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It's play off time again and just like last year we welcome our friends from Oldham to what should be a great day of entertainment in front of a sizeable crowd. Hopefully we will win today and that could set up a revenge clash with Rochdale in the semi's, and then the big one - Widnes at Spotland. There are a few hurdles to clear after that but I fully expect the winners to be promoted. We are ready for the challenge. Promotion and relegation are vital to the integrity of any competition and just now Rugby League is under intense scrutiny as to it's future intentions. We will be part of the future of Rugby League as I am sure will Widnes, Oldham, Rochdale and any other clubs with ambition. As regards today's clash, Oldham have done it tough over the past few weeks and it was no real surprisese when they lost to Hull KR last week, who I understand "did a Rochdale" on them. The harder they tried the worse it got. They will be under no illusions as to the intensity of the competition from, now on and neither will our boys. It should be a cracker.

Enjoy the game.



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With Coach - Paul Terzis

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the tremendous contributions made to our success so far this season. First of all, of course, there are the players. Very few people really know what sacrifices this great bunch of blokes have made this season to get us to where we are today. They've trained five and six times a week and then played at the weekend - and all for very little financial reward. Then there are the directors who have made tremendous strides in the last few months with the off-field set-up and new ground improvements that you can see going ahead at a rapid pace. Then I must pay tribute to my backroom staff who have been real rocks and worked

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themselves to a standstill just to make things happen. I've leaned heavily on them and I'm proud to be working with them. Last, but by no means least, there are you the fans. I know I've said it in the past but our tremendous supporters have made a difference this season. Games like the Trans-Pennine Final and the trips to Whitehaven, Workington and Barrow spring to mind. You've been brilliant. Now's the time we can start to repay you by going on to reach the Grand Final and win it. I know this team, they won't let anybody down now. We've come too far for that.

Enjoy the game and meet me and the players afterwards for the presentations.

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some thoughts from the north

You heard him on GMR, you can hear him on the half way line. (Brian Wood offers some personal thoughts on the NFP regular season).

It is good to welcome Oldham to Hilton Park this afternoon. At least this removes one of the iniquities of the fixture planning this season. Whilst we have seen Gateshead, York, Chorley, Hunslet etc down here we have not had the pleasure of entertaining Oldham, Keighley or Doncaster all of whom drew healthy crowds to Hilton Park last year. How much money has that cost Leigh?

Ironically, it was Oldham two years ago when I first fell into the trap of contributing to the Leigh programme after commenting on the quality of the Oldham publication. However, sorry Oldham fans but I make no apology for today's revel in a reasonable position to pass some comments on the season.

Back in November, when I glanced at the new NFP fixture list, my initial reaction was that with away trips to Whitehaven, Widnes and Oldham included in the first six fixtures, if we are in touch with the top four by the middle of January we will have done well. To win at all these venues (where we had lost the previous season) was a remarkable achievement and the rest, as they say, is history. The season began to take shape with that superb Boxing day win at Widnes but, for me, the real start was in the next match when Swinton came to Hilton Park also with an unbeaten three win start. For twenty minutes there was stalemate, then Leigh suddenly turned on the style and , despite the mud, led 24-0 before the Lions touched the ball again! In that sequence, a length of the field try straight from a kickoff and finished by Neil Turley after numerous players had handled set the standard for the rest of the season.

The cup run followed interspersed with more excellent league performances and we were spoiled. For me, the season reached a peak at Wilderspool when we gave such a good account of ourselves and, by this stage, the media had already awarded the NFP title to the Centurions. The inevitable lull followed with that awful first half against Batley and the defeat at Doncaster but the superb second half defensive effort at Keighley and the Good Friday defeat of Widnes put us back on track and it's been fairly plain sailing since then (apart from Spotland!) including those heady four days when we won two trophies. There's been a bit of a dip in form since the trophies were wrapped up but it was good to see the team perform so well in the second half against Featherstone a fortnight ago. Is it too much to hope that, this time we can go all the way.

There's nothing like a good argument amongst sports fans so here are a few personal awards from this season. If you disagree or want to add your own why not Email or contact the programme editor at the club in time for the next home game, hopefully in a fortnight's time.

Most Significant Moment.

Neil Turley's try at Widnes. The Svabic kick and Turley chase paid off for the first time and Turley the star was born.

Best Tackle

Michael Watts in the last minute at Keighley. The game was won but that epitomised the spirit in the camp.

Best Performance.

In defeat at Warrington. A proud day all round and still Warrington's biggest attendance of the season!

Worst Moment.

The last minute at Doncaster.

Champagne Moment

Seeing 'try' on the big screen after Neil turley scored against Salford. The Svabic/Turley kick again.

Best Half

There are many to chooses from but how about the first half at Sheffield? Remember we were decimated by injuries that day.

Worst half

Has to be the second at Spotland but the first against Batley ran it close.

Most Forgotten Game.

Against Hunslet at home. an object (or abject) lesson in how to slow a game down. Even York didn't try to do that. West Hull were cleverer at it than Hunslet.

Best Try

Individual: Has to be Neil Turley against Widnes on Good Friday.

Team: Hardest decision of all but how about the first against Hull KR scored by Dave Ingram?

Best Referee

Graeme Shaw. Best of a very select bunch

Worst Referee

Too many contenders to decide but Messrs Nicholson and Oddy come to mind.

Long Odds

Neil Turley's hat trick. Two in the last two minutes at Chorley followed by one in the first minute at Oldham. Is this a record?

Tim Street converting four tries last week!

Player of the Season

Impossible, absolutely impossible.

Anything else

The away support turning many away game into a 'home' one. The Centurions visit produced the biggest home gate at many clubs, notably Widnes, Warrington, Keighley and Oldham.

So season 2000/2001 has produced some superb memories. Let's hope there's more to come.

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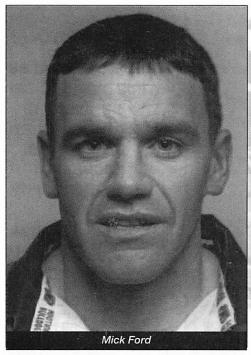
welcome to oldham

Welcome to Mick Ford and his team for only the second time this season (see Brian Wood on page 4). On that frozen Boundary Park pitch on 14th January the Centurions played some excellent free flowing rugby to win decisively. Apart from a disappointing period about Easter the Roughyeds have had an outstanding season - until their disappointing performance at Hull KR last Sunday they had won 11 on the trot.

OLDHAM RLFC - PEN PICTURES

Staff

Mick Ford - Player/Coach with a wealth of experience with Wigan, Leigh, Castleford and Warrington amongst his former clubs. In his second season coaching with the club and one of the brightest young coaches in the game he recently signed a new three year contract.



John Henderson - Assistant coach who was a prolific try scorer in his playing days. Worked with Mike Ford previously with Bramley.

Hayden Walker - Under 21s coach formerly with Wigan and Rochdale he worked in the south of England as a development officer at Hemel Hempstead before heading back north.

Mark Knight - Academy Coach and formerly the Academy Coach at Widnes. Mark is also a well respected Coach Educator.

Players

Mark Sibson - Former Loughborough student who has had spells at Castleford and Bramley. Very elusive runner from full back capable of scoring from long range.

Joey Hayes - A firm favourite with the Oldham crowd this former superleague star with St. Helens and Salford is always likely to get on the scoresheet. Anthony Gibbons - Former Leeds and Bramley player with a good step off either foot. Also one of the best defensive centres in the NFP.

Pat Rich - Geordie Law Graduate who was previously with Keighley. A very reliable goal kicker he represented England students in the Student World Cup Final.

Dave Gibbons - Twin brother of Anthony he too played for Bramley and Leeds. Very pacey with an eye for the opening. He is an aggressive defender, he also has a good kicking game.

Neil Roden - A product of the Wigan Academy set up he joined the club last year. Has grown in stature ever since. He is a scrum half with good hands and a sound kicking game.

Jason Clegg - A massive prop with deceptive agility, he gives the team a big go forward and a quick play the ball.

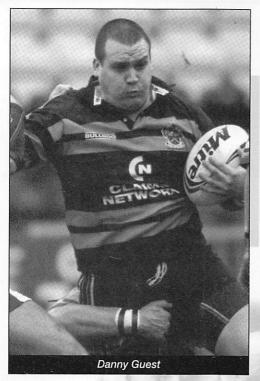
John Hough - The clubs first ever signing this Oldham born hooker was the clubs player of the season last year. Very fast out of dummy half he is a regular try scorer.

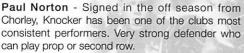
Andy Procter - Club captain and a prop with a big workrate. Formerly with Wakefield and Bramley.

Leo Casey - Now reaching the veteran stage an Irish International prop with a wealth of experience. Former clubs include Rochdale Hornets.

Danny Guest -Huge young prop formerly with Keighley and Chorley. Has started to push through this season and big things are expected from him.

Phillip Farrell - second row who joined the club along with Neil Roden. Brother of England captain Andrew he is probably the most exciting young second row in the NFP. A massive workrate and a great pair of hands.



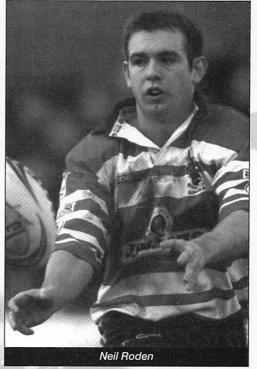


lan Sinfield - Oldham born player equally at home at loose forward or second row. An aggressive defender with pace running out wide.

Kevin Mannion - Former Student International player a loose forward with good hands. Wigan born and another former Rochdale player.

Gareth Barber - Young stand off born in Oldham and signed in the summer from Warrington. A player with huge potential he has already played a number of first team games.

Daryl Lacey - Young winger or full back signed in the summer from Wigan. A player with plenty of



pace and a safe pair of hands.

Chris Farrell - Twin brother of Phil and another summer signing from Wigan. A loose forward with great vision.

Gavin Dodd - Young full back or winger and a former Student International. A very elusive runner with great pace.

Lee Doran - Teenage prop who has been starring with clubs Alliance team. A very exciting prospect.

Keith Brennan - Reserve team scrum half coming back after a serious knee injury. Expected to push strongly for a first team place when back to full fitness.

Warren Barrow - Big winger signed from St. Helens. A regular try scorer last season and strong finisher.

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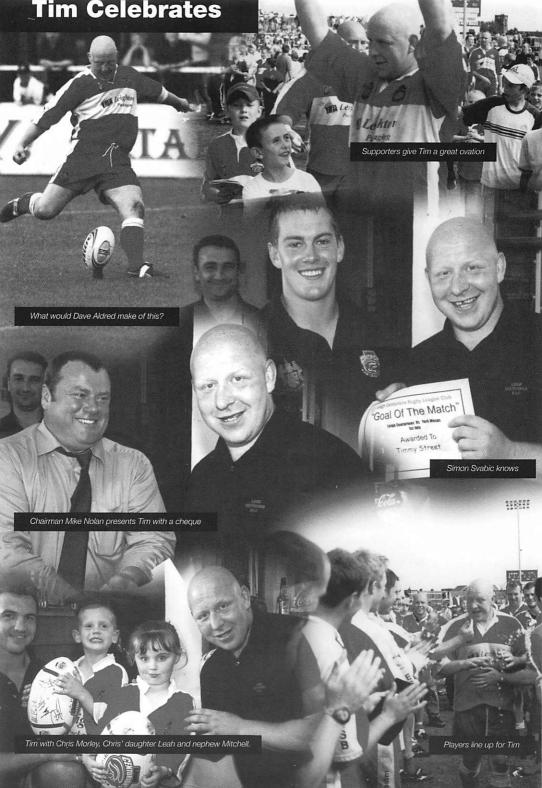
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that community spirit

Malcolm Reilly, in his book 'A Life in Rugby League' writes of his time coaching Newcastle. 'The significant point to keep emphasising is that the Knights strength came from its vast infrastructure of juniors in the area. That bred so much local pride among the players, and everyone connected with the club. Maybe that was intensified because we were perceived as "the country boys" from outside the city of Sydney. But I know from just listening to the players talk how very emotional and motivating it was to be associated with a group of guys so passionate for the area they came from".

Looking at the early season Centurions team photograph one is reminded that half the squad is Leigh born, as are most of the back room staff. Leigh have a large number of juniors playing the game in the area - certainly if we remember the size of the town. For many years the most talented were enticed away by wealthier local clubs offering big contracts. The club is now working hard through its Youth Development work, Scholarship scheme, Academy, and its increasing success on the field, to correct that. The Junior Centurions also play a big part in making todays younger generation part and parcel of the club - the future supporters are just as important as the future players - you can't have one without the other, and maybe Leigh born players can be likened to the Newcastle "country boys" from outside the bigger towns of Wigan, Warrington and St. Helens.

'Nearly all the Knights players were locals who had come through the juniors. That pride helps you go that little bit further when the going gets tough because you know you're not just playing for yourself, you're playing for the community in which you live. And that's the way it used to be in England, certainly for towns like Castleford and Featherstone'. There are many similarities between those towns and Leigh - working class towns, towns built on mining and textiles, with Rugby as the major winter sport. 'It's something that worries me about the game at home now.... television coverage of sport, not just Rugby League, has also hit the smaller clubs. When I was growing up in Kippax,

95% of people would be staunch Castleford supporters. Now I see hordes of new Leeds Rhinos fans there. It seems people are very fickle in the modern age - they follow the glamour of whoever happens to be a winning team - there are no firm roots there. Now, because of television, you see hordes of Manchester Utd. fans travelling out of Castleford every week. This increasing failure to capture that local element of support can only be damaging to the long term future of the small-town rugby league team'.

The Centurions continue to be a community club. Many of those involved in the day to day running of the club, whether as employees, or as volunteers, are Leigh born and bred. They have supported the club all their lives, as did their parents and grand-parents. But over the years many have dropped by the way side. As Reilly said people are increasingly fickle. Summer rugby has lost Leigh numerous supporters - would they come back if Leigh were in Super League? I hope so but I'm not convinced and these are not so much the fickle ones - they are those who have always had other interests in summer.

Leigh have never had big money behind them, but whilst hanging on to that vital element of community they do need to face up to change. In fact, whether it is Super League or another year in the NFP, change will be forced on the club. And that will be brought about by finance - or the lack of it.

Reilly concludes, 'that strength of local pride was a great motivational factor. There was an enormous amount of peer pressure on the players and they took that responsibility on board and got the job done. If one individual player was letting the team down in one particular area, the peer pressure alone would ensure he knew about it and had to shape up'. He was referring to his time in Australia but I am sure Paul Terzis and his squad are100% in agreement. And the community are behind them.

'Reilly - A Life in Rugby League' with Malcolm Reilly and Harry Edgar is published by Mainstream Sport @ £7.99.

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A below par performance from the team who had set themselves high standards. Having said that York certainly came to play Rugby and gave us a game.

The visitors took an early lead and we struggled for a while, failing to hold the ball and conceding too many penalties. On drawing level after 20 minutes we began to control the game. Our power, pace

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The Roughyeads fell away after establishing an early 12 point lead, hooker Daryl Lacey being a key figure in all 3 Oldham tries before suffering injury. After the interval Leigh stretched them with some excellent cross-field passing. Both teams were fully committed and the tackling was ferocious. Craig Wingfield had a strong game for Leigh who now go on to

and skill began to kick in. In the second half we scored some excellent tries.

Although the Leigh coaching staff thought it a jaded performance the York coach commented 'Your support play was superb and you are by far the best team in the Division', which was encouraging.

The 'Man of the Match' award went to Anthony Blackwood who had a strong all round game. Our next home game is against Oldham on 14th. July.

Hope to see you there. Darren Abram

meet Widnes on July 5th (A) - the winner progressing to the Grand Final.

Team: Darren Pilkington; David Jones, Alan Cross, Chris Halliwell, Andy Parker; Chris Dootson, Lee Sanderson; Rob Ball, Safraz Patel, Paul Norman, Craig Wingfield, Ian Hodson, Jason Johnson. Subs: Neil Donlan, Simon Hartley, James Lomax, Colin Milner.

Tries: Wingfield, Pilkington, Cross, Donlan, Milner. Goals: Sanderson (2), Wingfield, Dootson (FG).

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Michael Watts gets away v Feathersone

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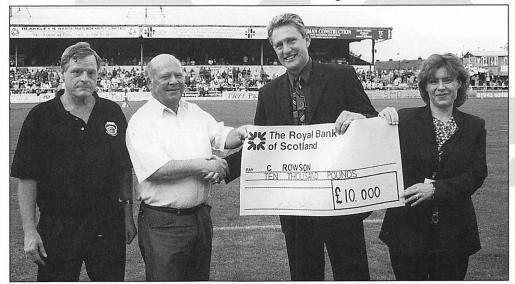
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rugby league hall of fame

At half time at the World Cup Final at Old Trafford in November three new players, Vince Karalius, Roger Millward, and Tom Van Vollenhoven were inducted into the Hall of Fame - the first additions for ten years. Last season the Leigh programme included photos and pen pictures of members of the Hall of Fame. We now bring the Hall up to date.

Tom Van Vollenhoven

The professional Rugby League game in Britain for most of the 20th Century may have been geographically restricted to the three former northern England counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland but the whole history of the game is littered with the mighty deeds of young men who arrived from other parts of the world to become heroes in the folklore of this mighty sport that gave them free rein to use their skills and athletic abilities.

Many came from Australia, New Zealand and Wales, with even a few from Scotland - and also they came from South Africa. Countless footballers travelled from that southern land of the dark continent where rugby union had become such a passion of the



white colonial settlers. Many tried, but only a few were real successes in the fast moving Rugby League code - and none was a bigger star than Tom Van Vollenhoven.

He was a Springbok international winger from a town called Bethlehem, who came to England to join St Helens in 1957. Eleven years and 395 tries later, Vollenhoven left Knowsley Road as a hero never to be for-

gotten.

The pace and artistry of "the Van" left an indelible mark on Rugby League in Britain - and among eleven years of magic from the South African, two particular big occasions - and two particular tries - will always be remembered by people way beyond the legions of Saints fans who were there to cheer them.

The first was in the 1959 Championship Final against Hunslet at Odsal Stadium, when Vollenhoven scored his most famous individual try. The second two years later in the Challenge Cup Final against Wigan at Wembley, when he finished off a beautiful inter-passing extravaganza with his centre Ken Large that covered the full length of the field.

Tom Van Vollenhoven had the name, the look, and the language that made him stand out as being different from the norm in the north of England communities that nurtured Rugby League. Rarely was a sporting legend more perfect.

Vince Karalius

There are a handful of names in the long history of Rugby League which, when they are whispered, still send shivers down the backbone. Vince Karalius is at the top of that list - his name still remembered and spoken of in awe, especially by Australians.

It's a measure of the impact Vinty made on the Aussies, because he only ever played there in two Tests, one in Brisbane and one in Sydney, on the 1958 tour - and that was the only Ashes winning series he played in. Karalius did, however, play in Great Britain's World Cup winning team in 1960.

But when you talk about legendary icons of the game, Vince is right up there. He played a leading part in that greatest of all Test dramas in Brisbane in 1958. With skipper Prescott playing with a broken arm, and stand-off Dave Bolton off the field with a broken collar bone, it was Karalius who switched to the pivotal role. And, despite being crippled with a back-injury that required him to be literally picked up and pushed back out of the dressing-room for the



second-half, Vince played his way into history.

The legend built up around Karalius is one of his famous hardness - but unlike other characters whose reputations were often cemented by controversy - Vince was a scrupulously fair player. As tough and strong as they come, but a man

who took pride in the honour of playing the game in true sporting spirit

He had great respect for Alan Prescott, his captain at both St Helens and on his one Lions tour, and Karalius himself emerged as a leader of men - captaining Saints to Wembley glory in '61 and returning three years later to lead his home town Widnes to the Challenge Cup. Vince was very much a players' man, but the widespread respect for him remains throughout the world of Rugby League.

Roger Millward

Rugby League has always been a game for players of all shapes and sizes - but the one quality essential in any man who played the game has always been courage. In little Roger Millward, British sport had a braveheart of gigantic proportions - despite his tiny frame.

Roger was a dominant figure in international teams in an era when the game started to change and the balance of power edged towards the Australians -but not before he starred in the incredible Ashes triumph of 1970, the last time Great Britain won the mythical symbol of worldwide dominance. It was Millward who strode onto a pass from Doug Laughton and set sail for the corner at the Sydney Cricket Ground on July 4,1970 to score the try that sealed the Ashes for the British for the last time in the 20th Century. Roger jumped for joy after the touchdown, as television commentator Eddie Waring's voice whooped with delight - such was the emotion of the occasion.

Millward played for Great Britain in 29 major internationals, but his Test record would have been much higher had it not

been England rather than the Great Britain team for much of his career at the top - and had injuries not forced him to miss out on

several major occasions, most notably the 1970 and 1972 World Cups. Despite that, Roger Millward established a remarkable record of going on more tours down-under than any other player, a total of six made up of three full Lions tours in 1970, '74 and '79, and the World Cup tournaments in 1968, '75 and '77, the latter two as captain. Millward was a star whilst still a schoolboy in his native Castleford, before being signed from his hometown club by Hull KR as a 17 year old for the then considerable fee of £6,000. It proved to be a wonderful investment by the Robins, as Roger went on to give them great service as both player and coach for many years. He made his Great Britain debut as a substitute against the 1965 Kiwis whilst only 18 years of age, and captained his country on many occasions, from both stand-off and serum-half. Roger battled to overcome serious injuries on several occasions. including playing most of his long awaited Wembley appearance in 1980 with a broken jaw, a Final in which he still managed to lead his Robins team to victory over local rivals Hull FC.





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The Junior Centurions would like to welcome the Oldham supporters who have made the journey to Hilton Park this afternoon.

Today's game is of course a repeat of last years exciting major semi final although this year at least the losers will get a second bite of the cherry.

Although up until last weekend it didn't look as though we would meet Oldham in the play off rounds and certainly not this early it's good to see the Oldham supporters here today. Many Leigh supporters were disappointed that we didn't have a home fixture against the Roughyeds this year as it is one of the few fixtures which guarantees a good away following.

junior centurions

Apparently Oldham will be playing any home games in the play-offs at Hilton Park so this might not be their last visit here this season.

Finally, for all of our young supporters, don't forget to come to the Tuck Shop under the score board to vote for today's McDonald's Junior Centurion Man ofthe Match. Congratulations to Timmy Street who not surprisingly won last weeks vote. Although Timmy is retiring from Rugby League he is allegedly considering taking up American Football next season. As one of the guys who comes on just to take goal kicks!!

todays mascot

ZACHARY HOWARTH

Age: 7

School: Beech House School, Bolton.

Hobbies: Swimming, football, watching Leigh Favourite Players: Simon Baldwin & Timmy Street



centurions rugby cards

As you may already be aware, over the course of the season the Centurions have teamed up with Leigh Police to produce 24 Rugby cards in support of 'Operation Hawk', a police operation aimed at reducing the number of young people who become victims of street robbery in the Leigh area. This joint initiative has resulted in nearly 200,000 cards being distributed throughout the area via schools, 'The Colosseum', police officers and direct to the fans on match days. As well as a safety message on each card the cards also carry a competition question about the Centurions.

If you wish to enter the competition, please write in to PC Kevin Byrne, Wigan Police Station, Community Affairs Department, Harrogate Street, Wigan. WN1 1DX with your 24 answers on a piece of paper. Please state your name, address, age and telephone number clearly. All entries must be received by Monday 16th. July 2001. A junior winner and adult winner will be drawn that day and the winners informed by telephone. The adult winner will receive a Centurion season ticket for the new season and the junior winner a full replica kit.



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			Simon Svabic	BODY IMAGE GYM	6	Neil Roden			
			Willie Swann	GRAINEY BUILDERS	7	Keith Brennan			
			Dave Whittle	TONY'S FISH & CHIP SHOP	8	Leo Casey			
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			Dave Bradbury	KEN WINSTANLEY & SONS	10	Paul Norton			
			Simon Baldwin	MICK LYNCH	11	Phil Farrell			
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Touch Judges: Mr. I Fairweather Mr. M J Wilson

Leigh Centurions Rugby League Club Honours

Championship Winners 1905-06 • Division One Championship Winners 1981-82 • Division Two Championship Winners 1977-78, 1985-88, 1988-89 • Challenge Cup Winners 1920-21 1970 71 • Lancashire Cup Winners 1952-53, 1955-58, 1970-71, 1981-82 • Lancashire Cup Beaten Finalists 1905-08,1909-10,1920-21, 1922-23, 1949-50, 1951-52, 1963-64, 1969-70 • BBC2 Floodlit Trophy Winners 1969-70,1972-73 • BBC2 Floodlit Trophy Beaten Finalists 1967-68, 1976-77 • N.F.P Grand Final Runners-Up 2000

MATCH RECORDS Goals: 15 by Mick Stacey v Doncaster 28/3/76 Tries: 6 by Jack Wood v York 4/10/47 & Neil Turley v Workington 31/1/01 Points: 38 by John Woods v Ryedale York 12/1/92 • SEASON RECORDS Goals: 173 by Chris Johnson 1985-88 Tries: by Neil Turley 2000-01 Points: 400 by Chris Johnson 1985-86 • CAREER RECORDS Goals: 1,043 by Jim Ledgard 1948-58 Tries: 189 by Mick Martyn 1954-67: Points: 2,492 by John Woods 1976-85,1990-92 RECORD APPEARANCES 503 by Albert Worrall 1921-35, 1936-38 BIGGEST WIN 92-2 v Keighley 30/4/86 HIGHEST ATTENDANCE 31,224 v St Helens 14/3/53

• WORLD RECORD Tries in a season by a Full Back: by Neil Turley 2000-01,