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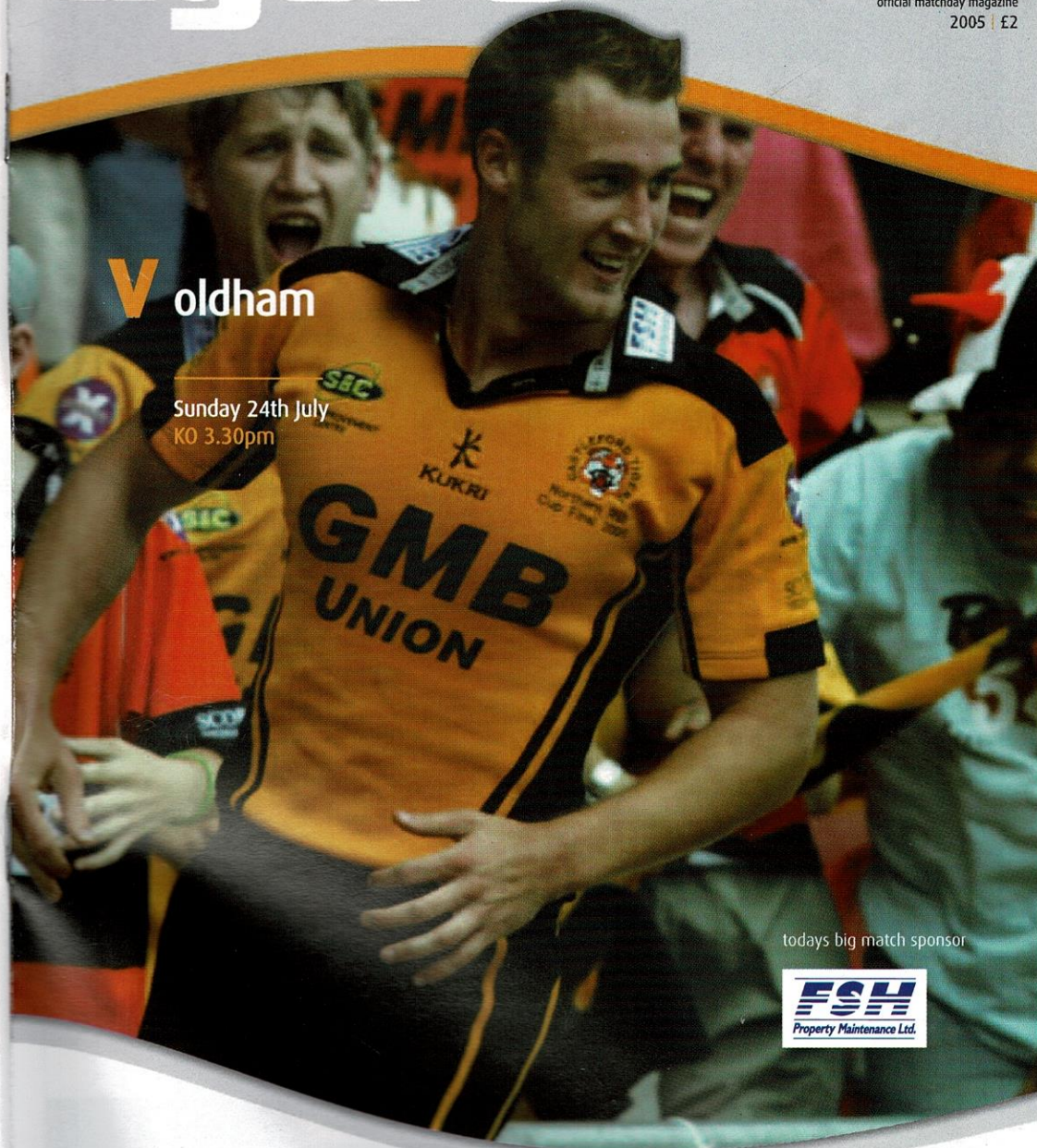
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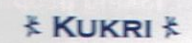
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Shock, horror, disbelief, disappointment, just a few of the emotions that we all went through last Sunday at Blackpool. The defeat was hard to take and all at the Club felt most for the fans. Your support was absolutely tremendous and we all wanted to reward you with the trophy. Everything seemed to be going to plan until half time but then the game went away from us and all credit to Hull K R who showed a great deal of character to come back from being 10 2 down. The whole event was a superb spectacle and once again the Tigers have demonstrated that the Club is a big asset to the game wherever we are but I know this is no consolation for not landing the Cup.

On Monday evening we held the BBQ here at the Jungle and it proved very significant in the circumstances. Around 1,000 fans turned up, again great support for the Club. All the squad were present and some along with Dave Woods addressed the fans. The event gave Dave and the players the chance to express their disappointment and to apologise to the fans but it also gave the fans the chance to show that they still are behind them so I think both fans and players gained a lot from the interaction. It was particularly important for Brad Davis who felt singularly responsible for the loss and was really down but he got a very good reception and was feeling much better at the end.

It would be easy to blame Brad for the pass that was intercepted but at the end of the day we should not have been in the situation in the first place. We lost it in the first ten minutes of the second half when we lacked the

intensity to go on and win the game. We should have continued to put Hull under pressure and had we done so we would have won comfortably. No one player can be blamed for the loss, it was very much a team responsibility.

When Dave and some of the players had finished addressing the fans we introduced Michael Eagar and he received a huge welcome. We have kept an eye on his situation at Hull for quite a while and although he had offers from elsewhere he wanted to come back to the Tigers. He has said he will retire at the end of the season but if he enjoys the next few weeks he may well change his mind.

As I said the event was important and has helped us all regain our focus for the next 7 games and the challenges ahead. One thing I do believe is that the experience of playing in a final with such an atmosphere will be good for the players and they will have taken much from it for the big games later in the season.

Today against Oldham a win is vital. Gary Mercer will have his men fully charged and hopeful of catching us with the cup final blues but from last Tuesday onwards all talk has been about the future and I am sure the players will be confident, particularly after the support shown on Monday evening.

Finally a big thanks to all of you who travelled to Blackpool. You were great!

Go the Tigers  
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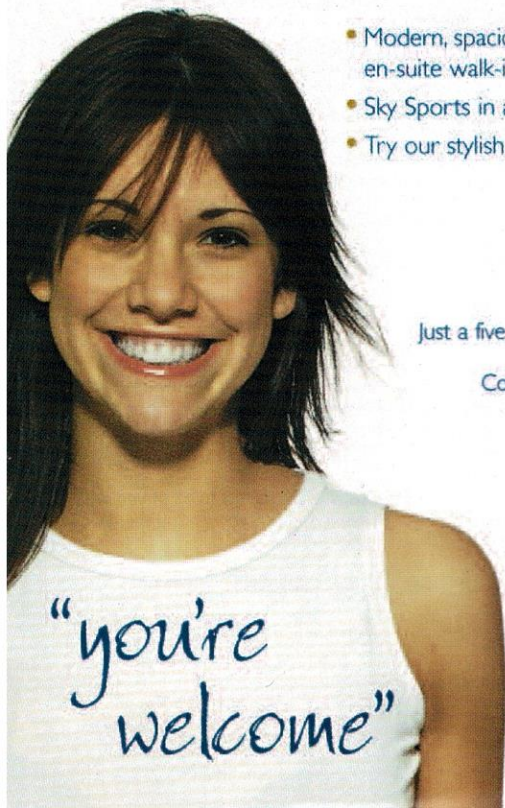
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The last two weeks have understandably been a major disappointment for us all and I can understand some of the frustration that you must be feeling. Your support this year deserved a trophy and I am sorry that we were not able to deliver one at Blackpool last weekend. At half time we were in an excellent position to kick on and take the game beyond the reach of Hull KR. It's history now that we didn't do that and we will certainly be working hard, looking at what went wrong and ensuring that we address them over the final few weeks of the season. We are putting in an awful lot of effort but not turning it into points, to some extent by not following the game plan that we work on during the week. I am well aware of what improvements that need to be made and we will be working doubly hard at putting things right. It isn't that we need major surgery and I'm sure that we will learn from Sunday's game against Hull KR, as our paths may cross again in the play offs. Now it's back to the league, our main goal, and a vital match for the club. Oldham are a more than useful side and will be expecting to give us a good test, no doubt hoping to find us on a downer. We have got to make sure that isn't the case. Like our game at Rochdale, where it was rough and it was tough (but credit the Hornets for their enthusiasm and commitment), Oldham will raise their game and we have got to be prepared to counter that. The best way to overcome the disappointment of last week is to get straight back onto the winning path and that is our one aim this afternoon. You fans have been tremendous so far, stick with us, I am confident that we will bounce back. As I said at the beginning of this piece, your support deserves a trophy (and that was endorsed by the tremendous turnout at last Monday's BBQ), I still hope that we can bring you one.

David Woods



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## STEVE TOP PLAYER IN JUNE

The Tigers back row forward Steve Crouch was deservedly judged to be the LHF Healthplan NL1 Player of the Month for June in the 'Rugby League World' magazine. Steve's form during June was top class, as it has been all season, and for many Tigers fans, it wasn't before time that one of their favourites was recognised in this way. Apart from Steve, Deon Bird and Andrew Henderson were also named in the 'Rugby League World's June 'Team of the Month.'

## ACADEMY HONOURS FOR TIGERS DUO

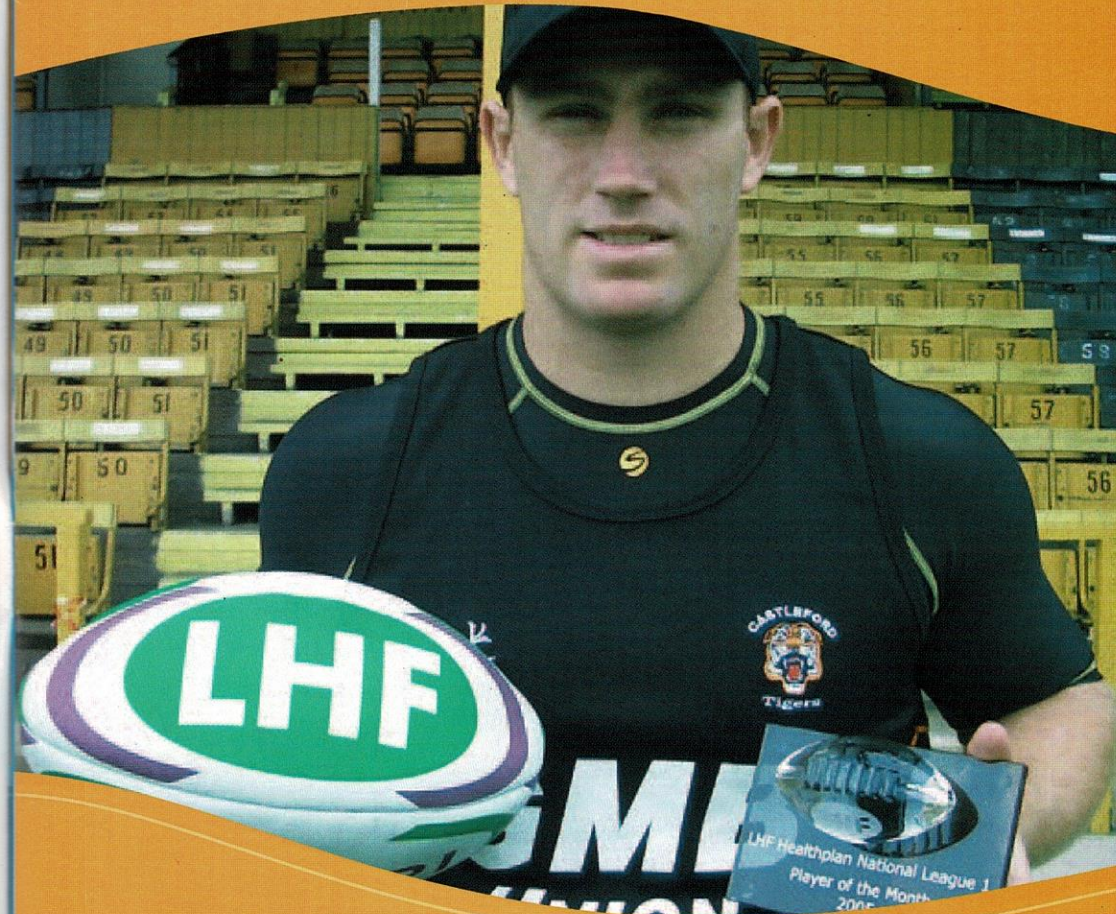
Two of the Tigers most promising youngsters, centre Steven Crow and forward Ryan Boyle, have won well-deserved selection for the 2005 Yorkshire County Junior Academy squad. Yorkshire face Lancashire at the Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield on Sunday 31 July, KO 11.45. The match is a very important one as it will be integral to the selection of the England Academy side that will play the Australian Institute of Sport later in the year. Ryan has of course made his first team debut recently and was impressive with a stint off the bench, whilst Steven has been going very well for the Under 18's. Ryan and Steven are the only two players in the squad not from a Super League side.

## VICARAGE CARS AWARD

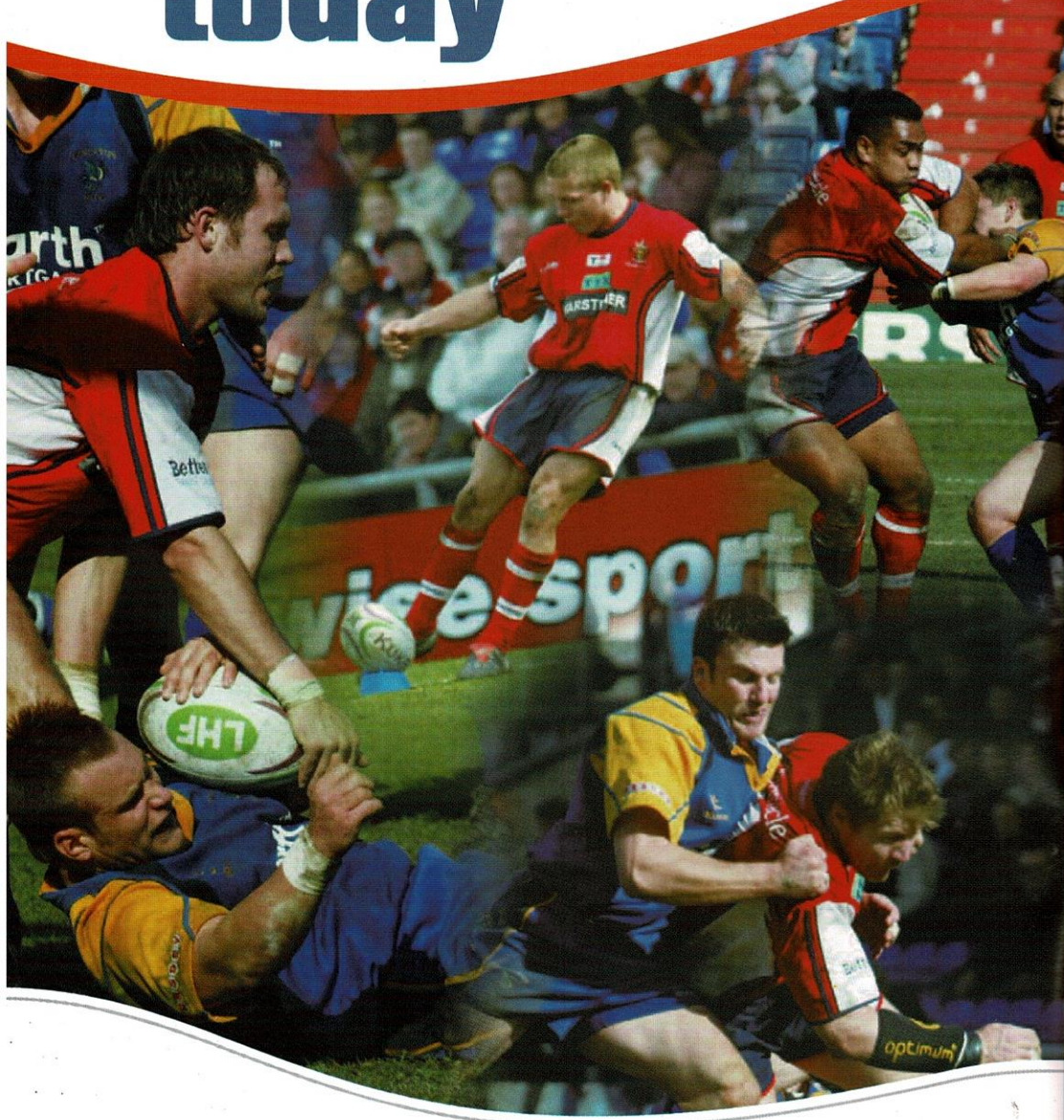
Aaron Smith and Michael Platt shared the award after our win over Doncaster, in the award voted for by fellow players, in a winning performance by the Tigers. Aaron got through a tremendous amount of work whilst Michael had a great day on attack, scoring a hat trick of tries.

## UNDER 21'S

Joe Hawley made his debut for the under-21's last having joined us on loan from the Hunslet Hawks. A promising young hooker, Hunslet, who don't have a 21's side, asked us if we could give him some game time as he is being kept out of their senior side by former Tiger Jamaime Wray. Craig Poucher, who made his under-21's debut the previous week, hasn't been seen in the last week. As we go to press, and we are waiting to hear from him.



# in the jungle today



oldham

**Welcome to Oldham for this afternoon's LHF League 1 game. Oldham gave us a real tough test over at Boundary Park back in April and Gary Mercer will be keen for his charges to test us again this afternoon. If they play with the spirit and commitment that Gary brought to the game, which they did in that first clash, they won't go far wrong. The Oldham club have been working very hard in recent weeks to deal with off field problems and I'm sure that everyone in the game wishes this famous club well for the future. Oldham 2005 are- Gareth Barber**

**Local born player, who started his professional career with Warrington. Primarily a stand off Gareth can fill most positions in the back line. He has been used effectively as an impact player coming off the bench. Barber represented the National League under 21 side in 2001.**

**Ricky Bibey**

Ricky was a new signing for 2005 from Super League St Helens. At the tender age of 23, Ricky already has two Challenge Cup winners medals, with the remarkable record of beating St Helens when with his former club Wigan, and then doing the reverse beating Wigan when with St Helens.

**Will Cowell**

Cowell has played 18 times in Super League for Warrington Wolves. The 23-year-old Cumbrian, a product of that prolific provider of rugby league players, Kells. He plays full-back, wing or centre, although he prefers full-back.

**Gavin Dodd**

A product of Royton Tigers, Gavin is primarily a Full Back, but has established himself as a winger. Fast on the break, and unpredictable at times, makes Dodd a scorer of spectacular tries. Gavin has represented GB students and was selected in the GB U-21 squad two seasons ago.

**Martin Elwood**

Local 20 year old second row or centre who signed from Huddersfield. Martin was brought up on a strong rugby background at North Chadderton School and was also reared in the Royton Tigers youth set up.

**Tere Glassie**

Cook Island international, Tere was signed this season. He has had experience in Australia as well as the Bartercard Cup comp in New Zealand, he arrived at Oldham from the Newtown Jets. He has played most of his Rugby in the second row.

**Jon Goddard**

Came to Oldham on loan in the 2002 season on the recommendation of Graham Steadman. Goddard was reared in Castleford youth and schools rugby before going to Wheldon Road to play for the Tigers academy side. Jon swept the board at the Oldham awards last season. A very competent Full Back who was selected in the 2004 mythical NL1 team for that position.

**Simon Haughton**

Signed from union club Orrell. Simon is more renowned for his stint with Wigan Warriors, where he was known for his barnstorming runs and prolific try scoring record. He has 5 GB caps and has also represented England on more than a dozen occasions. His domestic stint with the Warriors brought him every award going.

**Ian Hodson**

Ian signed originally on loan from Swinton Lions during an early season injury crisis in 2005. After a number of impressive shows the Roughyeds completed his capture with a contract for the rest of the season. He is equally at home in the second row or his favoured Loose Forward position.

**Chris Hough**

Chris joined his hometown club from Blackpool after the start of the 2005 season. Since his arrival he has struck up a good halfback partnership with Marty Turner and is proving to be a very good motivator on the field.

**John Hough**

The first player to sign for his hometown club when the new Roughyeds were formed by Chris Hamilton and his fellow directors in the autumn of 1997. He has just signed a new contract to take him to the end of the 2007 season, which will allow him to complete 10 years with the club.

**Carlos Mataora**

Carlos is one of three Cook Island internationals brought to Oldham for the 2005 season. He played in the victorious Cook Island team which thrashed the NZ Maoris in the final of the Pacific Rim Cup. Equally at home in the stand off role or in the front row at hooker.

**Rob Mills**

Signed from local amateur club Shaw Rhinos after an opposed training session the Roughyeds had against them in the 2005 season. Rob has played most of his amateur Rugby at centre but has been used on the wings since being with the Roughyeds. A very strong runner who is also a competent defender.

**Damian Munro**

Damian is a quality addition to the Roughyeds 2005 squad. At 28 years old he has had plenty of experience both in Super League and at the upper end of the National League. He was with two National League 1 Grand Final winners sides, in Widnes and Leigh. Damian is no stranger to try scoring as he notched up 42 in 46 games for the Centurions during a two year spell.

**Mark Roberts**

Mark joined Oldham on loan from Warrington Wolves at the end of the 2004 season. He was then the first player to commit to the Roughyeds for the 2005 season. Used last year mainly as a centre, where he can display his devastating turn of pace, he also has the upper body strength to enhance the back row of the pack.

**Adam Sharples**

Adam is another of Oldham's academy team production line. A front row forward who made a handful of appearances in the first team in 2004. A latecomer to the game of Rugby, he has applied his studious mind to the technicalities of the sport and his physique is not found lacking.

**Simon Svabic**

Began his career with the Oldham Academy side Since those days he has played Super League with Salford and also at the top in the National League with Leigh Centurions. He signed for the Roughyeds to begin the 2003 campaign. His preferred position is stand off, where he can demonstrate his silky smooth ball skills, but he is also at home in the full back position.

**Marty Turner**

Joined Oldham for the start of the 2005 season. A 23 year old scrum half signed from North Queensland Devils the Melbourne Storm feeder team in Australia. Being a Kiwi he has also had Bartercard Cup experience. He is the clubs overseas quota player for 2005. The Roughyeds hope he will be a star of National League one this year.

**Alex Wilkinson**

Alex, toured with the GB schoolboys to Australia in 1999 and with the England Academy to NZ and Australia in 2001. He played his junior rugby with Royton Tigers and was snapped up by Bradford. At the Bulls he had a loan spell with London, before going on loan to Huddersfield and Hull F.C. where he impressed the Humberiders enough for them to offer him a contract. Alex decided he wanted to complete his degree and when part time rugby was the only option he chose his own town club.

**Jonathon "Dana" Wilson**

"Dana" is the third of Oldham's Cook Island internationals. He has played the game since he was twelve and always in the front row, where he says he enjoys the physical confrontations. He is expected to provide the Roughyeds side with go forward in what should be a formidable pack in 2005.



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# Michael **eagar** for tigers **return**



The Tigers were given a major boost this week when Michael Eagar agreed to return to the club after a year and a half away at Hull. Always a popular figure at the Jungle, Michael's return is a big plus and he will be a major asset in our bid for the LHF Grand Final. An excellent defensive centre, as well as a strong attacker, Michael turned down overtures from clubs in Super League to return to the Tigers. Ironically, as a player who hardly missed a match in his time at Castleford, Michael's career at the KC Stadium was blighted by injury and he made just 12 appearances for the Humbersiders, scoring four tries. However he is fully fit now and raring to go. When it was known that he had secured his release from Hull we moved very quickly to bring him back and thankfully Michael was equally keen for another tilt with the Tigers. Speaking after his unveiling at Monday's BBQ evening at the Jungle Michael declared himself extremely pleased to be back at the Jungle, 'coming home' was how he described it, and looking forward to the challenge of taking the Tigers back into Super League. After joining the Tigers ahead of the 1999 Super League campaign from Warrington, Michael spent five years at the club before he left us for Hull. He made 143 appearances (plus two as substitute), scoring 67 tries. Michael, who has signed with us until the end of the season, also represented Ireland in the 2000 Lincoln World Cup and before coming to England with the Wolves, played for South Queensland and the Newcastle Knights.





### **Has confidence taken a knock after the defeat by Rochdale?**

Not really. It was obviously disappointing to lose as it is any game but we're still positive and looking towards the Oldham game as an opportunity to put things right. We know we didn't play well but we also know what we are capable of so we're optimistic that we can make sure it was just a blip.

### **What do you put the result down to?**

I'm not going to make any excuses for it. We just didn't play well. We didn't stick to our game plan and as a result a game we could have won went away from us.

### **Was there a case that some players had one eye on the cup final?**

Maybe there have been some distractions but that's clutching at straws. We all know that the league is far more important than the Northern Rail Cup and so that's where our focus has been. Again it was just one of those games where we didn't meet our standards. This is a tough league and anybody can beat anybody on their day and we copped as a result of that.

### **And I guess it demonstrates the fact that every 80 minutes is vital?**

Exactly. We know we need to turn up every week and get the two points because, as I say, everyone can beat everyone and we need the points to finish top. We won't get a home play-off unless we finish top so we need to make sure we do that. And of course the Grand Final is a one-off 80 minutes where anything can happen.

### **Do you still think Cas hold the initiative in the league race?**

We have the advantage of being full-time which I suppose gives us something of an initiative and I don't think people are going to stop seeing us as favourites and the team to beat just because of that game.

### **And there's still the two-point gap at the top.**

Well exactly and probably the best thing to come out of last weekend was Whitehaven losing so that we are still at the top with that gap.

### **So overall you're pretty happy with the start to the season?**

You've got to be. We've played 11 games and lost 1 so it's really not something to get down about. We've had a blip but we'll look to get back on track against Oldham and make sure that we put it right.

### **You've taken on a role helping Brad with the U21s as well how are you finding that?**

Really enjoying it. When I signed there was the idea that I'd help with some of the younger guys on conditioning and that and

then the chance to help Brad came up when "Deano" left. I get on really well with Brad and we have the same ideas about a lot of things so the opportunity to help him out was one I was really keen on and it's been going pretty well.

### **Their form has been pretty good recently that surely bodes well for the future?**

We've not changed a great deal since Dean left and have just concentrated on letting the boys perform. We lost against Widnes, which was disappointing because we let ourselves down after some promising recent performances. But there are some good kids here and it's great to be helping them out and adding a bit of coaching to my resume.

### **Is that a line that you want to go down once your playing career ends?**

It's something that I'd certainly be interested. When I signed here it looked like we may be part time so the coaching was something added to make up the rest. As it's turned out we're full time anyway but it's great that Cas' have given me the opportunity to get some experience in that area now that I can then use when my playing career is over.

### **You've still got a few years left in you yet.**

Well I hope so! It was a bit of a shock last winter though when Widnes released me and I found myself without a club. Fortunately Cas' gave me a call and offered me a great opportunity down here.

### **You've had quite a number of clubs over the past decade how have you found Cas' as a club?**

Well we're winning games and that always makes life good so I've really enjoyed it. Last year I was at Widnes and obviously we were in the same position as Cas' and losing games makes the off field aspects much less enjoyable as well. So, so far so good!

### **You must be happy with your form since you recovered from the hand injury?**

Fairly pleased but I had a couple of indiscretions in the Rochdale game which made me think I had a poor game so I'm itching to get back out there and put it right.

### **Do you have plans identified for beyond this year would you be keen to stay at Cas'?**

I've no plans at the moment. I'll probably wait until the end of the season and then reassess it. If or should I say when we get promoted then I'd love to sign again and help Cas re-establish themselves in Superleague.

### **Looking towards the Oldham game then, it'll be important to reassert ourselves after that league defeat?**

It will. It's important that we get back to winning ways in the league and keep ourselves on course for that top spot. Oldham will come here as tough opponents as all teams do. We still have that target on our chests as being seen as heading straight back up so we need to be at our best and I'm sure that if we are we'll be able to take the two points.





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# the armygame

The Army Vets 'RATS' rugby league team (Race Against Time & Senility) were in action at the Jungle earlier this month when they faced a Yorkshire Vets XIII in a charity game. Coached by Castleford and GB legend Malcolm Reilly, the Army Vets weren't talking about pulling off a shock in a pre-match chat 24 hours before the match when they rounded off their training session with Malcolm with a BBQ here at the Jungle. Their concern centred around the fact that the Yorkshire team that they were to face included the likes of Darryl Powell, Anthony Farrell, Jason Ramshaw and a man who is back at the Jungle this afternoon, former Tigers coach Gary Mercer. The army squad described themselves as being 'in the twilight of their careers, if not beyond' and were, again in their own words, 'oiling their

wheelchairs for what was thrown at them' in the training session by Malcolm, and on matchday it was soon apparent that this wasn't kidology! The Yorkshire Vets, coached by Leeds Rhinos and York City Knights Mick Cooke, ran out comfortable winners, improving on a 28-16 win that a Mick Cook Leeds Rhinos & Tykes Staff XIII inflicted on the Army Vets last year. But whilst one or two of those involved might have felt differently, the match wasn't about winning, it was a fun event which was designed to raise money for the Army Benevolent Fund, Cancer research and the RL Players Benevolent Fund. And the army squad enjoyed their weekend in Cas, staying in a nearby hotel, enjoying Xscape and then hosting another BBQ after the match, as well as sampling the goods in the Tigers Bar!



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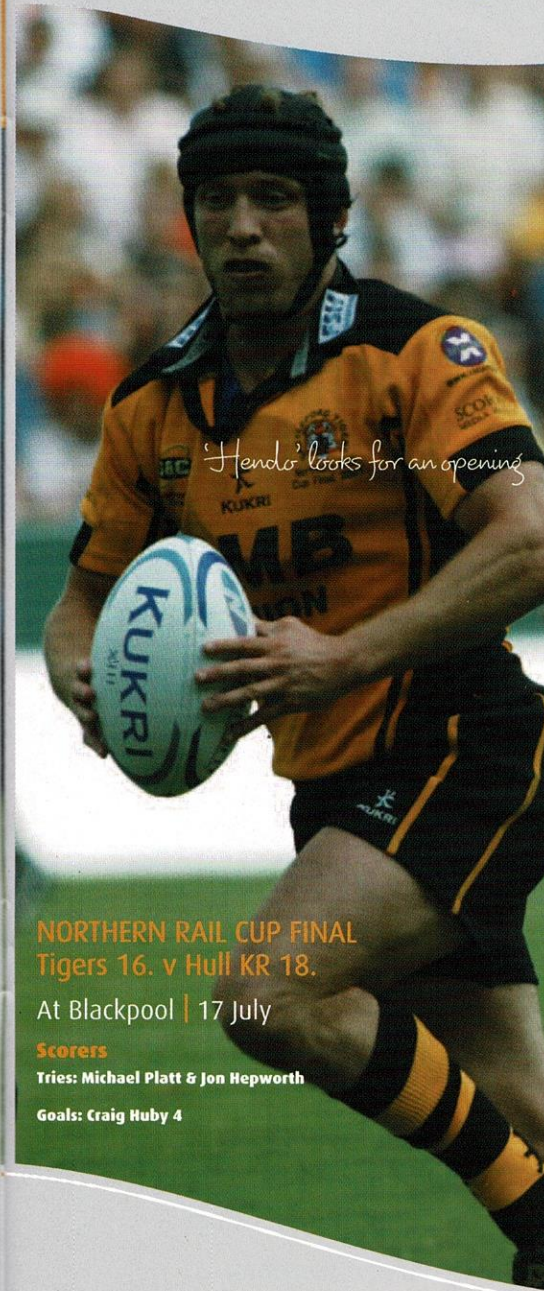






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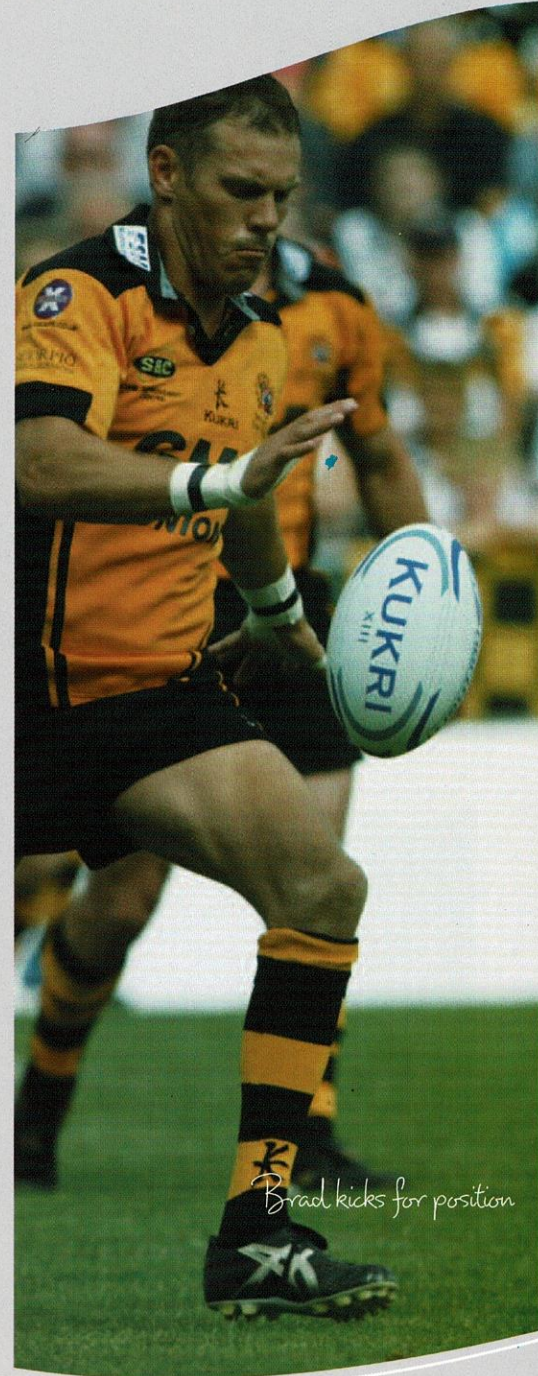
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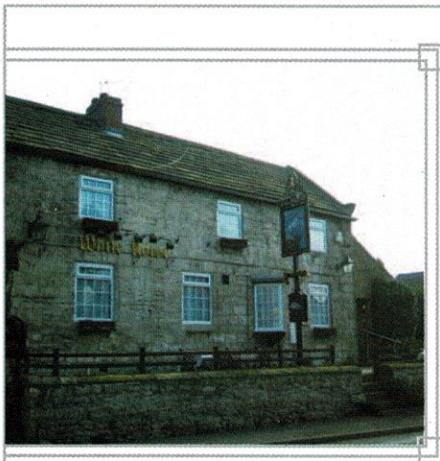
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For a bit of light relief after the defeat at the hands of Hull KR, I turned to some of the quotes given to me by the Leeds players of the 1960s and 1970 for my book 'Headingley Heroes' and I don't mind saying they gave me a boost

One of the former Loiners who sparkled with anecdotes redolent of the age was the heavyweight prop Steve Pitchford, whose good fortune (!!) it was to play one of his early first team matches at Wheldon Road.

Pitchford remembers, fondly: 'My first game was at Featherstone, who had Arnie Morgan and Vince Farrar in the front row. I got a slap off Vince, then one from Morgan. I was a young Buck, I had no idea of anybody's reputations. I used to rule the world when I started, I was 18 years of age and full of everything.

'Dennis Hartley knocked my teeth out at Castleford in my second game. He taught me a very fast lesson: don't mess with the older boys who know what they're doing. I had to swap over in that first game, I couldn't handle him. I was a blind side prop and Dennis was open side but for some reason they played me at No. 8 and Alan Bence at No. 10, which was totally the wrong way round. They said to me, "get underneath Hartley and hold him up," and I was pinned down.

'I did one of my bolstering runs and knocked Dennis on his arse, because he didn't know what was coming at him did he? But he did the second time. He knocked my frigging teeth out. Bop! Thank you! But there was no malice in it. We both used to live in Crossgates and we'd bump into each other in the paper shop and we'd be "alright Dennis?" and "OK, Steve?" That's how it was, there was nothing malicious, if you got hit, you got hit. I've had some cracks and they'd wish you, "Merry Christmas, thank you."

Graham Eccles, the diminutive second row forward who was arguably the finest tackler the sport has seen, remembers: 'You'd go to Featherstone and there'd be Malcolm Dixon, Les Tonks and Vince Farrar in the front row. You thought there'd been an eclipse playing against massive fellahs like that. They were three bonny lads as well!

'Everybody wanted to beat Leeds, all the Yorkshire teams. Bramley used to give us a tough game; we'd pick the team sheet up and Billy Ramsey and the like would say, "Oh, Dave Horne's playing!" He was a big, rough lad with a penchant for nipping opposing props under the armpits in the scrum.

'Phil Cookson and I once played against Frank Foster, at Barrow, when we were raw kids, and he absolutely battered us. I'd got a swollen mouth, Phil's teeth had gone through his lip, we were cut all over. Foster said to us, "you're the best second row forwards I've seen for a long time, you two." Phil said, "why did you keep hitting us then?!" But Frank would have gone through the same thing himself.'

John Langley Jamie's dad - was the kind of squad player that any successful side needs if trophies are to be won, excelling in a number of positions and usually making as many appearances in a season as the recognised first choices. He was on the bench at Wembley in 1968, when Don Fox's last-second miss at goal meant that the Challenge Cup went to Leeds and not to Wakefield. He recalls: 'Mick Joyce and I were the substitutes. We were on £100 to win, but we didn't get on, so all we got was £60. And when we went up the steps for our medals there were only 13. It took Leeds 12 months for Mick and me to get our medals. I don't know where they were on the day; maybe Bill Fallowfield pocketed them!

'There were only two substitutes in those days, and we could only be brought on following an injury. You could only go on up to half time, and you spent a lot of nervous energy, as daft as it sounds, just sitting there, looking all over the place and wondering if players were going to get up after a tackle.

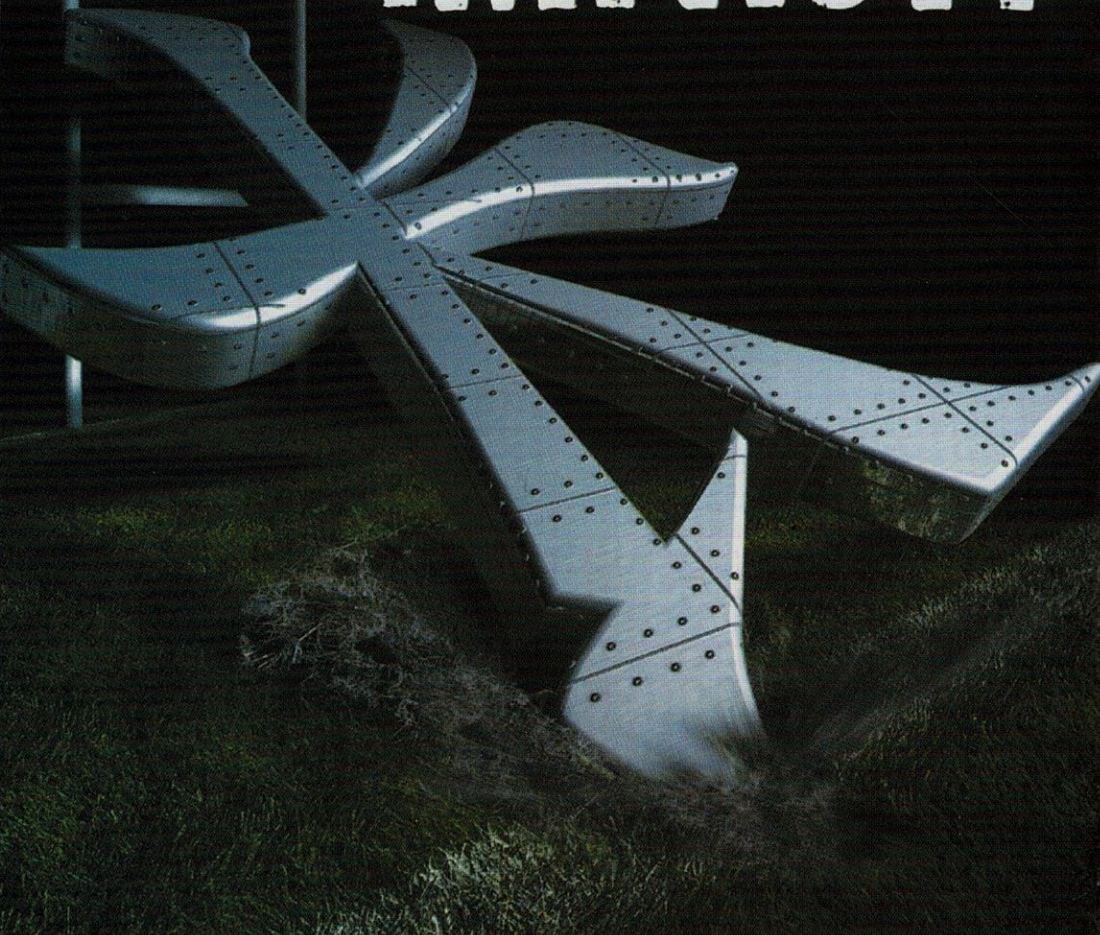
'Our kid, George, had a fiver on Leeds at 8/1. He was on the terraces and when Ken Hirst scored he threw his slip down. When Don missed the kick he was down on the floor between all the legs, trying to find his slip. They were kicking him all over the place - but he found it.'

Different days, different ways...

Phil Hodgson is an Associate Editor of League Weekly and also runs the website league news.co.uk



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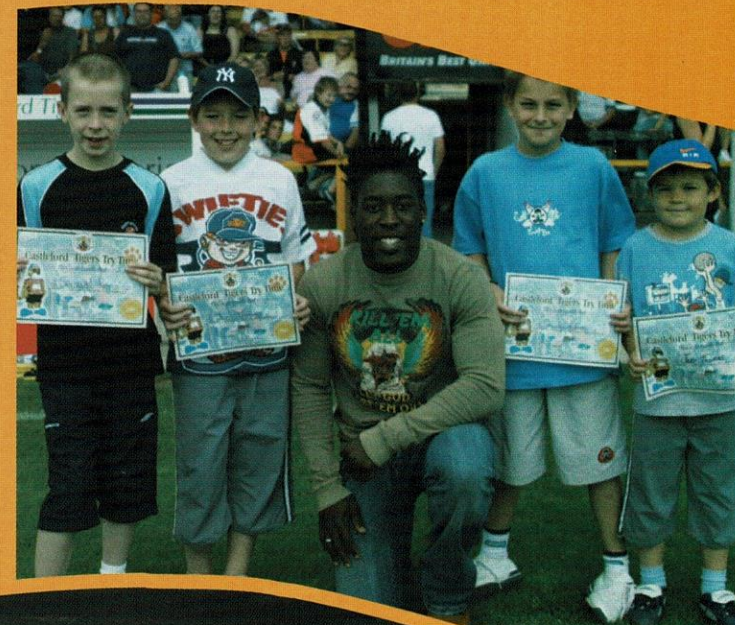
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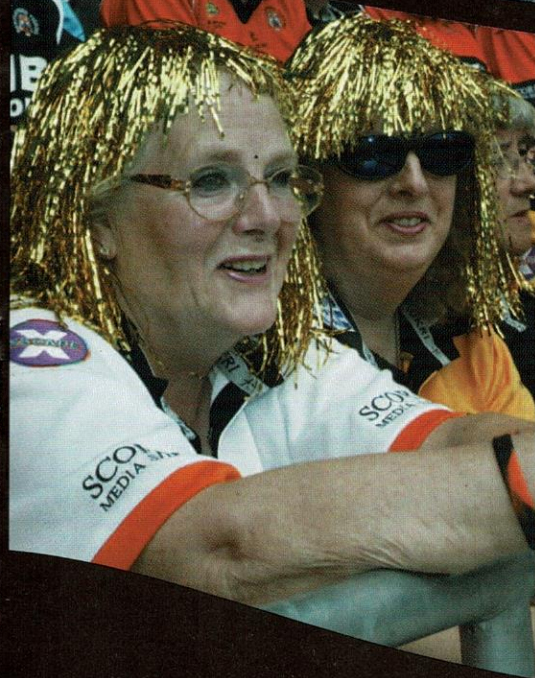
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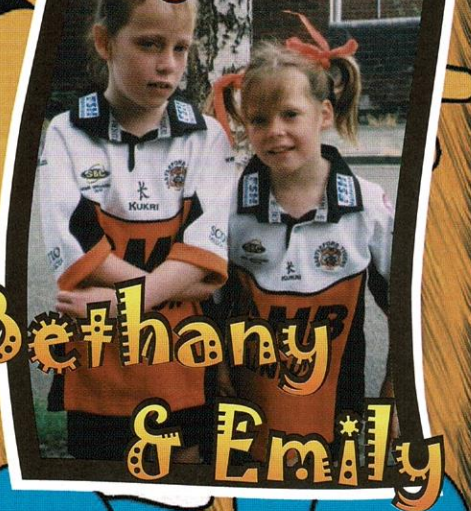
Hi JT's

HELLO TO ALL YOU TIGERS FANS AND WELCOME TO YOU JUNIOR SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE TRAVELLED OVER FROM OLDHAM. A SPECIAL WELCOME TO GARY MERCER WHO IS COMING BACK TO VISIT US AT THE JUNGLE AND BRINGING HIS BOYS OVER TO TACKLE HIS OLD TEAM AT THE TIGERS. OLDHAM WERE REALLY HARD TO BEAT WHEN WE PLAYED THEM ON THEIR GROUND SO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE IN GOOD VOICE TO CHEER THE TIGERS THIS AFTERNOON. EVEN THOUGH WE LOST AT ROCHDALE THE TIGERS ARE STILL ON TOP OF THE LEAGUE SO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KEEP CHEERING YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYERS BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE WE WANT TO STAY. EVERYBODY WANTS TO BEAT US SO YOUR SHOUTING AND CHEERING IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE PLAYERS GOING AND HELP THEM TO GET THE POINTS TO KEEP US AT THE TOP!

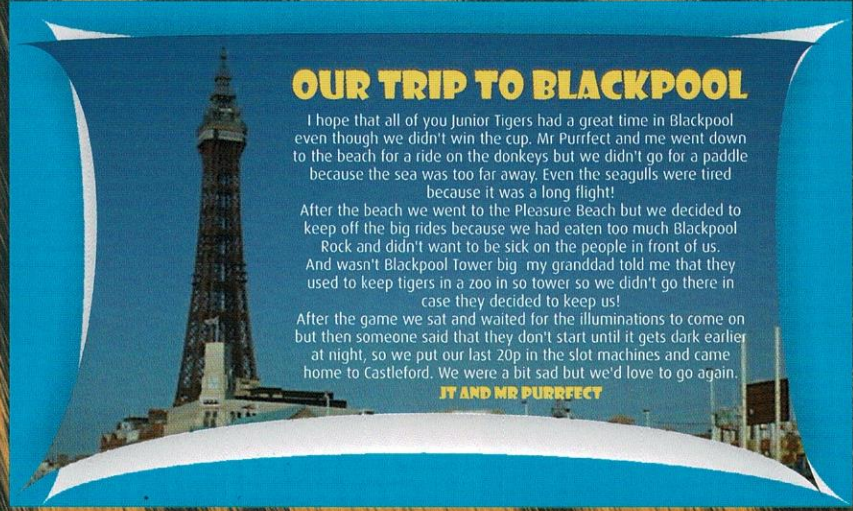
SEE YOU ON THE PITCH JT

TODAY'S MASCOTS ARE BETHANY AND EMILY ADDY. BETHANY IS 8-YEARS-OLD AND GOES TO PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL. HER FAVOURITE PLAYER IS CRAIG HUBY AND HER HOBBIES ARE SWIMMING AND DANCING, AND OF COURSE WATCHING CAS. EMILY IS 6-YEARS-OLD AND ATTENDS WHELDON INFANT SCHOOL. HER FAVOURITE PLAYER IS WAINE PRYCE AND SHE TOO ENJOYS DANCING, SWIMMING AND WATCHING THE TIGERS. HAVE A GREAT DAY BETHANY AND EMILY.

Today's Mascots



Bethany & Emily



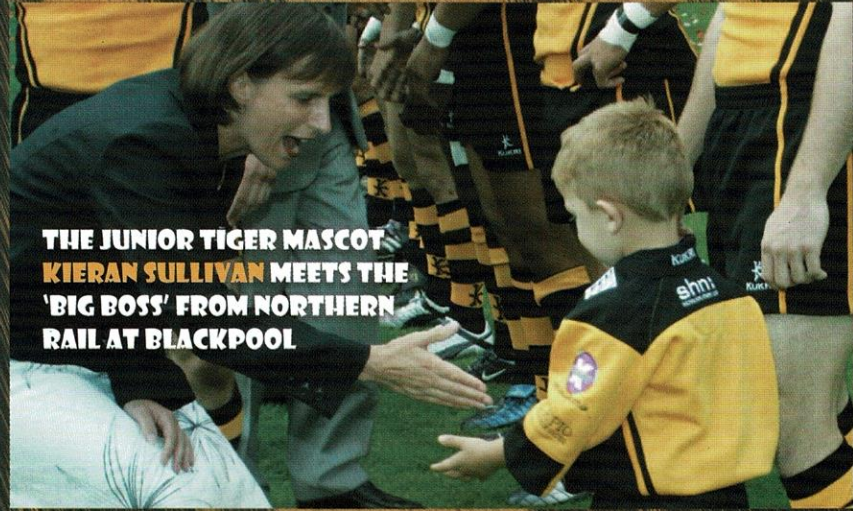
## OUR TRIP TO BLACKPOOL

I hope that all of you Junior Tigers had a great time in Blackpool even though we didn't win the cup. Mr Purrfect and me went down to the beach for a ride on the donkeys but we didn't go for a paddle because the sea was too far away. Even the seagulls were tired because it was a long flight!

After the beach we went to the Pleasure Beach but we decided to keep off the big rides because we had eaten too much Blackpool Rock and didn't want to be sick on the people in front of us. And wasn't Blackpool Tower big my granddad told me that they used to keep tigers in a zoo in so tower so we didn't go there in case they decided to keep us!

After the game we sat and waited for the illuminations to come on but then someone said that they don't start until it gets dark earlier at night, so we put our last 20p in the slot machines and came home to Castleford. We were a bit sad but we'd love to go again.

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 visit to Castleford for many years and Peter Roe will be very  
 keen to plot our downfall. Every team to visit the Jungle this  
 season has raised their game and the Raiders will be no  
 different, so we will have to be on our guard if we are to  
 secure the points before two testing away trips to Hull KR  
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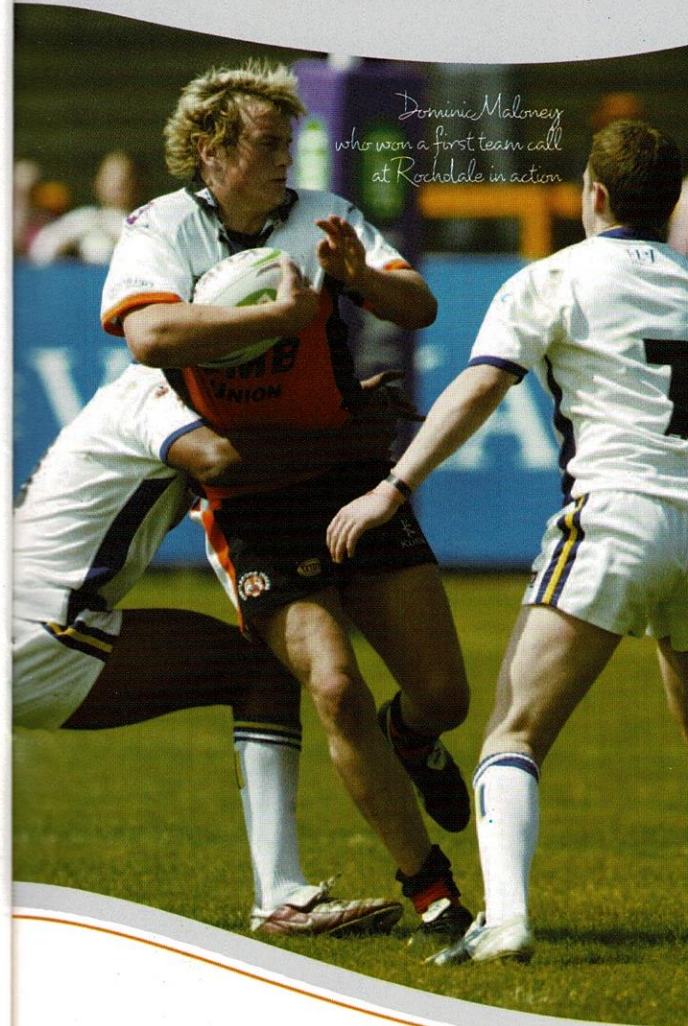
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# tigers senior academy

The Tigers Under 21's made it six wins out of their last seven games with an emphatic 78 - 4 victory at Doncaster. The Tigers were commanding throughout, adding 50 unanswered points in the second half to their 28-4 half time lead. Richard Hewitt was very impressive but everyone played their part as we raced in for 14 tries, with ten players touching down.

It was a bad night for the Dragons, who in addition to falling behind early on to a rampant Tigers, lost their loose forward Kirk Netherton, in the act of scoring their only try with an injury. Dominic Brambani who ended the night with a couple of tries and eleven goals, started the damage with a try from the scrum base.

Paul Brown, Caldon Bravo and Stuart Kain (2) took the game away from Doncaster with tries as the interval approached, Bravo and Jason Mossop adding further touchdowns early in the second period. Then, following Doncaster's withdrawal of Wayne Green and Dean Andrews, the Tigers hit the home side with a four try burst, Ryan Boyle, Michael Knowles, Tim Robinson and Danny Grice going over. Craig Poucher, on debut for Cas, Brambani and Boyle rounded off the try scoring for the Tigers, Brambani taking his points tally for the game up to the 30 point mark.



*Dominic Maloney  
who won a first team call  
at Rochdale in action*

A week later though it was a different story as once again a very impressive Widnes Under 21's side inflicted a heavy defeat upon us. The Vikings gave a very committed performance to race in for 10 tries that brought an end to our good run of results.

Ryan Boyle ran well and Michael Butterfield did well, but it was a disappointing effort on the night.

## MATCH DETAILS

### Tigers 78. v Doncaster Dragons 4.

Scorers:  
Tries: Dominic Brambani, Caldon Bravo, Stuart Kain and Ryan Boyle 2, Peter Brown, Jason Mossop, Michael Knowles, Tim Robinson, Danny Grice and Craig Poucher one each.  
Goals: Brambani 11.

### Tigers 14. v Widnes Vikings 50.

Scorers:  
Tries: Michael Butterfield & John Astbury.  
Goals: Brambani 3.

## 2005 1ST DIVISION FIXTURES

|                 |      |   |              |   |       |
|-----------------|------|---|--------------|---|-------|
| Thurs. 7 April  | 7.30 | A | Featherstone | W | 37-24 |
| Thurs. 14 April | 7.30 | H | DONCASTER    | W | 48-20 |
| Thurs. 21 April | 7.30 | A | Widnes       | L | 0-80  |
| Thurs. 28 April | 7.30 | H | SALFORD      | W | 40-20 |
| Thurs. 12 May   | 7.30 | A | Dewsbury     | W | 22-16 |
| Thurs. 26 May   | 7.30 | H | LEEDS        | L | 18-42 |
| Wed. 1 June     | 7.30 | A | Salford      | W | 40-10 |
| Thurs. 9 June   | 7.30 | H | HUDDERSFIELD | W | 55-24 |
| Thurs. 16 June  | 7.30 | H | FEATHERSTONE | W | 36-18 |
| Wed. 29 June    | 7.30 | A | Doncaster    | W | 78-4  |
| Thurs. 14 July  | 7.30 | H | WIDNES       | L | 14-50 |
| Thurs. 21 July  | 7.30 | A | Leeds        |   |       |
| Wed. 10 Aug     | 7.30 | A | Keighley     |   |       |
| Thurs. 18 Aug   | 7.30 | H | DEWSBURY     |   |       |

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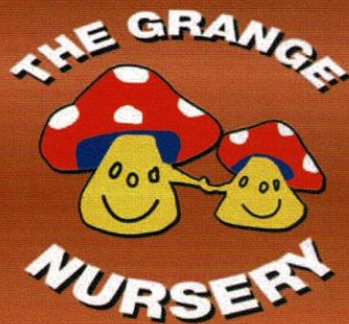
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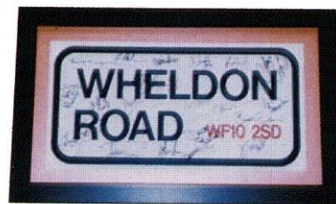
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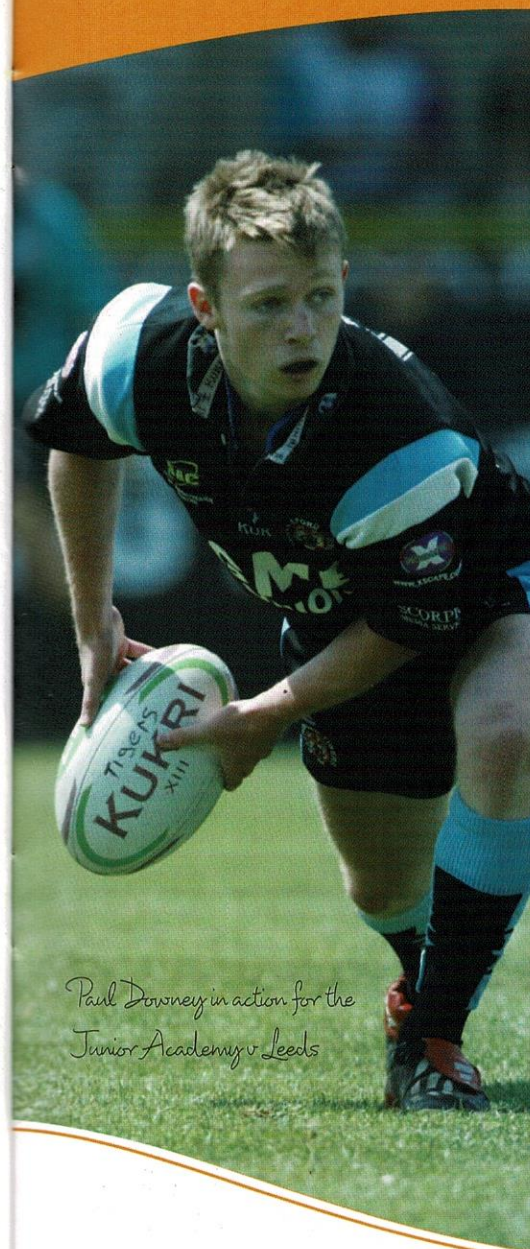
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# tigers junior academy



*Paul Downey in action for the  
Junior Academy v Leeds*

The Tigers came very close to inflicting only the second defeat of the season on Leeds Rhinos who are at the top of the table along with the Wigan Warriors. The Tigers matched their neighbours almost all the way, falling to a very late try to Leeds. At half time the Rhinos were holding a 12-8 lead, their winning margin after 80 minutes, although the Tigers had looked favorites to win when they fought back to lead a couple of times in the second forty. However it wasn't to be but both sides can take credit for a tremendous game of rugby league.

Unfortunately we could take that form into our next game and fell 12-38 to Hull here at the Jungle. It was though a very young Tigers line up who took the field, with no less than nine players from our under-16's Foundation in the line up. At half time we trailed 6-20 and although we scored the first try of the second forty that was the end of our scoring. Injuries took their toll leaving us very short on substitute options in the second half and Hull eased away from us to record the win. Centre Steve Crow had a big game for the Tigers and Ryan Boyle put in a big effort. The defeat left us sixth in the eight-team table and facing a spell of games 'on the road' over the next month.

#### Match Details.

Tigers 24. v Leeds Rhinos 28.

Scorers.

Tries: Atkinson 2, Sugden, Croft & Wood one each.

Goals: Atkinson 2.

Tigers 12. v Hull 38.

Scorers.

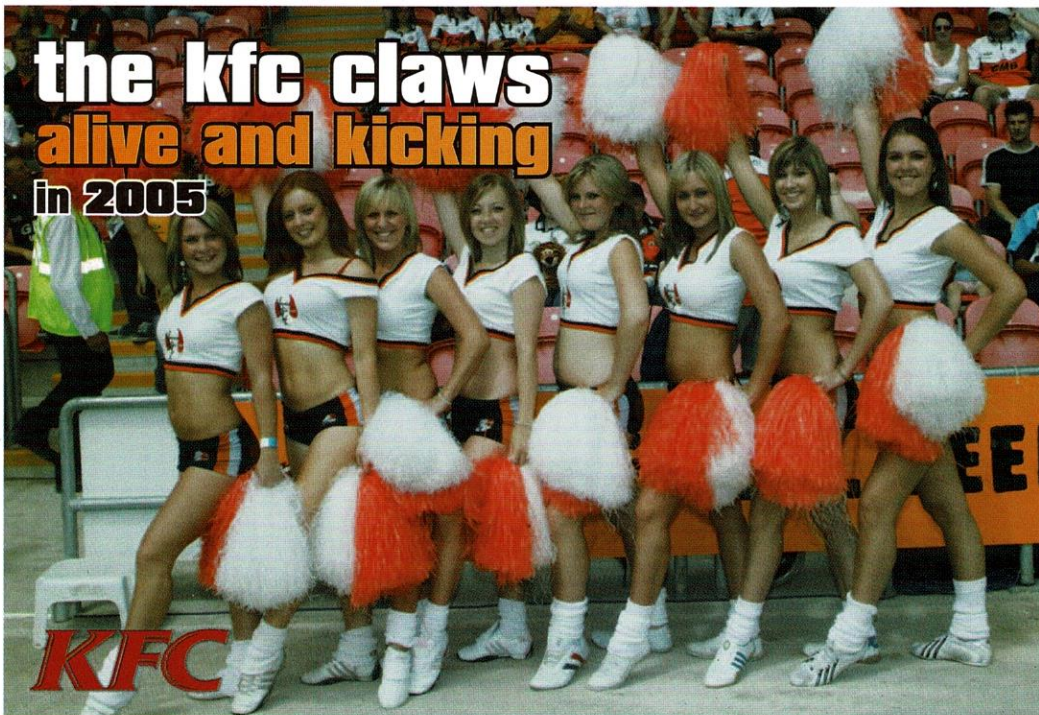
Tries: Steve Crow 2.

Goals: Dale Cogan 2.

#### 2005 CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

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| Fri | 6 May   | 7.30  | A | Hull         | L | 26-30 |
| Sun | 15 May  | 1.00  | H | Warrington   | W | 30-22 |
| Sat | 28 May  | 2.30  | H | Widnes       | L | 19-20 |
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| Sat | 11 June | 2.30  | H | Salford      | L | 24-30 |
| Sat | 18 June | 2.30  | A | Huddersfield | W | 19-18 |
| Sun | 3 July  | 1.00  | H | Leeds        | L | 24-28 |
| Sat | 9 July  | 2.30  | H | Hull         | L | 12-38 |
| Sat | 16 July | 2.30  | A | Warrington   |   |       |
| Sat | 23 July | 2.30  | A | Wigan        |   |       |
| Sat | 14 Aug  | 12.00 | A | Widnes       |   |       |
| Sat | 20 Aug  | 2.30  | A | Salford      |   |       |
| Sun | 4 Sept  | 1.00  | H | Huddersfield |   |       |
| Sat | 10 Sept | 2.30  | A | Leeds        |   |       |





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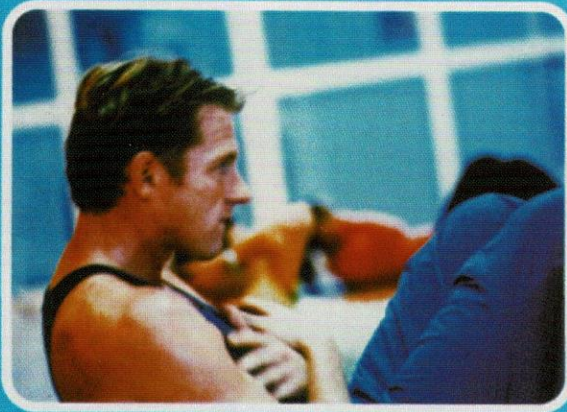


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# blast from the past

## SUPER LEAGUE CASTLEFORD 25. v OLDHAM BEARS 20. 11 July 1997

The second year of Super League and the Tigers almost didn't make the third as season, 1997 proved memorable only for our great escape from the clutches of relegation. A disastrous start had made our tenure in the top flight look very parlous and but for the arrival of Stuart Raper we would probably have had our first taste of the National League much sooner than 2005! Oldham though were one of our main rivals at the foot of the table making this clash, with the season drawing to a close, very much the proverbial 'four-pointer'. Our opening league win had come 11 games into the season and when Oldham arrived, with Stuart having joined us from Cronulla, we had just six points, two gained the week before with a win in France over Paris St Germain and one from a hard fought draw over at Oldham at the end of May. Oldham had been scrapping for points here and there with Paris the third team in the relegation dog-fight and at this point we were probably still the favourites for the drop.

Francis Maloney was a key figure in the Oldham ranks who had ex-Tiger Gary Lord on the bench for

Tigers v Oldham line-ups.

### CASTLEFORD

Jason Flowers; Richard Gay, Jason Critchley, David Chapman, Chris Smith; Adrian Vowles, Brad Davis; Nathan Sykes, Richard Russell, Richie McKell, Andrew Schick, Jason Lidden, Brendon Tuuta. Subs: Danny Orr, Lee Harland, Ian Tonks & Graham Steadman.

TRIES: Jason Critchley 2, Brad Davis & Ian Tonks one each.

GOALS: Danny Orr 3, Brad Davis 1 + 1 drop goal.

### OLDHAM BEARS

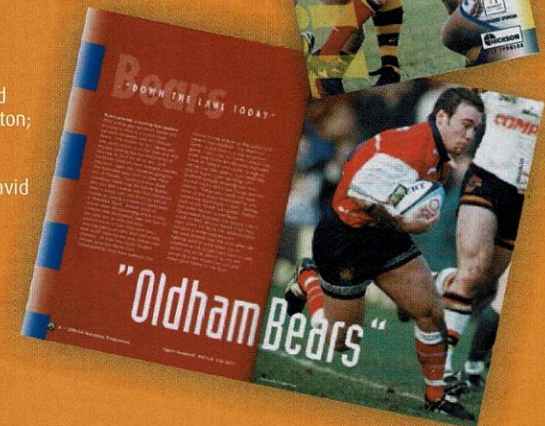
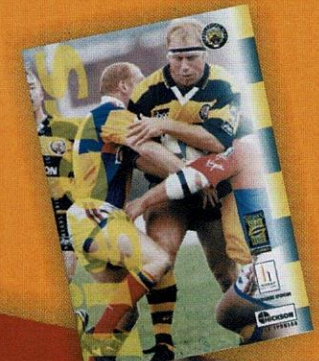
Paul Atcheson; Afi Leuila, Luke Goodwin, Howard Hill, David Jones; Francis Maloney, Martin Crompton; Jason Temu, John Clarke, Brett Goldspink, Matt Munro, Joe Faimalo, Paul Davidson. Subs: Gary Lord, Ian Gildart, Paul Topping and David Stephenson.

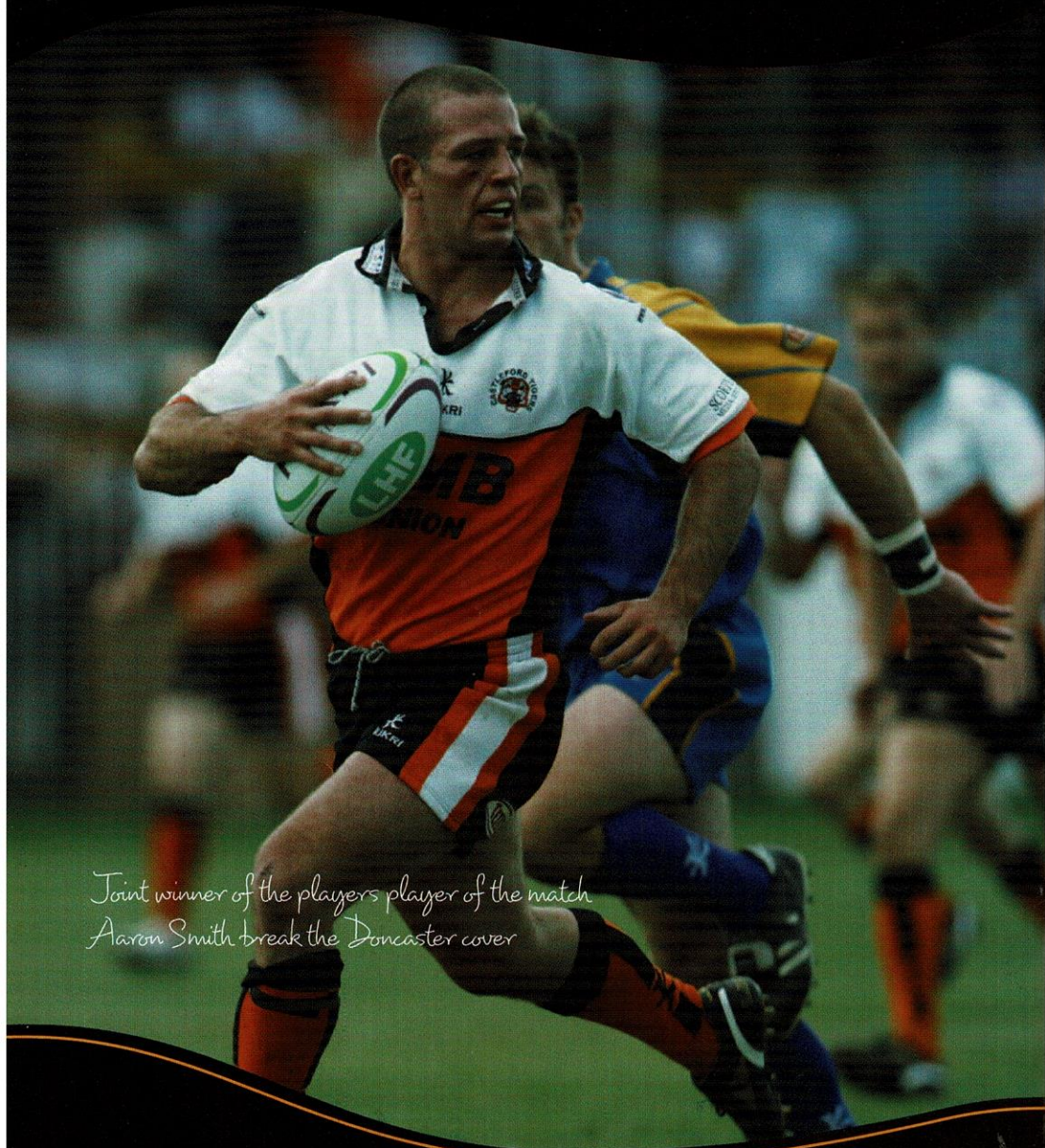
TRIES: Paul Davidson 2, Francis Maloney & Luke Goodwin one each.

GOALS: Goodwin & Maloney one each.

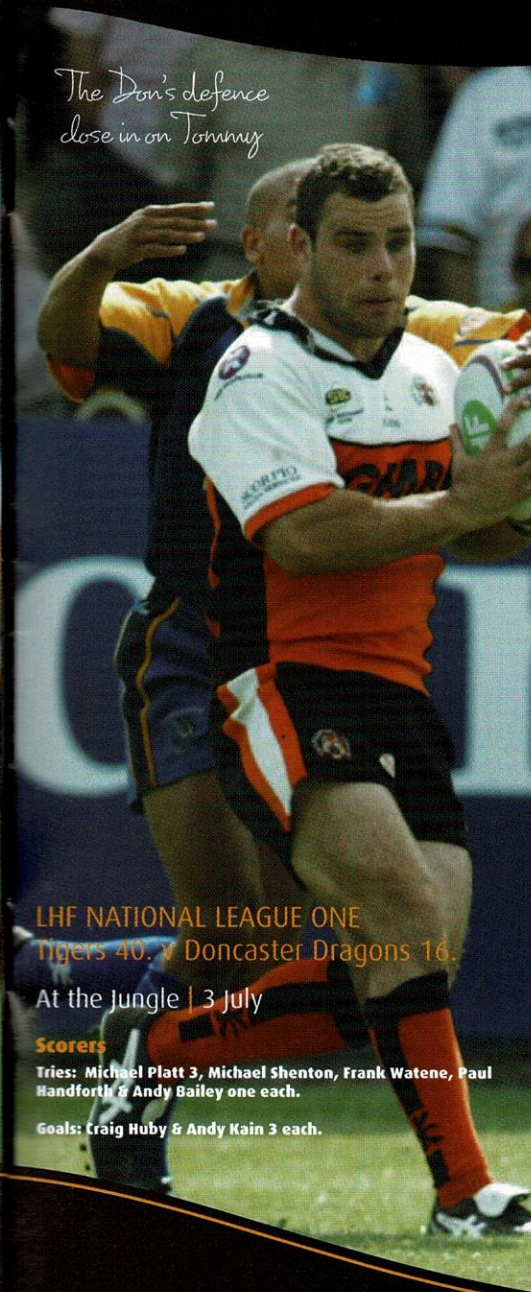
this vital clash. For the Tigers none other than Brad Davis was making his home debut for the club having figured in three successive away games following a big money move from Wakefield and his try, goal and drop goal were to prove vital in this clash with the Bears. Paul Davidson, who has 'raised a few eyebrows' in our recent clashes with Whitehaven was a star for Oldham and his brace of tries kept the visitors in contention, whilst 'Franny' chipped in with a try and a goal. However, to the immense relief of the home fans, it was the Tigers who triumphed, clinching the oh so important points that were to play a major part in our eventual survival. Unfortunately for Oldham the loss played a big part in their fall out of the Super League at the seasons close.

This game took place eight years ago, almost to the day, and after our survival it was felt that we wouldn't allow ourselves to get into the same position again. Sadly, in a similar situation last year, we weren't able to pull off another 'great escape.'





*Joint winner of the players player of the match  
Aaron Smith break the Doncaster cover*



*The Don's defence  
close in on Tommy*

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- Webmaster: Steve Bonser.
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### Squadbuilder Share Scheme

We are now on the final couple of weeks in our attempt to raise £10,000 by the end of July to help bring in a couple of players to help with the final push for our aim of a return to Super League. As many of you know we are well on the way and we just need that final push from as many fans as we can. The club have already been succesful in bringing in Andy Bailey and now the ever popular Michael Eagar so if you can help us out then your contribution will be most welcome. If you would like to call and see us in the SC bar in the Railway End of the ground we will gladly help you out or visit [www.ctsc.org.uk](http://www.ctsc.org.uk) to download a form. Details of where to post the form and your contribution can also be found on there. We hope to be in a position to announce the final figure at our next home game with Barrow next Sunday.

### Legends Evening

The Legends evening recently held was quite an enjoyable trip down memory lane with some very good contributions by all concerned. We would like to thank the ex players association for their help in organising the event and also a big thank you to all in attendance and we trust you had a good evening. As always the food was appreciated and the evening helped us to raise £220 towards the SC funds.

### Whitehaven Away Trip

Can we remind all the members travelling to Whitehaven that we will need any outstanding money to be paid in full at the Barrow home game on Sunday 31st July 2005. This will be the last opportunity as we do not have any further home games after the Barrow game before we travel up to Whitehaven on Saturday 13th August. We still have a couple of places left for the trip so if you would like to join us then call and see us in the SC bar today or next Sunday.

### Monday Night Football

We have recently launched our own Monday Night Football in the Tigers Bar at the Jungle and this is available to all Castleford fans and not just the members. This is to help raise revenue for the club and we hope this proves to be a popular regular event. We hope to be able to add to our membership at these events so if you wish to join or have friends/family that would like to join then by all means come along for a 7.30 start.

### Player of the Month Award

The award for June was presented recently to Steve Crouch who was voted for by the SC members. Steve can be seen above collecting his award at the BBQ night recently held at the club. Steve accepted his award from junior members Callum Smith and Jack Pemberton.

Phil Pemberton,  
Secretary,  
CTSC.







# today's teams



Castleford Tigers  Pts

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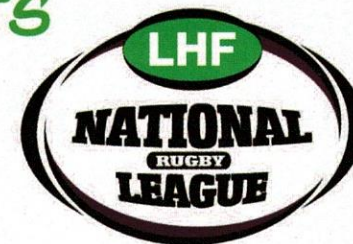


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