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Today's Mascots

Samantha Ruane

Samantha Ruane celebrated her 9th birthday yesterday. Her dad brought her to her first game of rugby league when she was very young and supported them when they were York Wasps and now the new club York City Knights. As well as rugby Samantha also enjoys swimming, rugby, reading, music and collecting key rings. Her favourite player is Peter Fox as he's fast and scores lots of tries.

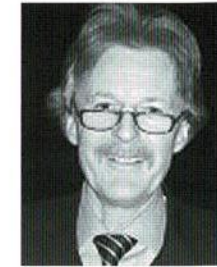


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Chairman's Comments



Roger Dixon



It seems to be a long time since we last played at home, so it is particularly good to be back at Huntington Stadium this afternoon. I hope that, having had a free weekend, everyone's batteries may be suitably re-charged and that we are all now ready for action again.

The season is reaching a very interesting phase – perhaps that is something of an understatement! For those teams such as ourselves, although there is still much to do, there is also still everything to play for. Our last performance must give us cause for optimism without giving us any room for complacency. Each encounter requires total commitment from both players and supporters alike.

By the same token, we should also show the utmost respect for the teams with whom we compete and for their supporters. No team has a divine right to win; it is disrespectful to the opposing side to approach a game on the basis that anything other than victory is a disaster. Of course we want to come out on the right side at the final hooter but we should be gracious if things turn out not as we would hope. After all, we are here talking about a sport not a

war! Although not always easy when passions are running high, may I also urge everyone to be mindful that, on occasion, there is a fine line between exuberant and innocent banter on the one hand and unacceptable goading and incitement on the other hand. The latter has no place at our club where the family and friendly nature of the Knights is something to which I hope we all aspire. Let us maintain that culture.

Finally, may I extend a very warm welcome to our guests from Oldham; whatever be the result of the game itself, I hope that you enjoy the hospitality which the Knights wish to share with you today.

Yours sincerely,

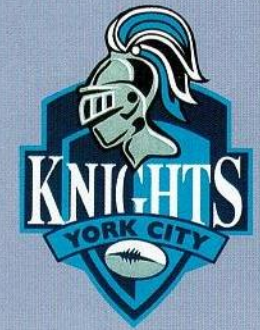
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Thank you for your co-operation and hope you all enjoy the game.



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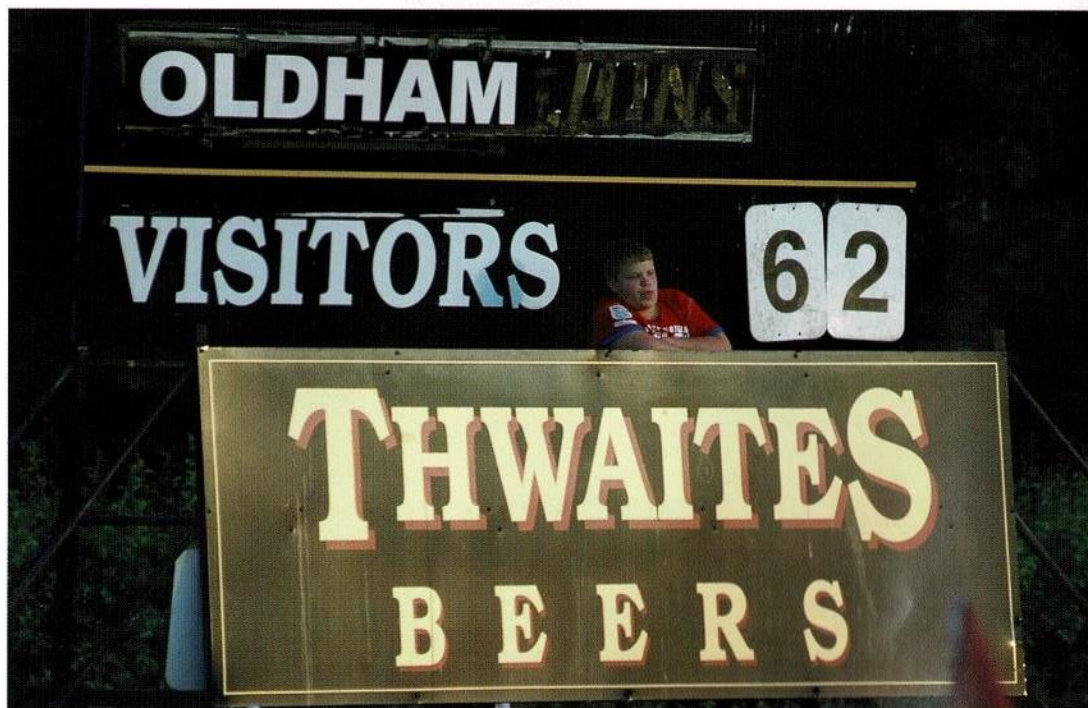
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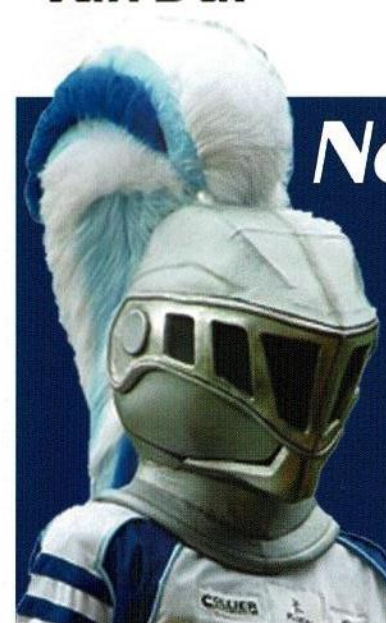
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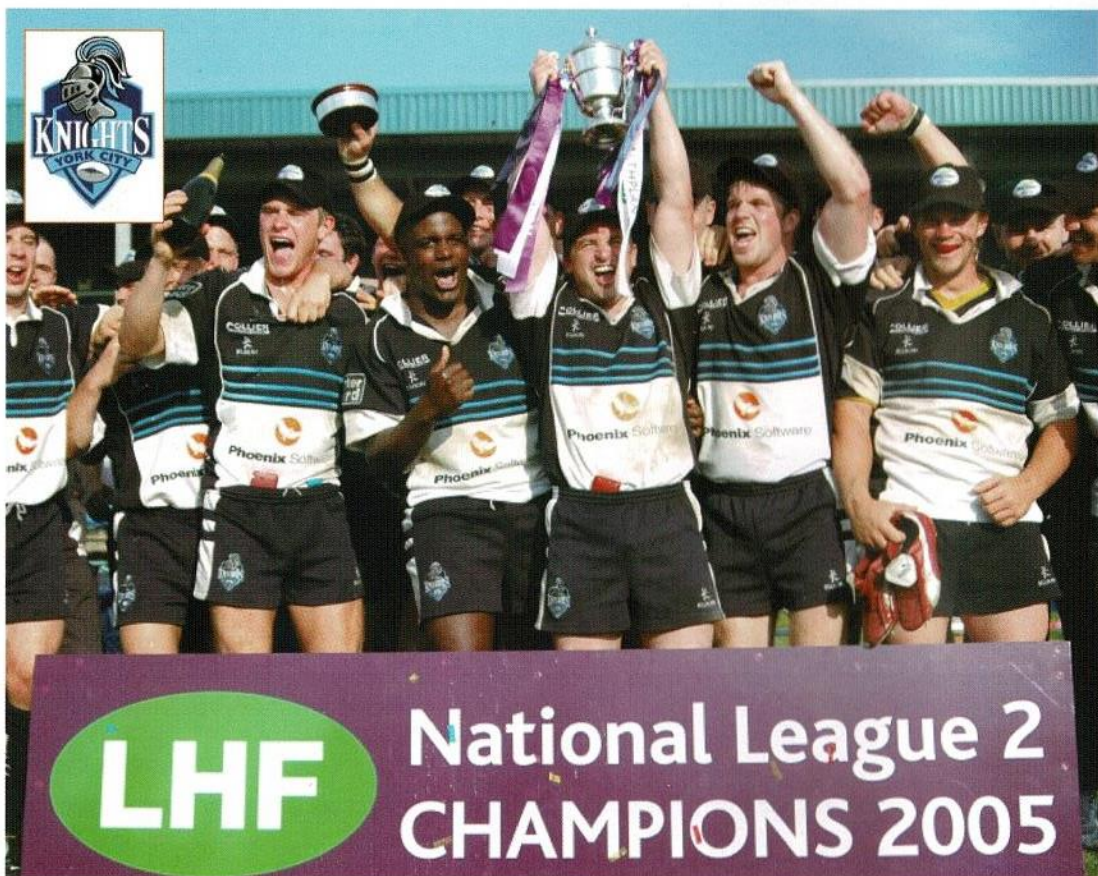


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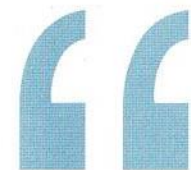


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The Cook Report



Mick Cook



Thank you to all the supporters that made the trip to Sedgley park for the Oldham game, it was great to get our first win in the competition and you certainly got behind the players on a hot humid evening. I thought the players handled the situation very well, it was a difficult game, as both teams were looking to get the 2 points. The fixture format means we have to play Oldham twice in 3 weeks, a bit bizarre when there are ten teams in the competition. As a team we need to forget the score line in the last game as

the Oldham players and coaching staff will be looking to put the record straight and put together a much improved performance today. The game will certainly be much harder and we will need to play well for the 80 mins to get the result. On the injury front Jamie Bovill had his hernia repair this week and should be ready for selection in 4 - 6 weeks. Jason Golden, Jim Elston, Rob Spicer are all showing improvement, and we may see one of them back in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Craig Farrell (knee) Paul

Clarke (head) are been referred back to see the specialists for further investigation.

Cooky



Knights Injury Update



- **Jamie Bovill:** Still struggling with adductor injury. Will be undergoing surgery WC19th June.
- **Mark Cain:** Medial knee ligament damage. Treatment on-going.
- **Elston:** Medial knee ligament damage. Treatment on-going.
- **Craig Farrell:** Medial knee ligament damage. Treatment on-going.
- **Jason Golden:** Still having treatment after injury at Huddersfield. Back into low level supported rehabilitation work.
- **Rob Spicer:** Back into conditioning based training. Not yet able to participate in 'contact' work or catching drills.

Yours in Rugby League

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Rugby League is a high speed collision sport in which injury can unfortunately occur. Currently at the Knights we have six players who are out with injury and it seemed appropriate to let the fans know where these players' are in their rehabilitation.



York City Knights Fixture List 2006 Season

Type	Day	Date '06	York City Knights - v - ...	H / A	Time	Score	Attn
Friendly	Sun	15 Jan	Leeds Rhinos	H	3:00	L 18-25	2,630
Friendly	Fri	20 Jan	Wakefield Wildcats	H	7:30	L 12-26	1,485
Friendly	Sun	05 Feb	Hull FC	H	3:00	L 8-42	1,812
LC	Sun	12 Feb	Hull KR	H	4:00	L 2-32	2,809
LC	Fri	17 Feb	Sheffield Eagles	A	8:00	L 29-24	1,145
LC	Sun	26 Feb	Featherstone Rovers	A	3:00	W 22-16	1,332
LC	Sun	05 Mar	Sheffield Eagles	H	3:00	W 32-16	1,369
PCC	Sun	12 Mar	Ovenden	A	3:00	W 12-50	521
LC	Sun	19 Mar	Hull KR	A	3:00	L 52-14	2,649
LC	Sun	26 Mar	Featherstone Rovers	H	3:00	D 16-16	1,318
PCC	Sun	02 Apr	Swinton	A	3:00	W 20-18	672
NL	Sun	09 Apr	Widnes Vikings	A	3:00	L 25-18	4,024
NL	Fri	14 Apr	Hull KR	H	6:00	L 51-18	2,822
NL	Mon	17 Apr	Halifax	A	3:00	L 34-24	1,696
LC	Sun	23 Apr	Dewsbury	H	3:00	W 20-14	1,064
NL	Sun	30 Apr	Rochdale Hornets	A	3:00	L 30-16	906
LC	Sun	07 May	Workington Town	A	3:00	L 28-16	826
NL	Sun	14 May	Leigh Centurions	H	3:00	L 24-10	2,121
PCC	Sun	21 May	Huddersfield Giants	A	3:00	L 38-4	2,355
NL	Sun	28 May	Batley Bulldogs	A	3:00	L 41-34	825
NL	Sun	04 Jun	Widnes Vikings	H	3:00	L 40-18	1,563
NL	Sun	11 Jun	Oldham	A	3:00	W 62-0	750est
NL	Sun	25 Jun	Oldham	H	1:00		
NL	Sun	02 Jul	Doncaster Lakers	H	3:00		
NL	Sun	09 Jul	Whitehaven	A	3:00		
LC	Sun	16 Jul	Northern Rail Cup Final				
NL	Sun	23 Jul	Halifax	H	3:00		
NL	Sun	30 Jul	Hull KR	A	3:00		
NL	Sun	06 Aug	Batley Bulldogs	H	3:00		
NL	Sun	13 Aug	Whitehaven	H	3:00		
NL	Sun	20 Aug	Doncaster Lakers	A	3:00		
PCC	Sat	26 Aug	PCC Final				
NL	Sun	03 Sep	Rochdale Hornets	H	3:00		
NL	Sun	10 Sep	Leigh Centurions	A	3:00		
		17 Sep	Play offs				
		24 Sep	Play offs				
		01 Oct	Play offs				
		08 Oct	Grand final				

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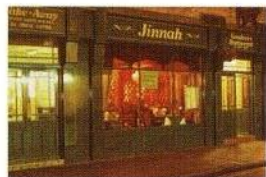


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York Wasps v Oldham
Sunday 24th May 1998

Back In Time

Today we look back when the York Wasps took on Oldham in Division II back on the 24th May 1998.

by Stuart Martel

Wasps in wonderland after day to remember

LET the good times roll. A five-match winning streak, a top of the table surge, a crowd of almost 1,500 and a rare Lea Tichener try - the new order are restoring success to York Rugby League Club. Years of mediocrity are being cast aside as the Wasps achieve a series of firsts. Five successive wins for the first time in six years, top spot for the first time since 1992/3, the best crowd for four seasons and the first Tich try for three years.

A place at the forefront of the race for First Division football was the rich reward for the Wasps' 27-6 triumph over battered and bruised visitors Oldham.

The quality of the handling was often as shocking as the ferocity of the tackling but this match was a firm riposte to claims that the Second Division is devoid of entertainment.

The travelling Oldham support swelled the crowd to 1,482 and produced an atmosphere befitting such a crucial top of the table clash.

The influential Stuart Flowers maintained his unbeaten record as captain of the side and the second rover was quick to make his mark on the game.

The scale of the occasion clearly hindered the attacking flow of the two sides but there was no such uncertainty about the tackling standard set by Flowers.

An early hat-trick of enormous hits from the skipper knocked Oldham out of their stride, the impact of the Flowers approach returning posses-

sion to the Wasps in each instance. Flowers almost crowned his purple patch with a try, charging on to Paul Darley's off load before being held just short.

Another Flowers tackle forced a knock on and, when Oldham were hauled up for offside, winger Jamie Benn kicked the first of his five goals from seven attempts.

Goals were the only likely source of points at that error-strewn stage and Oldham full-back Chris Wilkinson levelled the scores in the 13th minute, his kick amazingly cannoning off both uprights and over the crossbar.

The Wasps, unbending in defence, continued to betray their tension with the ball in their hands, forcing passes and even opting to kick on the first tackle.

Merciless tackling went over the top in the 29th minute when centre Afi Leuluia landed a punch on Mark Cain, referee Steve Lowe instantly seeing red.

The visitors were reduced to 11 men within three minutes, Sean Cooper heading for the sin-bin for a professional foul on Benn, who missed the

resulting penalty kick. After an uncertain start to his York career, centre Fata Sini showed a glimpse of Super League brilliance to create the game's opening try.

The Western Samoan breezed on to Brook's pass and lofted a kick over full-back Wilkinson, scooping up the ball to score on his home debut.

York made their two man advantage tell again in first half stoppage time with a perfect example of a kick and chase.

A bomb from John Strange turned Wilkinson around and, under pressure from Leigh Deakin and Shaun Austerfield, the full-back coughed up the ball for Darley to pounce and score.

Thereafter the Wasps were in total control of the game, demonstrating why they hold the best defensive record in the division.

Strange dropped a goal from 30 metres to guard against an Oldham revival but a rare try from prop forward Tichener left the result in little doubt.

Hooker Gareth Dobson, surely unfortunate to find himself among the substitutes, made a characteristic break from dummy half deep into Roughyed territory and Tichener was on hand to grab only his third try in more than 50 appearances.

Oldham finally crossed the York line in the 70th minute when Neil Flanagan and Ian Sinfield combine to send Adrian Mead away.

But Benn, who appears to be the answer to York's goal-kicking malaise, kicked a penalty and showed strength on the run to cap his first start with a late try.



HOLD IT: Jamie Benn gets to grips with an Oldham opponent

Wasps Match Facts

York 27
Tries: Sini 37, Darley 40, Tichener 61, Benn 73
Goals: Benn 6, 37, 40, 61, 67
Drop goal: Strange 50
1 Mark Cain 6, 2 Jamie Benn 9, 3 Fata Sini 7, 4 Shaun Austerfield 7, 5 Leigh Deakin 7, 6 John Strange 7, 7 David Brook 8, 8 Craig Booth 8, 9 Alan Pallister 7, 10 Lea Tichener 8, 11 Andy Hill 7, 12 Stuart Flowers 9, 13 Paul Darley 7, Subs: 14 Chris Hoppitt 7 (Deakin 49), 15 Spencer Hargrave 7 (Darley 66), 16 Gareth Dobson 7 (Pallister 53), 17 Steve Hill 7 (Tichener 22). Re-sub: Tichener for Booth 53, Booth for S Hill 73.
Blood-bin: Hargrave for Hill 19 (reversed 56).
Scrum: 9. Penalties: 10.

Oldham 6
Try: Mead 70
Goal: Wilkinson 13
1 Chris Wilkinson, 2 Richard Darkes, 3 Afi Leuluia, 4 Sean Cooper, 5 Chris Eckersey, 6 Craig Barker, 7 Neil Flanagan, 8 Paul Round, 9 John Hough, 10 Michael Edwards, 11 Graeme Shaw, 12 Joe Nadiole, 13 Mick Marinidale, Subs: 14 Adrian Mead 0, 15 Ian Sinfield (Shaw 54), 16 Nathan Varley (Nadiole 28), 17 Mike Prescott (Round 34).
Re-sub: Round for Prescott 69, Shaw for Edwards 69. Blood-bin: Nadiole for Varley 59.
Sent off: Leuluia 29 (punching). Sin-bin: Cooper 32 (prof foul). Scrum: 5. Penalties: 10.

H.T. Ref: Steve Lowe (Leeds)
Attendance: 1,482
Match rating: 3 out of 10
The Evening Press/Hogg The Builder Man of the Match
Stuart Flowers: Took the fight to Oldham with a series of blood-curdling big hits. Tackled everything that moved for the full 80 minutes.



HOGG THE BUILDER PLAYER OF THE YEAR



FLASHPOINT: Oldham's Afi Leuluia prepares to throw another punch at an obscured York player after already flooring Mark Cain, on ground at rest. Referee Steve Lowe battles to gain control as Wasps players, from left, Paul Darley, Leigh Deakin, and Shaun Austerfield move in. Leuluia received his marching orders once order was restored. Pictures: Mike Topping

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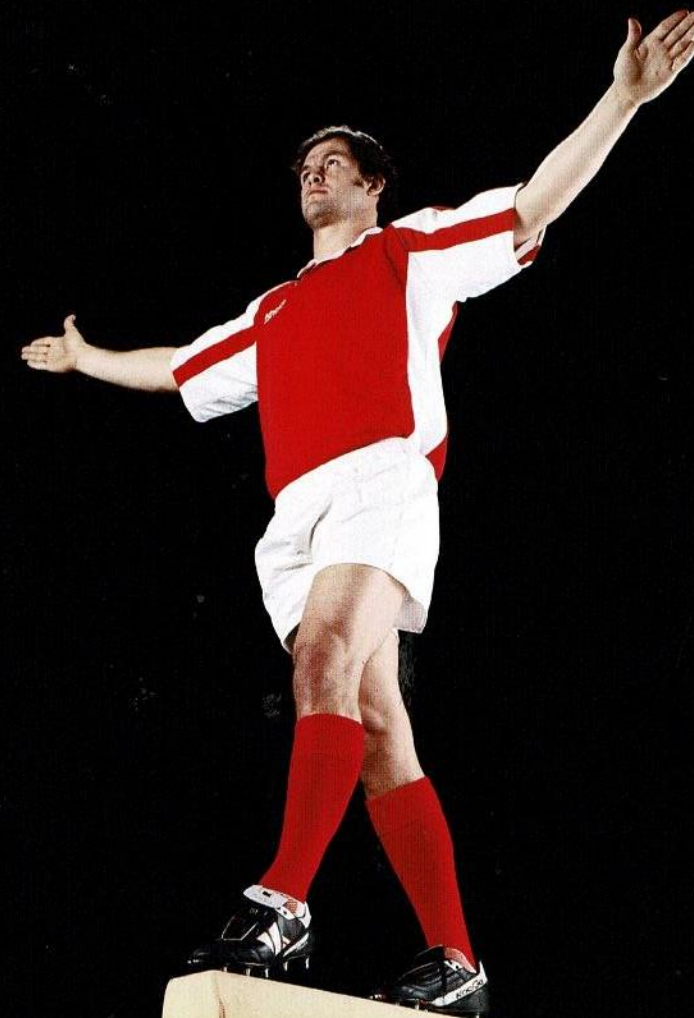
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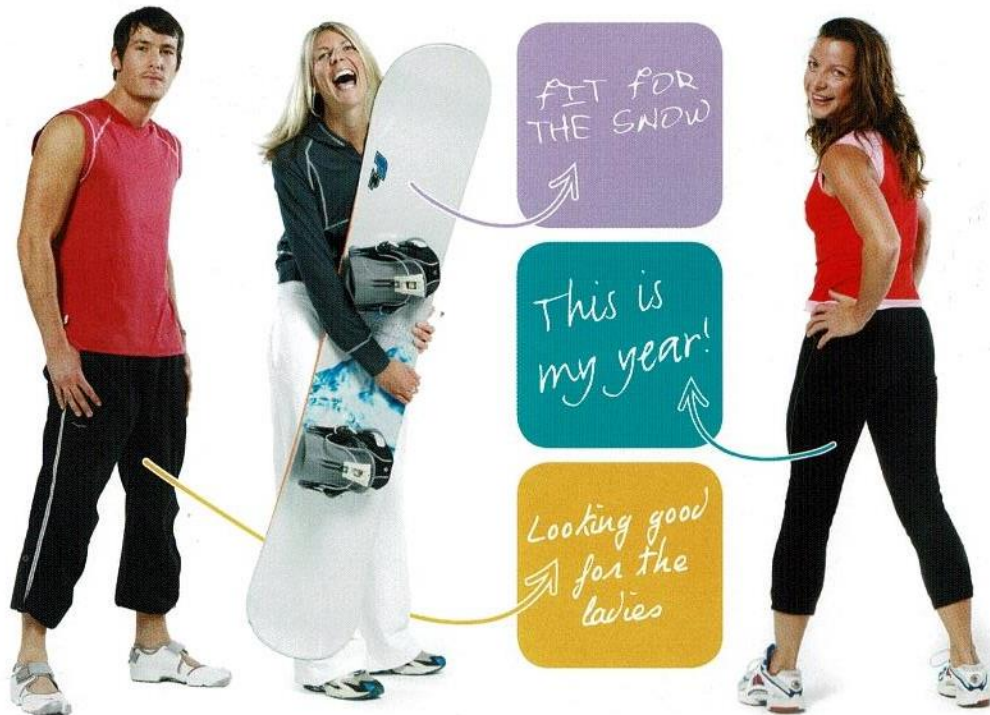
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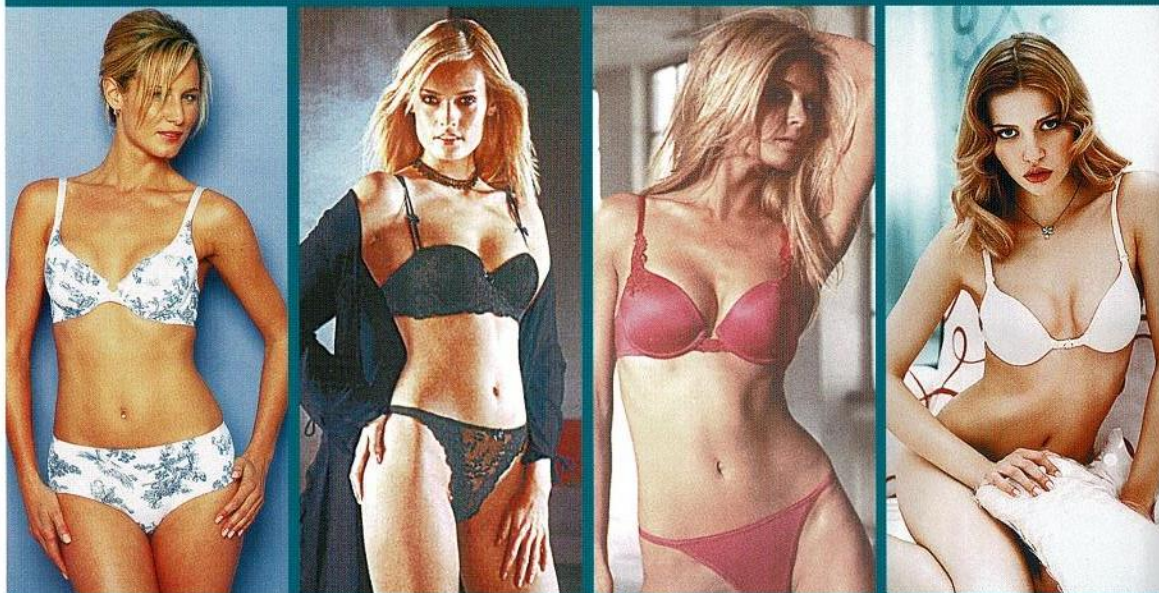
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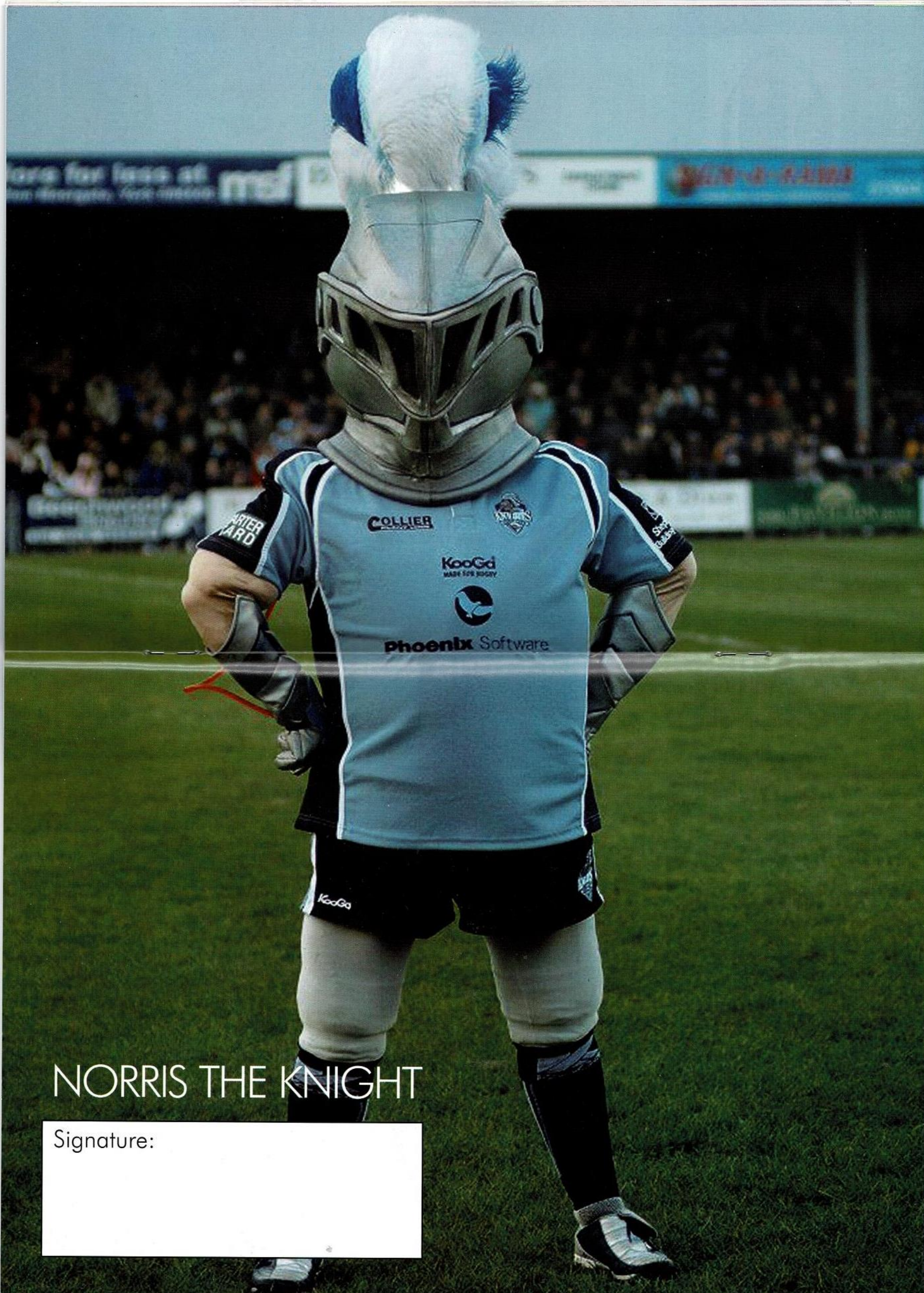
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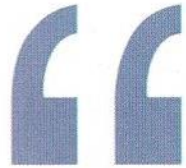


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Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Oldham which doubles up as our annual Schools Family Fun Day. The schools family fun day is a celebration of our award winning community and is our way of saying thank you to all the schools we have had the pleasure of working with this year. A big welcome to all the school children, teachers and parents who are here today. We hope you have a fantastic day out and give the Knights plenty of support as we look for our second win in a row. We would also like to give a special welcome to the children from Skelton, Bishopthorpe, Barlby Community and Hemingbrough primary schools that are playing in today's curtain raiser. Make sure you give the children plenty of support!

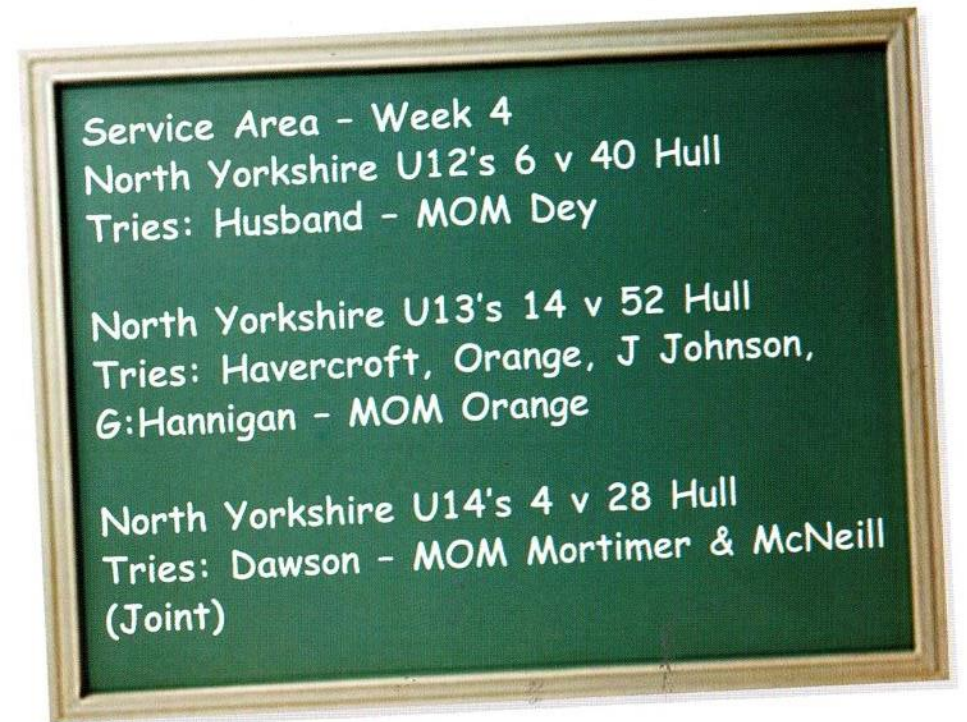
Over the past three weeks the development team with the help of our mascot Norris the Knight have delivered more than 40 assemblies in primary schools in York and surrounding areas to promote today's event. May we take this opportunity to thank Hague & Dixon Solicitors, Monks Cross Shopping Park and Newitts who are kindly sponsoring today's event. Without your support exciting days like this would never materialise.

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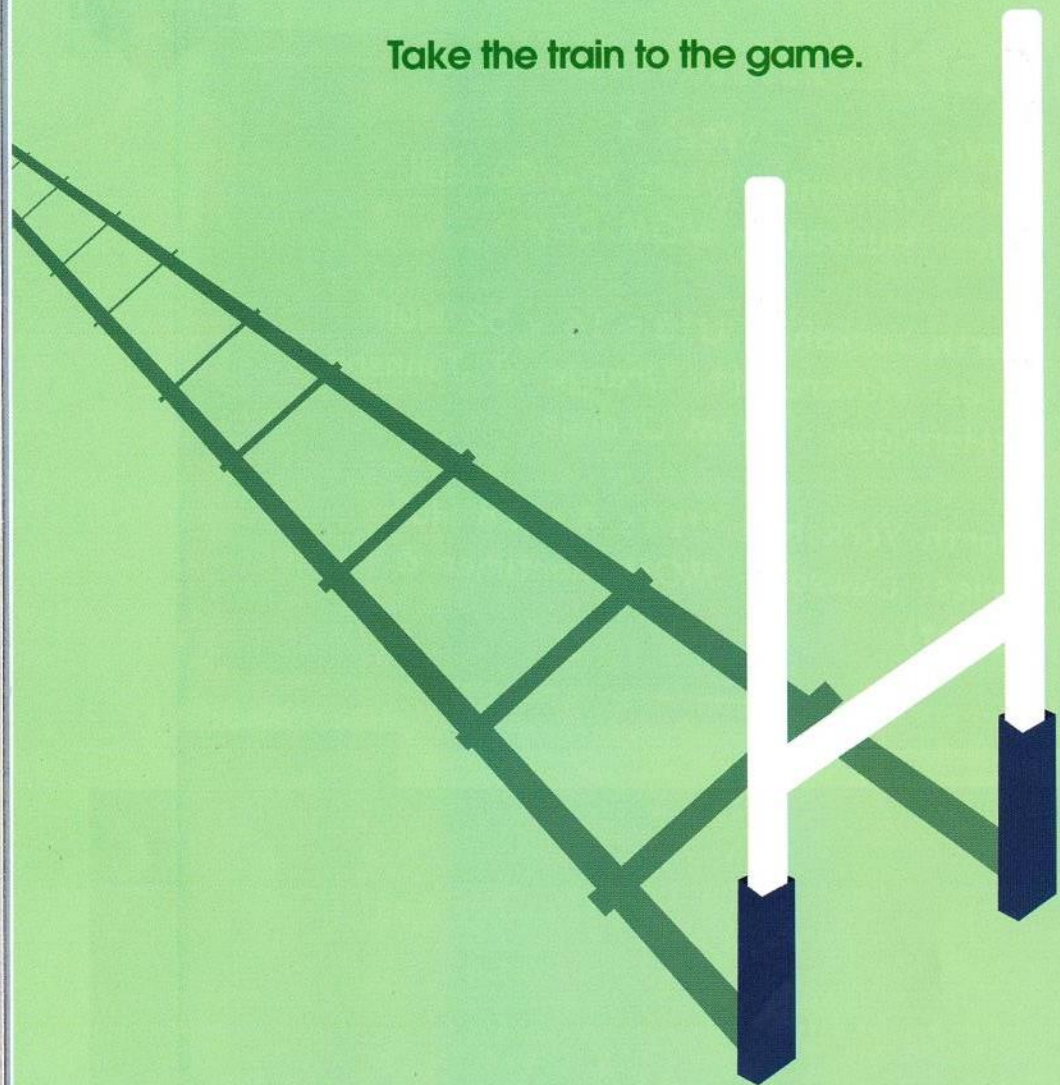
We have recently completed the qualifying rounds of the Marston Moor Cup which is a contact festival that is part of the York International

9's extravaganza. 12 primary schools from York and surrounding areas came together at Heworth ARLC to determine the four semi finalists. In group A Woodthorpe and Clifton Without finished joint top with three wins and two draws from their 5 games, edging out Bishopthorpe and St Mary's who came third and fourth. Tockwith and Selby CP were also in this group. In group B Hemplands dominated with five wins from five with last years winners Wigginton qualifying in second place as a result of a better points difference than Westfield's. St Lawrences finished in fourth place followed by Appleton Roebuck and Badger Hill. The four qualifying schools will now play their semi finals and finals at the York 9's with Woodthorpe facing Wigginton and Headlands squaring off against Clifton Without.

Five schools from North Yorkshire have recently represented their local areas at tag Rugby League at the North Yorkshire Youth Games which was held at Ampleforth College.. Ralph Butterfield (York), Longmans Hill (Selby), Alne (Hambleton), Glusburn (Craven) & Sheriff Hutton (Rydale). After a fantastic competition that went down to the wire Alne (Hambleton), who qualified by winning our Easingwold cluster festival, finished top of the group closely followed by York & Craven. The competition was that close that Selby, who finished in fourth place, could have won the competition by winning their last game!

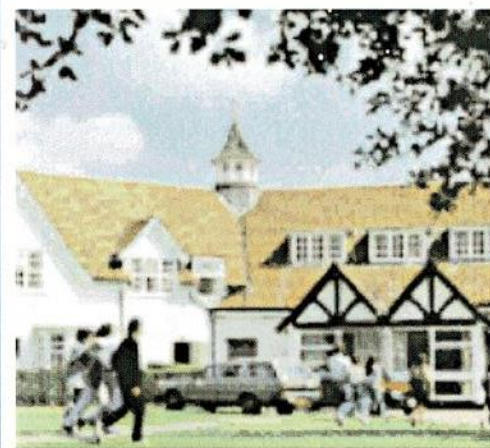


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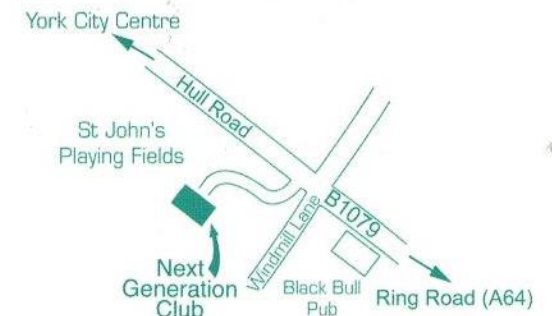
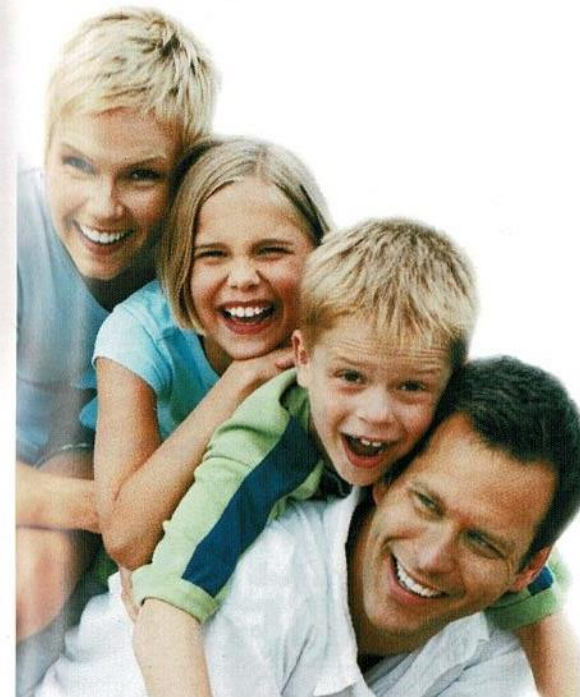
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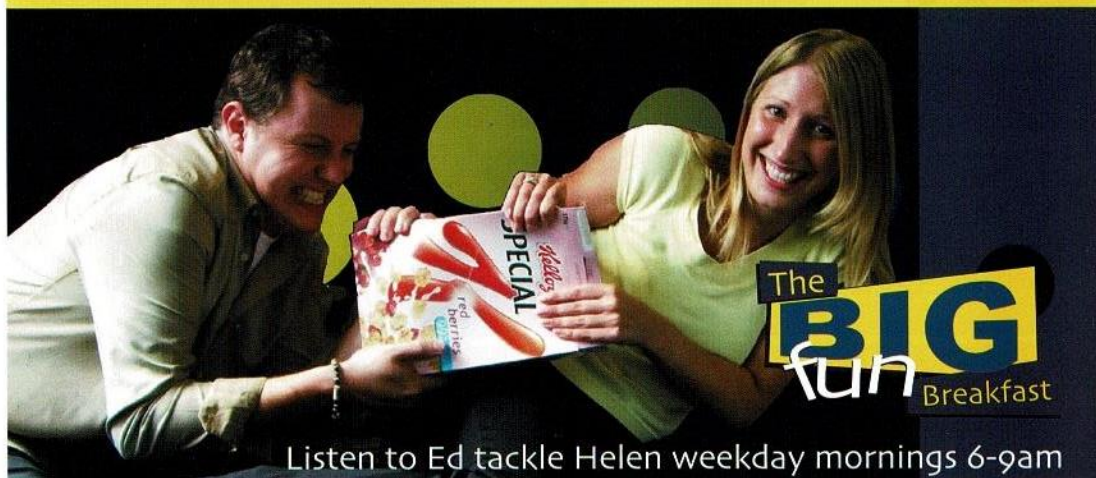


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After our win at Doncaster, our next fixture was at home to Leigh Centurions (played at New Earswick). With Chris Spurr, Paul Clarke and Dean O'Loughlin in the squad we were made to work hard for our second victory, which resulted in score-line of 22-14, against a Leigh side that also had three first team squad members in their side. It is interesting to note that in both our victory's our completion rate has been at 80% which is something we have been stressing to the player's. It was nice to see Chris Spurr come through the full game without any injuries and lets hope that this is the start of a continued run of appearances for him.

On Friday 27th May the team travelled to Batley to come up against a very strong and physical Batley side. We had no first team squad members available and we were at the receiving end of a 42-0 score-line. Our players said it had

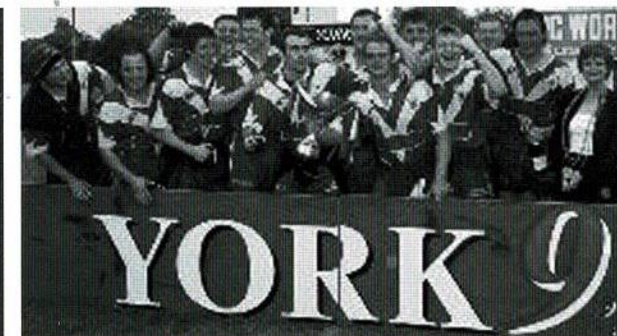
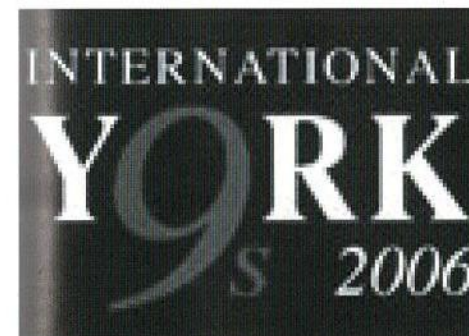
been the most physical game that they had ever played in, but I am sure they will have learned something from the experience. We will keep working hard and learning as we prepare to face our next challenge.

Yours in sport

Paul Higgins



Paul Higgins



The draws for the group stage of the Fairfax Cup - the blue riband event of the York Festival - and the semi finals of the Marston Moor Cup for York and District Primary Schools, both tournaments scheduled to take place on Saturday July 15

at Heworth RFC, will be aired on BBC Radio York during the Weekend Sports Preview programme on Friday June 30 between 6.35pm and 7pm.FM -

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Supporters Club



Today's match against Oldham is the return match of the one played 2 weeks ago, we extend a warm York welcome to the supporters, players and directors of Oldham, to Huntington Stadium, and wish them a safe journey home afterwards.

What a great feeling after the last match against Oldham, what with a beautiful evening and a host of Knights Supporters there to cheer the team on and to savour the atmosphere, what a good performance by the Knights to open their NL1 account, and in what fashion to come away 62 - 0 winners, well done to the team and to the traveling support.

The Supporters Club will be running a Tombola Stall at the Gala on 1st July, and also at the Heworth 9s, on Saturday, 15th July, and are on the lookout for prizes for the same, anyone who can donate prizes for the above, can bring them to any home match before then and hand them to any Committee Member, we would be grateful for any donations of prizes, and also offers of help for manning the Tombola, at these Events.

Pot of Gold winners at the Widnes match: 1st no. 25044 for £125 not claimed, 2nd no 25553 for £25 C. Molloy, Members Draw for £20 no 468 Liam Hobman. Please check your pockets 1st Prize at the Leigh game 24602

for £140 not claimed.

Events planned :-
GALA DAY, Saturday, 1st July at Huntington Sports Club.
VIDEO NIGHT, Thursday, 6th July, 7.30pm, Stadium Bar, £1 members, £2 non members.
Tickets, for Race Nights and Discos, obtainable from Gary Hall, Ian Hick or the Knights Office.
Other Events planned can be found by going to the Knights web site www.yorkcityknights.co.uk and clicking on Events under The Fans..
Come on and Support these Events, they are put on by your Supporters Club Committee for YOU the Fans, to help the Scholarship and the under 21s.

A coach or coaches will be run to the Whitehaven away match on 9th July, to travel on these you must be a Supporter's Club Member and have your membership card with you, bookings may be made by text or phone message on 07958 569266 stating name(s) and membership number(s).

Enjoy the Game, Dave Crosby

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Evening Press

"Don't you wish your girlfriend was hot like me" is certainly one way to grab the attention of the average male rugby league fan. Add in some sassy dance moves, the odd swish of a pompom and there you have it: The Knights Fantastic.

As club dancers go, they are certainly in the upper middle half of the National League One table.

Admittedly I'm hardly an authority on the subject. I did spend a day at the UK Cheerleading Association national championships a few weeks ago to watch my youngest sister and her Southampton Vixens university crew win the uni title.

And I'll admit to attempting the odd move in the safety - and privacy (at least until the neighbours chopped down a load of trees which had formed the perfect curtain) - of my bedroom, not always that unsuccessfully either, I might add.

But alas I'm no dancer - despite my many attempts to convince myself that my having been born on a Tuesday makes me graceful. Ahem.

Neither am I a cheerer. Shouting things in unison with random

people - especially when I don't really know the words - brings about an overriding sensation of embarrassment and crippling self-consciousness. The kind you get from those sweat-inducing nightmares of arriving at that big job interview with only your underwear on.

I sometimes wish I could join the club and edge closer to the choir but usually end up just feebly clapping and even - oh the shame - lip-synching the words a la any girl/boyband of the mid 90s. But those that sing and dance - and do so with pride - make one heck of a difference. It instils belief and that's seriously infectious. Players are visibly lifted by a shout of encouragement or a rallying chorus of 'We're York and We're Proud of It'. They then lift the fans with performances like that trip to Sedgley Park two weeks ago.

As for the dancers, they're a few lifts short of the stunt or three that would put them alongside the likes of St Helens and the Super League elite.

But they're still fantastic. And so are the cheerers.

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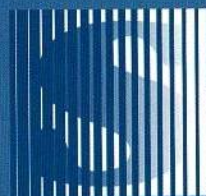
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Today's Opposition

Oldham



Gareth Barber

Previous clubs: Warrington Wolves.
Local lad who grew up playing alongside Leeds and Great Britain loose forward Kevin Sinfield. Primarily a stand-off, but can fill in anywhere on the back line and also played regularly at hooker in 2005; this year he has slotted in well at full-back.

Ged Corcoran

Previous clubs: Halifax, Limoux, Dewsbury.
Crafting forward and a full Irish international, reared at Halifax alongside brother Wayne. Moved across the channel after a contractual dispute but returned last year to help the Rams to the National League Two Grand Final. The 23-year-old has had injury problems, but he's been in good form for Oldham when available.

Wayne Corcoran

Previous clubs: Halifax.
Irish international loose forward or stand-off who made his Super League debut two years ago at the age of 18. Two shoulder operations have hampered his progress since, and a groin injury has meant his opportunities have been limited this term.

Dean Gorton

Previous clubs: Salford.
Back-row forward signed by then Salford academy boss Steve McCormack. Never played in Super League, though he was the club's under-21s player of the year in 2004, Gorton can also play in the three-quarters.

Gareth Hayes

Previous clubs: Salford.
Big Leigh-born prop who has been a regular starter in the front row in recent weeks. Went on the NW Counties under-16s Oceanic tour along with current team-mate Wayne Corcoran.

Ian Hodson

Previous clubs: Leigh, Chorley, Swinton.
A plumber by trade, Hodson turned pro for Leigh at the age of 18. Signed initially on loan from Swinton in April 2005, Hodson is an 80-minute player who is happy in the back row and at loose forward, though he has played at stand-off lately. An ever-present this season.

Chris Hough

Previous clubs: Rochdale, Doncaster, Swinton, Blackpool.
Scrum-half or stand-off who formed an excellent partnership with Marty Turner last season. Cousin of Roughyeds stalwart John, whose spot at hooker he has recently been occupying.

John Hough

Previous clubs: Warrington.
First player to commit himself to the new club when it was reformed in 1997. The hooker's contract runs until 2007, which will allow him to complete 10 years with the club. Can also play at loose forward.

Chris Maye

Previous clubs: Wigan, St Helens, Halifax, Swinton.
Young second row or centre. Was on the verge of being selected for the England Academy side while at St Helens, but was thwarted by a wrist injury. Was Swinton's top try-scorer in 2004 and he earned himself a spot in the National League division two dream team.

Alex Wilkinson

Previous clubs: Bradford, London Broncos, Hull FC.
Locally-born 22-year-old centre, who has played nearly 40 Super League games. Played junior rugby with Royton Tigers before signing for Bradford Bulls. After a loan spell at Hull he was offered a two-year contract with the Arlie Birds, but chose to go part-time with his home-town club to complete a degree in sports science.

Chris Baines

Previous clubs: Wigan, Warrington.
Signed up for a second month on loan with Oldham prior to the Whitehaven game two weeks ago. A second row or loose forward brought in from Warrington's under-21s side, Baines has shown a good work ethic during his time with the Roughyeds.

David Best

Previous clubs: Keighley, UTC (France).
The 27-year-old prop forward was brought to the club from amateur side Oldham St Anne's, initially as a trialist, but after some powerful performances was signed up for the season. Has played under coach Steve Deakin at both his previous clubs.

Tom Kilgannon

Previous clubs: Warrington.
Formerly a member of Oldham's academy squad, Kilgannon's impressive form for National Conference side Saddleworth Rangers prompted coach Steve Deakin to snap up the second-row forward until the end of the season.

Carl Jones

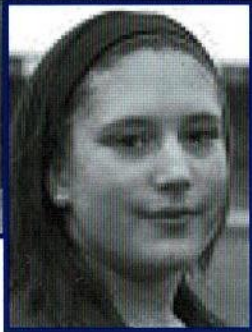
Previous clubs: Leigh.
BARLA international utility back, signed on a contract until the end of the 2007 season. Jones, who has turned out for Leigh under-21s this year, is hoping to make his mark in the professional game and could make his debut today.

Andy Bailey

Previous clubs: Featherstone, Hull FC, Castleford Tigers.
Second-row forward signed from Castleford in the close season. Former Featherstone youngster who was brought to Hull FC by Shaun McRae at the age of 21, playing 10 Super League games for the Arlie Birds. Suffered a back injury at Barrow in the Challenge Cup, but back in contention today.



Knights Fantastic



NAME: Amy Thwaites
AGE & DOB: 15 01.09.90

Why did you take up dancing and how did you become interested?

I took up dancing because my mum had done ballet when she was younger so she took me to a dance class and I really enjoyed it.

Do you have any advice for anyone out there who aspires to become a dancer?

If you enjoy it, go for it!

Hobbies & Interests:

Ballet, Line Dancing, Tap, Contemporary dance, Modern

Best piece of advice you have been given & who gave you it?

If anything goes wrong, keep smiling and carry on. My mum gave me this advice.

What are you most looking forward to about working with the Knights?

It is different from anything I have ever done before.

How long have you been dancing for, any achievements?

I have been dancing for 11-12 years. I am a UK Line Dance Champion and Southern Cha Cha Champion. I also came 3rd at the European Line Dance Championships and 4th at Worlds 2005 Masters.

Favourite dance type and favourite music?

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Dave Buckley

There's little doubt that the Knights' second row forward, Dave Buckley is earning himself a good reputation. The Australian signing has hit some good form and he's earning plaudits from coach and fans alike. However, the 24 year old from Sydney could have been lost from rugby league for a career in football!

"I used to play football from under 6's to under 11's," he says. "But I got a few red cards! When I got a bit older and I realised soccer wasn't for me, I wanted to play something a bit more physical."

And so he did, going straight in as a second row more or less straight away. But why rugby league and not Aussie Rules?

"In Sydney, rugby league is the main sport. In places like Melbourne, AFL is the main sport so it just depends on what City you're in. I'm from Sydney so rugby league is pretty much the main sport."

As a result, Dave got involved, and when you look at his background, it's probably no surprise. His grandfather was the Chairman of Australian Rugby League, albeit before Dave was born.

Once he was playing he quickly went on to gain representative honours. "I used to play in the Balmain district and when I was younger I made representative teams and from there just continued onwards playing representative football."

After spending time with Newtown Jets, South Sydney and Balmain Tigers, Dave decided it was time to try something different. That was a move to England.

"I've got a lot of friends living abroad, and down in London, and I thought I'd like to do the same. Obviously there's not much rugby league in London and I wanted to play still. So I contacted a few clubs up here and York seemed the best city for us."

Being so far away from home, unlike his team mates, Buckley obviously doesn't have family in the crowd at Knights games cheering him one. However, despite the

distance, they still take a big interest in how he's doing! "They always call me after each game wanting to know how I went and all that type of stuff. It gets a bit draining after a while, but it's ok!"

This is Buckley's first season with the Knights, and as a result, his first time living in York. He says he likes the City, but there's one thing in his home City that York can't quite compete with.

"I like York, and I love Sydney. I love the beaches. Over here, in my spare time, I can be a bit stumped for stuff to do. I guess that's the part I miss about Sydney. It's all on the coast. I just love going to the beach."

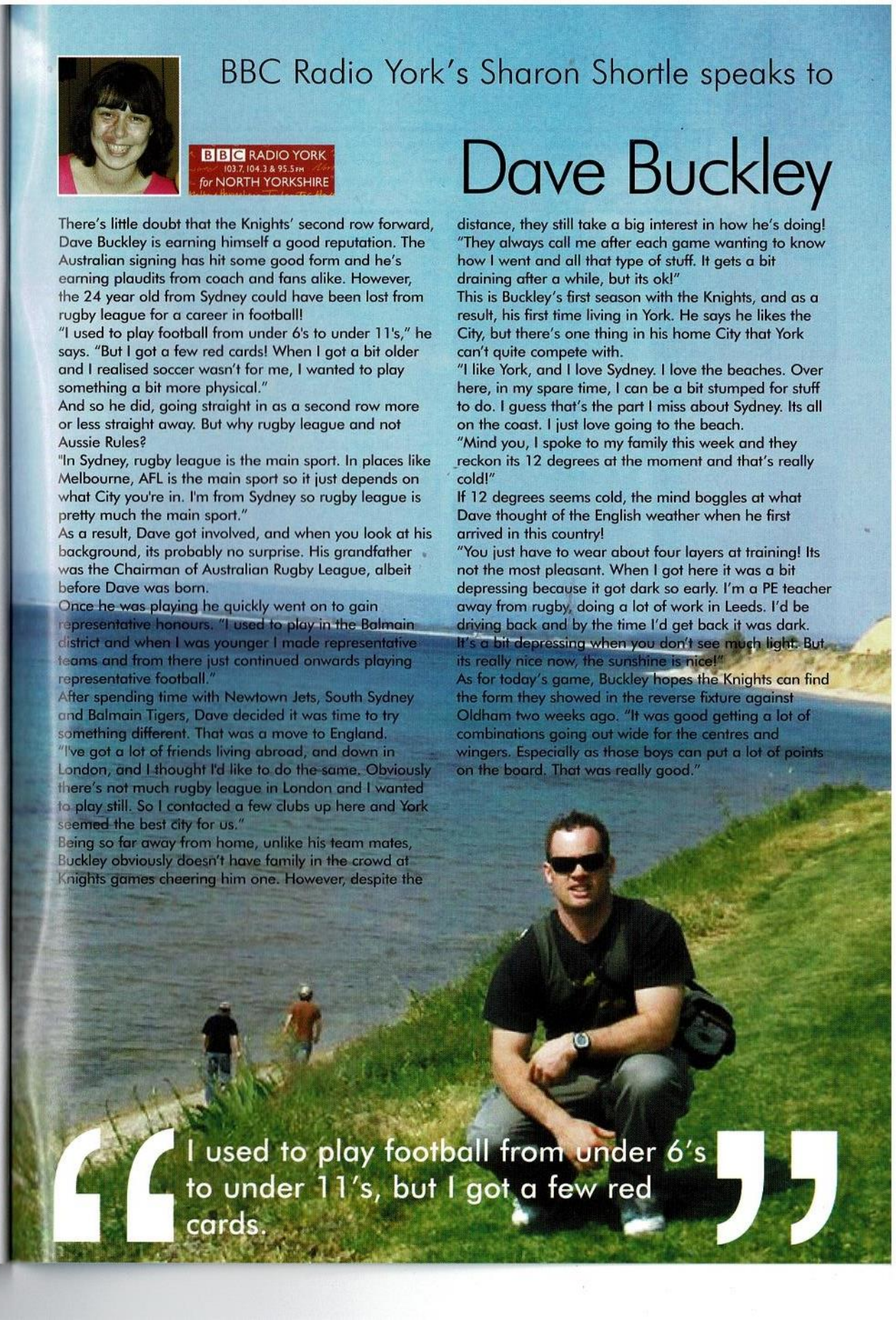
"Mind you, I spoke to my family this week and they reckon it's 12 degrees at the moment and that's really cold!"

If 12 degrees seems cold, the mind boggles at what Dave thought of the English weather when he first arrived in this country!

"You just have to wear about four layers at training! It's not the most pleasant. When I got here it was a bit depressing because it got dark so early. I'm a PE teacher away from rugby, doing a lot of work in Leeds. I'd be driving back and by the time I'd get back it was dark. It's a bit depressing when you don't see much light. But it's really nice now, the sunshine is nice!"

As for today's game, Buckley hopes the Knights can find the form they showed in the reverse fixture against Oldham two weeks ago. "It was good getting a lot of combinations going out wide for the centres and wingers. Especially as those boys can put a lot of points on the board. That was really good."

“ I used to play football from under 6's to under 11's, but I got a few red cards. ”





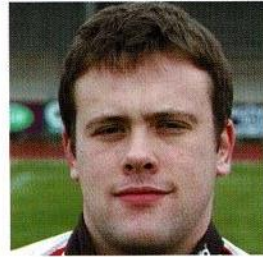
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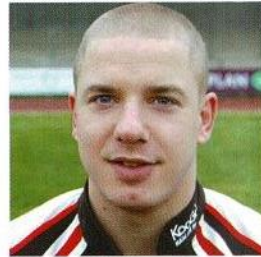
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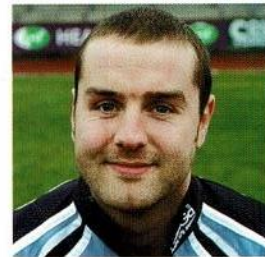
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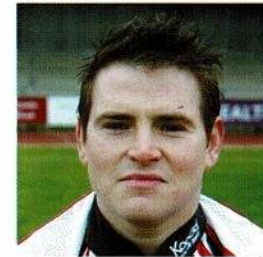
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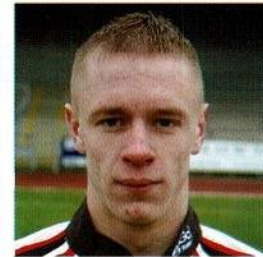
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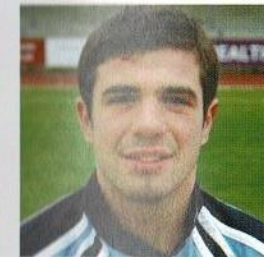
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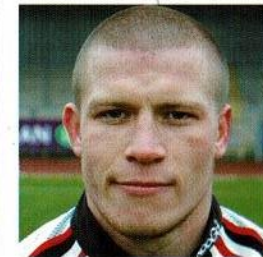
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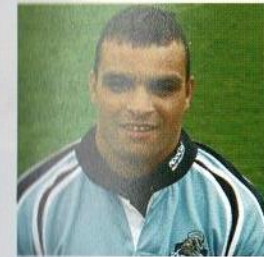
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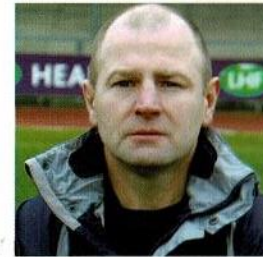
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