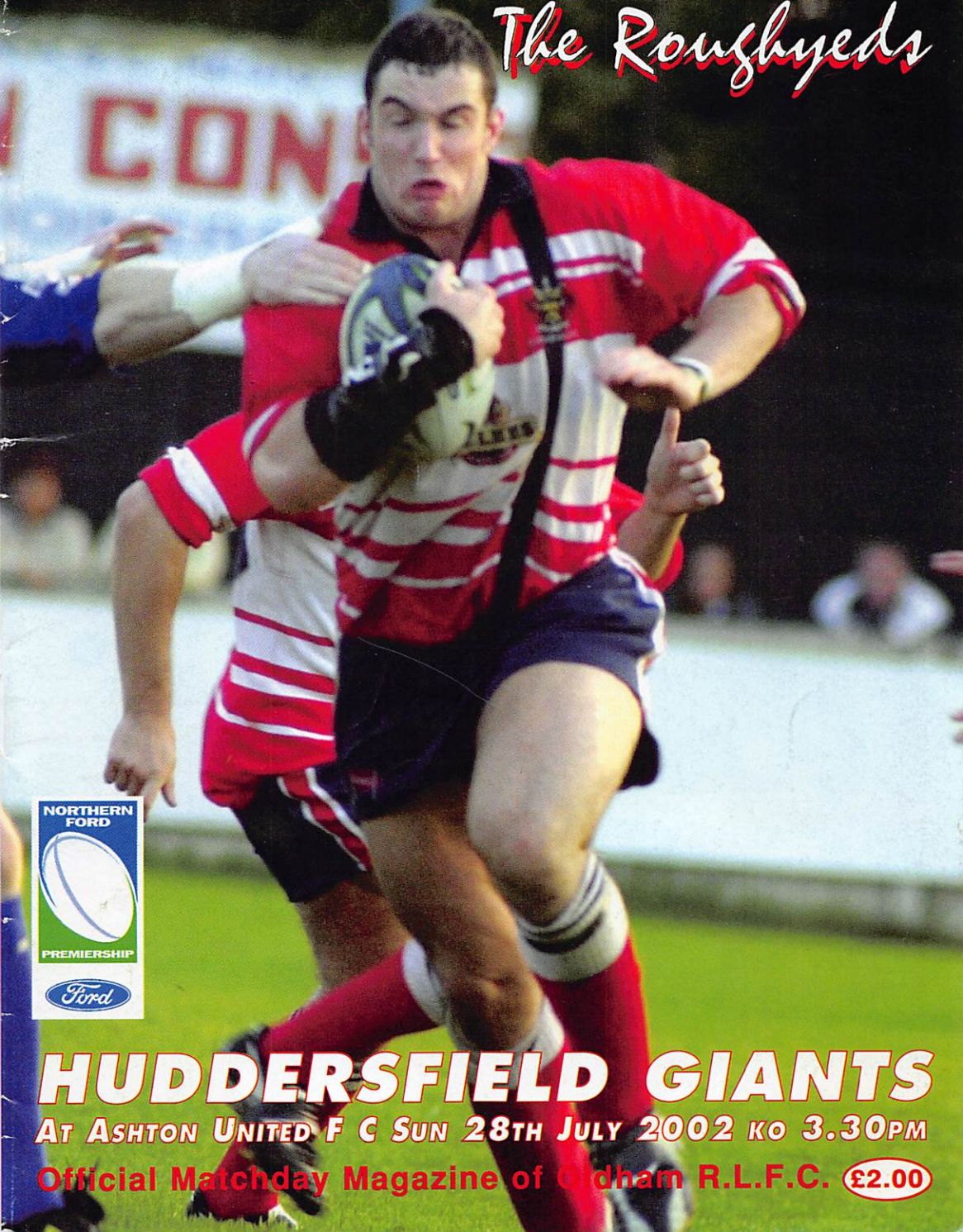


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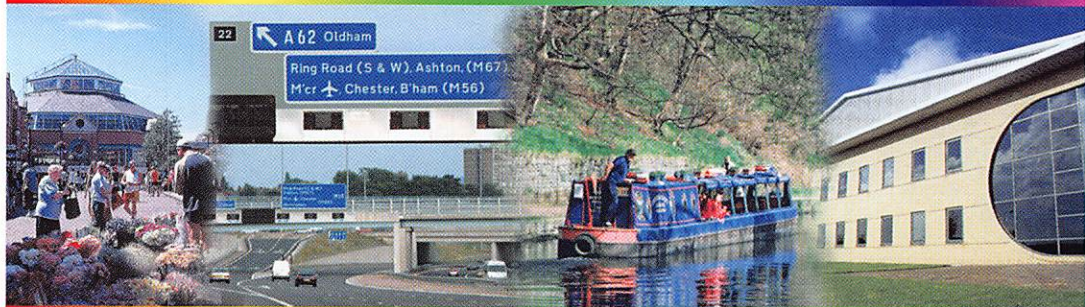
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with *Christopher Hamilton*



TODAY we attempt to do what nobody else has yet done and beat Huddersfield Giants in a league game. It is going to be a massive task and the players know that but they are up for the challenge.

A lot has been spoken about the 'perceived' advantages that Huddersfield have had this season but I have made it clear that the only thing Huddersfield have that nobody else does is Ken Davy, their rich Chairman!

You only need to look at the league table, however, to see that being a full time operation makes an enormous difference and the question has to be asked that if any other relegated side has the ability to keep its players full time than have we made the Northern Ford Premiership a meaningless competition because in theory the only teams that will ever get into Super League will be the teams already there plus the team relegated the season before.

Without a doubt it is a situation that needs to be looked at because we may have inadvertently stopped most teams from ever reaching 'The Holy Grail'.

Nearer to home our own teams efforts to win 3 games in 8 days ultimately fell down as a result of a once in a lifetime try by a Wigan player!! Victory at Whitehaven would have capped a great feat by the players but it was not to be.

Even though we lost that game the team has again shown its tremendous spirit and nobody could fault the players after they had dragged themselves back to a position to win.

What we must not do is start feeling sorry for ourselves because that way we will lose our focus for the remaining games. We have, however, clearly demonstrated this season that we are capable of living with the teams in this division who will be challenging for honours. At times we can be our own worse enemies but rest assured the players are determined to keep working hard.

We had a large following up at Whitehaven which was much appreciated and all we ask again today is that you give the team your vocal backing as ever.

Enjoy the game.

Chris



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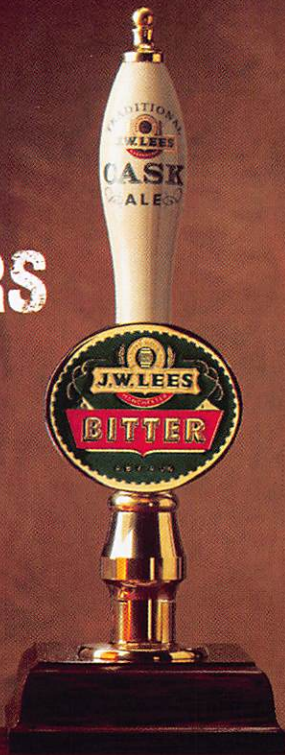
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COACH'S COMMENTS... with Steve Molloy

A VERY special welcome to Ken Davy, Ralf Rimmer and especially Tony Smith and his Huddersfield squad who this time last year were team members of mine.

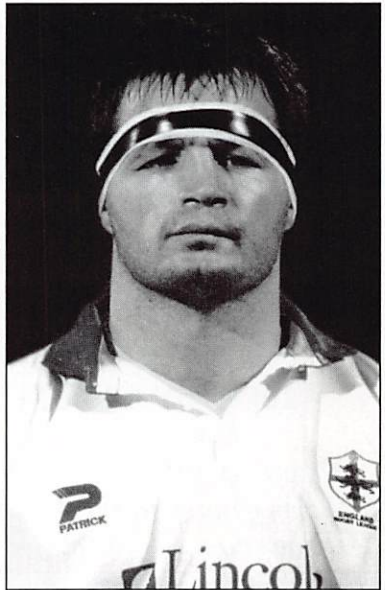
I feel today will be a benchmark for us to see how much we have improved over my short term at the helm. It will be a formidable task for our squad but one our players will relish and are capable of.

A special thanks too to all the diehards who travelled up to Whitehaven, with seventy nine minutes gone I thought we had rewarded you all, but that's another story!

Needless to say the whole club was disappointed and we have vowed never let it happen again, that defeat can only make us stronger.

The club today are expecting the biggest gate of the year, so let's be vocal and get behind the guys.

Enjoy the game,



Steve

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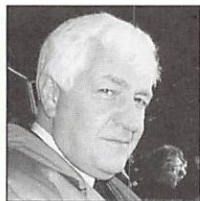
FOUR games into Steve Molloy's stewardship of the Oldham club and it's two wins and two defeats. And still Oldham sit outside the crucial top nine. However, anyone watching the Roughyeds in those four games will have noticed a significant improvement. Without doubt the side has shown much greater method and organisation in those games, playing good repeat sets of six tackles and defending with much greater determination and purpose. The tragedy is that against both Leigh and Whitehaven Oldham were unable to turn their quality performances into points. For any neutral supporters last week's game at Whitehaven was about as good as the N.F.P. gets but the winning score at the death was at once exhilarating or heartbreaking depending on your point of view. Coming back from 10-0 down and then 16-6 behind Oldham showed remarkable resilience and patience. Then, to level the scores before snatching a vital one pointer which appeared to have settled the outcome was a tribute to a set of players whose never-say-die attitude is outstanding. I can only imagine the utter devastation the players would have felt in the dressing room after Rob Jackson's length of the field score to settle the outcome. Nevertheless, one thing is certain, Oldham's players bumps, bruises, injuries, setbacks and all will be back fired up and raring to go today against Huddersfield. I know it's preaching to the converted because if you are reading this programme the chances are you are a dyed-in-the-wool Oldham fan and I only wish we could get across to a wider

Oldham public just how committed the current Roughyed squad is and what exceptional football they are capable of playing. Yes, I know it's not Super League, but if you love a trier you should be right behind this bunch no matter what.

Incidentally, all praise to Stephen Bowes writing in this week's League Express for one of the best match reports I have read in a long time.



On the wider R.L. front Great Britain's performance in the one off Test in Sydney was a huge disappointment. As usual no-one wants to take responsibility for the cock-eyed decision to play this game (will Gary Hetherington please stand up at the back there?) but there is no doubt it has done a great deal of harm to the international game. Nevertheless, we must not let this push international football onto the back burner. It was noticeable in the build up to the game that Australia v Great Britain really grabs the headlines. Much improved press coverage was accompanied by excellent reporting on the radio. Pre-match interviews with Dave Woods and full match live commentary from Sydney on Radio Five Live are worth their weight in gold. Chris Caisley please note! So, for the future what we need is better planning and player preparation so that games aren't quite so one sided. Oh! for the days of full tours and the possibility of a worthwhile trip Down Under. But then, as long as we have summer rugby there's not much chance of that, is there?



'THE DON'

ON THIS DAY . . .

Don Yates looks back to July 28th yesteryear

SUNDAY 28th July 1996 was not a good day to be an Oldham rugby fan. Because that day the Roughyeds lost 56-0 to Bradford Bulls over at Odsal Stadium. At loose forward for the Bulls in that match was Steve McNamara who landed eight goals. He is now with to-days visitors Huddersfield and will be aiming to add further distress to Oldham and their followers. Incidentally one of the Bradford substitutes that afternoon was Simon Knox who joined Oldham at the beginning of this season but who then moved on to Leigh after just three first team outings.

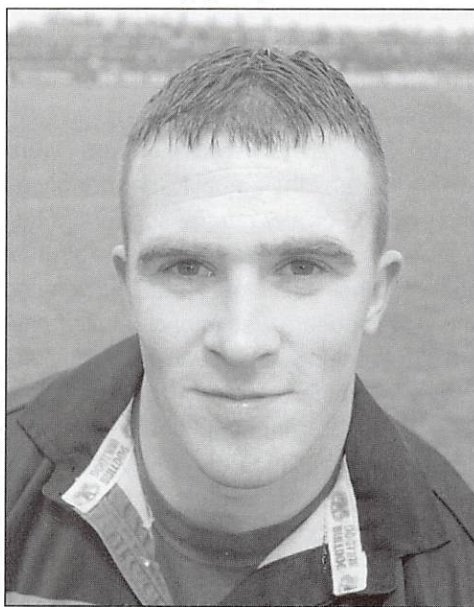
Saturday 28th July 2001 was another disappointing afternoon for the Roughyed faithful, for it was exactly twelve months ago that Widnes beat Oldham in the Northern Ford Premiership Grand Final. A Spotland crowd numbering 8,974, the biggest attendance for a NFP final, saw Widnes recover from an early Keith Brennan try to lead 24-4. Late touchdowns from Mike Ford and Kevin Mannion plus a conversion from Pat Rich made the final score 24-14.

On the same afternoon, Saturday 28th July 2001, the English academy team demolished the Junior Kiwis 72-16 after they, too, had fallen behind to an early try. It was a magnificent performance by the English boys who, with this win at Christchurch, won the test series 2-0. Included in the English line-up at substitute was Huddersfield's Eorl Crabtree, a young giant who plays centre but who can also play prop or second-row.

Eighteen years ago the senior British Lions were in New Zealand although they did not meet with the same success as last years tourists. In fact the 1984 tour proved to be a disaster as far as results were concerned. Although the Lions lost only one of the five regional matches played in New Zealand, they became the first tourists to lose all three tests. On Saturday 28th July 1984 the third test was lost 32-16 after Britain conceded 24 points in the closing 25 minutes. Two Oldham players were included in the Great Britain pack that afternoon, second-row forward Andy Goodway and loose-forward Terry Flanagan.

In 1997 a BARLA under-18 squad toured Australia where, on Monday 28th July, they defeated Penrith & District by 30 points to ten.

A try scorer for the tourists in that match was local halfback Paul Ashton, then of Saddleworth Rangers but now in the professional game with Keighley. Also included in the BARLA squad for that tour was another Saddleworth junior, second-row forward David Best, whilst Will Cowell, then of Kells but now here with the Roughyeds, also made that tour.



Will Cowell

That BARLA match was a curtain raiser to the Penrith Panthers-Bradford Bulls World Club Championship match. The Panthers beat the Bulls 54-14. Included in the Bradford line-up was centre Graeme Bradley who later enjoyed a spell on the coaching staff with the Roughyeds and who now, surprisingly, is contemplating a move into the refereeing ranks. The Australian clubs enjoyed much the better of the exchanges during that tournament but that day, Monday 28th July 1997, Wigan pulled off a rare British success when they defeated Canterbury 31-24. The Bulldogs had two players sent off which enabled the pie-eaters to stage a thrilling revival after being twelve points in arrears.

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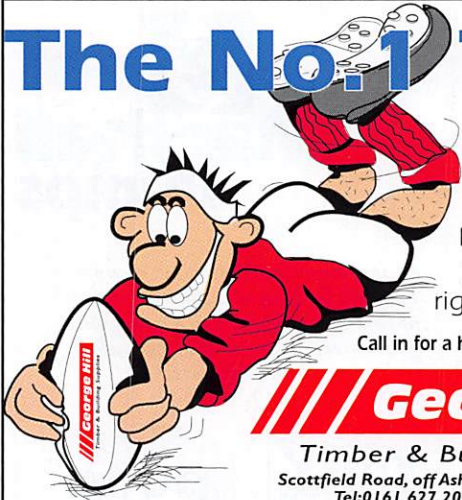
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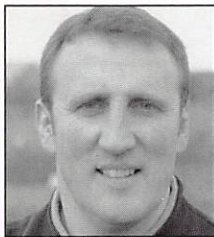
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ACADEMY FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

MAY

11	OLDHAM	v	Sheffield Eagles	W 22-20
15	OLDHAM	v	Keighley Cougars	W 60-12
18	OLDHAM	v	Workington Town	P
25	Dewsbury Rams	v	OLDHAM	L 20-12

JUNE

2	Keighley Cougars	v	OLDHAM	W 46-26
8	OLDHAM	v	Whitehaven	P
16	Sheffield Eagles	v	OLDHAM	W 40-36
22	OLDHAM	v	Doncaster Dragons	2.30
29	Barrow Raiders	v	OLDHAM	W 31-14

JULY

6	OLDHAM	v	Leigh Centurions	L 6-46
21	Whitehaven	v	OLDHAM	L 36-20
27	OLDHAM	v	Barrow Raiders	2.30

AUGUST

3	OLDHAM	v	Dewsbury Rams	2.30
11	Leigh Centurions	v	OLDHAM	12.45
18	Workington Town	v	OLDHAM	1.00

SEPTEMBER

1	Doncaster Dragons	v	OLDHAM	1.00
8	Academy First Division Grand Final Play Offs			
21	Academy Championship Grand Final Play Offs			
28	Academy First Division Grand Final			

'Workington have indicated that they have disbanded their Academy side but until official notification is received from the RFL the matches are still included within the fixture list'.

Senior Academy Championship

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts
Leeds Rhinos	14	13	0	1	609	204	405	26
Wigan Warriors	14	12	0	2	610	240	370	24
Hull FC	14	10	0	4	468	339	129	20
Halifax Blue Sox	14	9	0	5	407	291	116	18
Bradford Bulls	12	7	0	5	445	343	102	14
Castleford Tigers	14	7	0	7	306	375	-69	14
Hull KR	14	7	0	7	360	436	-76	14
Salford City Reds	14	6	0	8	363	377	-14	12
Wakefield T W	13	5	0	8	219	378	-159	10
St Helens	13	4	0	9	364	564	-200	8
Widnes Vikings	13	4	0	9	194	502	-308	8
Huddersfield Gts	13	3	1	9	282	343	-61	7
Featherstone R	14	3	1	10	292	424	-132	7
Warrington W	13	3	0	10	314	361	-47	6

Senior Academy First Division

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts
Leigh Centurions	11	11	0	0	556	128	428	22
Oldham	9	7	0	2	317	214	103	14
Doncaster D	9	4	1	4	333	298	35	9
Sheffield Eagles	9	4	0	5	260	266	-6	8
Barrow Raiders	11	4	0	7	287	354	-67	8
Dewsbury Rams	10	3	1	6	262	246	16	7
Whitehaven	8	3	0	5	196	272	-76	6
Workington Town	7	3	0	4	112	252	-140	6
Keighley Cougars	9	2	0	7	164	415	-251	4

The above table does not include Oldham's recent result against Whitehaven.

U21 ALLIANCE SPRING CUP RESULTS

Thursday	14th February	Dewsbury Rams	(A)	Won	18-12
Saturday	2nd March	Rochdale Hornets	(A)	Lost	32-10
Saturday	22nd March	Workington Town	(H)	Won	30-14
Saturday	30th March	Batley Bulldogs	(A)	Lost	74-8
Saturday	6th April	Rochdale Hornets	(H)	Lost	22-10
Saturday	13th April	Batley Bulldogs	(H)	Won	48-20
Thursday	25th April	Batley Bulldogs (Semi Finals)	(A)	Lost	36-18

U21 ALLIANCE CONTINUATION LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday	18th May	Batley Bulldogs	(A)	Won	52-6
Thursday	23rd May	Rochdale Hornets	(H)	Won	22-21
Thursday	6th June	Batley Bulldogs	(H)	Won	48-22
Thursday	13th June	Rochdale Hornets	(A)	Lost	52-0

NFP Round Up

WHO'D be a timekeeper? After standing in for John Barrett at Whitehaven last weekend I have relived that last try time and time again. As that scrum went down there was literally less than 20 seconds left and as the ball came out it was agreed the next tackle or break in play would be the last. But as all Oldham supporters will lament the break in play came 80 metres away as 'Haven right centre Rob Jackson plonked the ball over the Oldham line! What I'd like to have done with that bloody hooter! It's a long trip back from Cumbria when you win but it takes an eternity when you lose!



And congratulations to the Oldham marketing team who put on a smashing weekend for fans up in Whitehaven. The break hosted by Chris Hamilton and Nigel Martland was a resounding success. Whitehaven, bolstered by regeneration grants, was a pleasant surprise to most and is fast becoming the resort town for the Lakes. Boasting one of the most picturesque award winning harbours in the UK, around which, earlier this summer ten thousand congregated on a wet midweek evening to listen to the Liverpool Philharmonic. This old but go-ahead modernising rugby league town driven by go-ahead local and county authorities pines for rugby success just as the RL cries out for a strong West Cumbria presence. Slap bang centre of an area steeped in rugby league tradition and supported by a host of strong amateur sides a town that can provide a bandstand to attract ten thousand surely can provide a platform from which to launch a strong, perhaps Super League standard, Whitehaven rugby side.



Without tempting fate here is the formula to determine the contestants of the NFP Grand Final scheduled for Saturday October 12th (Scotland reputed to be favourite to host). The NFP league programme ends Sunday 8th of September and the top 9 play-offs begin the following weekend (Sun 15th Sept)

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WEEK ONE ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2002)

Match A	Team 4	v	Team 9
Match B	Team 5	v	Team 8
Match C	Team 6	v	Team 7

Clubs 1, 2 & 3 bye - Winners to the preliminary semi-finals, losers eliminated

WEEK TWO PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2002)

Match D	Team 1	v	Team 2
Match E	Team 3	v	Lowest placed qualifying club
Match F	Highest placed qualifying club	v	Middle placed qualifying club

Winners to Minor semi finals, losers eliminated

WEEK THREE MINOR SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2002)

Match G	Winner Match E	v	Winner Match F
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Winner to Major semi final, losers eliminated

WEEK FOUR MAJOR SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2002)

Match H	Loser Match D	v	Winner Match G
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Winner to Grand Final, losers eliminated

WEEK FIVE GRAND FINAL (SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2002)

	Winner Match D	v	Winner Match H
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Today's NFP Fixtures (See P.30 for League Tables)

Dewsbury Rams v Doncaster Dragons
 Gateshead Thunder v Keighley Cougars
 Hull Kingston Rovers v Chorley Lynx
 Hunslet Hawks v Barrow Raiders
 Oldham v Huddersfield Giants
 Rochdale Hornets v Whitehaven
 Swinton Lions v Featherstone Rovers at Victory Park, Chorley
 Workington Town v Leigh Centurions

IN Town TODAY



HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

PAUL REILLY Local boy and fans favourite who rejected Super League offers to remain with his home town club. Paul is a deceptively quick runner whose trademark spin in the tackle makes him a dangerous and elusive runner - especially in broken field play. He is a tremendously enthusiastic and committed player who should be a regular try-scorer this year.

HEFIN O'HARE Already a full Welsh International after his Giants switch from Leeds Tykes. Hefin narrowly missed out on selection for the GB U21 tour. He is the fastest man on the Giants books and with his tenacious, never say die attitude will be looking for a very profitable season on the tryscoring front.

BEN COOPER Defensively strong young half back with the pace of a genuine wingman. He came of age last year in a stand out show versus the Broncos and is earmarked as a real star of the future. Ben came through the junior ranks at the Eagles before the merger took him to the McAlpine where he has continued his development.

EORL CRABTREE Youngest member of the Giants squad, a huge youngster who gained Great Britain academy honours on the tour to Australia and has a big future predicted for him in the game of Rugby League. A former YMCA junior before making the switch from Union to the Giants he began the pre-season in devastating fashion at Keighley scoring a hat-trick from the centre berth.

MATTHEW WHITTAKER A promising junior who missed last season through injury but is now fully fit again. A regular tryscorer at junior level who will look to make this his breakthrough year, he has worked extremely hard in the gym and is now becoming a huge physical presence. A great eye for a gap coupled with his strength should soon see him establish himself.

STANLEY GENE Crucial pre season signing in the face of Super League and Northern Ford offers. A former player of the year and talisman for the Giants, Stanley will be a marked man as he can break and score tries out of nothing. He can turn out in virtually any position and is central to the Giants hopes this year.

CHRIS THORMAN International with pace to burn. An outstanding prospect through the Eagles and Giants ranks he was a regular in last year's Super League side. A useful back-up goalkicker he is another youngster eager to take on the NFP challenge and enhance his growing reputation. Hailing from the North East the Geordie is a real defensive worker and loves to take on the bigger men, often topping the teams tackle count.

MICK SLICKER Another 'Giant' of a prop forward Mick was the standout performer for Keighley in last years competition before his move to the Giants where he more than held his own with his signing being a catalyst in the team's improved form. Mick is the no-nonsense hard running type of prop who will grind out the hard yards up the middle week in week out and is a real unsung hero with his worth being most recognised by his fellow players.

DARREN TURNER Back to full fitness after an injury hit Super League VI. One of the top linebreakers in the competition and a great impact player off the

bench. Rocky is a local lad and is fiercely determined to take his home town club back into the big time at the first attempt. A Wembley winner with the Eagles in 1998.

JEFF WITTENBERG Resigned for the club after spells at Sheffield and Batley he is the intimidating physical presence in a formidable pack. A strong runner and excellent offloader in the tackle Jeff has the experience of over 100 games in the English competition as well as spells in the top flight down under where he was a former team mate of Giants coach Tony Smith.

DAVID ATKINS Tough as teak Aussie forward who was the Giants standout performer in their Super League campaign. Rejected UK and NRL offers to remain at the Giants where his workrate and defensive skills will be vital. David was in the top 5 tacklers in the Super League and he can also be a linebreaker when running out wide.

ROBERT ROBERTS Rob or two bobs as he is known throughout the game is a destructive runner and ball handling forward who can destroy any defence on his day. Much travelled player but one who can still display the talents that could take him to the very top of the game, he made one Super League appearance for the Giants last year after joining from Keighley.

STEVE McNAMARA Highly respected forward who will lead out the Giants during this campaign and is Tony Smiths on the field general. First choice goalkicker wherever he's played and one of most dependable defenders in the game. He was a major pre season re-signing and will be looking for his distribution skills to put his playing colleagues into the gaps.

HEATH CRUCKSHANK Australian impact player who took up the Giants quota spot he signed from St. Helens after a spell at Sheffield and was a regular in both sides. Heath is a tremendously strong forward who first came into the UK at Leigh where he became a real fans favourite. He has all the skills, strength and mental toughness needed to take the club back into the Super League.

CHRIS MOLYNEUX Former Great Britain Academy prop forward who is extremely mobile and has excellent ball handling skills. Chris is a product of the Stanley Rangers club and is another who attracted Super League interest in the close season.

CHRIS LANGLEY Former Bradford Bulls academy star who had a spell with Featherstone two seasons ago before switching to join the Giants. His introduction into the side last year saw a dramatic change in fortunes and he is set to take the Northern Ford Premiership by storm, Chris is a superb reader of the game and his positional sense on defence is second to none but his aim this year is to increase his strike rate crossing the whitewash.

GRAEME HALLAS Former Great Britain tourist and vastly experienced centre. Graeme captained Keighley last year and coach Tony Smith will be looking for him to pass on his know how and experience to what is predominantly a youthful back line. A strong runner and sound defender Graeme will be a key figure this year despite him being one of the handful of part time players in the Giants squad.

Walkerbout

... with Brian Walker

SID HILTON died some years ago, so this afternoon probably sits astride a sun beam, hoping for a gap in the clouds so as to gain a glimpse of two of his most loved rugby league sides.

The diminutive full back only played a handful of first games for the Fartown outfit, and never got past the 'A' team at Watersheddings, so I can guarantee that all but a handful of today's Tameside crowd will ever have heard of Sid.

Never guilty of being labelled a rugby league journeyman Hilton joined

Huddersfield as understudy, to their then full back Johnny Hunter, from Oldham amateur side Higginshaw but after only five rare first team outings was back playing for the amateurs.

So then why today should Sid now be so much the centre attraction?

First, in his time he played for one of the best amateur rugby league sides in the country, who, for eleven years before the second world war and for seven years after it, dominated the local game and secondly, he played for the then best rugby league club side in the world, Huddersfield! 1949 British Champions and miles better than any club side either here or in Australia. The slightly built full back from Shaw Rd had been allowed for just a short time to reach the pinnacle of his chosen sport something that this wonderful game of ours has regularly allowed its lesser players to do.

Sid, will this afternoon, probably be joined astride his sun beam by former playing colleague stars Dave Valentine, Lionel Cooper & co but don't tell the gateman!



This rare 1949 team photo includes Sid Hilton kneeling front row second from left, surrounded by the Huddersfield Championship winning stars. Cooper is on the back row second from left with Valentine two places further on.

Sid Hilton's amateur medals have been donated to the Oldham RLFC Trust.



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Iva Slateloose



INTERACTIVE is one of those buzz words that crop up from time to time and I note that Sky T.V. have just launched their 'interactive' service for rugby league broadcasts. What this means in reality is that you have a choice of buttons to press as you lie on your couch watching the night's match unfold. Great exercise for the index finger - or does everyone now use their thumb in this age of the mobile phone? I bet it works great in the pub with all the locals coming to blows over which camera angle they fancy or which set of stats to bring up.

However, your good friend Iva has a great idea for a TRULY interactive service. What you do is fit every player with a response machine and issue a keen Oldham fan with a control panel. That way when Joe McNicholas sets off on one of his mazy runs looking for a gap you press the button to straighten him up and surge for the try line. Or as Gareth Barber slides a goal shot just wide of the upright your little button puts the ball back on course for a two pointer. Better still, as Huddersfield's Hefin O'Hare romps down the touchline for yet another score you put him in reverse and get him tackled over his own try line. Now that's what I call **really** interactive.



I just love Letters to the Editor: it doesn't matter which paper I'm reading I always like to read what Auntie Elsie thinks of morals in the 21st century or what 'Outraged of Charnock Richard' thinks of government policy. And League Express always has some gems. But one of this week's is a real

humdinger. Read on...

"I am urging all Rhinos fans to stick together and boycott the next home game v Salford on Friday 26th July.

"This fixture is now meaningless thanks to Mr Hetherington's antics, and is the only way of showing him we have had enough of him.

"Thank you Gary for taking over in the mid '90s, but you have outstayed your welcome. Please give all Rhino fans an early Christmas present and clear your desk, because you aren't welcome at Headingley anymore." Signed, S. Smith, Castleford.

(What's somebody living in Castleford doing supporting Leeds?)

Anyway, I'm sure you get his drift. Can this be the great Gary who brought us the one-off Test or, for those with longer memories, the eight team Second Division which saw Oldham play London Crusaders (as they were then) six times in a season? I could go on, but you'll all have your favourite Hetherington brainwaves to reflect on.



Finally, here's another gem from League Express: "Pricing - £16 is a joke to watch a performance like some we have seen this year....." Now, who could our correspondent be referring to? Chorley, Gateshead - Rochdale even? No, this little aside refers to the World Cup Champions and current leaders of Super League, Bradford Bulls! God forbid he should ever have to watch proper rugby - like what is played in the N.F.P.!

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Michael's Match

... from the pen of Michael Turner



TODAY we welcome the players, officials and supporters of the illustrious Huddersfield club for their second visit of the season and in so doing we look back over sixty years to an encounter between the Roughyeds and "Fartown" from February 5th 1938.

Oldham gave debuts to a new half back partnership of Mick Downey and Wilson Irving and welcomed back international full back Tommy Rees after a three month absence through injury. The Roughyeds won the toss and opted for first use of a strong Watersheddings wind. The first action saw Edgar Brooks charge down a kick by Taylor but the resulting scramble ended with Alex Givvons well tackled just short of the line. Huddersfield hit back and after some enterprising play from a scrum under their own posts, Markham was put clear on the wing. He passed inside to Royal who kicked over Rees for Bailey to gather. The centre looked certain to score but was called back for offside. After 15 minutes Rees opened the scoring by a penalty goal. Fred Ashworth next came close with a bullocking charge to the line before Markham again broke clear only to fall to an excellent cover tackle by Rhydderch. As the first half drew to a close Oldham were in the ascendancy which culminated in Irving breaking clear from a scrum to give Downey the opportunity to touch down. Rees converted to put Oldham seven points clear. However in the very last minute of the half Taylor snapped up a loose ball and handed on to the ever alert Ray Markham who rounded Rees to score in the corner. Ex Oldhamer Bob Cattlin failed with the conversion. Half Time Oldham 7 Huddersfield 3.

The second half soon saw Oldham on the attack and a good break by Rhydderch seemed to have provided Downey with his second try but the referee called play back for a forward pass. Irving was injured in a heavy tackle and after trying bravely, to carry on he was eventually forced to retire with Givvons taking his place at scrum half. Being no stranger to the position Alex was soon causing the Yorkshiremen all kinds of trouble and was unlucky when he put Downey over only for the Welshman to be again called back for a forward pass. One of the highlights of the encounter was the duel between opposing wingmen Hall and Markham and the Oldham man giving away much in height and weight to his Australian opponent, nevertheless scored Oldham's second try. The score was unconverted but the Roughyeds sealed the match when Downey got over for his second try again the goal was missed. There were a few heated exchanges which resulted in the dismissal of Graham. Huddersfield staged a late rally but the Oldham defence held firm until the third minute of injury time when Madden scored a try converted by Sherwood. Oldham finishing winners by 13 points to 8.

OLDHAM: T Rees, F Hall, V Rhydderch, C Davies, E Bates, M Downey, W Irving; F Ashworth, E Brooks, L Rees, N Pugh, W Moore, A Givvons.

HUDDERSFIELD: Taylor, Johnson, Bailey, Madden, Markham, Graham, Royal; Sherwood, Whitehead, Langford, Shaw, Aspinall, Cattlin.

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Norman Pugh brings down a Huddersfield player during the match at Watersheddings on February 5th 1938



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A Chance to Meet

. PAUL NORTON

with David McGealy, Radio Cavell 1350AM

Paul, can I first of all welcome you to 'A Chance to Meet'. The first question says, where were you born and when, and who's in your family?

I was born in Wigan in 1972. Date? 29th of November. Family? Mum Carol, dad John and a sister Julie. Older or younger sister? Older sister. So just the two of you? Yes. Just the two of us.

In that case where did you first come across Rugby League? At school. I got 'chucked in' at Middle School and it started off from there. Middle School being what age? About eleven years old I'd say. So at eleven years old you were introduced to Rugby League, but you must have been and watched Wigan before then though hadn't you? Oh yes, I'd watched them plenty of times, definitely.

What about your first memory of watching Wigan, or is that your first memory of Rugby League?

Well the first time I watched Wigan was when I used to sell programmes there, at Central Park so I always used to then go and watch the game as I got in free with my 'mates' and that was it! You went with your mates? Didn't you go with your dad? No, no. One of my rugby team mates his dad was Graham West and he used to play then so we all got in after the game. We got in free like, then after the game we saw all the players. It was good I enjoyed it. A good start to your rugby.

You started playing at Middle School, what about your career from then on? Did you play schoolboys, or what?

I used to play for Wigan Schoolboys and at an amateur club, St Judes. I went to St Judes and it just kicked off from there. What position were you playing? I was a Second Row when I started. Then when I started 'shooting up' I went to Winger, then Centre and then back to Prop! (laughter). Straight to Prop and I've been there ever since! Skills all round the park then? Yea, yea, yea.

What about as you move through 'schoolboys' at some stage the 'professionals' must come along and start taking an interest in you, who was it and where was it?

It was just as I'd gone into the 'Open Age' team at St Jude's and I was playing at 'Open Age'. I think Kevin

Tamati was scouting at that time for Chorley and he picked about six of us up from St Jude's to play for Chorley. That was the first time and I think I was about twenty one, or something like that. So what were you doing at the time? What was 'the job'? The 'day job', structural engineer. That's what I do now, structural engineering.

So Chorley come along and you go there. Now don't take a swing at me this is not meant to be offensive, but, you must have got used to being hammered every week?

Well, I was there for five seasons. The first season I signed we got hammered as we were a new club. But the second season was better, then the next we won the Second Division and we got to that Final in France. So we had, like a crap season, a mediocre season, then a good season. That was when we were playing at Deepdale, at Preston. Then they 'fired us off' because they were struggling for money at the time and we just went downhill again. But they've just started picking up again lately and are getting some good players again and have a bit of money behind them. So you can say you played for Chorley when they were winning. That will be a claim to fame! Yea, yea, it was. When they were winning! Paying winning money!

What happened from Chorley, where from there?

I signed for Oldham. How did that come about? It was Jacko who rung me up. The scout here. He rung me up pre season and asked did I fancy coming up to Oldham and having a trial to see how I play and having a couple of 'trial games'. All I did was train with them for pre-season and they 'snapped me up' straight away! They saw how hard I was training and how dedicated I was, and that was it! I was away to Oldham.

OK. Who's been the greatest influence on you in the game of Rugby League?

I've got to say my dad, and a bloke who used to coach me at St Judes called Ronnie Mellenex. he was a big influence. My mum as well, but, my dad always used to get stuck into me on match day and they always came and watched me. So, greatest influence, my mum and dad, and Ronnie Mellenex. This Ronnie Mellenex, you need people like that don't you to bring the youngsters on? Yes, he and my dad used to bring out the best in me on a match day. But I've worked under some good coaches. Brilliant coaches. Kevin Tamati, I thought I was a decent Prop until he started coaching me, then he teaches you new things. Steve Hampson as well, he's been a good coach, fitness coach. He got me really fit! As well as being a good player.

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If that's the high point, what's the low point?

Pherrr, the low point I think it's got to be ... errr losing it!!! At the end. You know what I mean? It's got to be losing the Grand Final! Even though it was a good day, at the end it's got to be the final whistle. That's got to be the lowest point. Not going into Super League.

Disappointment there. What about your most amusing memory of the game? Things that have happened on or around the pitch, or in the game in general?

Well there's been a few things that I've done. When I was playing at Chorley I was just about to jog onto the pitch, having warmed up in the dressing room, and I had my jersey on back to front! With the number ten on the front! (laughter) On the front of my body! That tickled the lads! Accident or deliberate? Accident, but everybody else saw it except me. I was just about to run on the pitch with the number ten on the front of me till they pulled me up just before I went out. I bet you wished the ground would open up then? Definitely.

OK that was an incident, easy to do, where you'd put your shirt on back to front as you'd wound yourself up for the match. What about the characters in the game of Rugby League. There's one at every club. Who's the biggest you've come across?

The character's got to be Jason Clegg, here. He's got to be one of the biggest characters and Keith Brennan and Faz always have a word to say. Now Jason Clegg was a bit worried that you were going to tell me something about him, so go on! No, no. I'll keep it quiet. I'll not 'do him' 'cos there's still a couple of team mates left yet so, I'll not say nowt about him. He's a good lad! He's a good lad, thinning a bit on top like, but he's a good lad (much more laughter!). He seems to be bothered about that doesn't he? Oh he is, Oh he is. He calls me all the time, but it's just But yours is chosen to be thin. Yes, mine's chosen to be thin but you know what I mean he tries to comb his over. (much, much more laughter) Bobby Charlton style.

What about your ambition in rugby league?

My ambition is just to keep giving 100% and to keep playing as best as I can, to the best of my ability and just enjoying it. When I stop enjoying it, that's the day I'll pack in. But I'm still enjoying it. It's good.

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What about your most memorable moment in your career so far?

It's got to be the Grand Final last year. That was 'the big one'. Better than the semi-final? Because the semi-final ended in the victory, the Grand Final.... Yes, the Semi-final was good. But there's nothing can beat that feeling when you walk out onto the pitch and that massive crowd. You know it's just deafening, and the build up and that. It's just brilliant. A good weekend, even though we lost. But it was still something to remember.

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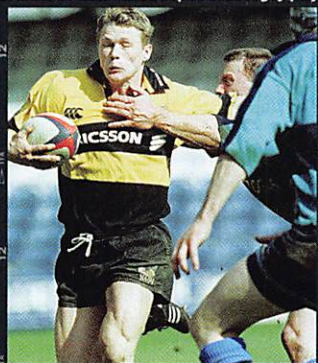
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Wilson's Wisdom

... with Ian Wilson

WHAT an incredible disappointment was the experience of watching the Australia v GB 'test' on TV the other week. I can't think when I have been so deflated so quickly.

I suppose that, although there was always the hope (it's supposed to liveth eternally, isn't it?) that we might win, rationally there was really the expectation that we wouldn't. Watching last autumn's series over here live, the regular weekly Sky NRL games, their 2002 State of Origin series, and just looking at the personnel who made up their team, it was not possible to think in terms of anything other than an Aussie victory. I think we all know that, fundamentally.

But that wasn't really the point, on the day It was not that we lost. It was the manner of it. Humiliation. Boys against men. Naivety versus cold-hearted superiority. Powder-puff tackling, and even condescending comments from the (excellent) Aussie TV commentary team, which made it difficult even to keep the box running until the end of the telecast.

What went wrong. Why were players who, week in, week out, are just about the best home grown bunch in our Super League, unable to cope? The question has to be addressed, if we are

ever to compete properly.

Lots of so-called reasons have already been put forward. The lack of decent preparation. The effects of jet-lag. Players going into the game with injuries. Injuries during the game. The ref. keeping too generous a 10 metres. Too many Aussies in our domestic game. Lack of Malcolm Reilly - style 'biff'. Etc. etc., etc.

No doubt there is a degree of validity for most of them. But I can't personally say that I find any of them too convincing. Essentially, I suspect it comes down to just two basic factors. The first is that, at this stage in the game's development, we simply do not have enough players of enough individual ability and quality to match up to theirs. Maybe 6 of our 19 would come into some sort of consideration for a place in their squad.

And the second is that, although we may have made progress, our teams are simply not well enough brought up and/or coached to perform at their level in either attack or defence.

Rather depressing, I am afraid. But let's face reality, and then try to move forward from there, rather than look for feeble semi-excuses or quick fixes.

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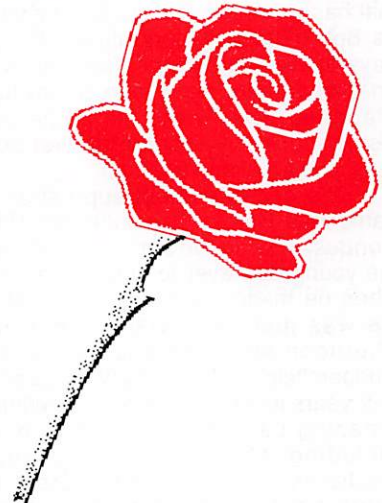
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A Potted History of Huddersfield

THE town of Huddersfield has been significantly involved in the history of our great sport ever since the game was founded at a meeting that was staged at the George Hotel, Huddersfield back in August 1895.

The British Amateur Rugby League Association was planned in the town and their headquarters are situated just a hefty goal kick away from the George. Another innovation that was born in Huddersfield was the concept of the supporters club, the first such association being launched at Huddersfield in June 1921.

The Huddersfield Rugby League Football Club can trace its origins back to 1864 and by the time of the great split in 1895 they were firmly entrenched at the famous Fartown ground. The nickname Fartowners has stuck with the club despite the current Giants moniker and their transfer first to Leeds Road Stadium and then, in 1994, to the McAlpine Stadium. Fartown is still used for academy matches and by the equally famous St. Josephs amateur club that has produced such rugby league greats as Bob Irving, a legend during his playing days at Watersheddings. Incidentally it was an Oldham lad, diminutive scrum half Neil Flanagan, who wrote his name into the history books by scoring the first points, a try, at the McAlpine Stadium.

One of the earliest superstars of the game was Harold Wagstaffe, the Prince of Centres who, in November 1906, became the youngest player to play first team rugby when he made his debut against Bramley. He was just 15 years old that autumn afternoon when he was a try scorer in Huddersfield's 28-11 victory. Despite losing four years to the first Great War, Wagstaffe's amazing career covered 494 matches including 12 tests and two tours of Australasia. He played for Great Britain when he was 17 years old, skippered Huddersfield at 20 and was only 23 years of age when he led Great Britain to that epic Rorkes Drift test triumph at Sydney Cricket Ground in 1914. Wagstaffe's final match was at Watersheddings in March 1925 when

the Roughyeds beat Huddersfield 16-0.

Wagstaffe was a member of that great Huddersfield team, the Team of all Talents, which lifted the Championship in 1912, 1913 and 1915. Some indication of how dominant Huddersfield were during the 1914-15 season, when they won all four trophies open to them, can be judged by the margin of victory they recorded in their three finals. The beat Hull 31-0 in the Yorkshire Cup Final, Leeds 35-2 in the Championship Final and St. Helens by 37-3 in the Challenge Cup Final which was staged at Watersheddings.

During that era Huddersfield were the visitors to Watersheddings for a league match in February 1912 when that famous old ground housed its biggest ever crowd, some 28,000 roaring the Roughyeds on to a 6-2 victory.

Huddersfield were also involved in the match which attracted the biggest rugby league attendance to Manchester City's Maine Road ground, 75,194 watching the 1949 Championship Final when Huddersfield beat Warrington 13-12.



Mick Sullivan

Huddersfield have been involved in four World record transfer transactions. On three occasions they were the vendors, selling centre Stan Brogden to Leeds for £1,200 in March 1934, utility back Billy Davies to Dewsbury for £1,650 in January 1947 and wing three-quarter Mick Sullivan to Wigan for £9,500 in October 1957. Huddersfield themselves equalled the transfer record when they bought loose-forward Ike Owens from Castleford for £2,750 in January 1949.

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THE referees are always to blame and the spectators always know best. Here are a few situations in a game, some are hypothetical others have actually happened in games. What would your decision be and would you have been right according to the rules of the game.

WHAT IS YOUR DECISION

1. BLUE full back decided to kick the ball downfield. It goes over the touchline on the full and then soars in the wind and is caught by a RED player 30m downfield who has one foot on the touchline and one one in the field of play.

2. A RED player is tackled to the ground 1m from the touchline and the referee shouts 'Fifth tackle'. As the RED player is regain his feet to play-the-ball, he steps onto the touchline.

3. The RED team are awarded a penalty and decide to kick at goal. The touch judges go behind the posts and the kicker drop kicks the ball which goes between the uprights and over the cross bar.

4. RED team takes a penalty kick to touch, with the ball entering touch 10m from the BLUE goal line. Instead of placing the ball on the floor for the second phase, the RED kicker just punts the ball high in the air, and it is then caught on the full by the BLUE full back who is standing inside his own in goal area. He is then immediately tackled to the ground by an opponent.

5. The ball is stationary in the BLUE in goal area, when both a RED and a BLUE player dive towards it. The referee decided that both players touch the ball at the same time.

6. A RED player is tackled and the referee shouts 'fifth tackle'. From the play-the-ball the ball is thrown back to the RED full back who attempts to kick upfield. However the ball is charged down by a BLUE player, with the ball then falling to the ground before the RED full back attempts to regain possession. However, the RED player immediately knocks on.

7. A RED player in possession crosses the BLUE goal line, but before he can put the ball down he collides with the referee and drops the ball which rolls over the dead ball line.

8. BLUE team take a penalty kick at goal but the ball misses the goal and strikes a dog that has run onto the field inside the in-goal area. The ball rebounds infield and is picked up by a RED player who is immediately tackled.

9. After 5 tackles, a RED player in possession makes a break and only has the BLUE full back between himself and the goal line. The RED player throws the ball forward over the head of the

full back and then catches it before it hits the ground. He then puts the ball down for a try in the in-goal area.

CORRECT DECISIONS

1. BLUE player has effectively kicked the ball in touch on the full (ie RED is standing in touch). **SCRUM (BALL BACK) WHERE THE BLUE PLAYER ORIGINALLY KICKED THE BALL - HEAD AND BALL TO RED.**

2. Once a player has been tackled play is effectively halted until the play-the-ball has taken place. **PLAY ON (ie ALLOW HIM TO PLAY THE BALL).**

3. For a penalty kick either a place kick or a drop kick can be taken and both are worth two points. **GOAL, TWO POINTS SCORED. (NB only a place kick can be taken for an attempted conversion).**

4. The second phase kick can be taken in any manner. Although the full back took the ball on the full behind his own line, the 'BOMB' rule only applies during general play and not from kicks that are re-starting play. Therefore the full back has been tackled over his own line and his team must take **A DROP OUT FROM BETWEEN BLUE TEAM'S POSTS.**

5. If opposing players touch the ball down together in the in-goal area a try is awarded. **TRY TO RED TEAM.**

6. A Chargedown is not a knock on, therefore the only knock on to have taken place was by the RED full back. However, because the BLUE player has deliberately touched the ball the tackle count has been restarted, and therefore the RED player had knocked on at the first tackle. **SCRUM, HEAD AND BALL TO BLUE.**

7. A try is awarded if a player in possession inside his opponent's in goal area collides with a match official, spectator or any other object which is not part of the game, and play is irregularly affected. **TRY GIVEN AT THE POINT WHERE THE COLLISION TOOK PLACE.**

8. If the ball is not held by any player and it strikes a match official, spectator or any other object that is not part of the game inside the in-goal area, the defending team must drop out from beneath their own posts. **DROP OUT BY RED FROM BENEATH THEIR OWN POSTS. (The same decision would be given if a defending player in possession similarly collided and play was irregularly affected).**

9. It is illegal to throw the ball forward deliberately for any reason. **PENALTY TO BLUE.**

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TOPIC OF THE DAY

...THE 100 GREATEST RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS - EVER! (Well, 1951 to 2001)



2 ALEX MURPHY. Charisma. Use the word about a rugby league player and one name above all others springs to mind! Alexander James Murphy. Whether as player, coach, manager, journalist or T.V. pundit Murphy the irrepressible could galvanise a team, a crowd or even a whole town.

Murphy signed for his home town club St. Helens on his 16th birthday and in 1958 became the youngest ever British tourist playing in four tests in Australasia and being acknowledged as the best scrum-half in the world at the age of 18. Thereafter he was Britain's first choice no. 7 in the 1960 World Cup, the 1961 New Zealand series and the 1962 tour, 1963 Australian visit to Britain and against France and New Zealand in 1964 and 1965. Lightning fast around the base of the scrum and over the vital first 10 to 15 yards to engineer a clear cut break, Murphy also possessed a razor sharp brain which assessed a situation in a split second and enabled him to anticipate the next play or the overall state of a game quicker than anyone else.

A Lancashire Cup Final winner with Saints in 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963 and 1964 Murphy missed the 1962 Final through injury. He was in the Championship winning side of 1959 when Saints defeated Hunslet 44-22 in arguably the best Final of its kind ever. He also played in the losing Championship side of 1965 but gained his revenge over Halifax the following year as Saints took out the 1966 Championship. In addition he was a Wembley winner in 1961 and

1968.

Murphy's St. Helens career came to an end following disputes at Knowsley Road and he signed as player-coach for Leigh at 27 years old. In 1969 Leigh reached the Lancashire Cup Final only to lose to Swinton 11-2, but the side were back in 1970 to defeat St. Helens, of all clubs, 7-4. This was the prelude to a top four finish and to a Wembley appearance against Leeds with the Yorkshiremen the hottest favourites for years to lift the Challenge Cup. Murphy, however, plotted the downfall of the Loiners 24-7 and carried off the Lance Todd Trophy.

The following season saw Murphy lured to Warrington, taking the Wire to the top of the table in two seasons before in 1973-4, leading his side to four trophies: the Challenge Cup, the Regal Trophy, the Championship and the Captain Morgan trophy. At Wembley Murphy had become the first man to captain three different sides to victory in a Cup Final. A broken jaw virtually ended his career later in 1974 but he took Warrington back to Wembley in a losing Final in 1975.

Alex Murphy went on to coach Salford, Leigh twice more, Wigan, Huddersfield and Warrington a second time in the company of John Dorahy. Throughout his career Murphy was the big name sure to set the town buzzing and the fans talking, a latter day Messiah of the Rugby League world where name alone could lift an entire population. But it was as a player that Murphy should best be remembered. Twenty seven Great Britain caps and 275 career tries testify to his genius. A master of the unexpected, Murphy is rated as Britain's best ever half back by the Australians and was the most tactically astute captain ever to lead a side. That his tactical awareness spilled over in later days into gamesmanship and a willingness to exploit the rules of the game to his own and his team's advantage is legendary. In the 1966 cup final he deliberately played offside knowing his team would win the scrum after the penalty because Wigan did not have a specialist hooker. In 1971 he engineered the sending off of Leeds' Syd Hynes the first man dismissed at Wembley. And if you ever wondered why a drop goal in rugby league is worth only one point then it's that man Murphy again who kicked so many the authorities tried to curb his 'negative' tactics by reducing their value from two to one point. Typically Murphy responded by asserting he'd have to kick twice as many. That his gamesmanship did not ultimately detract from his reputation testifies that all who saw him held him in awe and admiration. There's only one Alex Murphy!

Stat Attack

APPEARANCES & SCORERS (29 FIXTURES TO DATE) 2001-2002

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	SUBSTITUTIONS	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
M. SIBSON	24	3	16			64
G. DODD	19	2	4			16
D. GIBBONS	27	1	9			36
J. GODDARD	28		8			32
J. McNICHOLAS	27		13			52
J. BRADDISH	19	4	7	63	3	156
N. RODEN	20	6	15		4	65
S. KNOX	3					
J. HOUGH	26		8			32
J. CLEGG	18	10				
P. FARRELL	17	2	5			20
B. HENARE	24	2	9			36
L. DORAN	24	5	6			24
T. HODGKINSON	2					
G. BARBER	17	11	11	49		142
D. GUEST	3	19				
L. CASEY	1	3				
W. COWELL	6	11	2			8
K. BRENNAN	11	7	8	6		44
A. PROCTOR		7				
P. NORTON	19	3	4			16
A. GIBBONS	16	2	3			12
D. FOSTER	5	1	5			20
A. MURRAY		4				
S. MOLLOY	14	3	2		1	9
D. LACEY		3	1			4
C. CAMPBELL	4	2	2			8
D. NEWTON		1				
R. STAZICKER		2				
J. HEYES	4		5			20
S. BROWN		1				

* For club records appearance and scorers for the York game have been retained within these stats.

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP TABLE 2001-2002

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	PTS
Huddersfield Giants	20	19	1	0	846	156	690	39
Leigh Centurions	18	14	1	3	610	305	305	29
Rochdale Hornets	21	14	1	6	587	454	133	29
Featherstone Rovers	20	13	1	6	597	444	153	27
Batley Bulldogs	20	13	0	7	502	457	45	26
Whitehaven	21	12	1	8	449	484	-35	25
Hull Kingston Rovers	18	12	0	6	490	306	184	24
Doncaster Dragons	17	11	1	5	496	368	128	23
Sheffield Eagles	22	11	0	11	503	491	12	22

Oldham	20	10	1	9	552	417	135	21
Dewsbury Rams	20	10	0	10	531	444	87	20
Workington Town	20	10	0	10	514	437	77	20
Barrow Raiders	21	10	0	11	552	499	53	20
Keighley Cougars	20	5	0	15	363	705	-342	10
Chorley Lynx	20	4	0	16	353	663	-310	8
Swinton Lions	19	3	1	15	271	683	-412	7
Hunslet Hawks	20	2	1	17	290	697	-407	5
Gateshead Thunder	19	0	1	18	206	702	-496	1

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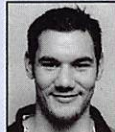
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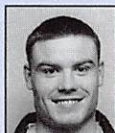
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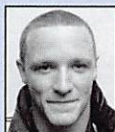
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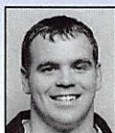
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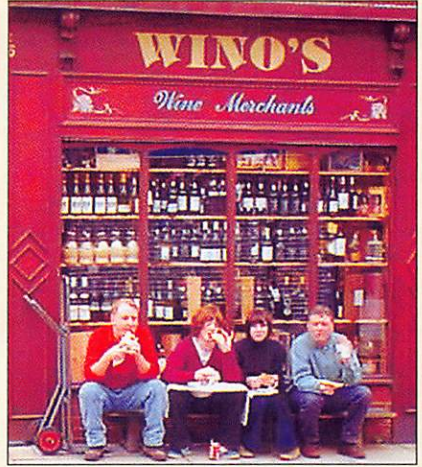
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JANUARY			
6	YORK	W	32-16 1130
13	Dewsbury Rams	L	6-30 1410
20	CHORLEY LYNX	W	34-2 1114
27	WEST HULL (C' Cup Rd3)	W	38-4 1131

FEBRUARY			
3	Workington	L	20-28 991
10	ST HELENS (C' Cup Rd4)	L	6-40 4089
17	GATESHEAD	W	54-2 931

MARCH			
3	Huddersfield	L	18-28 3191
10	DONCASTER DRAGONS	D	22-22 1067
15	Sheffield Eagles	W	25-6 1095
24	FEATHERSTONE	W	23-12 1533
29	Rochdale Hornets (NC)	L	13-14 2096

APRIL			
2	DEWSBURY R. (NC)	W	47-12 1056
7	Huddersfield G. (NC)	L	16-44 2687
21	Hunslet Hawks (NC)	W	56-10 747

MAY			
5	BATLEY B. (NC)	W	40-16 1204
12	HUDDERSFIELD (NC) (F)	L	16-36 1699
23	ROCHDALE HORNETS	L	24-28 1050

JUNE			
2	Keighley Cougars	W	34-32 1188
9	WHITEHAVEN	W	46-12 867
16	Barrow	W	27-25 791
23	BATLEY BULLDOGS	L	26-34 1058
30	Hunslet Hawks	W	34-20 679

JULY			
7	LEIGH	L	22-26 1,526
14	Chorley Lynx	W	52-10 605
21	Whitehaven	L	17-20 1,010
28	HUDDERSFIELD	H	

AUGUST			
4	HUNSLET HAWKS	H	
11	Batley Bulldogs	A	
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