East. Played regular senior rugby for Keighley in 1999, while studying for a law degree at Leeds.

Can play centre or back row and recently achieved the new clubs points in a game record when scoring 18 in the win over Widnes.

Wes Rogers. A strong second row forward. Wes has joined his hometown club after stints with Widnes and Swinton. A hot property as a teenager, he was signed for Widnes by Doug Laughton.

Mark Sibson. An exciting full back and goal kicker, this 23 year old played for Loughborough University for four years before turning out for Castleford's Alliance side.

Ian Sinfield. Local lad, Ian signed for and played Super league rugby with Salford before joining Roughyeds in 1998. Had a brief stint in France in the early part of 1999 before returning to the club, finishing the season and re-signing for 2000. A back row forward who tackles hard, runs strongly and uses the ball intelligently wide out.

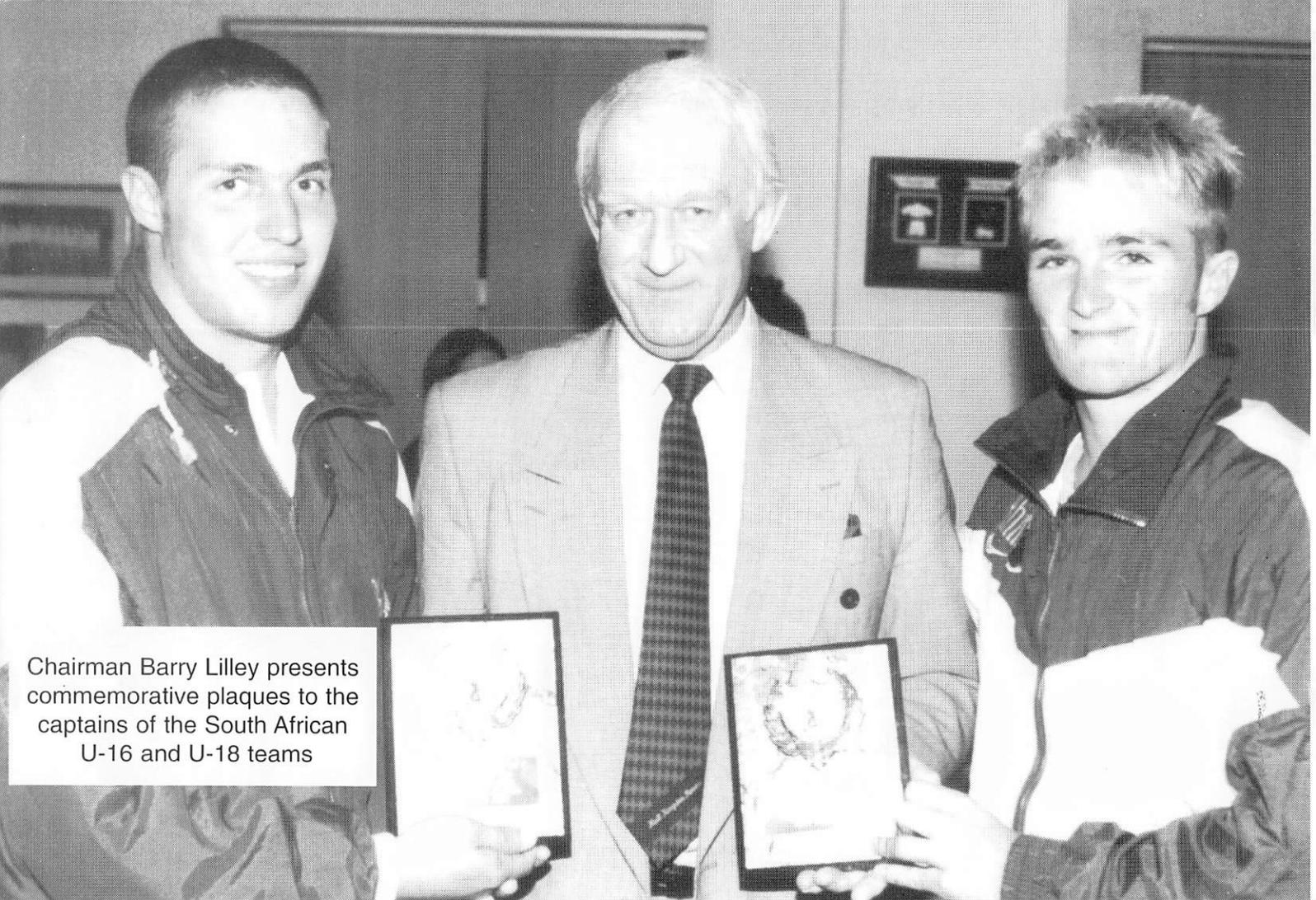
Warren Barrow. Signed recently from St Helens Alliance side making his debut at Leigh on the wing. A regular try scorer whilst at Saints he can play on the wing or at centre.

Phil Farrell. Recently signed for the club after a successful loan period. Hard working back row forward who has the right pedigree, as he is the younger brother of Wigan and GB Captain Andy Farrell.

Neil Roden. Signed for the club from Wigan at the same time as Phil Farrell. Young half back who impressed in the Alliance side before making his senior bow against Hunslet at Boundary Park. Scored his first try for the club in the away win at Batley and looks like one to watch for the future.

Chris Holland. Aged 21, Chris has played for England and Great Britain students and took the Man-of-the-Match award in England's defeat by New Zealand at Hull in the last World Cup. Equally at home at centre or in the back row.

Star to Watch



Chairman Barry Lilley presents commemorative plaques to the captains of the South African U-16 and U-18 teams



Ian Cutler presents lapel badges to the Managers of the South African teams on behalf of the Hull Kingston Rovers Supporters Group. Badges were generously provided to both sets of players.



I have followed Rovers from the age of five, when we went as a family. Moving away from Hull for a number of years when I was a teenager, meant I mainly watched Rovers when they played away and only came back to Hull for a couple of home matches. Plenty of memories - happy and sad - spring to mind but one of the most vivid was when I introduced my husband to the game. We moved back to Hull in 1989 and my husband, who is from Liverpool decided to come with me to Craven Park for a home game against Bradford Northern. He had no knowledge at all of Rugby League, therefore we stood him between myself and my father so that we could explain what was going on. After concentrating on the match for over an hour, listening to the away fans chanting "Northern, Northern .." he turned to me and said "Which one is Norman?". He is now totally committed to Rovers - much to the disgust of my father in law who has spent 15 years trying to get him to Anfield.

Mandy Brown





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with MARTYN SADLER

MARTYN SADLER, editor of League Express, reports on the deserved winners of this month's Rugby League World NFP awards.

DONCASTER Dragons' centre or stand off Craig Weston has been selected as the Rugby League World Northern Ford Premiership Player of the Month for April, after scoring six tries and 84 points during the five games in the month. Craig, 26, formerly with Huddersfield Giants, deserves our hearty congratulations for his performances in April, which have helped the Dragons sustain a very strong challenge in the NFP table.

Indeed April was a good month for the Dragons, until the very last day of it at least. Before then they reached the top of the Premiership table, becoming the fourth club in the month to head the competition, before, the day after Murrayfield, losing by a single point at Widnes, and falling back into fourth place. Craig is now the NFP's top try scorer, having scored 20 tries in all competitions this season. He is just one short of Mark Roache's ten year old club record, with eleven league games left to play.

When Craig joined the Dragons during the close season his arrival was symptomatic of the drift to the Northern Ford Premiership from Super League after the mergers that took place in the elite competition.

His form throughout the season has been exceptional, and he is one of those players who refused to take his bat home because he was dropping to a lower division. Instead he has dedicated himself to the Dragons' cause, and has been a great asset to coach St. John Ellis. And he's keen to get back into Super League, although this time with the Dragons.

"There are plans for a new stadium to be built in the town, and if the facilities are there then there is no reason why Doncaster can't become a Super League club," said Craig in Rugby League World. "I'm not going to say that we will go out and win the NFP, because it's a great



competition with a lot of good sides in it.

"But we can win it, and I'm sure we'll be there or thereabouts at the end of the season."

Despite the Dragons' success, however, there

could be only one club of the month in April.

Keighley Cougars were unbeaten throughout the month, extending their winning run to eight matches. They have shot up to third place in the table, behind Leigh and Dewsbury, and they are looking stronger every week.

And off the field the Cougars began their Centenary Year celebrations before the recent game against Barrow. Soon they will be launching a limited edition Centenary Shirt and a commemorative book.

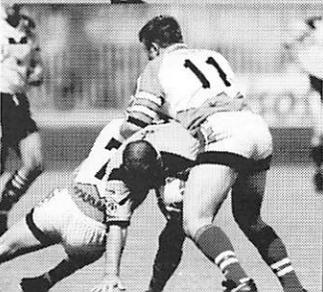
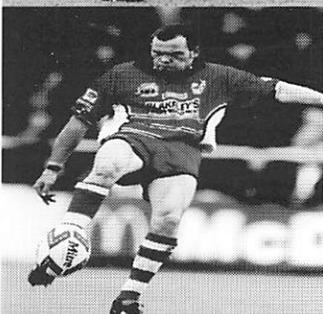
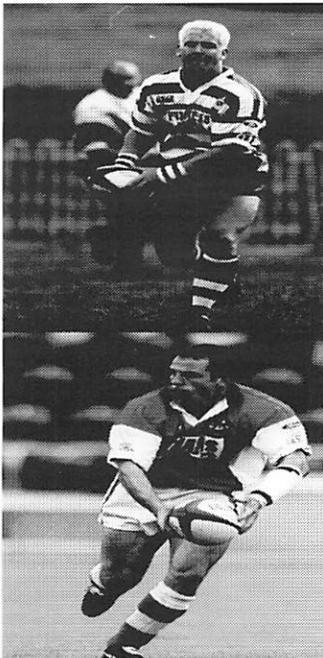
"This award is a credit to what everyone involved with the club has achieved this season," said Cougars' Managing Director Peter Rowe in Rugby League World.

"The players and coaches here have put in a magnificent effort all season, particularly in the last month."

Rowe believes that the Keighley public has reacted very positively to the club's Centenary celebrations, although he and his staff want to attract more supporters through the turnstiles at Cougar Park. They want to get back to the days when the Cougars could get 5,000 for big games, and they are hoping for a big turnout today against Workington Town, who themselves have enjoyed a great revival in April, that gives them an outside chance of reaching the top eight.

There's no doubt the Cougars, like a number of enterprising NFP clubs, deserve support like that. And with the way they are developing, I have no doubt that they will soon be getting it.

And I'm certain that this season's NFP top-eight play-off games will generate crowds the like of which will be unprecedented in the NFP competition.



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APRIL 2000

		Venue/Result	K.Off/Score
2nd Sunday	Gateshead Mets	W	28-0
9th Sunday	Lancashire Lynx	W	44-4
16th Sunday	Workington Town	W	24-22
22nd Saturday	Dewsbury Rams	W	58-0

MAY 2000

7th Sunday	Leigh Centurions	A	1.00
14th Sunday	Doncaster Dragons	A	1.00
21st Sunday	Hemel Hempstead Stags	H	1.00
29th B.H. Monday	Workington Town	H	1.00

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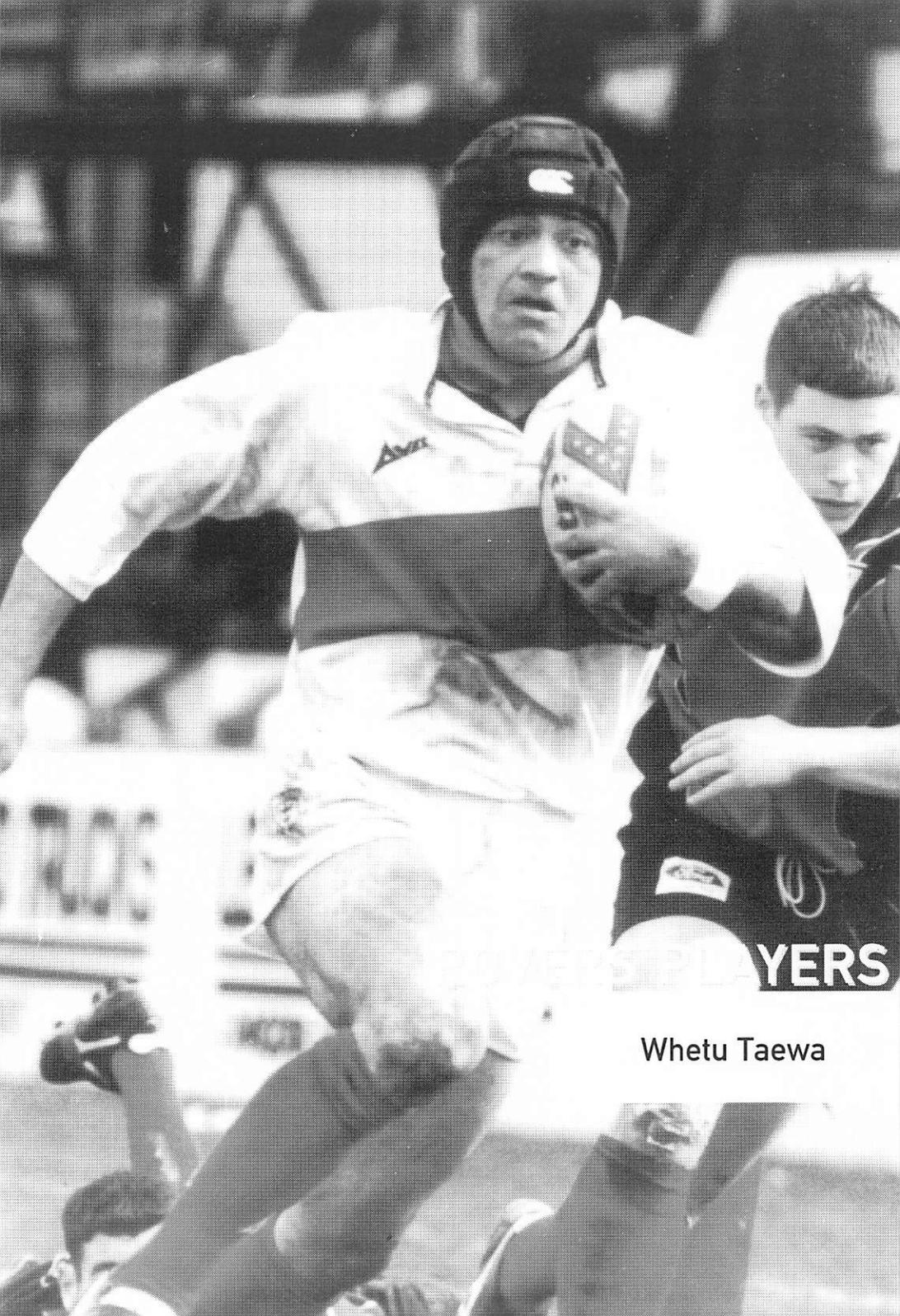
4th Sunday	York	A	1.00
11th Sunday	Hunslet Hawks	H	1.00
18th Sunday	Whitehaven Warriors	A	1.30
24th Saturday	Cardiff Demons	A	2.30

JULY 2000

2nd Sunday	Featherstone Rovers	H	1.00
8th Saturday	York	H	2.30
22nd Saturday	Gateshead Mets	A	2.30
29th Saturday	Doncaster Dragons	H	2.30

AUGUST 2000

5th Saturday	Leigh Centurions	H	2.30
12th Saturday	Featherstone Rovers	A	2.30



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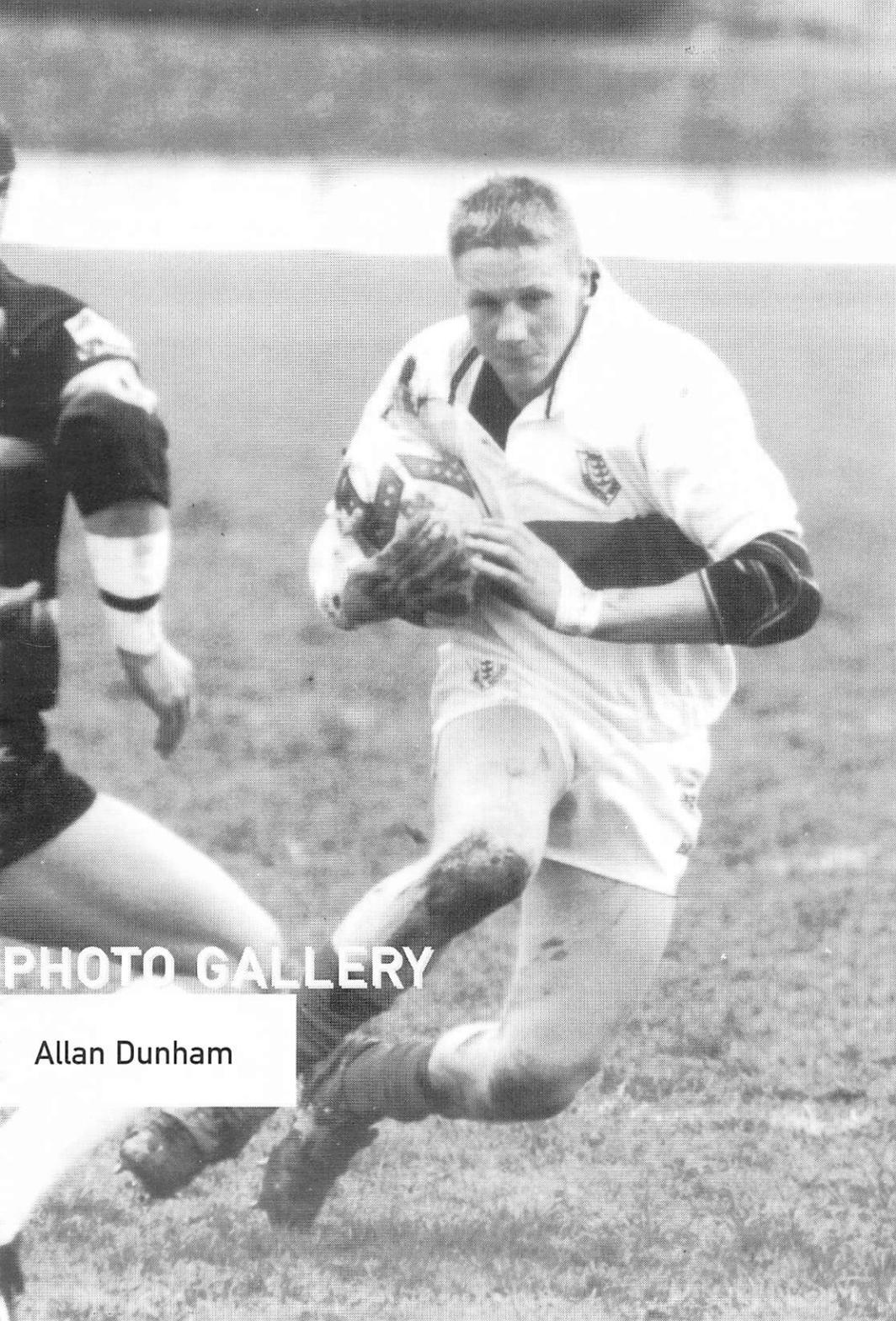


PHOTO GALLERY

Allan Dunham

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP

DATE		OPPONENTS	VENUE /K.O TIME/ATT.	PLAYER			
				1	2	3	4
DECEMBER 1999							
27th	Monday	Featherstone Rovers	D 2-2 3402	Crane	Molloy	Nolan	Taewa
JANUARY 2000							
2nd	Sunday	Dewsbury Rams	L 2-14 2119	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
9th	Sunday	Dragons RLFC.	W 8-4 2804	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
16th	Sunday	Keighley Cougars	W 24-10 2809	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
23rd	Sunday	Sheffield Eagles	W 6-4 2224	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
30th	Sunday	S.Cut C/Cup 3. Ideal Isberg	W 34-4 2528	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
FEBRUARY 2000							
6th	Sunday	Hunslet Hawks	W21-14 1373	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
13th	Sunday	Silk Cut C. C.4. Halifax	L 8-36 4295	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
20th	Sunday	York Wasps	W 30-10 2007	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
27th	Sunday	Leigh Centurions	L 14-18 2207	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
27th	Sunday	Silk Cut Challenge Cup 5.					
MARCH 2000							
5th	Sunday	Batley Bulldogs	W 32-14 1027	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
12th	Sunday	Whitehaven Warriors	W 22-14 1823	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
19th	Sunday	Swinton Lions	W 54-16 2367	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
26th	Sunday	Rochdale Hornets	W 38-26 1253	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
APRIL 2000							
2nd	Sunday	Widnes Vikings	W 24-10 2155	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
9th	Sunday	Lancashire Lynx	W 60-6 378	Crane	Molloy	Nolan	Taewa
12th	Wednesday	Trans Pennine Cup Final					
16th	Sunday	Workington Town	L 10-20 873	Crane	Molloy	Nolan	Taewa
21st	Good Fri.	Featherstone Rovers	L 8-28 2409	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
24th	Easter Mon.	Dewsbury Rams	W 20-12 2307	Crane	Andrews	Nolan	Taewa
29th	Saturday	Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final					
MAY 2000							
1st	B.H. Monday	Barrow Border Raiders	L 12-42 1763	Nolan	Wray	Blanchard	Taewa
7th	Sunday	Oldham	H 3.00				
14th	Sunday	Doncaster Dragons	A 3.00				
21st	Sunday	Keighley Cougars	H 3.00				
26th	Friday	Sheffield Eagles	A 7.30				
29th	B.H. Monday	Workington Town	H 3.00				
JUNE 2000							
4th	Sunday	York Wasps	A 3.00				
11th	Sunday	Batley Bulldogs	H 3.00				
18th	Sunday	Whitehaven Warriors	A 3.30				
25th	Sunday	Widnes Vikings	A 3.00				
JULY 2000							
2nd	Sunday	Barrow Border Raiders	H 3.00				
9th	Sunday	NFP Grand Final Play Offs					
16th	Sunday	NFP Grand Final Play Offs					
23rd	Sunday	NFP Grand Final Play Offs					
29th	Saturday	NFP Grand Final					

FIXTURES AND PLAYER 'STATS' FOR SEASON 2000

5	6	7	8	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wray	Joe	Hewitt	Aston	Dunham	Hardy	Charles	Fletcher	Slater	Andrews	Smith	Bovill	Kirke
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Wray	Joe	Hewitt	Fletcher	Dixon	Hardy	Smith	Charles	Dunham	Molloy	Blanchard	Woods	Kirke
Andrews	Joe	Hewitt	Fletcher	Dixon	Hardy	Kennedy	Charles	Dunham	Molloy	Bovill	Kirke	Woods

COMMERCIAL MATTERS



with
John Leeman

Sincere thanks to all those supporters who have given so generously to the kit fund. You will notice there are still a few items left to purchase. After the Dewsbury match I was almost certain someone would want to put their name against Leroy's shirt. Ruth and Kathleen Sexton have already started the ball rolling for Academy player sponsorships. They have sponsored the No 9 and No 7 Academy players for £50 each. Anyone wishing to follow their lead can contact me. Also why not have your name on the ball for the remainder of the season. £25 secures your message 'on the ball' in all programmes. Thanks to Pete Allon for sponsoring the U14 kit for our

development squads. You can always rely on Peter. I owe him a meat pie some time. If any business is interested in adding to the list of development squad sponsors I would be pleased to meet them. ASDA are on board with us for our school work. We need support at the moment for our U12 squad which is to firm up very shortly. Now that April is out of the way we can look forward to summer rugby again. Will the experiment of a Boxing Day start have worked? For some teams obviously not. We have remained steady and in front for a while now. Let us hope for a good end of season. We certainly need to increase the coffers to add to the squad for a top four run in.

on the ball

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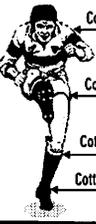
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Costs for Sponsoring Kit for the remainder of this season...
Tie-ups@£5 Socks@£10 Shorts@£20 Shirts@£40

Player Profile



Robert Nolan

Age: 32

Weight: 13st 10lb

Height: 6ft

What is your current occupation?

Rugby Player.

What was your previous occupations?

Rugby Player, Financial Adviser.

Your short playing history?

Rovers, Hull FC, Hull Colts, Hull Boys Club.

What is your goal for this year?

Win the League and play offs and stay injury free.

What is your long term goal?

Help Rovers get back into the top flight before I retire and play as long as I can.

Has there been people who have influenced your career?

Stan Pickering, Sean O'Brien, Steve Crooks, Brian Smith and family.

What do you think of Hull K.R. so far?

It's great, the fans have made me more than welcome. It's a real family club.

Do you think there should be any changes or improvements?

Better gym equipment and better playing surface.

What changes to the game in general?

Yes, the game should be ruled under one body. Plus referee's should be full time to improve the standard.

Hobbies outside RL?

I secretly like ballroom dancing and needle work. Plus a few beers with the boys.

Married /children?

Married to Paula 3 children (Danielle, Saffron and Bradley).

Favourite Sportsperson and why?

Ian Botham because he was a great player, he was out spoken and now he does a lot for charity.

Matchday routine or superstitions?

Sleep in, breakfast-scrambled eggs and beans on toast. Wear one pair of socks and I wear the same underpants.

When you finish RL?

Coaching I hope (I'd like to give a little back into game) I would also like to run a pub.

Favourite Book or Novel?

Any sports Autobiography plus I enjoy Mills & Boons.

Pre-match meal?

Scrambled Eggs and beans on toast.

Favourite Film and actor?

Shawshank Redemption and actor Eddie Murphy and actress Cameron Diaz.

Favourite band or singer?

Mary J Bliegh and The Grumbleweeds.

Favourite playing position?

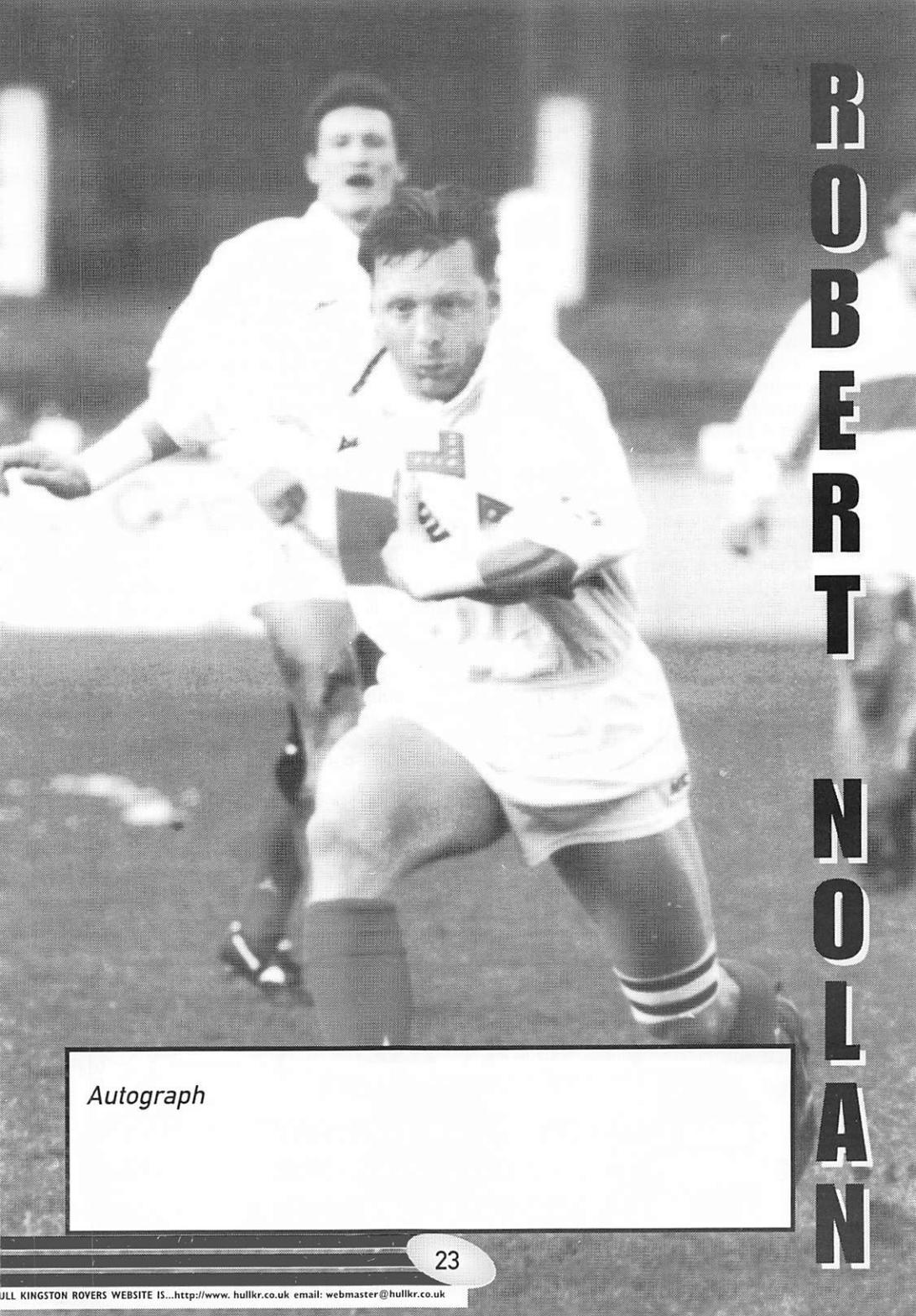
Anywhere I'm put as long as I'm playing.

Your favourite Holiday and where would you like to go?

Florida, I would like to go to the Gold Coast in Australia.

Do you think there's a big difference between Northern and Southern Hemisphere game?

Yes, I think they are miles apart, a big difference between the two. I think we are 6-7 years behind.



**ROBERT
NOLAN**

Autograph

SUPPORTERS GROUP NOTES ...

Success or disappointment this season could well depend on we the supporters. We have all read recently about the club being linked with several players but in order for this to become a fact rather than this to become just paper talk Dave must have the funds available. March 2000 was a great success as we all know and while the majority of the money has been collected we believe that there is still several thousand pounds to be handed in. We would ask anyone with sponsorship money still to be handed in~ to do so, either at the club office or by contacting Keith on 825833 or Adge 782013.

The other way the supporters can play a part is by backing the players and coach and not by barracking. Recently both players and coach have been subject to constant criticism and although we are all disappointed with recent results, Dewsbury being the exception, we have been pleased that so many youngsters have been given the opportunity to sample first team football. We need to get behind the players especially the senior players and support them, this is the time of the season when our vocal backing can be the difference between a win and a defeat.

At the last home match we saw the launch of two raffles, the first being for a mountain bike donated by Karl Stewart with the proceeds going towards the Supporters Group, the second for a GB and Ireland Young Lions jersey with this money going towards an overnight stay for the Academy team when they travel to Cardiff later in the season. Both raffles will be drawn at the 'Meet the Players Night' on June the 9th.

Finally regarding the Meet the Players night the Supporters Group are holding a meeting at the Punch Bowl on James Reckitt Avenue next Tuesday the 9th May, anyone willing to become actively involved in helping organise this event or can assist on the day is welcome to attend the meeting which starts at 8.pm.



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Looking Back

As we are entertaining our friends from Oldham today it might be interesting to look back on those three momentous Challenge Cup semi finals played between our two clubs in season 1963/4 the season Rovers first got to Wembley.

The cup competition that year was punctuated by many replays with the Robins playing a total of eight matches including the final itself.

It all started with a first round fixture against Rochdale Hornets at Craven Park, which ended in a 12 all draw. Cyril Kellett landing a late penalty to earn Rovers a replay at the Athletics Ground the then home of the Hornets. The replay went according to plan with a comfortable 22 points to 7 win for the Red & Whites, with Alan Burwell playing a prominent role.

Round 2 and an away trip to York, which after a close first half the Robins came out winners by 23 points to 7. The match played at Clarence Street attracted a crowd of over 12,000 including an estimated 5000 from Humberside. This brought Barrow to Hull in the 3rd round and resulted in a 38 points to 4 victory in appalling conditions, this match has since been known as "Taylor's match" when the second row forward, then playing prop scored a superb hat trick of tries. The match due to the terrible conditions was brought to a halt early by the referee Mr. Thomas.

The Robins had now reached the semi-finals for the third consecutive year and were given the draw most fans wanted when they were paired against Oldham. The league was at that time split into two divisions with Rovers mid-table in the first section and Oldham leading the second.

It was decreed that the fixture should be played at Headingley, and after a very tight match with a minimum of open rugby Hull Kingston were leading 5 points to 3 with seconds to go. At this stage Oldham's experienced hooker Len McIntyre stepped up and dropped an equalising goal from about 25 yards out, the first time he had dropped a goal in a long and illustrious career. So the Robins and their supporters were denied at the death of a first appearance at the Empire stadium. Rovers points came from a try by Blackmore and a goal from Kellett. Oldham had a try from Smethurst, together with McIntyre's drop goal then worth two points.

The teams that day were Hull Kingston Rovers: Kellett, Paul, Major, Elliott, Blackmore, Burwell (A), Bunting; Tyson, Flanagan, Taylor, Palmer, Clark and Poole. Oldham: Dyson, Sims, Donovan, Smethurst, Simms, Nestor, Pycroft, Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Major, Whitehead and Parker. The referee was Mr. Davies and 28,556 fans watched the match.

This meant that a replay had to be arranged and this time it was to be played the following Wednesday night at Station Road Swinton, with a 6.45pm kick off. Another enthralling match followed, containing possibly the best football played in the three matches, and again Oldham came from behind to snatch a 14 all draw, after the Robins had seemingly got in a winning position, leading by 14 points to 7 with 10 minutes to go. Frank Dyson kicking a penalty with the last action of the match after the Robins scrum half Arthur Bunting had been penalised at the final scrum. This meant extra time and Oldham took the lead with a try from their second row man Geoff Robinson, in the first period of extra time. However shortly after this the referee then

called a halt to proceedings as it was getting very dark, and there were no floodlights at the ground in those days.

Rovers' tries were scored by Burwell (2) Major and Blackmore with Kellett landing a goal. Oldham's points came from tries by Geoff Sims and Trevor Simms with Dyson kicking 4 goals. The Robins had made one enforced change with John Taylor pronounced unfit they brought in John Bath at prop. Oldham too made one change with Dave Parker also unfit they switched Harry Major to loose forward and brought Geoff Robinson into their second-row. This match was watched by a total of 27,209 people.

With this match being abandoned it now went to a third meeting, this to be played at Fartown the old ground of Huddersfield, at the slightly earlier kick off time of 6.30pm, this to take place the following Monday. Again another tremendous match ensued but this time there was to be no mistake and the Robins went through to their first Challenge Cup final at Wembley. The game ended 12 points to 2 with tries by Arthur Bunting and Mike Blackmore and 3 Cyril Kellett goals, against a solitary penalty by Dyson for Oldham.

The Robins had made one change for this third match Jim Drake who had a superb game replacing John Bath in the front row. Oldham were unchanged. The referee however was changed with Mr. Coates replacing Mr. Davies who had taken charge of the first two fixtures. This second replay attracted the biggest crowd with 32,757 cramming into Fartown, on a very wet night. This meant that a total of 89,368 fans had watched these three semi finals.

It is interesting to note that Widnes our opponents at Wembley played a staggering ten matches including the final on their cup run that year.

In between the two replays, on the Friday, the Robins had fulfilled a league fixture against Swinton at Craven Park losing by 14 points to 5 but putting up a tremendous performance against the champions elect. Colin Hutton coach at the time elected to play a second string team for the match in view of the pending cup semi-final replay the following Monday. The line up that played that night makes interesting reading it was: McNamara, Harris Moore, Raper, Mullins, Cooper, Gillard, Fox (F), Holdstock, Drake, Murphy, Mennell and Wallis.

The final against Widnes was unfortunately lost by 13 points to 5 the main highlight from a Rovers point of view, being a super try from Alan Burwell.

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KEIGHLEY COUGARS

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HKR Academy v Hemel Hempsted Stags

PREVIOUSLY ... ROVERS V KEIGHLEY

4th March 1990 League

Rovers 66 Keighley 10

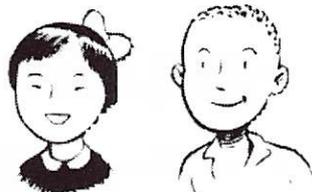
Rovers: Fairburn (T), Clark, M Fletcher (9 G'sT), Austin (2T's),
Sullivan (5T's), Smith, Bishop, Armstrong, Rudd, Ema, Botica, (3T),
Thompson (T), Lyman, Subs: Irvine, P Fletcher (T) - Both played.

13th April 1997 League

Rovers 22 Keighley 22

Rovers: M Fletcher (3G's T), Goulbourne (T), Atkins, Darcy, Rouse (T),
Gene, Smirk, Dannatt, Chamberlain (T), Hardy, Wilson, P Fletcher,
Charles, Subs: Adams (D.N.P.) Hutchinson, Bateman, Harrison.

JUNIOR ROBINS



Junior Robins or their parents are welcome to suggest ideas for future events, contact Andrea.
Please remember, *Rufus* is available to come to your party-contact Russell for further details.
Best regards - Russell.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Friday 19th May

Outdoor Games on Craven Park car park (Football.Touch-Rugby etc.)-7pm.

Friday 9th June

Meet the Players with Rovers Supporters Group at Craven Park-7pm.

JUNIOR ROBINS BIRTHDAYS JUNIOR ROBINS BIRTHDAYS

David Hall	will be 10 on the 9th May
Alex Whittle	will be 10 on the 9th May
Danny Beardshaw	will be 16 on the 10th May
Laura Dinsdale	will be 12 on the 10th May
Jamie Barron	will be 14 on the 13th May
Michael Pinder	will be 14 on the 13th May
Ritchie Hunter	will be 16 on the 17th May
Robert Hunter	will be 12 on the 17th May
Darren Anderson	will be 15 on the 20th May
Mark Hales	will be 15 on the 20th May
Adam Pugh	will be 12 on the 20th May
Louise Pearce	will be 11 on the 20th May



TODAYS MASCOT

Gareth Westmorland

Age: 7.

School: Mersey Primary

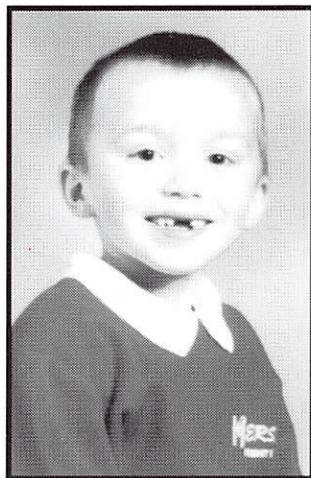
Favourite food: Chicken nuggets, chips and beans.

Favourite Player: Whetu Taewa.

I have been watching Rovers for 2 years.
go to all the home games and some away
games with my mam, dad and sister.

My Grandad still goes to Rovers, along
with my uncle, auntie, niece and nephews.
I am the 4th generation of "Westmorlands"
supporting The Robins.

I miss Stanley Gene since he left Rovers.
I enjoy being a member of the Junior Robins.



Contact Numbers:

Andrea 793833 Russell 375311.

GROUND SAFETY



We are required by the Safety Authorities to remind supporters that the grass banks around the stadium are not designated as spectator accommodation, supporters are not allowed to use the banks for this purpose.

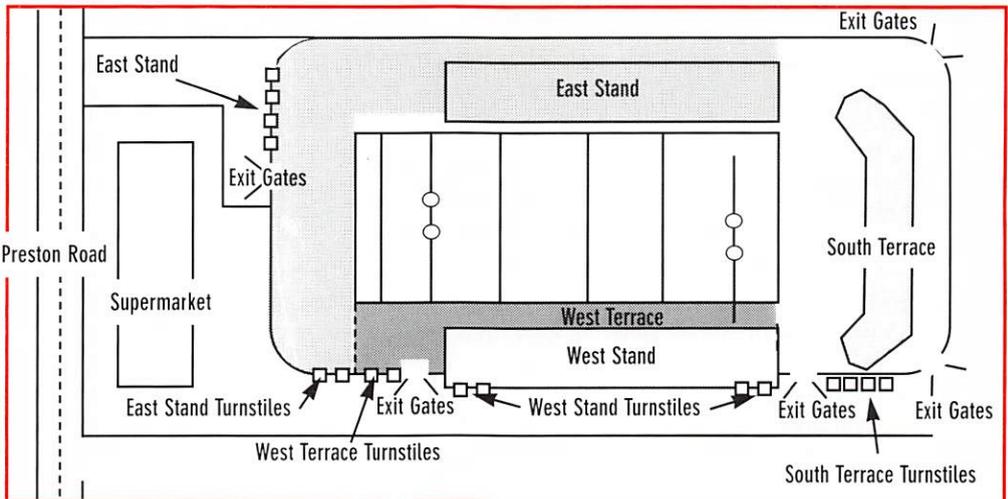
We also ask spectators to co-operate with stewards and ensure that gangways in the East Stand - painted yellow- are kept clear at all times. This also applies to the Yellow hatched areas along the front of the East Stand and the standing accommodation in front of the West Stand.

We remind supporters that foul and abusive language will not be tolerated. Offenders risk being ejected from the ground, and being permanently banned from Craven Park.

Please help us to make your visit to the stadium a pleasurable one by complying with these requirements.



PLAN OF CRAVEN PARK



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Last weekend as everyone will know was the Challenge Cup Final so I decided to treat myself with a trip up to the Scottish capital to Murrayfield to watch the game, well ok I had my arm twisted by my girlfriend who is a Bradford supporter (I'm trying to convert her though-honest!)

The Challenge Cup Final in my opinion is one of the greatest spectacles in the Rugby League calendar, the atmosphere is always fantastic, the venue magnificent and meeting fans from other teams from all across the country is also very enjoyable and just goes to prove why Rugby League is the greatest family sport in the world.

It's also amazing who you bump into over 250 miles away from home. In a stadium that holds nearly 70,000 what were the chances of sitting just 3 rows in front of a party of Rovers fans that included Club Commercial Manager John Leeman and Tannoy Announcer Ian Watson? Well it happened! You may think that the chances of this aren't that big but the fact that my ticket came from the Bradford allocation makes it even more coincidental.

I also have to say that apart from the obvious two finalists, Leeds and Bradford, the Robins seemed by far the best supported team at the final, I'm sure today's visitors Oldham will have something to say about that comment though, they themselves took a good following with them and I had the pleasure of speaking with a number of their fans on the way up. Hopefully they'll have brought a few more with them to Craven Park today though.

Overall, it was a very long and tiring but enjoyable day, although despite travelling on a coach of Bradford supporters, the atmosphere on the way back wasn't a patch on the journey back from Wembley in 1997 after we trounced Hunslet 60-14 to lift the Silk Cut Plate!

Getting back onto the website, its been another successful week with nearly 2000 visitors. The way things are going at the moment, it is well on course to have notched up a total of over 100,000 by the end of the season which I'm sure everyone will agree is quite an achievement in its two and a half years as an official website. Everything on the site is getting bigger and better, and of course is demanding more time and effort devoted to looking after it, hopefully its still providing the same quality service as it has done in the past and as it will continue to do in the future. If not then I'm sure I'd quickly get told.

Until next time. Keep visiting - www.hullkr.co.uk
Johnathon Knaggs

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Club Captain: Whetu Taewa

Coach: Mike Ford
Club Captain: Andy Proctor

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Mark Blanchard	S.O.S. Office Supplies	223792	3	Anthony Gibbons
Whetu Taewa	P & D Eng. Services Ltd.	226786	4	Pat Rich
Dean Andrews	Dennis Butler Ltd	224994	5	Warren Barrow
Leroy Joe	Southcoates Lane Carpets	712509	6	David Gibbons
Mark Hewitt	S.O.S. Office Supplies	223792	7	Neil Roden
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Gavin Molloy	Bonus Electrical	320304	14	Andy Proctor
Jamie Bovill	Brit Tyres	838148	15	Wes Rogers
Ian Kirke	Suttonway Club	374105	16	Kevin Mannion
Ryan Woods	Rovers Supporters		17	Ian Sinfield

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. N. G. Oddy
Touch Judges: Mr. S. Marshall
Mr. B. P. King

HKR Scrums				
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HKR Penalties				
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Scrum				
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Penalties				
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

H/T score:

F/T score:

Man of the match:

TODAY'S MASCOT: Gareth Westmorland