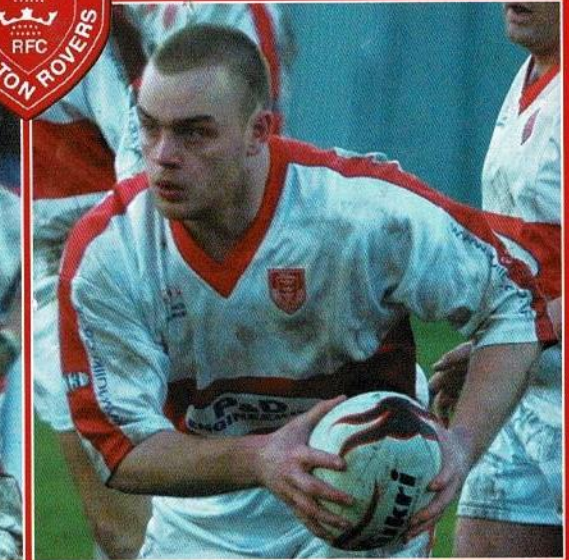
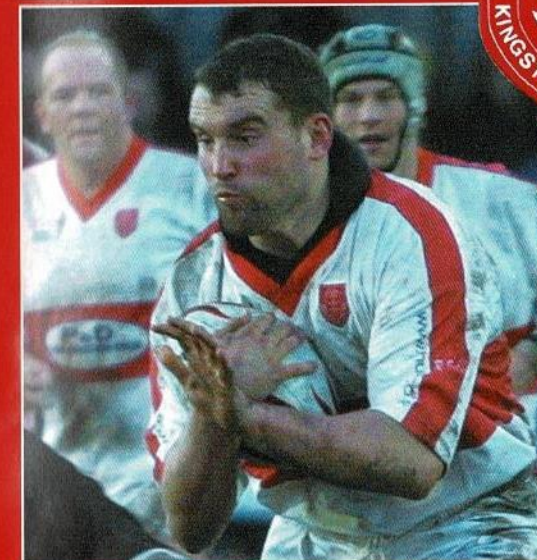
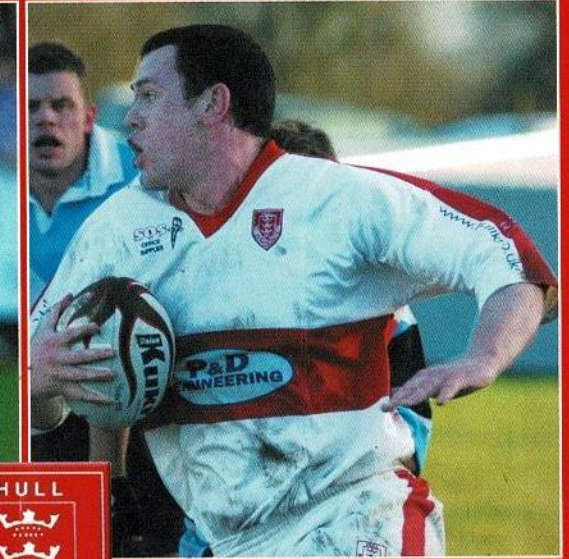
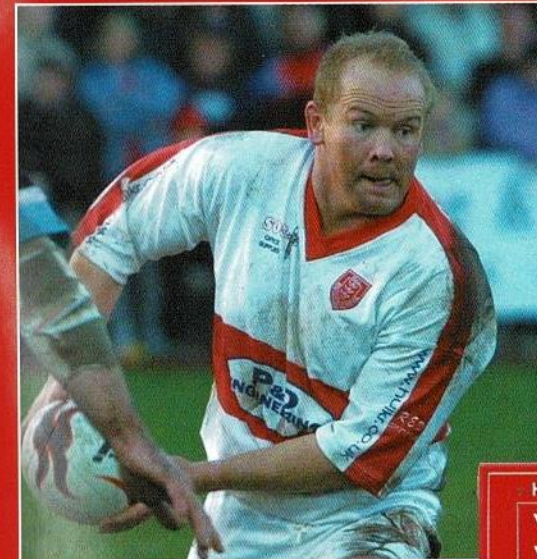
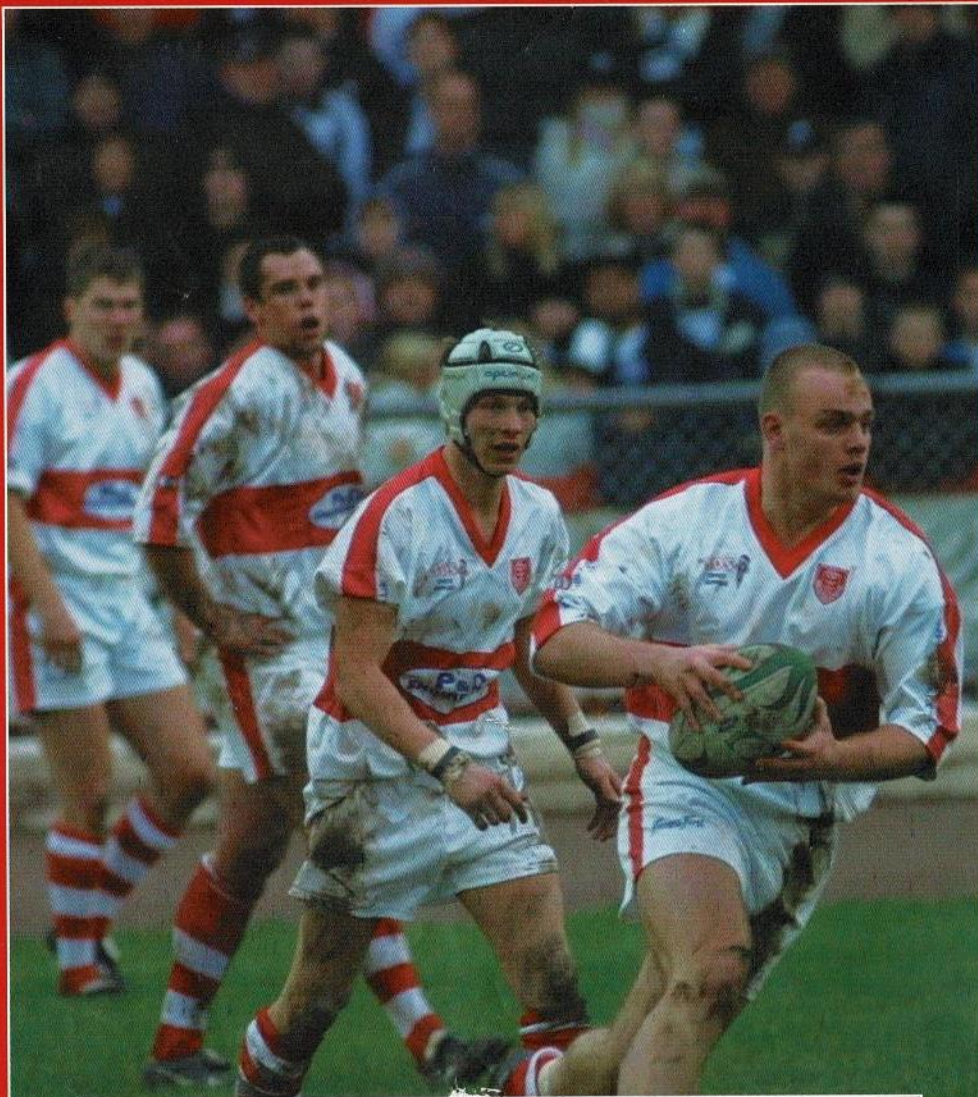


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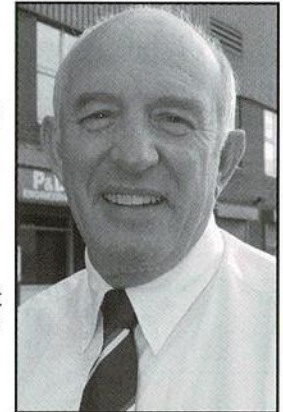
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**CHAIRMAN'S
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This week we welcome Oldham to Craven Park, hoping that we can do the triple over them.

The signs are encouraging, as last week's encounter against Salford City Reds was an absolute epic, a magnificent game of rugby. I don't know about anyone else, but I was so tense that I couldn't sit still for the whole game, up and down and walking around, that was me. Our boys showed the fantastic 'as one' team spirit that exists in the dressing room, the determination and never say die attitude, combined with pride and an unquenchable will to win. That spirit goes right through the club, as was demonstrated by Andy Ellis and Craig Henry, who stepped into the team seamlessly, which also shows the strength in depth that we are striving to create. For me, Susie Bateman's picture in the Hull Daily Mail last Monday night summed it up perfectly, exhausted players celebrating in front of a stand full of cheering supporters. It made me proud to be red and white.

Above all else, we must achieve consistency, now that we have shown that we can compete with the best in National League One. No matter where we finished in the league table, having secured home advantage, this is where the hard work begins, this is what counts, this is what it's all about.

So let's all do it again today, get behind the team, make the noise, cheer the boys on to victory and take one step further along the play-off road.

The fans have been superb all season, but there are so many people to thank for their contribution to the club, from the Junior Robins to the Ex-players Association and we thank them both - and everyone else in between for their support. Let's try to encourage a new wave of supporters to come to the club next season, especially as we are delivering the goods on the field and playing some top quality rugby in an undoubtedly tough competition. Next year's Season Tickets will be on sale soon, in plenty of time to buy one for a friend for Christmas, or to secure your place on the terraces, or in the stand for another season of quality rugby league.

Red and White Forever, Colin McNicol

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Although one season is coming to an end, the RSG are already working with the Club to strengthen the playing squad for next year.

Anthony Seibold, Makali Aizue, Paul Mansson and Paul Pickering have all signed for the 2004 season with the support of the RSG. For the first time in many years the Club are looking to have the squad of players they feel will take Hull KR into the Super League signed up before the end of November and the RSG with your continued support intend to make a significant contribution.

How can you assist the RSG & the Club with Team Strengthening?

* **Take out a monthly standing order mandate.**

With known regular income we can be positive in supporting the signing of players rather than waiting to raise the money before making a commitment.

* **Join the RSG Membership Scheme.**

The RSG are launching a membership scheme for 2004 and have already received a number of completed application forms. The Club are supporting the scheme and have offered a number of incentives, including discounts on next year's pass and merchandise bought in the Club Shop. The cost of a membership for a year is only £10 and with the incentives available, you could recoup your outlay before the season even starts.

The RSG would like to take this opportunity to thank the Directors, Nick Halafihi, Steve Linnane and especially the fans of Hull KR for all your support throughout the season.

Two players already signed for the 2004 season - Paul Pickering and Anthony Seibold



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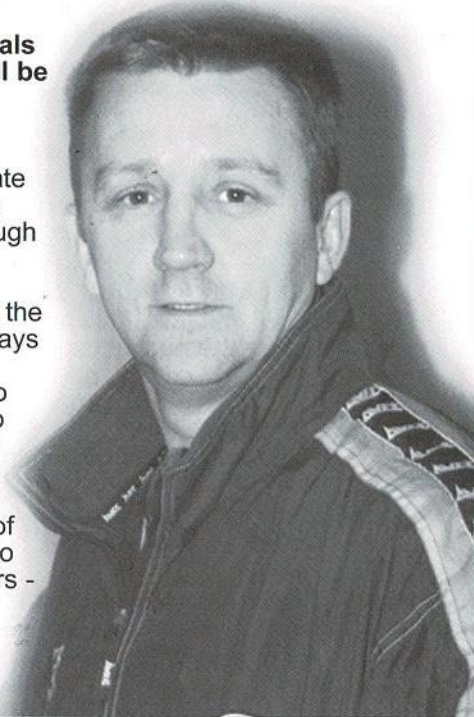
A big welcome to all our fans and I welcome the Oldham players, officials and supporters to what I am sure will be an entertaining and tough game of rugby league.

The two occasions we have played Oldham this year we have been fortunate to win both games but what I will say is that both games were very tight and tough affairs and like those other two games today will be the same.

Over the last seven weeks everyone at the club has been impressed with our displays and we have won six of our last seven games and it is something we set out to achieve so we carried winning form into the play-off series - because winning is a great habit to be in.

Last week saw us defeat Salford City Reds and inflict only their second loss of the season and a hell of a lot of it had to do with the commitment from the players - but I cannot praise enough the singing from our loyal supporters. Hopefully it will continue in the same vein today.

Enjoy the game - Steve Linnane



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BUSINESS TIME!

THE business end of the season is finally here, as National Leagues One and Two head into the intriguing first week of the play-offs.

Eight teams will put their entire season's work on the line this afternoon in the first round of top-six clashes.

All four matches are elimination ties - ensuring that whoever loses today will see their Grand Final hopes ended for another twelve months. For the four victors, that dream will live on, for another seven days at least. Meanwhile, the top two sides in each division - Salford and Leigh in NL1 and Sheffield and Chorley in NL2 - have the weekend off before their opening play-off games.

But onto this afternoon's action.

In NL1, Rochdale entertain Whitehaven, while Oldham travel to Hull KR.

Hornets have done the double over 'Haven this season - scoring over 40 points on both occasions. No mean feat, particularly at the formidable Recreation Ground. But the two sides go into the game in significantly contrasting moods - 'Haven having secured their top six spot with a 68-12 drubbing of bottom club Dewsbury, while Hornets were on the end of the biggest defeat of coach Martin Hall's reign, at Leigh by 68-16.

Still, Hornets will be favourites having lost just twice at Spotland during the league campaign - both times narrowly, to top two Salford and Leigh. But the Cumbrians cannot be discounted.

Oldham will be hoping to repeat the stirring 19-11 play-off win at Hull Kingston Rovers last season when they travel to Craven Park. But it won't be easy against a Robins side that has improved markedly over recent months, so much so that they inflicted only Salford's second defeat of the NL1 season last Sunday. Again, home advantage could prove crucial.

In National League Two, Keighley take on Hunslet looking to avenge the recent win by the Hawks at Cougar Park.

Scrum-half Phil Hasty inspired that victory, and his clash with Matt Firth will be crucial to a fascinating clash.

Another bumper crowd is expected at boom club York when they take on the unpredictable Barrow Raiders. There is little doubt that the Raiders have the ability in their side to produce what would certainly be seen as a shock. Whether they can produce it against a buoyant Knights' side today remains to be seen.

But in all four fixtures, the games look open and inviting to spectators.

Let's hope the matches attract the crowds that they unquestionably deserve.

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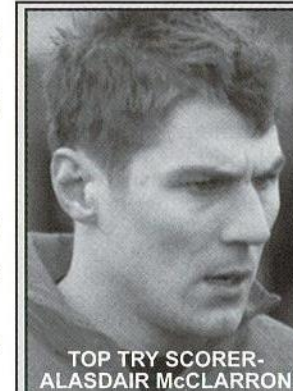
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ROVERS' NL1 SCORERS 2003

APRIL				
18th	LEIGH CENTURIANS	Home (NL1) Att: 2,030	L 17-28	
	Tries: McClarron (3) Goals: Stephenson 2, Field Goal: Tawhai			
21st	ROCHDALE HORNETS	Away (NL1) Att: 1,097	L 29-18	
	Tries: Pinkney, McClarron, Seibold 2 Goals: Tawhai			
MAY				
4th	WHITEHAVEN	Away (NL1) Att: 1,315	L 26-2	
	Goal: Stephenson			
11th	BATLEY BULLDOGS	Home (NL1) Att: 1,200 est	W 16-10	
	Tries: Howard, Pinkney 2 Goals: Stott 2			
25th	FEATHERSTONE R.	Away (NL1) Att: 1,200	L 14-12	
	Tries: Stott, Aston Goals: Stott 2			
JUNE				
1st	OLDHAM	Home (NL1) Att: 1,300	W 23-10	
	Tries: Pinkney, Busby, Pickering, Seibold Goals: Stott 3 Field Goal: Tawhai			
15th	DONCASTER DRAGONS	Away (NL1) Att: 1,124	W 22-43	
	Tries: Howard, Blanchard 3, Poucher, Tawhai, Stott Goals: Stott 7 Field Goal: Stott			
22nd	DEWSBURY RAMS	Home (NL1) Att: 1,402	W 35-12	
	Tries: Cooke, Tawhai, Pickering, Parker, Pinkney, Aizue Goals: Stott 5 Field Goal: Tawhai			
29th	LEIGH CENTURIANS	Away (NL1) Att: 2,363	L 54-4	
	Tries: Aston			
JULY				
13th	SALFORD CITY REDS	Away (NL1) Att: 2,063	L 24-12	
	Tries: Pickering, Smith Goals: Stott 2			
20th	ROCHDALE HORNETS	Home (NL1) Att: 1,750	L 18-33	
	Tries: Andrews, Aizue, McClarron Goals: Stott 3			
27th	WHITEHAVEN	Home (NL1) Att: 1,612	W 36-10	
	Tries: Poucher 2, Bovill, Mansson, Tawhai, Aizue Goals: Stephenson 5 Tawhai			
AUGUST				
3rd	BATLEY BULLDOGS	Away (NL1) Att: 926	L 27-13	
	Tries: Mansson 2 Goals: Hall 2 Field Goal: Tawhai			
10th	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home (NL1) Att: 1,315	W 13-0	
	Tries: Mansson, McClarron Goals: Stott 2 Field Goal: Stott			
17th	OLDHAM	Away (NL1) Att: 1,414	W 24-29	
	Tries: Farrell, Seibold, Pickering, Poucher, McClarron Goals: Stott 4 Field Goal: Stott			
24th	DONCASTER DRAGONS	Home (NL1) Att: 1,522	W 32-26	
	Tries: Seibold, Aston, Smith, Sullivan, Fletcher Goals: Stott 5, Tawhai			
31st	DEWSBURY RAMS	Away (NL1) Att: 1,150	W 8-60	
	Tries: McClarron 2, Fletcher, Pickering, Tawhai 2, Poucher, Andrews, Stephenson, Farrell Goals: Stott 7, Stephenson 3			
SEPTEMBER				
7th	SALFORD CITY REDS	Home (NL1) Att: 2,060	W 18-16	
	Tries: Ellis, McClarron, Mansson Goals: Stott 3			



TOP TRY SCORER-
ALASDAIR McCLARRON

Total tries: 68

Alasdair McClarron 10
Paul Mansson 5
Craig Poucher 5
Paul Pickering 5
Nick Pinkney 5
Anthony Seibold 5
Latham Tawhai 5
Makali Aizue 3
Jon Aston 3
Mark Blanchard 3
Dean Andrews 2
Craig Farrell 2
Paul Fletcher 2
Harvey Howard 2
Lynton Stott 2
Andy Smith 2
Jamie Bovill 1
Dean Busby 1
Shaun Cooke 1
Andy Ellis 1
Paul Parker 1
Chris Stephenson 1
Adam Sullivan 1

Total goals: 61

Lynton Stott 45
Chris Stephenson 11
Latham Tawhai 3
Mike Hall 2

Total field goals: 7

Latham Tawhai 4
Lynton Stott 3

Highest Winning

Margin: 8-60 (August 31st v Dewsbury, Away)
Highest Losing Margin: 54-4 (June 29th v Leigh, Away)

PLAYING RECORD - NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE - 2003

Played-18 Won-10 Drawn-0 Lost-8 League Position-4th

Points for: 401 Points against: 373 Difference: 28

Top Points Scorer: Lynton Stott 101

Top Try Scorer: Alasdair McClarron 10

Top Goal Kicker: Lynton Stott 45

Top Field Goal Kicker: Latham Tawhai 4

Hat-tricks: Alasdair McClarron v Leigh Centurions (April 18th, Home) and Mark Blanchard v Doncaster Dragons (June 15th, Away)

As we are entertaining our friends from Oldham for this Elimination Play-off fixture today, we shall feature some previous matches in the various end of season competitions with our rivals from across the Pennines.

Our paths have crossed twice quite recently, the first instance being a match that took place at Spotland on Sunday 9th July 2000. This was in the Northern Ford Premiership competition and was like today an Elimination Semi Final. Oldham's regular ground was unavailable hence the fixture being played at Spotland. Rovers had finished the regular season in 7th place with Oldham one place above, and were being coached at that time by Dave Harrison. The match itself was an absolute cracker with player coach Mike Ford calling the shots for Oldham and Paul Fletcher having a tremendous game in the Robins' pack. The home side took the lead in the 11th minute when after good handling, fullback Mark Sibson broke through. However he was well tackled by Gavin Molloy playing at No.1 for Rovers, but in the next play winger Dean Cross went over in the corner for a try, superbly converted by Pat Rich. Six minutes later Oldham scored again this time Ford and David Gibbons sent Phil Farrell under the posts for Rich to add the extras to put the home side 12 points to 0 in front. The Robins then had a spell of pressure with Mark Hewitt, Whetu Taewa and Mark Blanchard all going close, but it stayed at 12 points to nil at the interval. Ford stretched the lead with a drop goal just after the restart, and then David Gibbons scored to make it 17 points to 0 after 58 minutes, but fortunately from Rovers point of view Rich missed the kick.

Ford then opted to make several substitutions including going off for a breather himself. 65 minutes were on the clock before Rovers scored their first points; a clever Hewitt kick saw Jon Wray touch down in the corner too far out for Hewitt to convert. Two minutes later however the Robins were right back in the game when hooker Mike Dixon and Hewitt worked an opening for Taewa to cross, and although the conversion again failed the score was now 17 points to 8 in the home sides favour. Despite Neil Roden landing a one pointer for Oldham the Robins scored another try when Dixon set Hewitt in for another touchdown, Charles this time took the kick and was successful to make the score 18 points to 14 in Oldham's favour. This was however as near as the Robins came as in the dying seconds Roden and Sibson sent Anthony Gibbons over for the match clinching score. The two sides that day were Oldham: Sibson; Cross, Gibbons (A), Rich, Barrow; Gibbons (D), Ford; Molloy, Hough, Proctor, Farrell (P), McMenemy and Mannion. Subs. Roden, Clegg, Guest and Sinfield.

Hull Kingston Rovers:
Molloy; Wray, Nolan, Taewa, Blanchard, Joe, Hewitt; Fletcher, Dixon, Wilson, Leatham, Andrews and Charles. Subs. Yeaman, Bovill, Hardy and Wilkin.

The referee was Mr. S. Nicholson of Whitehaven and the attendance was 2,584.

The two clubs were involved in a second Elimination Semi Final as recently as last season, this match was played on Sunday 15th September 2002. This time Hull Kingston had home advantage the match taking place at Craven Park. The Robins had finished the season fourth with Oldham in ninth position.

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LOOKING BACK

Rovers had been dealt two blows in the week preceding the match with winger Ally McClarron being ruled out with a fractured shoulder, and forward Andy Smith had undergone an operation on a knee injury. They were also badly hit during the match with Martin Wood, Bob Everitt, Whetu Taewa and Mark Cain all sustaining injuries. Oldham went ahead after 5 minutes when Rovers knocked on in their own quarter, and from the resulting scrum Jon Goddard, Lee Doran and Anthony Gibbons put winger Mark Sibson in at the corner too far out for Gareth Barber to convert. Chris Charles kicked a penalty for the Robins to bring the home side back into the match at 4 points to 2. At this point the Robins' playmaker Martin Wood went off the field with concussion and was not able to return. Oldham hit back with their best player Neil Roden scampering over the Rovers' line for Barber to convert and put Oldham 10 points to 2 in front inside the first 20 minutes.

Another Charles' goal on 33 minutes narrowed the gap to 10 points to 4, which is how it stayed until the interval. Shortly into the second half Craig Murdock was sin-binned for dissent and with Cain going off injured, Wilkin and Pinkney went to half-back during which period Rovers enjoyed their best spell of the match.

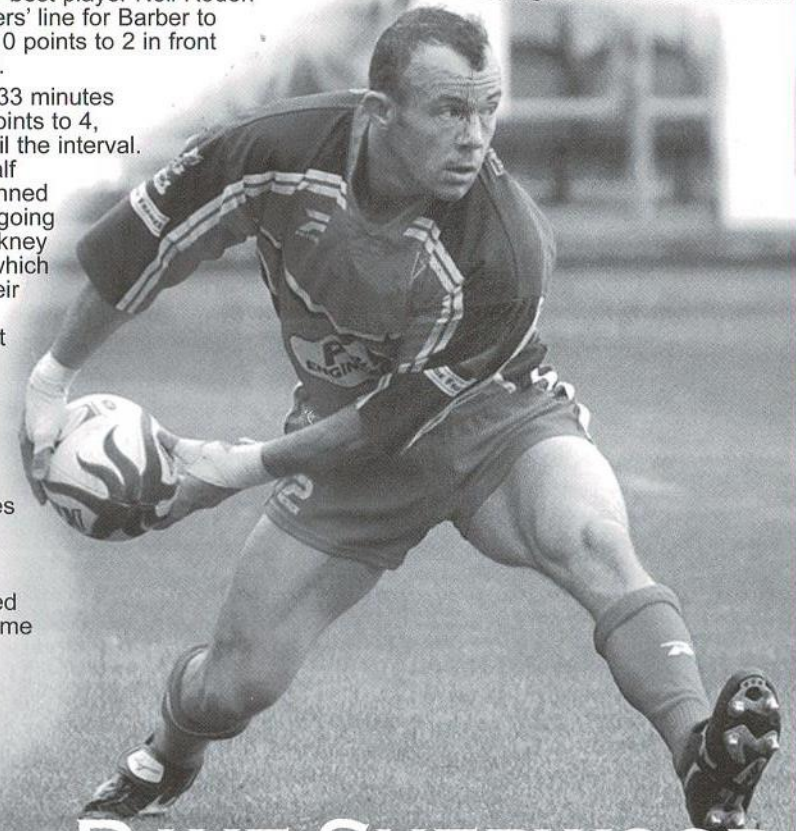
It was during this time that the Robins scored their only try of the game. The groundwork being done by Paul Fletcher enabling Jon Wilkin to eventually touch down, for a try which with Charles successful conversion made the scores level at 10 points apiece.

On 55 minutes Stott landed a drop goal putting the home side one point in front, before Barber put over a penalty for Oldham to put them back in the lead at 12 points to 11.

The match clinching try came when the Robins dropped out from under their own sticks, and Roden collected the ball and shot under the posts, which with Barber's conversion made it 18 points to 11 to Oldham. A drop goal from Oldham's man of the match Roden in injury time made the final score Oldham 19 Hull Kingston Rovers 11.

The two sides that day were Hull Kingston Rovers: Everitt; Pinkney, Blanchard, Taewa, Stott; Wood, Cain; Hayes, Dixon, Sullivan, Wilkin, Schultz and Charles. Subs. Murdock, Fletcher, Andrews and Wilson. Oldham: Dodd; Sibson, Gibbons (A), Goddard, McNicholas; Barbér, Roden; Molloy, Hough, Clegg, Doran, Henare and Gibbons (D). Subs. Brennan, Johnson, Cowell and Guest. The Referee was Mr. C. Morris of Huddersfield and the attendance 1,881.

The game marked the final match in Rovers' colours, for the time being at any rate, of no fewer than eight first team regulars: Bob Everitt, Whetu Taewa, Martin Wood, Mark Cain, Richie Hayes, Mike Dixon (below), Jon Wilkin and Matt Schultz. It also turned out to be Gary Wilkinson's last match in charge as first team coach.



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BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE - NICK HALAFIHI

What a great day we had on Sunday and a big thank you to everyone who turned up to support the lads and they repaid your faith in great style by beating the side who finished Minor Premiers.

I must say it is amazing what a crowd of over 2000 can do for the financial stability of the club. Results like this make the whole place here at Craven Park have a 'Feel Good Factor' and hopefully you have been out and told all your friends what a great time we have here at the club and they are here with you today.

Recently I wrote in the match programme about having to be a part of our fans at away games for all the wrong reasons. Hopefully this has been turned round and I must compliment every single one of you who have travelled away with Hull Kingston Rovers this season. Apart from the odd isolated incident the army of travelling support has been unbelievable and on behalf of the Board of Directors, the coaching staff and players and myself may I thank you all very much indeed.

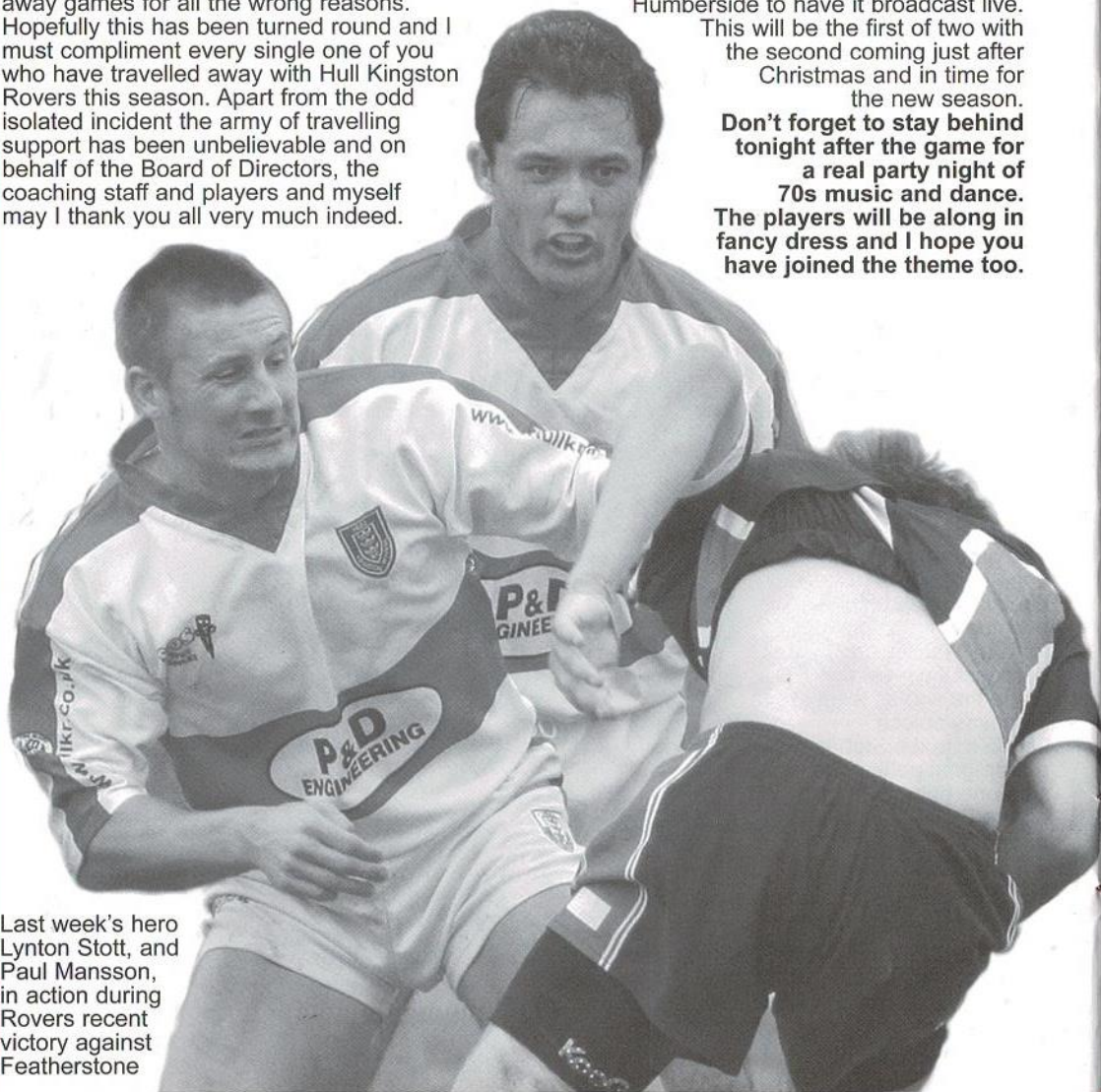
We have put in our Super League application and also one for an increase in our Salary Cap. I realise we are coming towards the end of the season but to keep people informed the club will be placing constant updates on the clubs website and through the media.

Once the season comes to a close we are looking to again organise a Fans Forum and we will be working in conjunction with Radio Humberside to have it broadcast live.

This will be the first of two with the second coming just after Christmas and in time for the new season.

Don't forget to stay behind tonight after the game for a real party night of 70s music and dance.

The players will be along in fancy dress and I hope you have joined the theme too.



Last week's hero Lynton Stott, and Paul Mansson, in action during Rovers recent victory against Featherstone

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

A packed Harry Poole Bar was the venue for the Rovers' Supporters' Annual Awards Night on Tuesday September 9th.

The main award, Rovers' Player Of The Year 2003, went to the evergreen, and ever popular, Paul Fletcher. RSG's Chris Fallowfield presented Paul with the award that he'd first received twelve years earlier, in 1991. Following an amazing first season, teenage hooker, Paul Pickering was named as runner-up, with Jon Aston third. Those two also picked up further awards. Jon Aston collected the Fanzine's award, presented by Editor, Russell Jones. Whilst Paul Pickering was the Website's favourite, and received his trophy from Jonathan Knaggs.

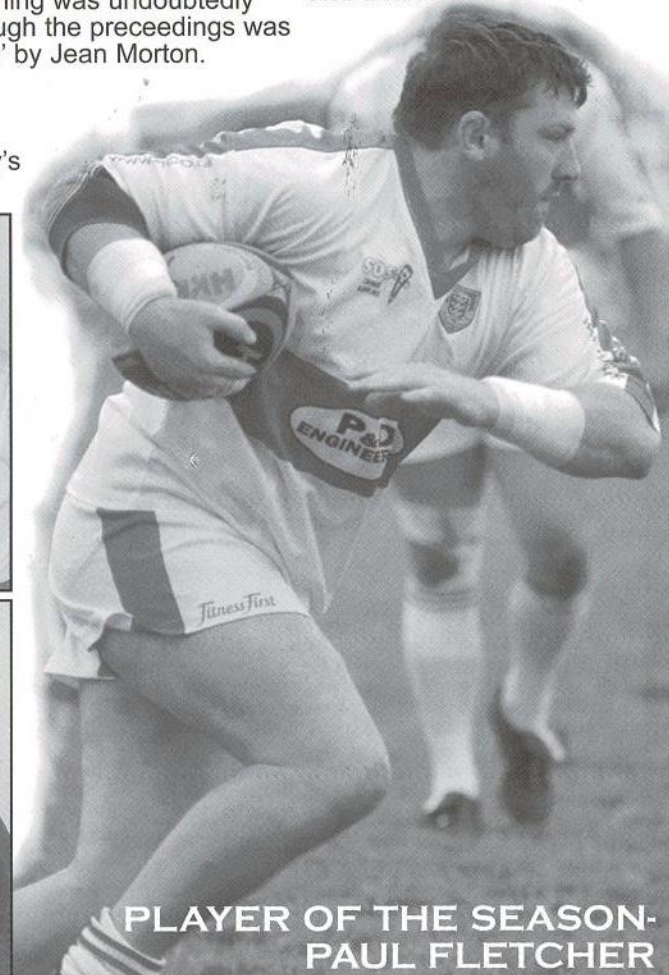
Top try-scorer, Alasdair McClarron walked away with the Junior Robins' award and the Under 21's Award was won by last Sunday's first team hero, Andy Ellis.

The noisiest recipient of the evening was undoubtedly John McLane, who midway through the proceedings was presented with a 'Lifetime Award' by Jean Morton.

Not content with the customary acceptance speech however, John 'treated' everyone to a stirring rendition of Elvis' Presley's 'The Wonder Of You' instead.



Paul Fletcher (top) Andy Ellis with coach, Steve Linnane (middle) and John McLane (bottom) with their awards



PLAYER OF THE SEASON- PAUL FLETCHER

ROVERS' HALF-TIME QUIZ

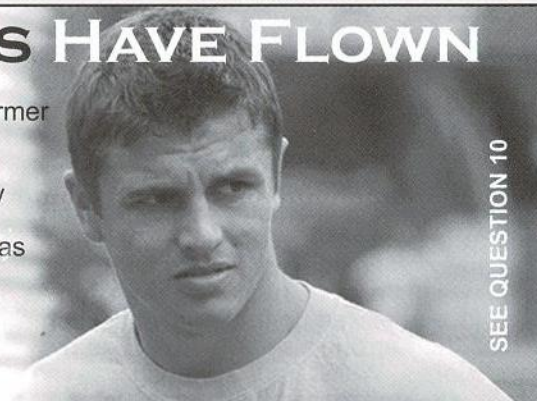
THE ROBINS HAVE FLOWN

Which clubs have the following former Robins played for during 2003?

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| 1. Alex Godfrey | 6. Dane Dorahy |
| 2. Leroy Joe | 7. Howard Hill |
| 3. Chris Charles | 8. Graeme Hallas |
| 4. Richard Slater | 9. Ian Kirke |
| 5. Stanley Gene | 10. Jon Wilkin |

ANSWERS ON PAGE 23

SEE QUESTION 10



JUNIOR ROBINS' NEWS

It is never too late to be an official supporter of Hull KR and join the Junior Robins.

Our next trip away will be to the Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford on Saturday 18th October. Again we are subsidising the trip for our members so that they can travel for free. Tickets are priced at £15 Junior Robins, £25 Adults and non-Junior Robins. The coach will be leaving the bus stop on Preston Road outside Craven Park at 1430 and will get back to Hull around 2300. (1830 Kick Off). There are only 15 places left so book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets must be paid for at the time of booking please.

To book send a cheque made payable to Hull KR Junior Robins to Mark Simmons, 24 Main Street, Wawne, HU7 5XH. Or see me in person at the ground.

2003 has seen the club have a record membership level which is absolutely fantastic. We have already received some applications for membership for the 2004 season. If you would like to renew your membership for 2004 and your details are the same (ie you haven't moved house) then please send your name and payment to Hull KR Junior Robins at Craven Park. If you know of anybody else that wants to join for 2004 then application forms are available

from the club shop, online at www.hullkr.com or by contacting me on 07788792966. Please make cheques payable to Hull KR Junior Robins. Membership fees are staying the same, only £3 each for 2004. All those that join or rejoin for 2004 by 15 December 2003 will go into a prize draw. The winner will receive a signed 2004 replica shirt in their size. They will be presented with the shirt at the first home game of the 2004 season.

2004 SEASON TICKETS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

When the new passes go on sale at the end of November, all members will be able to buy a 2004 season pass for only £14. The passes will be for GROUND ENTRY which means that you can either stand or use the seats in the main stand depending on what you want to do on matchdays. These passes can also be used for the Academy matches too. Remember though, that to be able to buy these special passes that you must be registered and have a 2004 membership card to prove you are a Junior Robin.

The Junior Robins would like to thank all the staff at Craven Park, Graham Handforth and Pete Chambers for all the help and support. Also thanks to Steve Linnane and the players for an enjoyable season.

ROCKIN' WITH RUFUS

Hi Kids, Brilliant or what?! What a game last week against Salford - and what a finish! Thanks to Lynton in the last few seconds. And a fantastic try from new star Andy Ellis to start us off. Just remember boys and girls never stop trying no matter how hard it may seem, 12-0 down and we still came back to win. Hope its as good this week. I told you that fresh fruit gives you energy. The fruit from ASDA Kingswood must be really special. That's what the players were eating before the game. Cheer on the boys... Love Rufus and Rockie



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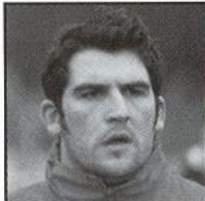
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We have so far received over £1200.00!!! The Club would like to thank everyone who has sponsored so far, including: Mr Zippy, Sutski, CB, Slim Jim, WK, Whizzer, Sid, Kingston, George Tich West, PAC, Red L, Eric Hunte, Stivey and Co, Dunny, Anonymous, Peter Sissons, Wolf, Superman, Colin Musgrave, Mr & Mrs Cornforth, Always a Robin, Boothferry Reds, Anonymous, Craig Franklin, Drew, Simmo, Robins Nest, Rugby Tavern, Mick Scott, Paul The Red and Family, Shagpile Karl & East Hull u15's Footy Team, Rockin Robin in Nam, Krissy Mac, Deb Swann, CRB, Matthew Thomas, Ben Thomas, R.Crossland, Grunt, Keith Lyons, John and Phil Holliday, Ali.G.Spot, Steve Shackleton, Les & Colin McNicol for Grandkids, www.parasolit.co.uk, Nicky Boy, KR ex Pat, Graham in Oz, Rodders, Milpool, Oak Leaf IT Ltd. and A. Cockerton.

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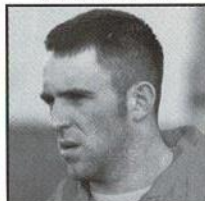
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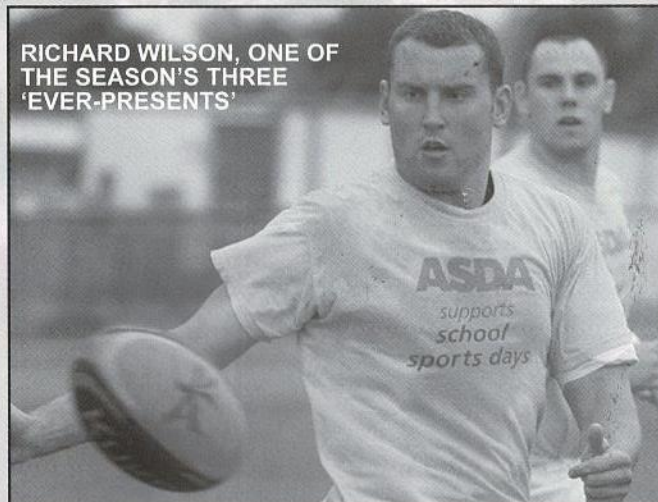


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I hope all you Rovers fans have managed to get your breath back after last weekend's excitement. And if you have ever wondered about getting value for your rugby league money I guess that last-ditch tackle by Lynton Stott on Andy Kirk was worth the admission money by itself. Talking to Lynton after the match and I reckon it was a combination of speed, determination and experience which put him on the right run to get anywhere near Kirk. And it is interesting to know how quickly a top-flight sports person's mind works in these circumstances. Not only had the full-back worked out what he needed to do to slow Kirk down, he had also worked out if he ankle-tapped the inside leg there was a chance the winger would at least put his foot on the touch-line or stray over it.

Bear in mind Ellis did not know he was playing until very late in the day, and Henry had not trained with the side because of his work as a fireman. Nevertheless he did not look out of place and Ellis picked up what has become almost his customary try per match. Prior to Sunday he had scored 20 tries in 24 matches for the Rovers Under 21 Academy side, and his debut first team try obviously made it 21 from 25 games. Ellis was more than happy with the try, but modestly said he just spotted a gap at the play-the-ball and went for it. The Supporters' Group awards evening went with a swing and it was good to see all the players pop up after training. Top of the pops for the Supporters' Group was evergreen Paul Fletcher, who commented he had last won the award 12 years ago, and that's longer than some player's entire careers.

RICHARD WILSON, ONE OF THE SEASON'S THREE 'EVER-PRESENTS'



And testimony to the toughness and durability of the modern rugby league player comes with the fact three members of the Rovers pack, Jon Aston, Richard Wilson and Fletcher have not missed a game all season. As far as today's match goes Oldham are something of Play-off specialists. They have figured in the past three competitions and reached the Grand Final in 2001. But their away form has been "iffy" to say the least.

In the end Kirk spilled the ball after an agonising couple of paces, but he did in fact place a foot on the line and I think that had been spotted by the touch judge. One other interesting thing and one which typifies the spirit in the camp at the moment concerns Richard Wilson. I was told at the Supporters' Group Presentations on Tuesday evening that a look at the same incident on the match video reveals Wilson coming across, running absolutely flat out after eighty minutes, with no hope of catching Kirk, but obviously alert to the possibility of the winger coming inside in which case he would have been caught. And if everyone is working for each other like that the morale in the camp must be tremendous. Still on the subject of spirit it was great to see how well Andy Ellis and Craig Henry fitted into the first team.

They have only beaten one of the 'top' sides on their travels all season. That was at Featherstone in the last league match. I suppose it could mean they are running into form late once again. But I feel the spirit in the Rovers' camp is so good there will be no repeat of last year when The Robins, who finished fourth, were favourites to see off the Lancashire side but slid to a 19-11 defeat. Hopefully Rovers will emerge triumphant and edge another step closer to the Grand Final. **Let's hope we are treated to another cracking match today, but that the finish is a bit less dramatic. You can only stand so many thrillers like last week in a season!**

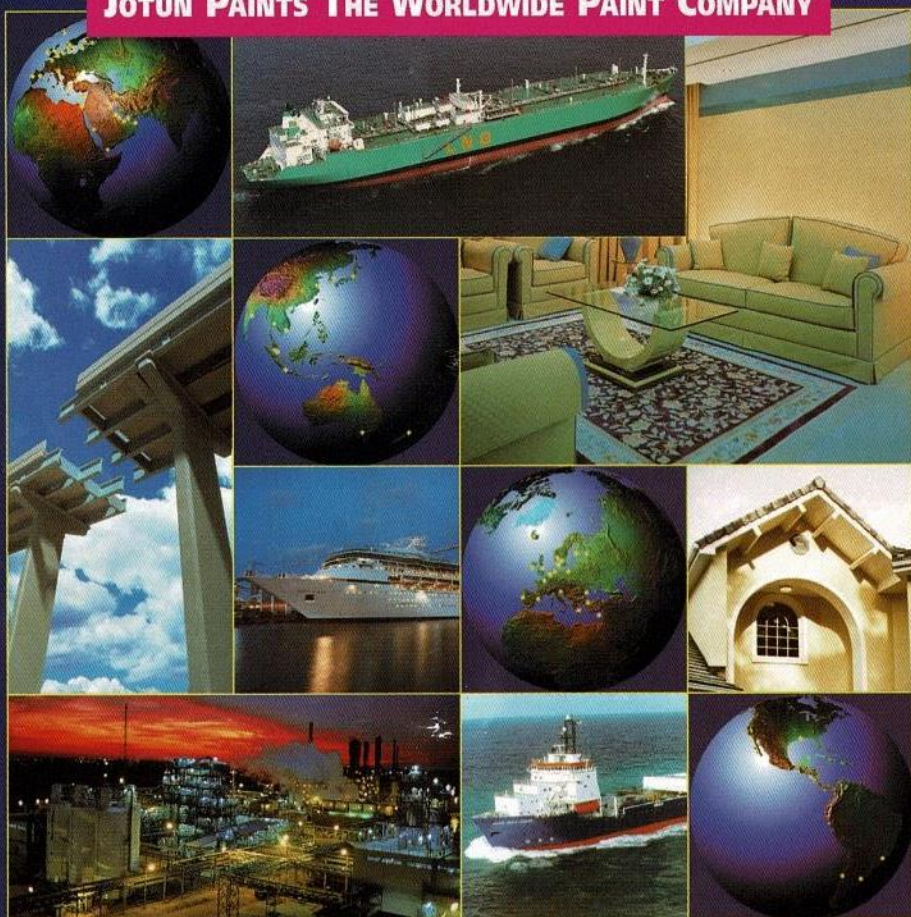
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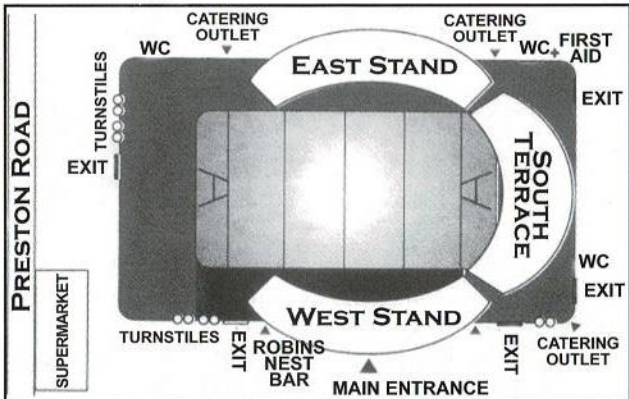
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HULL K.R.

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LYNTON STOTT	1	JONATHAN GODDARD
CRAIG FARRELL	2	CHRIS PERCIVAL
PAUL PARKER	3	IAIN MARSH
NICK PINKNEY	4	LEE DORAN
ALASDAIR McCLARRON	5	NICK JOHNSON
PAUL MANSSON	6	SIMON SVABIC
LATHAM TAWHAI	7	NEIL RODEN
RICHARD WILSON	8	STEVE MOLLOY
ANDY ELLIS	9	KEITH BRENNAN
ADAM SULLIVAN	10	DANE MORGAN
ANTHONY SEIBOLD	11	LEE MARSH
JON ASTON	12	CRAIG McDOWELL
ANDY SMITH	13	PHIL FARRELL
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PAUL PICKERING	15	GAVIN DODD
MAKALI AIZUE	16	CHRIS MORLEY
PAUL FLETCHER	17	MARTIN McLOUGHLIN
COACH: STEVE LINNANE		COACH: STEVE MOLLOY

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TODAY'S MASCOTS

Today's Rovers' mascot is 15 years old Laura Frankish who attends Sir Isaac Newton School. Laura likes watching Rovers and going to the Pozition Club (under 18s I hope). Her favourite player is Paul Pickering, and her favourite singer is Shaun Paul. Today's Oldham mascot is 8 years old, Holly King. She doesn't have a favourite player because every player in Oldham colours is a hero to her.

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ROVERS' HALF-TIME QUIZ

The answers to today's quiz are:
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5. Huddersfield Giants 6. Halifax 7. Whitehaven 8. York City Knights
9. Dewsbury Rams 10. St. Helens