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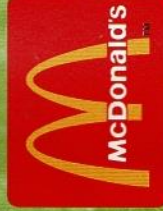
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So another great performance by the lads at Featherstone avenging the Challenge Cup defeat inflicted earlier in the year, to score 58 points at Post Office Road is testament to our great attacking skills.

On a slight downside we unexpectedly conceded 62 points in our last two games assisting Salford to maintain a plus 27 difference.

I know Paul and the lads are working hard in that department and we still have the best defensive record in the competition.

Congratulations to Tommy Martyn on his first try in Leigh colours I'm sure it's his first of many to come. Welcome to Danny Halliwell from Halifax, a fast attacking player who I'm sure will compliment the squad.

Today we welcome the players, Directors, Lottery winners and fans of Oldham to the Coliseum. I'm sure Chris Hamilton will be keen to do the double over Leigh this time after their emphatic victory at Boundary Park. They kept Salford very tight last week and are obviously improving under Steve Molloy.

From our point of view we will aim to be focused and win the game keeping the pressure on Salford for the trip to the Willows.

Enjoy the game, enjoy the entertainment and we will see you in the Mick Martyn Bar at 6pm for the presentation.

Yours in Sport

Derek Beaumont.

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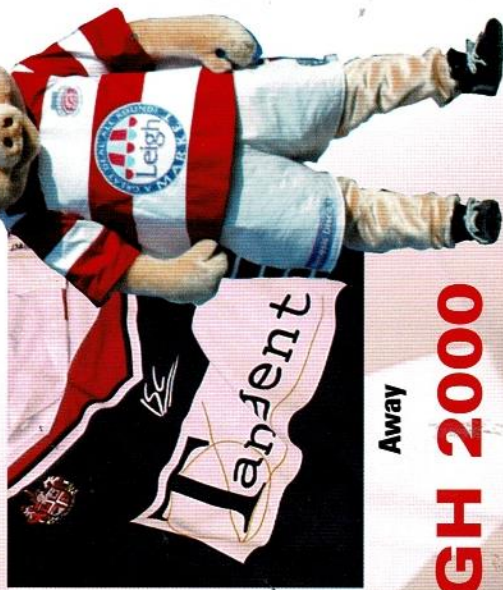
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We are proud installers to the following players:
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A warm welcome to everyone for this afternoon's game against Oldham at the Coliseum.

Today we see a rematch from the first game of the season which kicked off the Arriva Trains Cup run.

This is how the Leythers.co.uk reported the game.

Leigh took to the field in their 1st competitive game at the recently re-branded coliseum and emerged victorious against a stubborn Oldham side.

Leigh looked a bit rusty in attack but good defence ensured that Oldham created very little in way of attack and soon started trying to slow the game down.

Leigh started like a house on fire when 2 of the new boys created to score the 1st try just a few minutes into the game. The field position was set up by a great run by Adam Bristow. Then the 2 ex Widnes players combined as Sean Richardson sent over Damien Munro for a great try. Lee Sanderson was just wide with the goal kick.

Oldham hit back with a penalty goal through Simon Svabic.

On the half hour mark Lee Sanderson added another goal after having the ball ripped out in the tackle. It was the 3rd such offence in a matter of minutes but ref Peter Taberner felt it deserved no more than a talking to. Oldham looked very tired now and seems intent on trying to slow the game down at every chance. If their big forwards cant handle the game now, then they will really struggle when the pitches dry out.

2 Minutes later though Mr Taberner remembered he had brought his cards and he dispatched an Oldham player for lying on.

Lee Sanderson then added his 2nd penalty goal this time for lying on again. But Mr Taberner evened things up with a penalty that Simon Svabic getting a penalty for offside on the last tackle.

Half Time 8-4

Both teams started the 2nd half on fire. Oldham looked to have scored but were called back for a forward pass. Then Damien Munro went close after an intelligent kick from Adam Bristow.

Oldham then did score with a good try as they moved the ball along the line and created a gap out wide for Gavin Dodd's to just evade a last gasp tackle from Mike watts

who chased him down from the opposite wing. Oldham missed the kick to tie the scores.

Lee Sanderson then missed a penalty yet again for lying on.

John Hamilton then restored Leigh's lead as they ran the ball on the 5th tackle and surprised Oldham. Sean Richardson passed in the tackle and released Munro on a short run where he drew the fullback and sent John Hamilton over unopposed. Sandy added the goal.

The coliseum then saw a rare sight as a Leigh player broke in their own half and had enough pace to cross the line. Damien Munro broke the line and just went like a rocket having far to much pace for the Oldham defence. Sandy unfortunately missed the goal.

Both sides were then reduced to 12 men as Paul Rowley appeared to take exception to something in the tackle and started trading punches with Oldham boss Steve Molloy both were yellow carded and the incident placed on report.

With 5 minutes left Leigh let in a soft try as an Oldham kick was allowed to bounce and Oldham pounced for an easy try that was converted to narrow the gap to just 4 points.

Leigh weren't going to let this one slip and up the field they marched again. This time again scoring on the 5th tackle. Pat Weisner looked to have taken the wrong option when he ran the ball and looked to be wrapped up. But he showed all the strength his stocky build gives him and he released a perfect pass to the supporting Dave Alstead who powered over from 25 yards out taking 3 defenders with him. Sandy missed the kick.

Final Score 22 - 14

Leythers.co.uk Man of the Match A close call between Sean Richardson, Adam Bristow and Damien Munro. Damien gets it though for his exceptional 2nd half try and all round speed during the game. Both in attack and defence.

Leythers.co.uk Magic Moment has to be Munro's 2nd try. Pace to burn and looked to have more in reserve

Leythers.co.uk Moan of the Match different season same pillock's in the middle. Another year passes and still no clamp down on lying on and mousing around at the ball.

Paul Anderson - One of four players snapped up from Leigh Centurions. Originally a forward, Paul played for St. Helens and Sheffield Eagles before the then Hilton Park boss Ian Millward took him to Leigh - and converted him to centre. Big and strong, Paul has signed a one year deal with the Roughyeds.

Gareth Barber - 21 year old Oldham born half back or centre who was reared on rugby with his best pal, the Leeds and GB loose forward, Kevin Sinfield. When Sinfield signed for Leeds, Barber signed for Warrington, but returned home to Oldham for the start of the 2000-1 season. Played for the NFP under 21's at Widnes in the autumn of 2001. Became a regular last season and took on goal kicking responsibilities.

Jason Clegg - Former Bradford (Northern, not Bulls) forward who has had five good seasons with Oldham. Powerful on the break, he is a favourite with Oldham supporters and regularly picks up the Junior Roughyeds Player of the Year award. Has relished the competition for prop places since Steve Molloy became coach.

Will Cowell - A 22 year old who has played at Warrington. This Cumbrian utility back is equally at home at full-back, wing or centre. Played 18 Super League games for the Wolves after signing from Keils, the Whitehaven amateur club. Recommended to Oldham by former Wolves boss Daryl van de Velde, Will kick started his NFP career with the Roughyeds last season and promises much for the future.

Gavin Dodd - A local player. A wing or full-back, 21 year old Gavin has played for the NFP's under 21's. He made the full-back position his own towards the end of last season and will be eager to continue his development this season. Either at full-back or as a lively winger he knows where the try line is.

Lee Doran - Another young player in whom Oldham have a lot of confidence. A Wiganer, Les has worked his way through the Oldham Academy and Alliance sides and last season made the second row spot his own. A great prospect for the future and the Roughyeds are looking for a big season from Lee. Has previously shown up well in the NFP under 21 side against their Super League counterparts.

Phil Farrell - Younger brother of Wigan and GB ace Andy Farrell. In his first three seasons at the club has a remarkable record of consistency. Unfortunately had a couple of injuries last season that sidelined him for some time. Now back to full fitness he is raring to go for the new season. Played for the NFP under 21 side against their Super League counterparts in 2001.

John Hough - The first player ever to sign for his hometown club when they were re-formed way back in 1997. Before the start of the 2000 season, 'Scruff' had played 87 of the clubs 90 matches and scored 62 tries, a phenomenal record for a hooker. He didn't enjoy one of his better seasons in 2001, but a change of job, and less travelling, saw him back to his best in 2002. The first player again this season to sign a new two year contract.

Ian Marsh - A big lad who was at Barrow last season, Ian hails from St. Helens. He spent several seasons with Salford City Reds before moving North to Craven Park where last season he forged a regular centre partnership with Kiwi Cliff Beverley. The Roughyeds have put a good deal of emphasis in their new signings on strength and physique. Marsh fits the bill more than admirably.

Joe McNicholas - One of the original 1997 Roughyeds, wing-man Joe made a first team spot his own mid way through the 2000/1 season and went on to score 8 tries in 14 consecutive appearances. Fast off the mark, good on his feet and always gives 110%.

Steve Molloy - Local lad Steve had been playing for Batley on a short-term contract after leaving Huddersfield. A strong prop forward and ex captain of England, Steve's other previous clubs are Featherstone and Sheffield. After accepting the role of player-coach when John Harbin left, Steve guided the Roughyeds to safety to ensure National League One rugby this season. Has recently signed a new contract to stay on as player coach.

Chris Morley - Elder brother of Adrian, the Sydney City Roosters and GB pack star. Like Anderson, Chris has also played previously for St. Helens, Sheffield and Leigh as well as Warrington. A tough and experienced back row forward, he has also played several times for Wales. Is relishing the challenge of a new club with Super League ambitions.

Neil Roden - A clever half-back who joined Oldham from Wigan, with Phil Farrell. Has only missed a couple of games since. Can play at stand off or scrum half and was a key figure in the Roughyeds' run through to the NFP Grand Final a couple of seasons ago. He is sure to be a regular performer in the long and testing 2003 campaign.

Darren Shaw - One of the most experienced forwards in the English game, Aussie born Darren, has played most of his rugby league in this country - at London Broncos, Sheffield, Castleford and Salford. He played second-row for the Eagles of Steel City when they beat Wigan 17-8 at Wembley in one of the Challenge Cup's biggest upsets in 1998.



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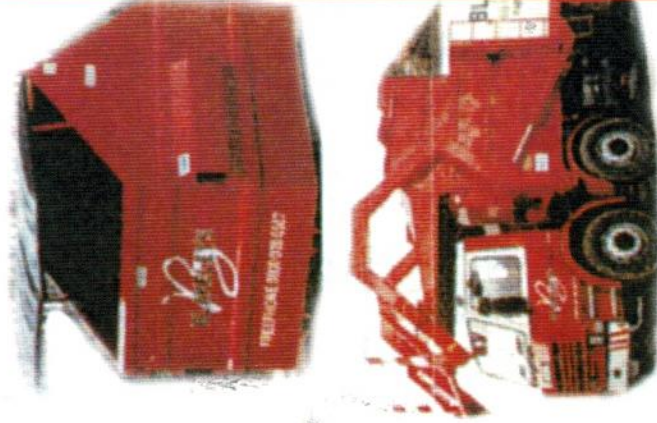
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Coaches On The Up

By GARETH WALKER of Rugby Leaguer & League Express

MIKE Gregory's recent appointment as the caretaker boss at Wigan Warriors adds another name to an impressive list of coaches that cut their teeth in the National Leagues.

Gregory learnt much of his trade during a two-year stint in charge of Swinton Lions, having previously been assistant at St Helens. Gregory is now in charge of the Great Britain Academy side and seen as one of the brightest young English coaches around.

There are several more cases in Super League at the moment.

St Helens, coach Ian Millward made his name during his time in charge of Leigh Centurions, who he re-invigorated after taking charge in 1999.

Neil Kelly spent several years over-achieving at Dewsbury Rams before making the move Widnes. The Vikings were still outside the top flight when Kelly took charge, but he led them into the promised land of Super League at the first attempt.

Whitehaven was Paul Cullen's first head coaching appointment, and such was the impression he made there that Warrington were quick to install him last season.

In addition, current Huddersfield boss and soon-to-be Leeds coach Tony Smith enjoyed tremendous success in the old NFP, going through the season undefeated with the Giants in 2002. And his replacement at the McAlpine, Jon Sharp, had a brief stint in charge of Batley Bulldogs at the end of 2000.

There is a wealth of outstanding coaches at National League level at present that all have the potential to

become the next Millward, Kelly or Cullen.

Salford boss Karl Harrison is highly regarded in several knowledgeable circles and his Reds side are currently favourites for promotion.

Leigh coach Paul Terzis has given the Centurions a sustained level of success during his three years plus in charge, and they remain strong contenders for the Grand Final.

And Rochdale boss Martin Hall has done tremendously well with Hornets, who are on course for a third successive top three finish despite limited resources. Hall is relatively unheralded despite his achievements.

Elsewhere in NL1, Andy Kelly and Steve Linnane have both coached at Super League level, and Whitehaven's Steve McCormack took charge of the National League under-21s. Player coaches Steve Molloy and Andy Fisher have shown they can lead their sides from on and off the field, and long-serving St John Ellis and Paul Storey have both reached the play-offs during.

In NL2, Chorley boss Darren Abram has turned a few heads this season in guiding the unfashionable Lynx to second place in the table, while Mark Aston is starting to reap the benefits of three years hard work with young players at Sheffield.

Gary Moorby and Roy Sampson have both enjoyed early season success, while Paul Fletcher has done a sterling job in keeping Gateshead going and claiming a few impressive scalps.

The remainder is a mix of the vastly experienced

(Cameron Bell and Peter Roe) and coaching rookies (Billy McGinty, Mark Croston and Paul Broadbent), all of whom continue to work tirelessly for their clubs.

At every club in the National Leagues, superb work is being done by committed coaches. No doubt a few of them will be working at a higher level in coming years.

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On the pitch at half time today please welcome the summer school participants who will showcase the talents they have learnt on Summer School by playing touch rugby. The teams today have been playing together for the last three days and are in the red t-shirts (no bibs) ROWLEYS RHINOS and in the blue bibs SANDY'S SHARKS (also known to the Rhinos as Sandy's Softies!!!) Please give them your support, as this is an amazing and to their week at the Coliseum with Leigh Centurions.

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Hope to see you back at the Coliseum soon and enjoy your day!!



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Announcements

Happy Birthday - Rose Bignell celebrated her birthday recently and Ray along with Leigh Centurions would like to wish her a big Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to our mascot today Thomas Worden who is 8yrs old. He is a member of Leigh Miner Rangers U8s and has been a season ticket holder at Leigh for the last two seasons and has been a regular supporter since he was 3! Thomas along with his dad (Damien) who has been a supporter for 35 years, mum (Jane) a supporter for 20 years and grandad (Bernard) a supporter since 1948 (all season ticket holders) will be moving to Morocco in August. They are all hoping to be back for the big game (the Grand Final). So From all at Leigh Centurions we wish you a Happy Birthday and Bon Voyage.



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I was more disappointed at the tries we leaked against Batley than the ones at Featherstone. Against Batley I thought our defensive work was poor at times and I told the players that in no uncertain terms.

Keeping a tight defence is as much about having the right mental approach and attitude as it is having the right technique. And when the weather is as hot as it's been for the last two games, players do become fatigued quicker.

If you look at all the other results over the last two weeks there have been plenty of points scored in virtually every game and I think that trend will continue.

What I can't complain about is our attack at the moment - more than 100 points in two games.

I've been more than happy with the way our three new players - Tommy Martyn, Ricky Bibey and Danny Halliwell - have settled into our patterns and I'm sure the best is yet to come from them.

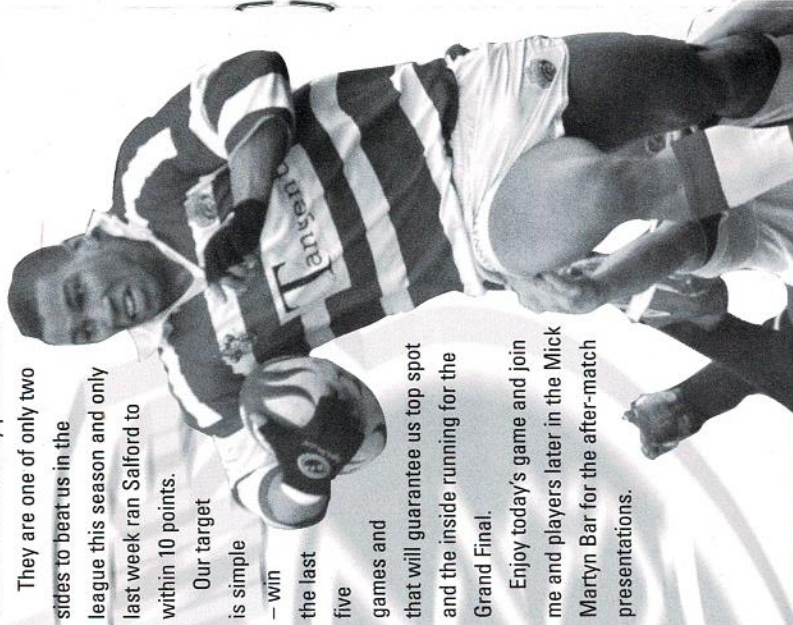
Today we've got to keep that winning momentum going if we are to keep up the challenge to finish top of the table.

Oldham won't be any pushovers.

They are one of only two sides to beat us in the league this season and only last week ran Salford to within 10 points.

Our target is simple - win the last five games and that will guarantee us top spot and the inside running for the Grand Final.

Enjoy today's game and join me and players later in the Mick Martyn Bar for the after-match presentations.



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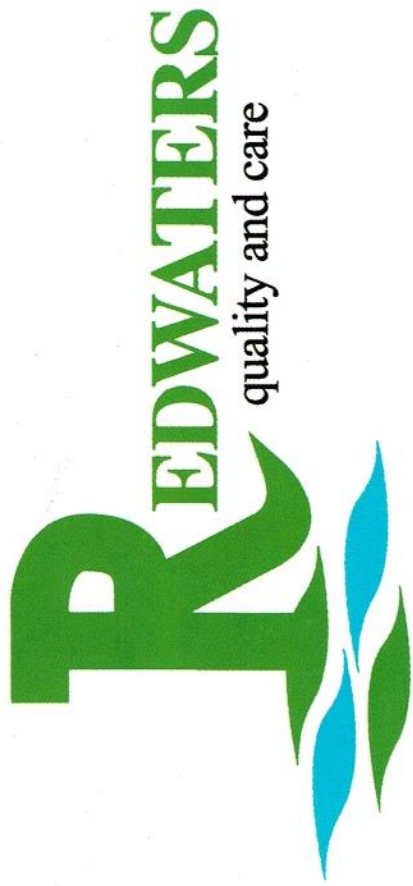
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Date	Fixture	Home	Kick Off	Competition	Score
19th Jan	Oldham	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	22-14
25th Jan	Locomotiv Moscow	Home	7.30pm	Powergen Challenge Cup	62-0
2nd Feb	Swinton	Away	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	24-10
9th Feb	Featherstone	Away	3.00pm	Powergen Challenge Cup	22-28
16th Feb	Salford	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	20-20
23rd Feb	Chorley	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	38-20
9th March	Rochdale	Away	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	34-32
16th March	Oldham	Away	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	31-26
23rd March	Swinton	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	62-6
30th March	Salford	Away	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	10-22
6th April	Chorley	Away	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	22-31
13th April	Rochdale	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup	58-30
18th April	Hull KR	Away	6.00pm	National League One	28-17
21st April	Whitehaven	Home	7.30pm	National League One	19-12
4th May	Batley	Away	3.00pm	National League One	38-12
11th May	Featherstone	Home	3.00pm	National League One	50-42
18th May	Featherstone	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup (Quarter Final)	26-6
25th May	Oldham	Away	3.00pm	National League One	10-12
1st June	Doncaster	Home	3.00pm	National League One	55-14
8th June	Whitehaven	Home	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup (Semi Final)	39-18
15th June	Dewsbury	Away	3.00pm	National League One	31-12
22nd June	Salford	Home	3.00pm	National League One	12-32
29th June	Hull KR	Home	3.00pm	National League One	54-4
6th July	Salford	Spotland, Rochdale	3.00pm	Arriva Trains Cup (Final)	19-36
13th July	Rochdale	Away	3.00pm	National League One	19-12
20th July	Whitehaven	Away	3.00pm	National League One	20-8
27th July	Batley	Home	3.00pm	National League One	54-30
3rd August	Featherstone	Away	3.00pm	National League One	58-32
10th August	Oldham	Home	3.00pm	National League One	
17th August	Doncaster	Away	3.00pm	National League One	
24th August	Dewsbury	Home	3.00pm	National League One	
31st August	Salford	Away	3.00pm	National League One	
7th September	Rochdale	Home	3.00pm	National League One	
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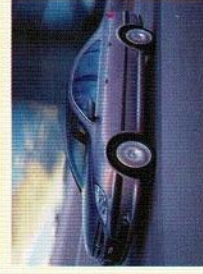
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Sometimes you feel privileged to have been at a game, one that you really want to tell the kids and grand kids about... I think that came last Sunday against Featherstone.

It was certainly one of the most memorable games I've seen and particularly nice to get a win of that magnitude away from home. Five years ago I visited Fev on the final day of our dreadful 1998 campaign and witnessed the home side run up a 58-4 victory in what proved to be David Hill's last first team game. It was nice to put the boot on the other foot and I was certainly thumping the old clipboard with delight after our final try. The attacking play of both sides was top drawer and whilst defence at times may have resembled sevens stuff, it was never boring...

Tommy Martyn has certainly kick-started our attack and we have looked a potent team in both our last two games. I think it's great that Dale Cardoza has returned to form and how emphatically? Five tries in two games while Neil Turley also ended something of a try drought at Featherstone, who to be fair had me worried early in the second half when they led 22-20. I think that effort told on them and a great 7 minute spell saw us add three tries without reply to grab a virtually unassailable lead.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, National League One really hots up. At the top it looks like a jostle between us, Salford and Rochdale for the top three positions. The remaining fixtures for the teams are certainly interesting, pitting all the contenders against each other.

Beneath the top three, just two points currently separate 4th and 7th. Featherstone, Oldham, Whitehaven, Hull KR and Doncaster all look to be in battle for the remaining play-off positions and with 10 points still to play for, Batley and Dewsbury could still force their way from the foot of the table. Last weekend's results proved encouraging for the Bulldogs and Rams. Batley defeated Hull KR 27-13 while Dewsbury won impressively, 31-16 against a Doncaster side containing Graham Holroyd, the third club the half-back has been linked with this season.

It all means the next five weeks will sort the wheat from the chafe, and then we have the play-offs to follow. I recently posted an explanation of how the top six play-offs will work on LeighRL.co.uk and thought that I'd better do the same for my programme notes:

How the Top-6 play-off works

(Please note higher placed clubs always have home advantage.)

Week 1

- A 3rd v 6th (Loser Eliminated - Winner to Week 2)
- B 4th v 5th (Loser Eliminated - Winner to Week 2)

Week 2

- C 1st v 2nd (Winner to Grand Final - Loser to Week 3)
- D Winner A v Winner B (Loser Eliminated - Winner to Week 3)

Week 3

E Loser C v Winner D (Loser Eliminated - Winner to Grand Final)

Week 4

GRAND FINAL - Winner C v Winner E (Weekend 4/5 October, 2003)

I hope that helps explain things a little more. For once my tipping worked. In my last article I lauded the efforts of our captain, Adam Bristow and it would appear that I haven't been the only one. Bristow is of course the current National League Player-of-the-Month and I can't think of a more deserving player to receive an award like that. Doing the stats this season has certainly allowed me to appreciate the efforts players like Adam put in. Much goes unseen and therefore often unrewarded but it appears that the people have got it right!

On the Academy front, there has only been one game since the last time I wrote that was against a powerful St Helens side that had hooker Liam Bostock in fine form. Make a note of that name, I think he's certainly one to watch, clever distribution, allied with neat footwork and a good short kicking game. I think Saints owed much of their victory to him. Not that Leigh didn't make a game of it, prop Gareth Hayes underlined his growing reputation with a good display while out in the centres Shaun Selby showed real finishing power to grab two tries. Frazer Coley again looked threatening on the wing and Shane Eccles and Adam Kirwin were solid at half-back.

Eventually though, the strength of the Saints showed and they went on to complete a 50-20 victory. The lads were due to take on Halifax last week but both the original fixture and the re-arrangement had to be postponed due to Leigh being unable to raise a team. Let's hope there is better luck today, after all it's the visit of old enemy WIGAN for what is sure to be a grudge match.

I hope as many fans as possible managed to take in that game. I know the lads would be thrilled to have your support.

Let's hope we can cheer two Centurion victories this evening, although it won't be easy!

Enjoy your rugby,

Dave.

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New leaflets have recently been circulating in the Pennington area mobilising support against the Leigh Sports Village planning application, which is still due to come out in late October unless the objectors win the day. A local Pennington resident posted this on the web site and I could not say it better -

"I recently had a poster delivered to my door, and it highlighted some of the negative aspects to this proposal, (one of them being) the site will hinder a relative place of safety where youngsters can play and they and adults can learn ecological lessons, I nearly choked on this image in my mind of the local residents playfully guiding the children through Jack's Woods and highlighting the shrubbery and wildlife within this tranquil area. **THE REALITY IS** you cannot or dare not walk through this area without the prospect of your shoe being spiked with a syringe, and any decent adult in the right mind would not like the idea that their children were playing in such a place without supervision (even though it happens). **THE FACT IS** we leythens are past masters of letting anything that remotely constitutes **SUCCESS** slip right through our fingers and ultimately go forever. **IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL** this town will be a ghost town in the very near future if we don't grasp this opportunity we will really be kipped for heavens sake, we let the green party and that Chris Whatever he's called scupper the chance of Xanadu, but now we now have a second bite of the cherry, You don't need me to tell you if **WIGAN** had not got Robin Park then you can bet your bottom dollar that this project would be there like a shot, and then we would do some moaning. This proposed site is right next door to my property and yes, I have no doubts that it will not all be plain sailing **BUT FOR ONCE, JUST ONCE** can we please consider the heritage that we leave behind to our children, **LEIGH** is an old place **DESPERATE** for a revival - let's not let it go."

The application for outline planning approval is therefore **NOT** a foregone conclusion.

We know that the vote in the Leigh Reporter is 90% to 10% in favour and on the Leigh Sports Village official web site www.leigh-sportsvillage.co.uk that

95% to 5% are in favour, but it is letters to the Wigan Borough Planning Office that count, and they are currently and unbelievably 50/50 for approval and objection

Please send a letter to :- Mr. Martin Kimber BA, Dip. TP, MRTPI, Director of Planning, Wigan MBC, Civic Buildings, New Market Street, WIGAN, WN1 1RP. Anything you do want to put on the site of course will be very much appreciated - you will also see from the guestbook, the very interesting comments from the various parts of the community who are totally supportive. We will make certain that those views do go before the Planning department.

If you want to discuss it further, Trevor is in the Mick Martyn bar from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m for the last three home games.

Thank you from Andy Burnham, M.P., and Trevor Barton.



Leigh Past Players Points League

The points awarded for the past games are as follows:-
v Batley - Home - 27th July:

3 points - Rowley, 2 points - Weisner,
1 point - Bradbury, Cardoza, Martyn, Nickle & Swann.
v Featherstone - Away - 3rd August:

3 points - Bristow, 2 points - Martyn, 1 point - Richardson.

Rowley	30 Points	Hadcroft	5 Points
Duffy	23 Points	Munro	5 Points
Richardson	18 Points	Rivett	5 Points
Swann	16 Points	Watts	5 Points
Turley	12 Points	Andrews	3 Points
Weisner	12 Points	Alstead	3 Points
Bristow	12 Points	Martyn	3 Points
Nickle	10 Points	Henare	2 Points
Cardoza	7 Points	Holdstock	2 Points
		Sanderson	2 Points

The race for the points league is hotting up with only three home matches left to play in National League One. Paul Rowley and John Duffy have been at the top for most of the season, but injuries to both players has helped the other players to catch up on them. Willie Swann and Sean Richardson are well placed in third and fourth spot.

As well as the Past Players Association sponsoring the points league, we have gained three more sponsors to boost the prize money for the first, second and third place winners, which by the way will be presented in the Mick Martyn Bar after the final league match against Rochdale Hornets.

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Competition Corner 14 Result

1 - Name all the players - John Woods (Leigh), Mick Burke (Widnes), Des Drummond (Leigh), David Stevenson (Salford), Mike Smith (Hull KR), Steve Fenton (Castleford), David Cairns (Barrow), Roy Holdstock (Hull KR), Malcolm Smith (Wigan), Bob Eccles (Warrington), Malcolm Swann (Leigh), Keith Rayne (Leeds), Harry Pinner (St. Helens).

2 - What was the match - Great Britain Under 24s v France at Hilton Park (GB 14-2 France). 3 - The year was 1979.

Competition Corner 15



Question 1. Name all the players? Question 2. What was the year?



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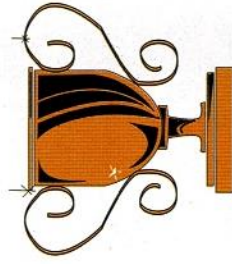
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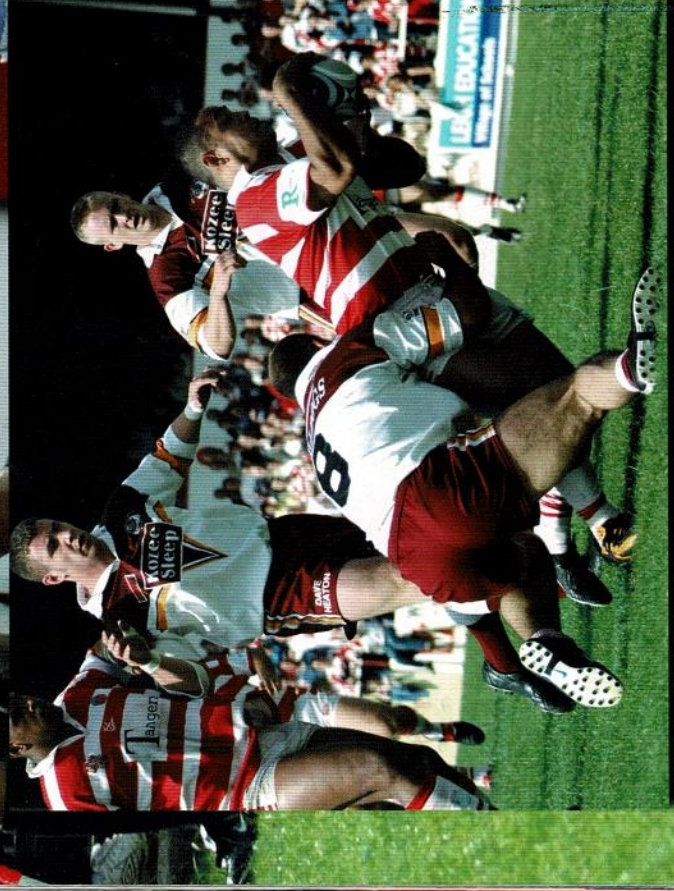
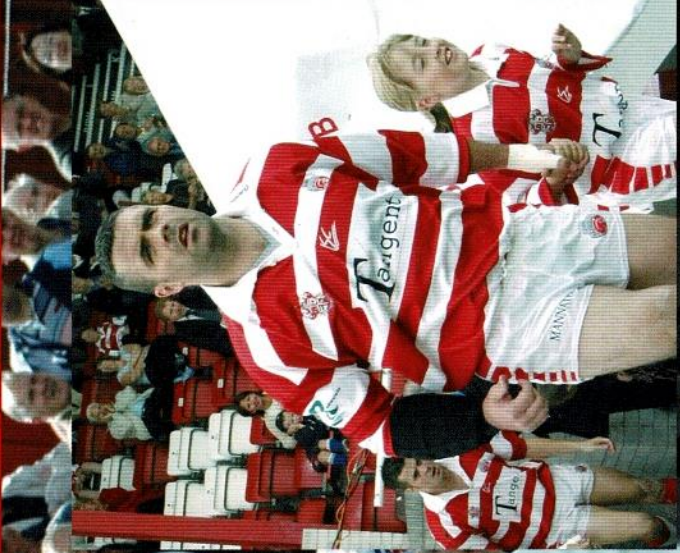
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