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## STANKY SPEAKS



As a group, we were all satisfied to come away from Gateshead International Stadium with the 3 points that kept us on track for our goal of 5 wins from our last 5 games. Our second win of the 5 certainly wasn't as easy as the score line suggested and at times, we were put under pressure from what I thought was a much improved Gateshead side.



Going 18 points up within the first 15 minutes was obviously pleasing but may not have been the start that we wanted, as I felt that scoring so many points so early actually had a negative impact on us overall. Maybe a relaxed mindset crept in after that initial spell, and it meant that Gateshead saw a lifeline, after witnessing some poor individual defensive efforts, but full credit to Thunder, they chanced their arms a little and with nothing to lose both in the game and this season, they produced some good attacking rugby.

Something that we had already looked at prior to the game, was our play the ball speed and we felt that if we could find our fronts after initial collision, in as many situations as possible, then we could cause Gateshead some real problems. However, the man in the middle saw fit to limit our quick play the ball opportunities by letting the opposition take, more than a handful, of liberties, by 'laying on' at every opportunity.

This disrupted our attacking potency somewhat and played a part in some less exciting spells of rugby.

However, I felt our individual class shone through at certain points of the game and the return of captain Phil Wood, after 6 months on the sidelines, certainly gave the squad a massive boost. His speed around the ruck asked a few questions of the Gateshead defence and gave us the opportunities that we needed in order to get hold of the game.

Overall, our goal on leaving Spotland at 9.30am was to pick up the 3 points on offer and although we had one eye on our points for and against, it was always our priority to worry about the actual win before anything else.

On a negative, it was disappointing to have to play the final 8 minutes with only 12 men after using all of our permitted interchanges and losing Wayne English to what looked like a very severe neck injury. I am pleased to be able to let you know that Wayne suffered pins and needles after the game, but was fine for our journey home and will receive treatment during the week to make sure he is fit to play in Sunday's local derby against Oldham.

**John Stankevitch,**  
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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to our good friends from Oldham. I'm sure everyone involved at the Roughyeds will be looking forward to today's "derby" as much as we are.

We are certainly at the business end of the season. With three games to go EVERYTHING is still up for grabs. I can't remember a season when so many teams are so tightly packed together with so few games to go. Today's game is vital to both teams, so it's going to be 100% for the full 80 minutes.

It's good though to be back at Spotland after another few weeks away. But we have performed better on our travels this term, with a hard fought win at South Wales and a slightly more relaxed result at Gateshead in the last couple of weeks.

We have just three games to go, and our destiny is pretty much in our own hands. The players and coaching staff are acutely aware of what is required and I'm confident that Stanky and the boys will be up to the task.

I would like to extend a special welcome to today's Match and Ball Sponsors. Match Sponsors Heywood Magic Market are great supporters of the club. Like Hornets the Market is a Trust, owned and managed by its members. But the affinity goes far deeper with Heywood Magic Market being a regular venue for our Buzzline Lottery Draw and always willing to help promote the club. So again I would like to welcome Ray and his colleagues to the game, and I hope the relationship continues to grow.

Our Match Ball Sponsor is Geldards Electrical. This is the second time this season we have been lucky enough to have John and his guests with us. Even though Geldards have just joined us as Sponsors this season, we have already struck up a superb relationship with them, and just like Heywood Magic Market their sponsorship is much more than just coming along to the game.

It is something we are very proud of here at Hornets, we have genuine partners working with us, striving to take their businesses and Hornets forward in a mutually beneficial way.

There is an incredible amount of activity going on at the club at the moment, and we hope members and supporters get involved as much as they can. We have the Springhill Hospice ONE SPECIAL DAY, ONE SPECIAL KIT game, Elections, AGM, Season Celebration Dinner, online shop launch, World Cup Bid etc etc etc as we aim to give Stanky and the boys all the tools they need to finish the job.

Today is just the next step along the path we are on, taking us where we want to be. Hopefully we won't be diverted. And as ever I hope everyone enjoys the game.

Enjoy the game.  
**Mark Wynn**

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Each camp has offered something different with the Littleborough participants competing in their very own rugby Olympics in the sunshine. Rochdale Cobras participants all welcomed a few of the older members of their club to their camp who took the sessions as part of their Rugby League Leaders award. The kids from camp surprised all the leaders with the skills they put on show. At the end of the camp the youngsters challenged the leaders to a Tag rugby match only to surprise them again by beating them. Fair and Square may we add! These were followed by camp at the Mayfield Mustangs, Keswick Street ground, here the children took part in another two action packed rugby days along with this the children all teamed together to create posters for promoting Mayfield Mustangs in a competition to see who could create the best! The posters were left by the children at the Mayfield to encourage more children to come and join their teams!

All the children participating in this summers' Give It a Try camps have been invited to play tag rugby matches as curtain raisers before the main game please feel free to show your support and cheer them along.

For those wishing to attend a rugby camp this year there is still opportunity to get involved as the Bolton Bury and Rochdale Development group are holding further sessions at Whitworth on the 18th and 19th August. The camp is just £5 per day and all those who have already attended a rugby league camp this summer are all welcome to attend the first day for free! For further information this camp please contact Terri Davey on 01706 648004 or ring [terri.davey@hornetsrugbyleague.com](mailto:terri.davey@hornetsrugbyleague.com)

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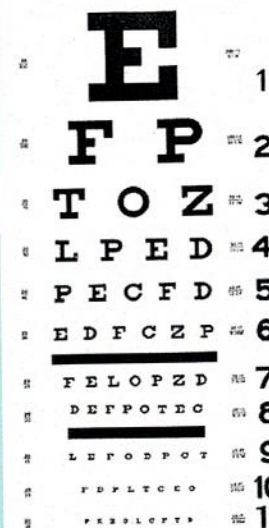
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# An interview with - John Stankevitch

With the forthcoming autobiography by Hornets' coach The Buzz has interviewed the man to find out what makes him tick and what we can expect to find in his book.

**The Buzz:** Being fairly young why did you come to the decision to write your autobiography now?

**Stanky:** Well, I've read a lot of books by other players like Sean Long, Chris Joint and Paul Sculthorpe and they talk about all the highs and all the good points but they don't talk about the negative bits and everyone knows that I had to retire through injury at 25 when I was really young. I had a really successful time prior to retiring but a lot of lessons can be learned about things that happened to me outside the game and off the back of my retirement as well, a lot of people will not know that I had my house repossessed, I had my car repossessed I had debts up £100,000 people don't see all this so I wanted to give them this insight into what else can happen.

**The Buzz:** So it's definitely a warts and all book?

**Stanky:** Yes, definitely, I've not held back at all, there'll be things in the book that'll upset a few people but I'm not the sort of person who just does things to please others I tell it like it is. It's important that the truth is told in a book like this. A lot people think that when I played for Saints and I was winning Grand Finals medals I was on a fortune and that I was £100,000 but nothing could be further from the truth, my biggest contract at Saints was £25,000 per year which is not a lot better than a lot of ordinary jobs really. People just assume when you're playing at that level that you're earning a lot of money but it's not always the case.

**The Buzz:** Is it only in the last few years that Super League salaries have really started to spiral then?

**Stanky:** Yes, when I was playing with the likes of Sean Long, Paul Sculthorpe and Keiron Cunningham, they were the best and established players and I was still very young in terms of playing first team rugby, I was just 22, 23 and they got to play a lot longer than I did, I was still coming through the ranks and trying to establish myself as a first team player. The top end did earn the big money but down at the bottom end there wasn't a lot of money at all.

**The Buzz:** How long did it take to research the book?

**Stanky:** None at all.

**The Buzz:** So you wrote it on the fly then?

**Stanky:** Yes, basically, what I did was working at Priestley College in 2009 and the teacher I was covering for came back and I left in the lurch really, I got told that I wouldn't be needed so I was going to be three months out of work. So I thought rather than sit around doing nothing whilst I was looking for work I should start putting some of my thoughts down and the more thoughts I put down about what had gone on in the past I thought it was coming together like a bit of a story. So it came from there really, the more I got into it the easier it was to write. It's just all my thoughts coming back to me, it took me three months to write it all but that was like an hour per night which was about all I could give to writing it. If I could have sat there and wrote it all down in one go it would have taken me about a week.

**The Buzz:** If you had had to go back and research it you wouldn't have bothered or would it still have been something you wanted to do?

**Stanky:** Yeah, possibly, but that would have been a different sort of book because a lot of what is in the book is about my thoughts looking back on my career. The first bit is when I'm coming through the Academy and what my thoughts were about trying to emulate Chris Joint, trying to get into the first team and things like that, the exciting times. Then it moves onto playing in the first team and the heights of playing at that level all the things that go with it like the night life, going out after games meeting people and going to the B.B.C. Sports Personality of the Year awards 2002. Then I talk about my retirement, which is quite a low time and affected me and my family and everyone around us and the financial side as well, so again I talk about things that were in my mind at that time. Like I said I didn't need to do any research as all these thoughts were inside my mind now, to be honest with you that's what spurs me on as a coach I want to succeed as a coach I don't want to go back to where I was.

**The Buzz:** Would you say that the day you retired was the lowest point in your life?

**Stanky:** Oh massively, massively, it was just so hard to take because I've never known anything else but playing, I started playing when I was nine and from the day I picked a ball up all I ever wanted was to be a professional rugby league player. I used to go and watch Widnes Vikings, or the Chemics as they were known then when they had Jonathon Davies, Alan Tait, Koloto, Joe Grima I could name the World Club Challenge side and the Championship side from '89, that's when I started watching the game so it was always rugby league for me and I'd never really thought about doing anything else. I never went to college or university and never did any other jobs so when I had to retire I didn't know what to do. I was in complete disarray really, I had a young family with one young child a girl and we had a big house, we had quite a decent standard of living and within the space of a week it had gone. If you've not been there you can't really understand what it would be like.

**The Buzz:** Do the big clubs like St Helens and Wigan not have any sort of benefit for players that retire through injury?

**Stanky:** I'm not too sure whether they do now but at the time I didn't get anything at all. I finished my career at Widnes where I played 18 games, I was offered the chance to have my contract renewed at Saints when I came back after my injury but the money they were offering was less than that I was on before so I decided against that, and I wanted to make a fresh start and Widnes came in for me which was my hometown club and I thought I'm going to have to go for it. So I went to Widnes and had 18 games but the injury got worse and worse every time.

**The Buzz:** What was the injury?

**Stanky:** I went into a tackle in 2003 in the elimination semi-final for the Grand Final for Saints against Wigan at the D.W. Stadium as it is now, and I went into a tackle and Craig Smith the Kiwi front-rower ran into me and caught me in the shoulder, dislocated the shoulder and severed a nerve in the neck. So it was a matter of ten months out of the game, I couldn't do anything at all, no use of my arm and when I came back to play the knocks were causing me more problems than they had and every time I took a knock on the shoulder I was having pins and needles in my arm for a full week afterwards. Then when the next game came around I'd not recovered properly from the previous week and it got worse and worse and it got to a time where I thought if I don't make a decision and retire then potentially I could be in a bad way. I, personally think I made the right decision, but it wasn't a decision I wanted to make.

**The Buzz:** So the injuries were having a cumulative affect on you then?

**Stanky:** Yes, it was like when you get older as well and you can't sort of recover from the knocks, bumps and bruises in the week. I was only 24 or 25 and I was finding that then and I thought if I carry on for another four or five years I'm going to be in bits. With a family to look after I didn't want to be in a position where I couldn't do any activities with the children when I'm about 30, it would be unfair on the kids but the decision I had to make to retire was one that I had to make, I was pushed into a corner but it was one I didn't want to make. The after effects have been written about in the book, like the finances, the mental state I was in.

**The Buzz:** So was it retiring and the financial problems that you found yourself that prompted you to start your company JSElite?

**Stanky:** No, No basically what I thought all the jobs that I've had since I finished playing have been sort of working for someone else and were really restrictive and interfered on the rugby side of things. It's just not been a good match for me and I thought for all the experience I've had in professional rugby league I should be able to give something back there and I've got something that people will want to hear about like a book or a story. However JSElite which is my own little business it's not been up and running for long but it incorporates a lot of different things, so within that I do personal training, there's the book as well, I do motivational speaking talking about things that help us win Grand Finals when I was playing at St.Helens and play in World Club Challenge Finals and a lot of that I think can be transferred into business so I speak to businesses about elements of motivation and things like that. It's something that I think can give value back to people as well and that's the idea behind it really so that's what kick-started it.

**The Buzz:** So you're building on it as you go on?

**Stanky:** Yes indeed, I've got a website that starts on June 1st then the book's released on June 17th then after that I've got some appointments with various businesses to do some motivational work, doing some motivational work with athletes as well. I'm also going round to some of the Super League clubs where I've got scholarships in the academies and speak to those players about what happened to me because it's all well and good players going round from 20 or 30 years ago saying you want to do this and you need to stay on the straight & narrow by doing this but I'm a perfect example of what happens if you don't prepare and take advantage of the time you've got as a young lad. When you say you're full-time that doesn't mean you're actually training full-time, it just isn't physically possible and there's lots of other stuff like stretching, weights, recovery and ice baths etc. Training took up about three hours per day and I could be home by 1.00p.m. and my partner didn't get home until 5.00 p.m. so I spend that time on the computer. Now that could be every day so that amounts to 24 hours wasted and I could have put it to far better use.

**The Buzz:** Do you think the clubs and particularly Super League should encourage players to think about the future and have programmes in place for them to encourage saving for and working towards their future after they finish playing?

**Stanky:** Yes, the Rugby League are just starting to get a player welfare programme up and running but they've got to put their full weight behind it and all the clubs have got to buy into it. Now I know that Saints, because I speak to Saints quite often, have got a link with something called Conversion To Learn and the lads at Saints go one day per week and it's part of their contract but then take Paul Wellens who is coming to the end of his career now he'll be working with St. Helens Reporter which is a newspaper because he wants to go into the media, so he's getting a taste once a week of what it's like in that environment. So when he does finish playing he'll be ready to move into that line of work. So some clubs are involved in that but I think it's got to come from the top, it's got to come from the Rugby League and they've got to buy into it.

**The Buzz:** I'd like to ask you what your stance is on drugs in sport, I'm playing Devil's Advocate here because I completely disagree with drugs in sport but what do you say to people who claim that drugs gives no more help to a player than say doing a lot of training to get fitter?

**Stanky:** To be honest, I'm completely with you I don't think there's any place whatsoever in any sport for drugs, it's cheating, it's as simple as that! Anything that'll give you an increase in performance is unacceptable, I played with players who have taken different kinds of supplements and I've obviously taken supplements but only legal types like proteins and carbohydrate drinks and weight gain or weight loss but all for a purpose of making you fitter or stronger but not taking banned substances like Growth Hormones. Terry Newton was one of those kind of players and it's unfortunate that he's no longer with us but I've got no sympathy with the players because every single team in the Rugby League is told about not taking drugs and about the effects that they can cause so the players can't complain that they aren't fully aware of this. Sadly you always get the odd character that likes to take shortcuts and inevitably it happens in every single sport. I played with lads who took recreational drugs and I could have been offered a player this season who was banned at the back end of last season for taking cocaine and smoking marijuana as well which there is no excuse for.

**The Buzz:** That to me is the most stupid part of drug abuse because those types are not going to give you any enhancements, probably the opposite if anything.

**Stanky:** I think it's a lack of respect for the sport and a lack of respect for your team-mates because I've got lads in there that work 12-hour shifts and then train and see very little of their family and they are straight down the line, train hard and play hard on Sunday and they play within the rules but then you've got players who have let the team down that like a wild life and won't fully commit to the game. I've got no time for players like that.

**The Buzz:** Do you think 2 years is a suitable punishment for being found guilty of drug abuse?

**Stanky:** I think it should be a life ban. The way I look at it is I could still be playing the game now at Super League level but unfortunately I had to retire through injury which wasn't my fault, I was playing within the rules of the game but had to retire and there have been others like me and it's frustrating when players, at whatever level, are given an opportunity to earn a little bit of money from playing the game and they throw it back in the people's faces.

**The Buzz:** What about your family, you've mentioned them and most Hornets fans have seen little Oliver when he was a mascot, he wasn't all for coming off when he had to? Will you push him towards Rugby or let him choose it on his own?

**Stanky:** I'll let him choose definitely. I've got a little girl Sian, she's nine in May she's not interested in any sport whatsoever, she's more interested in singing and dancing and she finds it quite annoying that Oliver goes football and rugby training and she has to go and watch. She reminds me of my sister when I used to go and play rugby Sian's just not interested. However, Oliver as my son, I don't want to live the rest of my career through him I don't think that's right he should be able to choose what he wants to do. At the moment he's four years old and he's into wrestling and boxing in fights he's pretty much beating me up which is fine. I have been quite frustrated in the past because he's quite a rough and ready young lad but rugby league doesn't officially start, officially, until he's six years old, so between now and two years time when he is six he's got to pass that time and get his frustrations out in another way so at the minute he's playing football which is good and keeps him active and he's getting involved with different lads but as they are running with the ball Oliver rugby tackles them.

**The Buzz:** Well, that's how rugby started!

**Stanky:** Yes, yes, that's it but he just loves being involved with it and coming to games, shouting and he loves the Hornets but he's absolutely terrified of the Widnes Viking, the guy with the suit on. Let's put it this way he's the right sort of build to be a rugby player. I'm sure he'll find his own way and will get to a point where he thinks football's not for me and return to rugby as he wants to kick a ball.

**The Buzz:** Would you like him to?

**Stanky:** I'd love him to, I had a fantastic time in the sport, I just think that if you're good enough and you apply yourself in the right way and have the right sort of attitude then you can really go far in the game. I don't want to be one of those parents who shout and bawl on the touchline I think he has to find his own way. I'll definitely be able to give him advice on the things that I did and help with bits of training like kicking and tackling etc.

Well thanks very much John and all the best with the book when it comes out, I'm sure it will be an interesting read.





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## OBITUARY - THEODORE CECIL THOMPSON

Cec Thompson, one of the first black players to play international rugby league has died at the age of 85.

Born in 1926 the son of a white miner's daughter. His father who hailed from Trinidad and was a painter and decorator died before Cec was born. He had three siblings and was fostered as a baby when the family fell into poverty.

He was reunited with his family in Leeds and was the victim of racial abuse being one of very few coloured people living in Leeds at the time. He once remarked that he felt as though he'd walked out of a Freak Show!

His wife said he was constantly aware that people were against him because of the colour of his skin but that didn't stop him from achieving so much in his life.

He served in the Royal Navy at the latter end of the second World War and returned to Leeds to do many manual jobs and whilst working for Yorkshire Copperworks he was asked to turn out for the work's team in 1948 having never played the game before.

Cec took to the game immediately and signed professionally for Hunslet shortly after. He was paid £250 which he said made him feel like "Rockefeller".

Cec made such an impact on the game that Eddie Waring, who was to become the B.B.C.'s commentator, stated that if he wasn't picked for the Great Britain squad then the selectors were racists!

Cec was selected not only for the Great Britain team but also the British Empire XIII. Twice he appeared for Great Britain against the New Zealanders winning on both occasions.

Later in his career Cec was transferred to Workington, another town with few black faces amongst the townsfolk. 'I was like a Martian in Cumbria' he quipped, but popular nevertheless a popular one.

As Cec's career progressed his lack of education bothered him, he dreaded being asked for his autograph as he could only print his name. He did try to improve his vocabulary on journeys away by thumbing through the Reader's Digest.

Cec met Anne in Workington and although she had no interest in rugby she soon became a convert after watching Cec play. They were eventually to marry.

Cec's career came to a sudden end a week after the Cup Final when Town lost to Wigan at Wembley, because of a knee injury. Cec was 32.

Whilst coaching Barrow Cec cleaned the windows of local schools to earn spare cash and he would imagine being a teacher.

Cec was determined and went to night school taking a course designed for 14-year-olds who had failed their 11+.

He set up a cleaning company employing many people and at the age of 39 went to Leeds University graduating four years later with an honours degree in Economics along with a teaching diploma.

He went on to teach at schools in Yorkshire and retired as head of economics at Chesterfield Grammar School.

When Cec retired in the mid-90s Britain was much more culturally aware that it was during his childhood. In his autobiography, *Born On The Wrong Side*, he recounted how people would refuse to sit next to him on the bus!

After his death on July 19th Anne received many touching tributes to her husband at their home in Derbyshire.

Anne will scatter his ashes in Borrowdale, Cumbria where the River Derwent will carry his remains past their second home at Papcastle and onto Workington.

Anne added that Cec once said "My journey has taken me from the gutter to the stars".

Anne said, "If there is a Heaven he'll be up there - he was definitely a star."





## FIXTURE LIST

MONTH	DAY	COMP	OPPONENTS	VENUE	TIME
					(home team first)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
6th	Sun	Rail	Keighley	Cougar Park	24-6
13th	Sun	Rail	Barrow R	Spotland Stadium	18-30
20th	Sun	Rail	Widnes	Stobart Stadium	50-10
27th	Sun	Rail	Doncaster	Spotland Stadium	36-40
<b>MARCH</b>					
6th	Sun	CCC	Workington T	Spotland Stadium	22-20
13th	Sun	CH1	Whitehaven	Recreation Grounds	30-22
20th	Sun	CH1	Swinton	Spotland Stadium	26-46
27th	Sun	CH1	London Skolars	Spotland Stadium	40-20
<b>APRIL</b>					
3rd	Sun	CH1	Doncaster	Keepmoat Stadium	8-24
10th	Sun	CH1	Whitehaven	Spotland Stadium	49-18
17th	Sun	CH1	Keighley	Spotland Stadium	32-40
22nd	Fri	CH1	Oldham	Whitebank Stadium	38-6
25th	Mon	CH1	South Wales	Spotland Stadium	40-18
<b>MAY</b>					
1st	Sun	CH1	Workington	Derwent Park	34-38
8th	Sun	CCC	Castleford	Spotland Stadium	10-72
15th	Sun	CH1	Gateshead	Spotland Stadium	68-0
29th	Sun	CH1	London Skolars	New River Stadium	44-22
<b>JUNE</b>					
5th	Sun	CH1	Keighley	Cougar Park	30-31
22nd	Fri	CH1	Swinton	The Willows	22-20
<b>JULY</b>					
3rd	Sun	CH1	Doncaster	Spotland Stadium	16-26
10th	Sun	CH1	Workington	Spotland Stadium	45-20
31st	Sun	CH1	South Wales	The Gnoll	6-13
<b>AUGUST</b>					
7th	Sun	CH1	Gateshead	Gateshead Int Stadium	14-48
14th	Sun	CH1	Oldham	Spotland Stadium	3:00pm
21st	Sun	CH1	Gateshead	Spotland Stadium	3:00pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
2nd	Fri	CH1	Swinton	The Willows	8:00pm



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## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

### Rochdale Hornets v Hull, Sunday 4th August 1996, Kick off 3:00pm

At the start of August 15 years ago, the Hornets faced Hull in their final home match of the season, with relegation a real possibility.

The squad list that Sunday afternoon was: Lee Durrant, James Fa'aoso, Damien Mackie, Karl Marriott, Roy Ventola, Wayne Reid, Neil Flanagan, Chris Parr, Richard Pachniuk, Andy Pucill, Tony Morrison, Roy Jewitt, Logan Edwards, Craig Diggle, Mark Meadows, Sean Alvarez, Nick Nuttall.

#### *The article under "Today's Teams" read:*

"Hornets go into their final home match of the season with relegation staring them in the face. Nevertheless, no-one can discount the possibility of changes in the close season and Hornets only earned a place in this division by finishing strongly in the old league after Steve Gibson drilled home the importance of pride; Hull KR drifted and were placed in division two. Last week's gallant performance was thwarted only by two marginal forward pass decisions. It might have marked the turning point with 30 games, but with just 20 there is no time to recover. Today Hornets play for pride, hoping for the changes that would keep them in division one.

There is no adage so true as the one which says the sides at the bottom never get the luck – or the decisions. Both observations could have been applied to the reverse fixture. Hull edged a tense game 24-18, with even Hull fans admitting that the better side had lost. The referee was Bill Harrigan, one of the Australians put out in the cold by the Murdoch feuding and imported by the RFL. A player similarly disposed was heard to wonder why. Then Vaikona, Moffat, Bai and Divorty went over for Hull and three of them should play today."

Also in this issue was Shane Tupaea's Coach's Notes, Introducing Hull with Gareth Walker, Steve A Turner's "Off The Ball" – Much Work To Be Done In Extended Close Season, and Eddie Brown in the Hornets' Hall of Fame by Colin Atkin, amongst other articles.

On the "Get Quizzical" page it was asked which four other rugby league clubs currently play at the same ground as a professional football team club – we'll name the ground, you name both the football and rugby club:

1. The Valley
2. Gigg Lane
3. McAlpine Stadium
4. Boundary Park

Answers on page 20

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Kirkholt A.R.L.F.C. are holding a reunion on the 25th September at Balderstone Club off Oldham Road. There has always been a special connection with Hornets and it is hoped to have at least some of the following at the reunion.

Malcolm Price, Paul Machen, Norman Brelsford, Colin Simkins, Peter Standing.

Also invited are; Mick Burke, Alec Butterworth, Chris and Tony Hilton, Paul Higginson, Lee Wilson, Sam Butterworth, Richard Yeomans, John Stapleton and current Hornets favourite Wayne English.

The organisers would also like to see any ex-Kirkholt players and officials or anyone with links to the club.

All profits raised on the day will be donated to a local charity.

The reunion starts at 1.30 p.m.

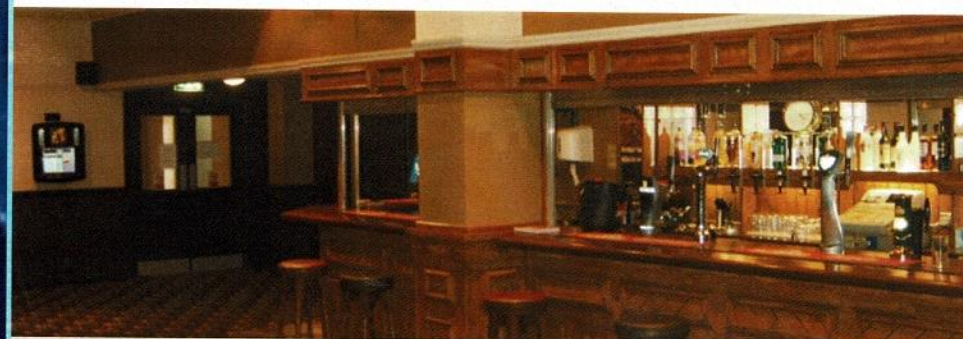
### Quiz Answers from Page 18

1. London Broncos and Charlton Athletic
2. Swinton Lions and Bury
3. Huddersfield Giants and Huddersfield Town
4. Oldham Bears and Oldham Athletic



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	Full Back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand Off	
	Scrum Half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	prop	
	2nd Row	
	2nd Row	
	Loose Forward	
	Interchange 1	
	2	
	3	
	4	

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TJ - MR M HAGUE

TJ - MR M BEADLE

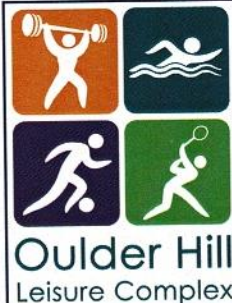
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Marcus St Hilaire  
Jack Bradbury  
John Gillam  
Neil Roden  
Mickey Diveney  
Jason Boult  
Danny Whitmore  
Dave Ellison  
Andy Isherwood  
Ben Wood  
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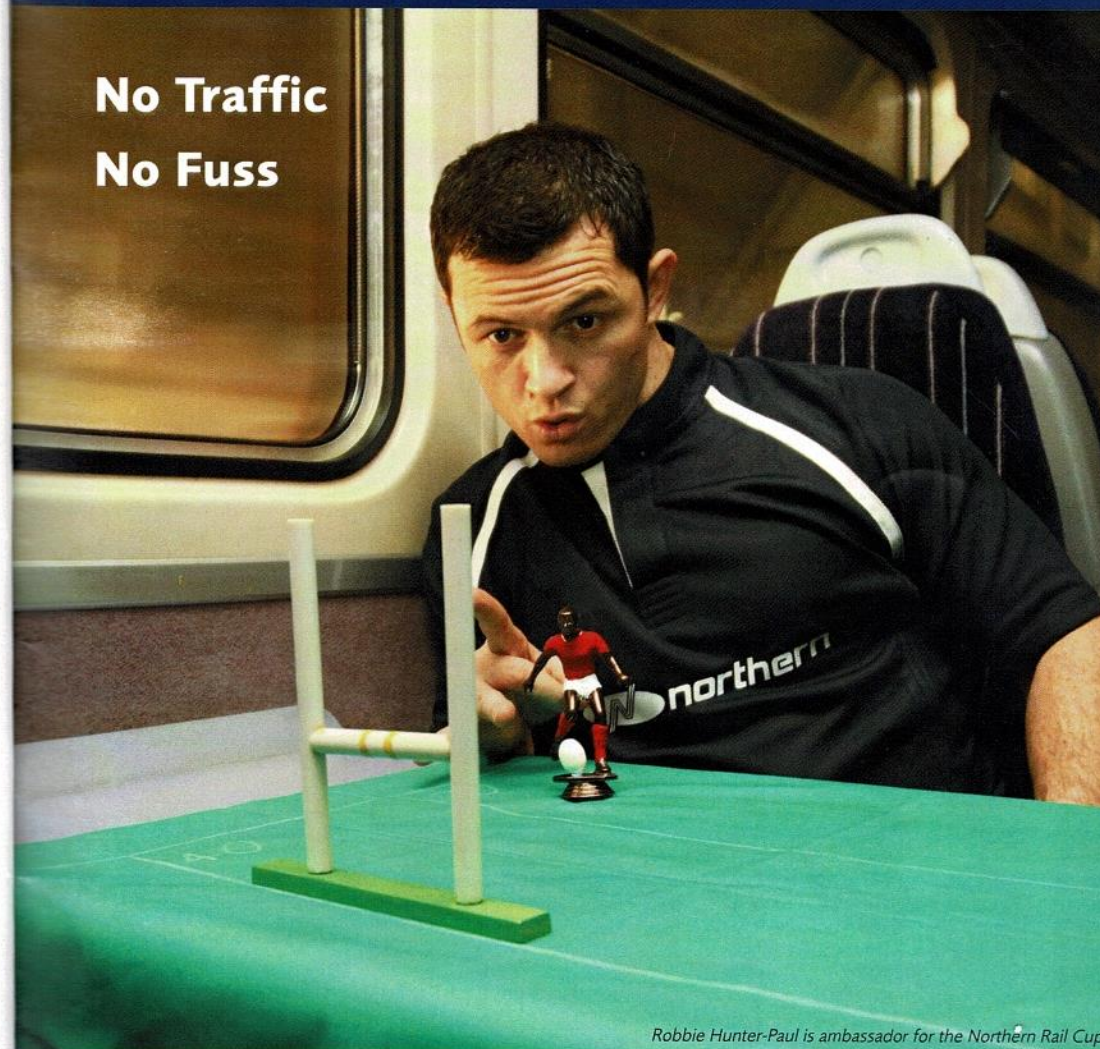
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