

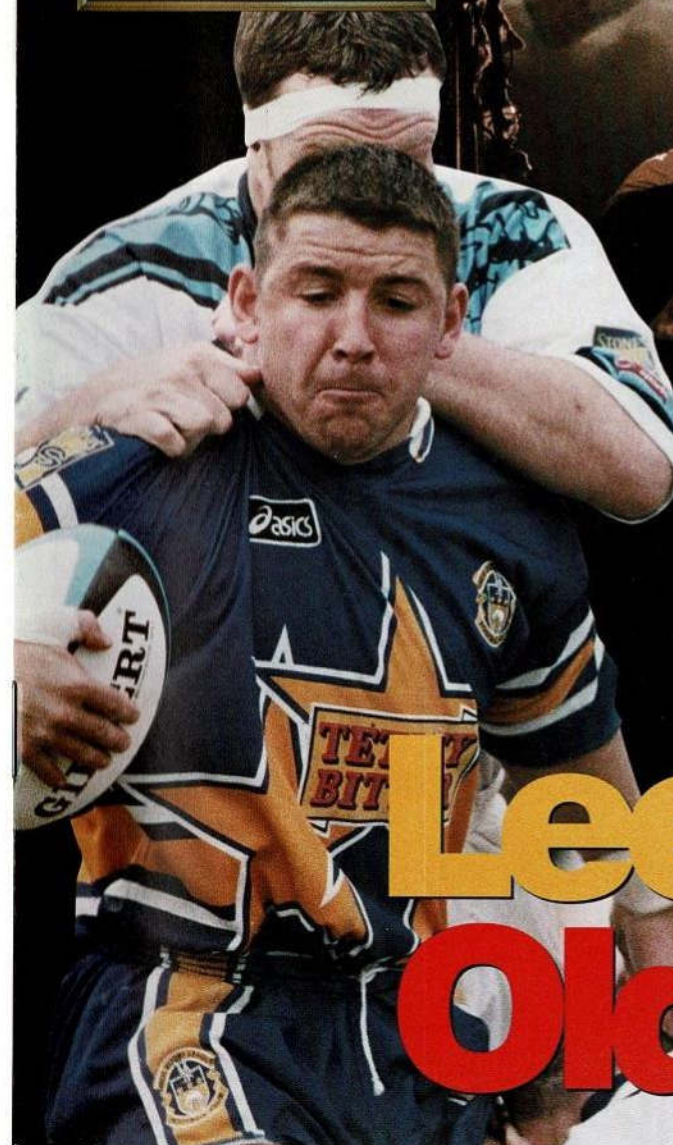
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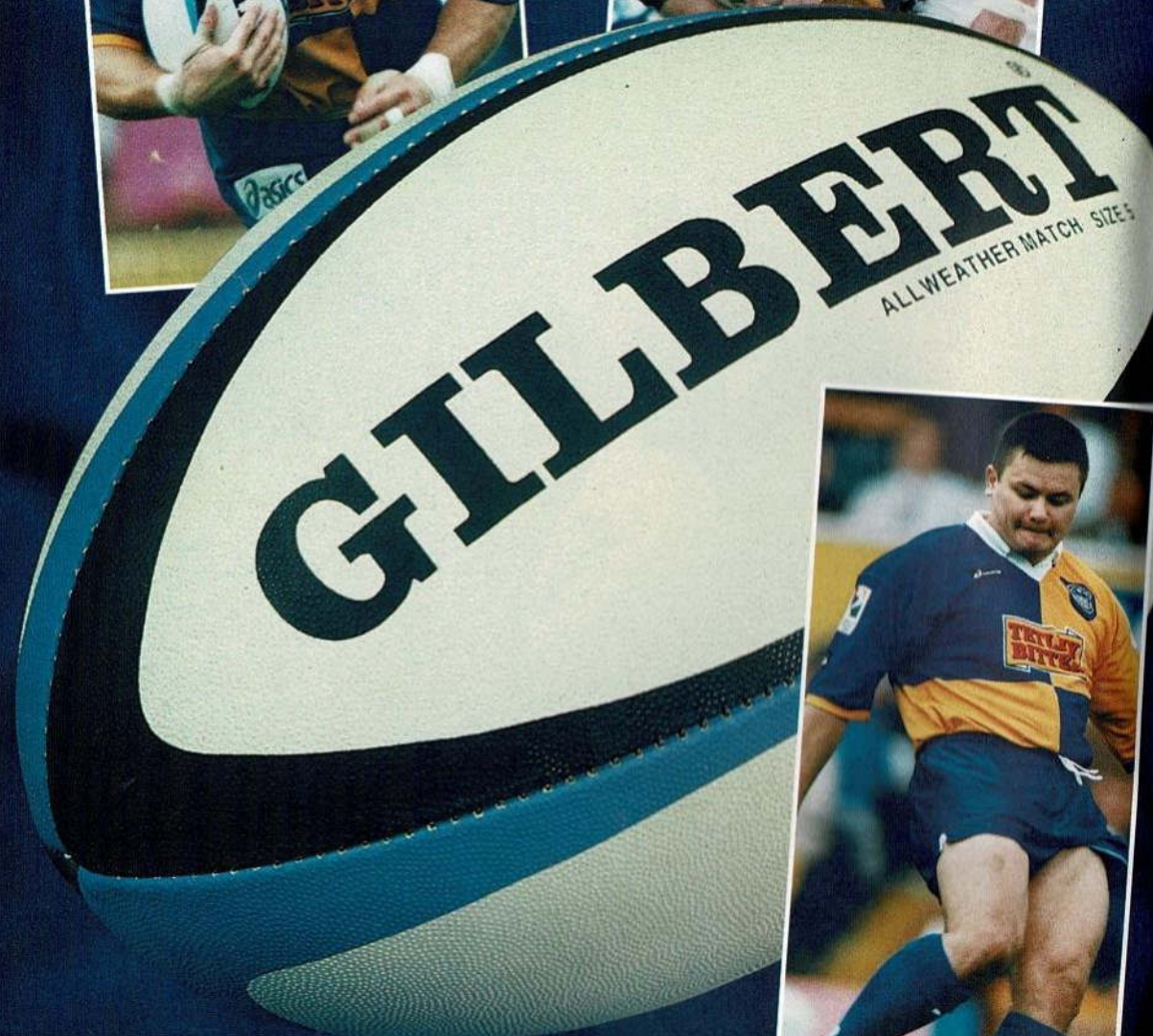
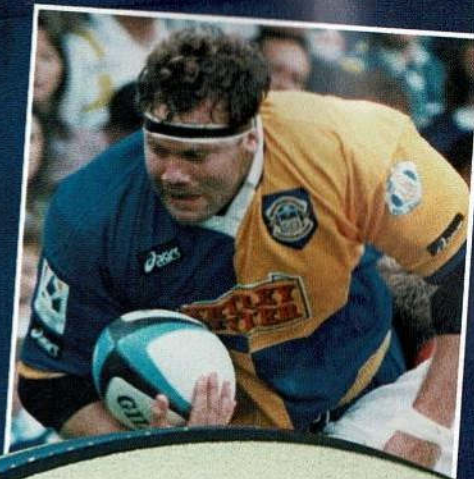
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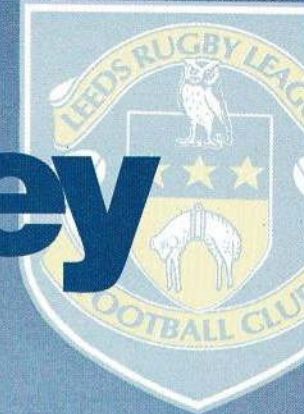




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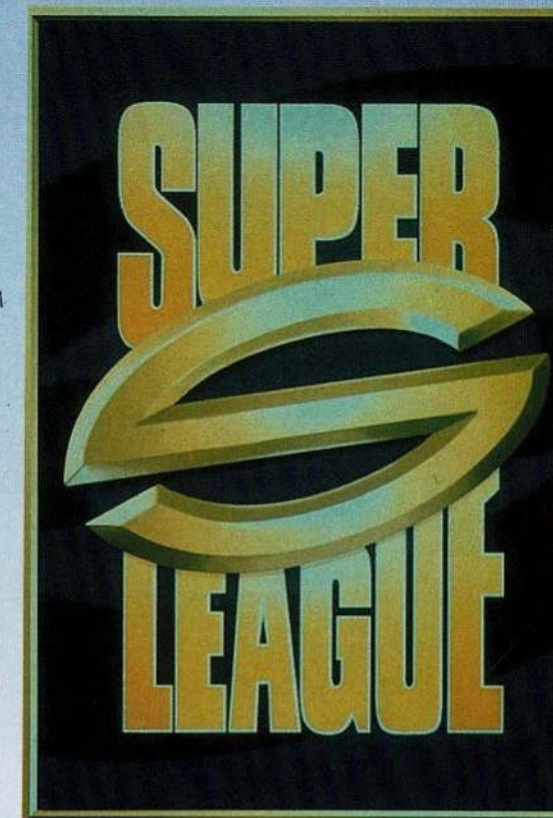
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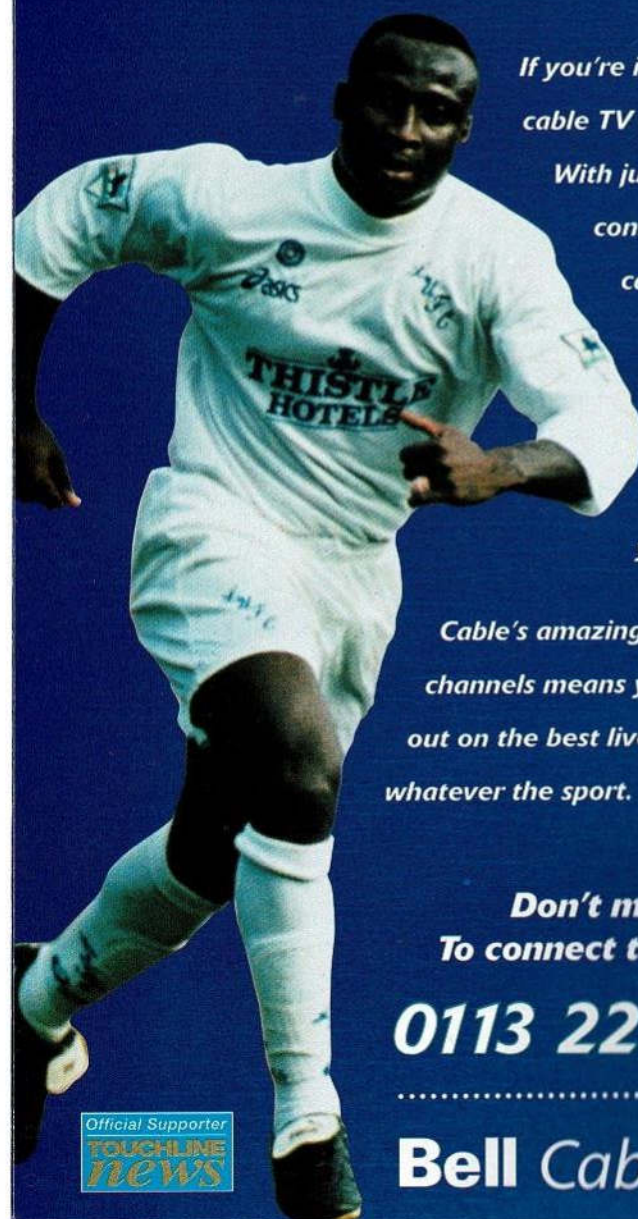


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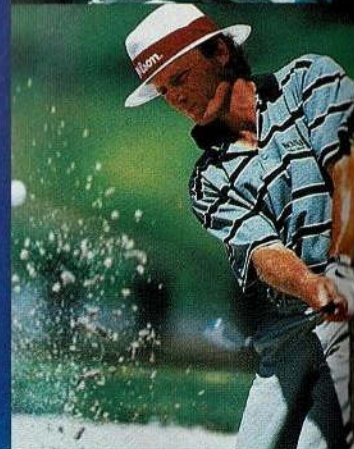
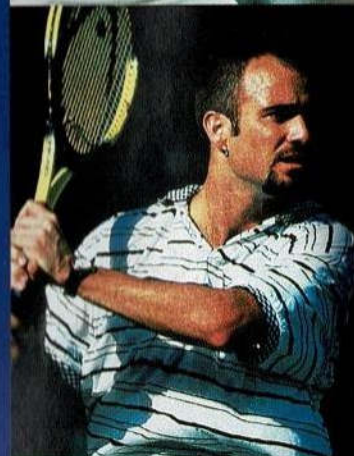
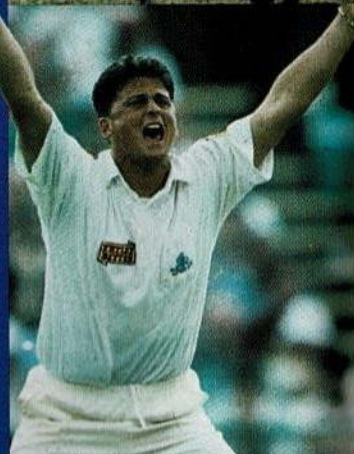
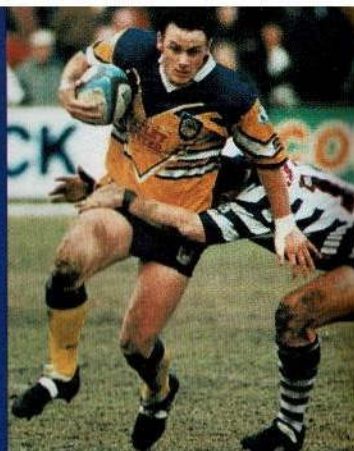
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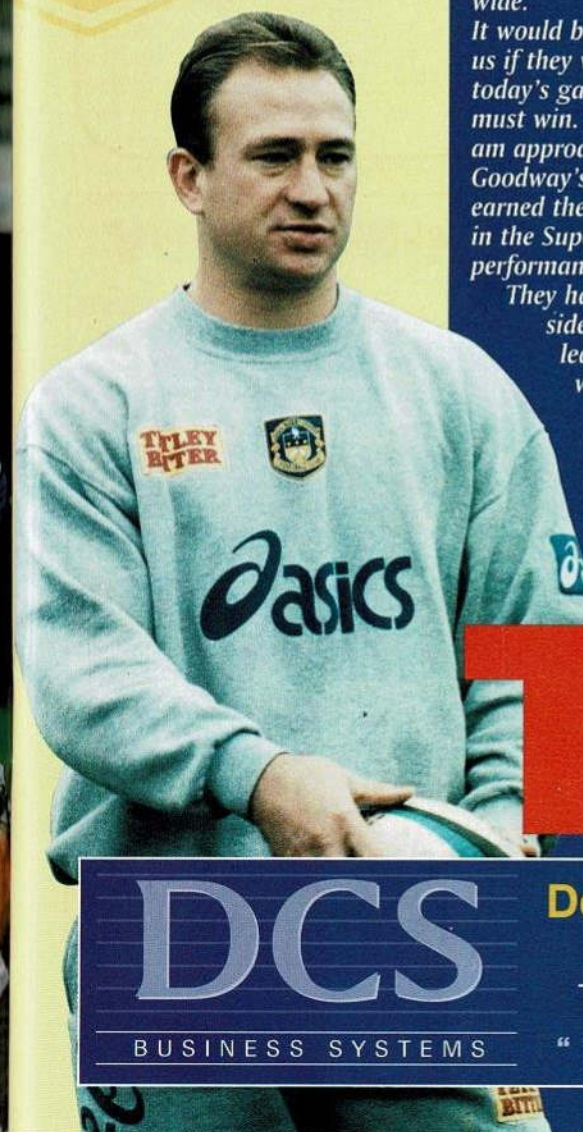
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What disappointed me most about the defeat at St Helens last week was the fact that we could have won the game. Even though St Helens are top of the league I feel that we could have come away from Knowsley Road with the two points. At 12-10 down after fifty eight minutes, we were well in the game and had plenty of momentum. After Nick Fozzard's try I felt that we could have kicked on and maybe have caused an upset. Once again our lack of ball control let us down badly and our tackling, in those last twenty minutes, fell away terribly. We seemed to spend the last quarter



of the game under our own posts. This was particularly disappointing coming after a fighting performance against Castleford. We showed in that game, especially in the second half, just what we can do when we show good ball control. If we do hold on to the ball we showed that we have the talent to get over the opposition's line.

Hopefully we can get a couple of our regular first team players back for the game with Oldham. We obviously missed the presence of Kevin Iro and Francis Cummins against St Helens. They would have given us a lot more strike power out wide.

It would be a great boost for us if they were to be fit for today's game. It is a game we must win. That's the way that I am approaching it. Andy Goodway's Oldham have earned the respect of everyone in the Super League with their performances this season.

They have turned over a few sides this season, not least of all us when we went to the Watersheddings last

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April, so we will be looking for revenge for that defeat. If we can show the same commitment as we did against Castleford then there is no reason why we can't get a victory. I would like to welcome Marcus St Hilaire to the club Marcus is a player that we have had our eye on for the last six months. He is a player of great potential and exciting to watch and he is still only nineteen. Hopefully this will be the start of what will be a long and successful career at Headingley.

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Fixture Change

Please note that the Sheffield Eagles game next Sunday 14 July will take place at Bramhall Lane Football Stadium and will kick off at 5.30 pm.

The London Broncos game on Sunday 21 July will be played at The Valley, the home of Charlton Athletic FC and will kick off at 5.30 pm.

New Signing

Last week Leeds completed the signing of Marcus St Hilaire from Huddersfield. We would like to welcome Marcus to Headingley and we hope that he has a successful career in Leeds colours.

Club Video

All Leeds games can be purchased on video. This season we will be making the videos more attractive with behind the scenes shots and tries from the Academy and Alliance matches. To order your copy call in at the club shop. The price will remain the same as last year at £11.50.

Bad Language

The club has recently started to receive more complaints regarding bad language and obscene chanting. This is particularly a problem in the South Stand. We ask all supporters to refrain from using this type of language. Thank you.

Advance Warning

Supporters are asked to take notice that on the day of the Workington game at Headingley, 18 August, Leeds will host an international cycle race. This will mean that Cardigan Road, Headingley Lane, Bainbridge Road and Burley Road from its junction with Cardigan Road to the City Centre, will be closed to all traffic from 11.00 am. Vehicles will not be permitted to park in this area during the event. Please note that the Ingram Road

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Mrs Millie Cayton pictured receiving her cheque for £500.

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As we approach the game there will be further publicity in the press and in the programme. This will include a map of the affected area.



Tetley Competition

The answers to the Tetley Competition on page 17 of the Castleford Programme were:

1. Llanelli, 2. Adrian Morley
3. Cook Islands, 4. Neil Harmon
5. Hull KR and Barrow



Leedsline Winner...

Julie Crispin pictured with Leedsline agent Steve Bateman receiving her £500 cheque at the London Broncos game.

Look out for today's Tetley Competition on page 17. You could win VIP tickets to a Leeds home game and a Leeds shirt.

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The Leeds Travel Club will be running coaches to our next two away fixtures at Sheffield Eagles and London Broncos.

For the Sheffield game the coaches will depart from Headingley at 3.30 pm and the price will be £6.00 adults and £5.00 children. For the game with London Broncos the coaches will depart at 11.00 am and the price will be £17.00 adults and £15.00 children. Call in at the Ticket Office or telephone (0113) 278 6181 to reserve your seat.



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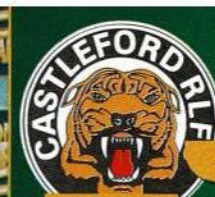
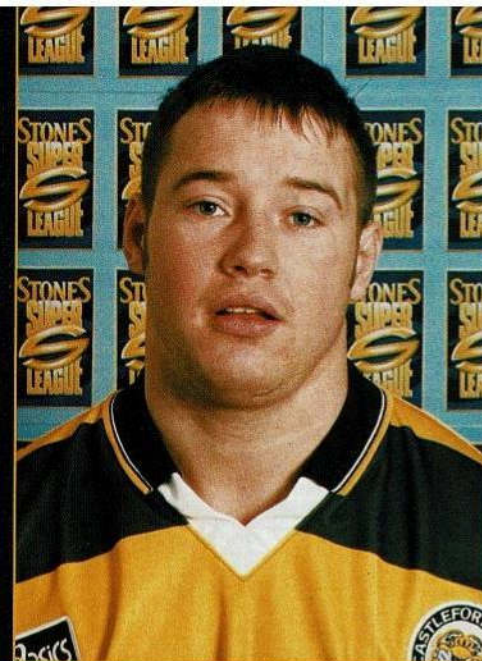
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Jason Flowers

sum in those days. It was a decision they lived to regret. The Robins unquestionably got the better of the deal, and the memory of that mistake may have been a factor in the club's decision to stand by Flowers. The youngster has repaid that faith. Far from finding himself surplus to requirements, Flowers has become one of the mainstays of the side in a disappointing season.

When Richard Gay signed for Castleford in a blaze of publicity last autumn, many reckoned that Jason Flowers' days at Wheldon Road could be numbered.

With veteran Graham Steadman still showing international form and firmly established down the Lane in the number one shirt, the acquisition of the England and Hull FC full back bode ill for the future of the former Redhill man.

Castleford seemed to have a surplus of quality full backs; a situation which raised echoes of thirty years earlier, when the club had a similar problem.

On that occasion the difficulty arose at half back, where Alan Hardisty, Keith Hepworth and the precocious Roger Millward vied for the six and seven shirts.

Cas decided that three into two didn't go, and allowed Millward to move to Hull KR for £6,000; a tidy

disappointing season. Still only 21, he has taken full advantage of injuries to Steadman and Gay to make the number one spot his own and a perceived lack of pace hasn't slowed his progress. In recent weeks he has scored tries for his side of which any full back would have been proud.

Going back to the days when Derek Edwards - another half back edged out by the Hardisty-Hepworth partnership - became one of the first out-and-out attacking full backs in the game, Cas have had a reputation for attacking full backs, but all have been too secure as a last line of defence. Flowers, however, is the rounded article. His touchdown last week in the defeat by Halifax was one of the few rays of light to brighten the gloom for the Cas fans, when he shot through from 20 metres off a Frano Botica pass to leave the Bluesox defence floundering.

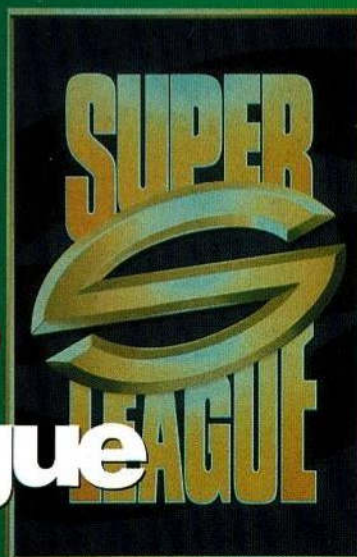
Two weeks earlier, Flowers had popped up on Andrew Schick's shoulder to race over from halfway in the victory over Bradford Bulls, a try which was all the more impressive as he had pulled off a try-saving tackle on Jeremy Donougher only seconds before. His defence was equally impressive in the Halifax match. Besides giving Castleford that early advantage with his try out of nothing, he took the bomb with aplomb throughout and was courageous in the tackle. There was nothing better than his brave full-frontal stop on the giant Halifax winger Fereti Tuilaga which nipped a dangerous Bluesox raid in the bud. It was a tackle which put watchers in mind of Keith Mumby and there can be no higher praise than that: for Flowers is a full back in the old style, dependable in defence, safe under the high ball and dangerous if not spectacular in attack; as proved by a strike record of seventeen tries in fifty-six outings. Gay and Steadman, when fit, will have their work cut out to get back in the Castleford side. That can only be good news for coach John Joyner.

**Super Stars
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Colours Inches

by Phil Caplan

The staging, coverage of and public involvement in Euro 96 provided valuable markers for other sports. Only international competition can galvanize the diverse strata of modern multi-cultural society, transcending local rivalries, cutting across economic barriers and, most importantly, bringing involvement and belonging to a totally new, previously diffident audience.

So many of the features written, phone-ins called and vox pops sought have been by or with people who have found themselves caught up in the tension

and drama almost in spite of themselves. They have not needed to be 'experts' in rules, history or tactics, they discovered what the aficionados already knew because they had an easily available mast on which to nail their particular flag. Having now identified the players and chosen their

favourites, felt part of a historic occasion and become imbued with the spectacle, they are hooked. Handled correctly, there is no reason why this surge in interest, accompanied by commercial and merchandising success should not spill over into the domestic game.

International fixtures are the barometer of the health of a sport, the ultimate snare by which to capture the imagination and roll back the boundaries. Whilst stadia may not have been full, the number of face-painted children and women attending must have gladdened the hearts of administrators. Even those who had no intention of sampling the live atmosphere were caught up in the fervour. The majority of social conversations in shops, pubs and waiting rooms contained opinion of England's performances. No club side can generate that kind of a reaction, it does not have the appeal.

Rugby League has seen the same thing with tests against Australia since returning with a remarkable victory in Melbourne in 1992. Wembley matches against the traditional enemy since have drawn a tremendous cross-section of the public to witness a memorable event, but we have yet to cash-in on these 'tasters'. We create a transient momentum followed by a void that makes hyping up the next

encounter a little like constantly starting from scratch. That is what made the scheduling of our own European Championship and the subsequent late cancellation of the Oceania Cup, after a welter of negative publicity about player availability, so galling.

We have so few genuine opportunities for meaningful international fixtures in the northern hemisphere that it was a shame to devalue the players best efforts because of a predictable scheduling clash. Not only was a wider television audience denied but because of limited column inches available, there were few preview articles and negligible match reporting or in some cases even result carrying in the aftermath. The newspapers are becoming aware that more than ever, with increasing competition from fashionable, colourful specialist magazines, sport sells. Almost all of them are producing dedicated supplements for this unique 'summer of sport' but to date we have struggles for recognition and there have been previous few in depth profiles, features or analyses. Without that oxygen of interest we will find it hard to whip up wider enthusiasm in our competition.

National pride and expectation captured headlines front, back and in the broadcast media as the appeal of Euro 96 reached its near crescendo. Articles from previously alienated writers, particularly women like Germaine Greer and Lynne Truss proliferated and the excitement even spilt over into politics. It is a pity that Wales v England could not generate our own 'feelgood factor'.

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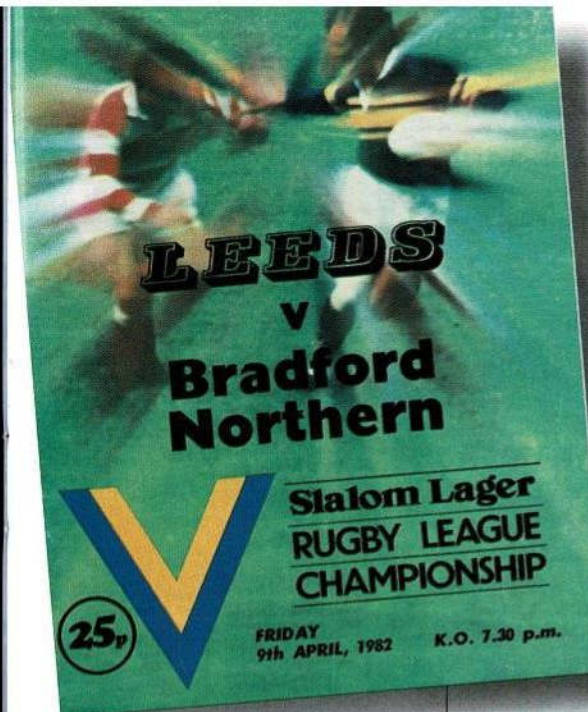


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Page three of the Leeds Loiner' was given over to a short biography of Peter Fox who was in his first spell at Odsal, whilst page four had the usual feature on the opposition. One highlight was the description of someone who was taking the first steps to becoming a Rugby League legend.

"Exciting newcomer Ellery Hanley has had an exceptional season, culminating with an Under 24 International appearance against France at Headingley, in February. A product of Corpus Christi, Hanley scores tries, kicks goals and is a completely unorthodox talent!" How he was to show those attributes over the next few years. Page four was given over to what

their new signing, Andrew Smith and wished him a successful career in Leeds colours. There was a collection for the David Ward Testimonial and a dance, in aid of the same benefit was being advertised in the pavilion price £3.00 or £5.00 for two. There was a brief look back at the 1928-29 season and a current league table showing Leeds in seventh place behind clubs such as Widnes, Leigh, Hull, Hull K R and Bradford Northern.

A feature 'Memorable match from the past' looked back to the 1978 third round challenge cup tie between the two clubs. Leeds of course were successful 16-8 in a game that was memorable for two of John Atkinson's best tries for the club.

The complete A-Z of Leeds RLFC was up to the letter C. It featured consecutive appearances and consecutive scoring records in this issue. Don Robinson was listed as having had the most consecutive

In today's look back feature we again turn to the Easter holiday fixture. this time from Good Friday 1982 when Bradford Northern were the visitors.

was called 'Club Scene'. It devoted one paragraph to the previous weeks' challenge cup semi final in which Leeds had lost to Widnes, at Swinton, in the famous cross bar incident. Surely the most dramatic incident in the history of this great club.

Leeds welcomed

appearances with sixty and Eric Harris with seventeen the most consecutive tries.

The middle pages featured an advert for Leeds sponsors, Youngers, and a prize quiz. There was also a photograph of some of the Leeds Colts team receiving their awards. Who can remember, Kevin Jones, Des Armitage, Richard Hawkins, Andy Bott and Dean Wharton. One youngster in the group, Paul Earnshaw, is still running in tries for the Leeds Social Club.

A feature on T V sport was basically the only editorial piece in the magazine. A factfile page was very similar to now and there was a 'Meet the Players' feature. David Heslewood was the player featured and listed his ambitions in the game as wanting to play at Wembley.

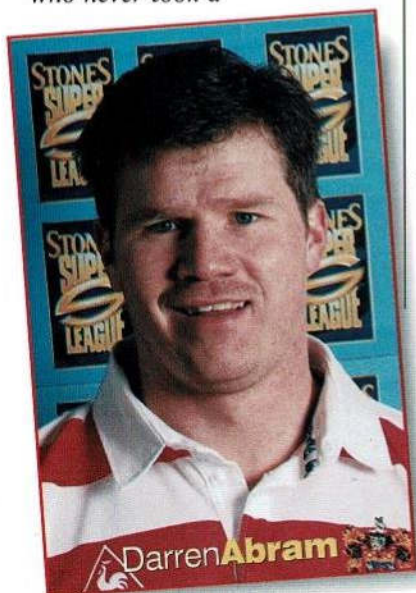
The back cover was given over to the team line ups. The Leeds team featured Andy Macintosh at Stand Off with Ian Wilkinson in the Centre with Dave Heslewood. One local youngster, Graham Brearley was making his second appearance on the Wing. He is still involved in the game and is currently coaching the Loiners Guild Touch Football Team. Bradford had Ellery Hanley in the Centre and their team also included former Leeds men, Phil Sanderson and David Smith. Alan Rathbone was at Loose Forward. The programme, which featured a large Blue and Amber chevron on the front cover was 25p.

Reflections



Headingley Hosts

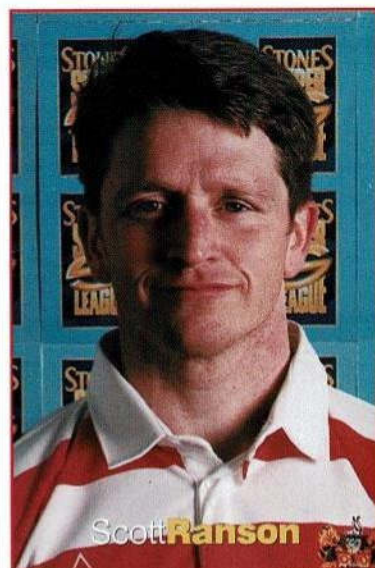
A stute coach, Andy Goodway, made no secret of the fact that he used the Centenary season to reshape and prepare his squad for the rigours of Super League. Last Friday's home win over Paris pushed the Bears into sixth place in the standings which fully justified his methods and thinking. Despite their perennial problems with the Watersheddings and the search for a new ground to match the efforts of the team, the future is looking bright for a side that epitomises the qualities of its driving force. At Wigan, Goodway was an uncompromising competitor who never took a



backward step and whose skills were undervalued by all except his team mates and the coaches he learnt under. Those virtues are clearly evident in this resilient Oldham team.

Current Welsh full back Paul Atcheson has proved to be a tremendous buy from Wigan, solid at the back, his well timed linking and try-scoring has added an extra thrust to the attack. Adrian Belle's elusive qualities have embarrassed many a defender and his tenacity has seen him capture some great scores in the corner. Injuries have blighted Rob Myler since his move from Warrington but it is to be hoped that he has seen the last of the setbacks and is set to recapture his best form.

The signing of Andrew Patmore from Australia has shorn up the midfield where his defensive stints have plugged a leak, although injury last week may rule him out. Paul Topping has made an effective switch into the centres where his prodigious workrate stands out almost as much as his Paul Gascoigne hairstyle. No-one would corroborate if there were any other similarities between the

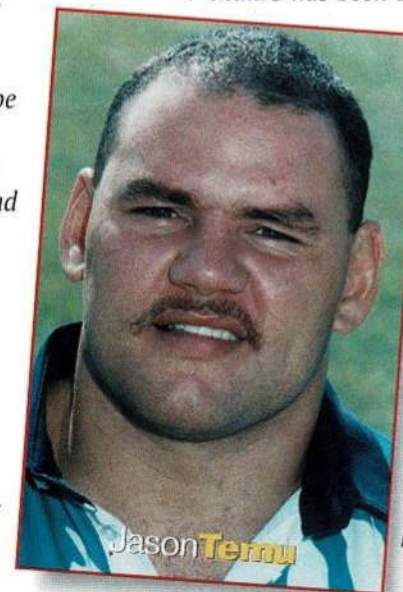


two Pauls! Youngsters Paul Crook, from a famous Dewsbury dynasty, and Jimmy Cowan show the depth coming through from an Alliance side that has performed superbly in recent seasons.

The key to the improved form this time has been the consistency and creativity at half back. Martin Crompton has had a tremendous campaign walking off with a host of Man of the Match awards and dominating play. His kicking game has been a constant thorn and his explosive breaks from dummy half tortured many sides, not least the Loiners in the fixture

in mid April. Francis Maloney has taken a lot of the obvious pressure off his skipper and is starting to display the kind of form that made him an immensely promising junior potential, spotted initially at Headingley. Spells at Featherstone and Warrington honed his game and Oldham fans are seeing the benefit.

Up front, few hit harder in the tackle than Jason Temu who has earned a fearsome reputation for his controlled, intimidating aggression. Ian Gildart tends to be an unsung hero, regularly making the hard yards and often slipping defence splitting passes. Ian Sherratt lets no-one down and much is expected of latest recruit Kiwi Reece Guy. At hooker, former East Leeds rake



John Clarke is developing nicely in the Keiron Cunningham/Paul Rowley mould. A great reader of play, he is both explosive off the mark and powerful in the charge.

Four players are staking concerted claims for the second row berths, although Gary Lord can and has played everywhere, including Wembley. There is surely no more versatile player in the game which must be a coaches dream. Aussie Matt Munro has been a big hit with

some tireless work off the rucks on attack and especially in defence. Joe Faimalo, who will show little respect for family today, showed against PSG what a game breaker he can



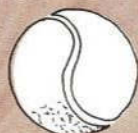
be, coming off the bench to turn the game with a brace of riproaring tries over and through defenders from close in. Howard Hill is looking a great prospect, as is another highly rated youngster Chris McKinney.

The return of David Bradbury has been an important factor in the improved run. A powerful runner and slick handler, he has channelled his efforts into a series of eyecatching displays. Never easy to break down, the Bears offer a tough obstacle for any in the division. Their continued improvement is a credit to a single minded staff.

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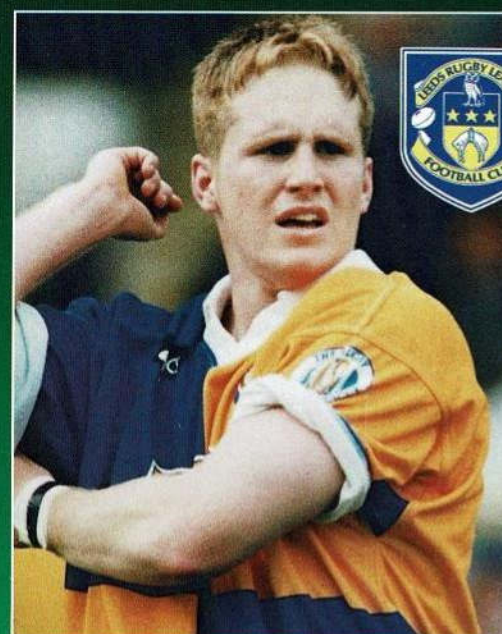
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man of the Match

Leeds versus Castleford

Mick Shaw



A series of blistering bursts from acting half back after his introduction as a 28th minute substitute saw Mick Shaw make a welcome return to the Loins first team, his presence being a significant factor in a hard fought derby victory.

Razor sharp surges into the heart of a back-peddelling defence gave an extra attacking dimension and option to the side and pulled the Tigers defence out of position enabling others to add the decisive finish. Afterwards, whilst pleased to have made a match turning contribution, the 21 year old was more concerned with re-establishing himself in the side on a regular basis and certainly gave the coaching staff food for thought. Only a double movement denied him a last minute try that would have done justice to his eye-catching effort. An ideal weapon for exploiting the gaps prevalent under the summer conditions.

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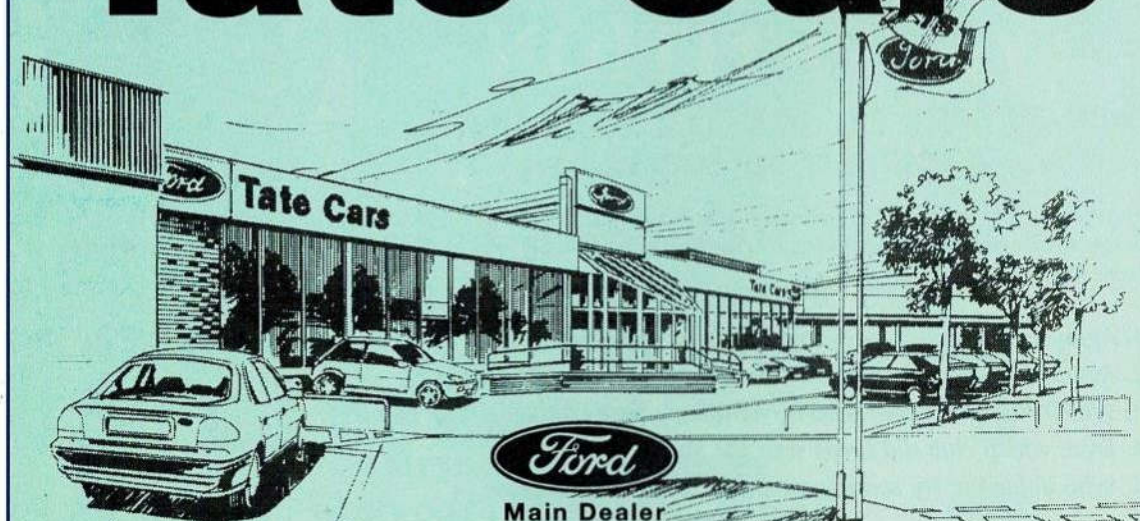


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A compilation of some of the pertinent spoken and written words relating to the world of Rugby League...

"In a sense Rugby League fans are being spoiled by Sky TV. For £25 you can watch twelve top quality games a month without having to leave your front room."

Wakefield Trinity Chief Executive Peter Tunks highlights a worrying trend affecting live gates at matches.

"We know we have the greatest game in the world, it is up to us to let the public know. Clubs have to be aware that every decision they make is a marketing decision, from the way they announce their team to how they treat their spectators."

Mark Newton, the League's Marketing Executive, assessing what is required to spread the word.



"The existence of this team is a tribute to all people throughout the last sixteen years who have kept Rugby League going in the terrible days when we

hadn't got tuppence to rub together. It does my old heart good to see it happening at last. You don't exist unless you succeed in the capital."

Colin Welland waxes lyrical about the progress of the London Broncos this season.

"I'm convinced that a Super League club in Hull, supported by both sides of the city, would attract five figure crowds. In ten years time, the spectators would not even know about Hull FC and Hull KR."

As the merger debate cools, Hull President and largest shareholder Roy Waudby comes out in favour of amalgamation despite his club's go-it-alone stance.

"I know the future is for one club in the city. It's a glorious opportunity and if we waste it because of our own petty-mindedness it would be a tragedy."

Waudby finds an ally in former Hull KR great and England manager Phil Lowe.

"Some consolation at least, England have won the European Championship tonight... in Rugby League."

A despondant announcer on the 'Five Live' sports desk on a fateful night for the national soccer side.

"Everyone should have the right to choose what they want to do. We choose to play the sport we love, which just happens to be Rugby League. If we are breaking new ground then we're having an awful lot of fun in the process."

Great Britain Women's assistant coach Jackie Sheldon as the squad prepare for an historic tour to Australia.

"I remember Jack Gibson saying: 'Fatigue can make a coward out of every man.' I advocate we move play to four quarters of 20 minutes with three or five minute intervals between. That would help combat fatigue."

Gary Hetherington tries to analyse the reason for wide margins and unpredictable results in summer rugby.

"League's greatest asset is that it is a simple game to understand, you don't have to be an expert to really enjoy watching it. To the untrained eye it provides great

entertainment. When you have such a good product you have got to let as many people as possible see it. I believe in Rugby League with a passion."

Former Loiner trialist, current Blue Sox winger and potential Olympic athlete Abi Ekoku who obviously has a future in promotions.

"As a direct result of News Corporation's support, we are on the verge of having Super League on TV throughout Japan. The country has an unquenchable thirst for sport, and I firmly believe that the day will come when Japan plays host to a World Super League competition. I do feel that Asia is an enormous untapped market for League. It would add another dimension to the sport."

Some positive international news to come out of the recent wranglings relayed by JSL Chairman Max Mannix.

"I've seen Huddersfield's application and, quite honestly, I think it makes a nonsense of the whole thing and I've put it in the bin. I would only let South Wales through if they deposited two million pounds in the RFL bank account."

Forthright Swinton Chief Executive Tony Barrow prior to Wednesday's historic council meeting on 'fast tracking'.

Quotes

& Contexts

From the Heat

Two consecutive victories has still been an elusive grail for the Loiners in Super League as for every step forward they seem destined to slip back. The carousel of changing personnel inevitably affects consistency but the preponderance of errors in possession has been a regular and extremely worrying feature of their play. Against the Tigers, the dedicated hardcore of fans were rewarded with a heartening display of effort that brought welcome league points. The issue was not settled until Graham Holroyd's 73rd minute drop goal which saw the culmination of two tenacious fightbacks.

With a new half back combination of Kiwis Kemp and Clark, Leeds began expansively but as has so often been the case, failed to turn early pressure into points and floundered in the face of some resolute Cas scrambling defence. The gift of a try to Flynn as he caught the last line unaware from Crooks' grubber on the last, undid the early promise as indiscipline and an inability to get the right man in the right space began to look costly. When Chapman strode over and the lead was 12 points to the visitors, the outcome began to look increasingly predictable. A double substitution of Mick Shaw with some blistering dummy half breaks and Gary Mercer who added the necessary structured industry proved inspired. After David Hulme had been denied what seemed a fair effort after Edwards had spilt possession, a crucial try on the

stroke of half time to the consistently improving Barrie McDermott from a typically pugna-tious close in charge gave cause for optimism.

A more channelled surge following the break gave Leeds the initiative. After Kemp had been held up over the line, he produced a defence splitting pass which Fozzard kept alive and Holroyd linking from the back chose the right ball to send Hall in. With a roll on, Clark capitalised on Hulme's burst when he went on the blindside at the base of a scrum and fed Mercer for a well executed score. Last ditch tackling especially by Clark and Morley seemed to have stemmed the Cas response and when Cummins hacked on over 60 metres and just failed to gather and score it looked like the storm had been weathered. Tony Smith broke away from the ensuing scrum and despite Hassan's glorious tackle, Flowers profited from an overloaded attack. It seemed inevitable that Botica would regain the lead with a touchline conversion. Shaw's latest long range burn swept back the tide and Clark seemed unfortunate to have a score in the corner pulled back when it appeared that Morley's pass had come off a Castleford hand. Some

measure of justice was gained when Holroyd struck an equalising penalty a minute later. The last 15 minutes was always going to be a test of character and with Shaw's momentum getting the Loiners consistently over the gain line, Leeds responded to claim the spoils. Kemp samba'd up the middle, Tait linked in support and Golden coming off the wing kept his feet to dive over. Holroyd's calming drop goal ensured the second half commitment and control would not be wasted.

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A week of disrupted preparation was hardly ideal for a trip to the league leaders, as injury and contract uncertainty again meant a reshaping of the side. Academy star Leroy Rivett became the latest to don the famed shirt in first team combat and Adrian Morley had obviously sought out the same barber as team mates Clark, Faimalo and McDermott. For an hour the underdogs played to their strengths against a home side who looked nervy and disorganised after their mauling by Wigan and at only 12-10 down a shock could have been on the cards. Unfortunately, characteristic charity with the ball aided the Saints cause and once they had asserted control they rammed home the advantage with six tries in 15 minutes as Leeds failed to get out their own half.

Both sides played with a lack of belief, Leeds that they could actually win the contest despite being in contention for so long and Saints that they are a champion side capable of lifting silverware. Like their fans, they are a confidence outfit and the Loiners wholehearted efforts threw them for three quarters of the match. Once they had fired they needed no second invitation to exhibit precocious support play and an instinctive ability to get the ball out in the tackle. Mick Shaw's scoot in the third minute sent Barrie McDermott powering over, his Super League tries coming like buses - not for a while and then two together but the lead was short-lived.

Self-destruction allowed Saints tries straight after that and five minutes before the break as the visitors coughed up possession needlessly early in the tackle count. In between, McRae's men squandered three scoring chances over the line but

the Loiners defence regrouped effectively to withstand the onslaught. On attack, there was too much hesitation and a lack of genuine pace to trouble a gifted home backline but there was solace in the grafting qualities. Once Nick Fozzard had reduced the half time arrears with a storming charge onto an astute Holroyd pass, the natives were becoming decidedly restless. Despite stepping up a gear, too much of the Loiners' work was unstructured and when Cunningham punished consecutive penalties with a predictable burst over from acting half back close in, the resistance ebbed away. A succession of missed tackles and lost ball opened the floodgates

out wide and Saints cruised home despite Gary Mercer's closing full stop. Although both coaches had praise and concern in equal measure for their respective charges, Saints had the matchwinners to get them home in what was a generally uninspiring contest. The cameo battle between the hookers was a highlight but for the Leeds fans the closing quarter was as tough to watch as it must have been to play in.

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In the Spotlight Terry Newton

Considering that he missed over a year of competitive rugby due to a registration wrangle, made his Academy debut at the start of this Super League season and has since gone on to record seven full and one substitute appearance in the first team, to say Terry Newton's rise has been meteoric is somewhat of an understatement. Not only that, but his elevation to the upper strata has been in the totally unfamiliar role of hooker, one of the most crucial and responsible positions in the modern manifestation of the game, having played the majority of his early rugby predominantly as a second rower.

Whilst the 17 year old has still to continue developing physically, he has made a

significant impression on crowd and opponents alike since starring against Sheffield at Headingley in April, a match that saw the Loiners gain their inaugural victory in the competition. His determined defence around the ruck and intelligent work from dummy half allied to some quality support play, which has improved with every display since, added a midfield solidity to the side that had been clearly lacking. His first full 80 minutes came in the win at Paris where he made another promising contribution but the coaching staff are wary of premature burn out and intend to make use of him judiciously as he finds his feet and learns his trade.

Like Phil Hassan, he originates from the Wigan area having

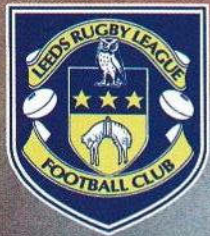
signed from the St Judes amateur side and his capture represented a major coup for the Loiners, such was his reputation in the junior ranks. In spite of a promotion that he has been the first to admit has surprised him, he remains level headed and assured both on and off the field. Dean Bell had few qualms throwing him into the fray so early in his career, confident that he would be able to handle the pressure and pace both mentally and physically. That faith has been more than justified and repaid already.

The Super League concept is tailor-made for the likes of Terry Newton as the profile of young stars is set to soar. He may be the new kid in town but he is destined to become a household name.

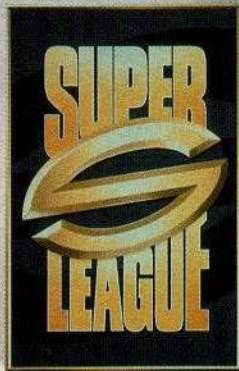
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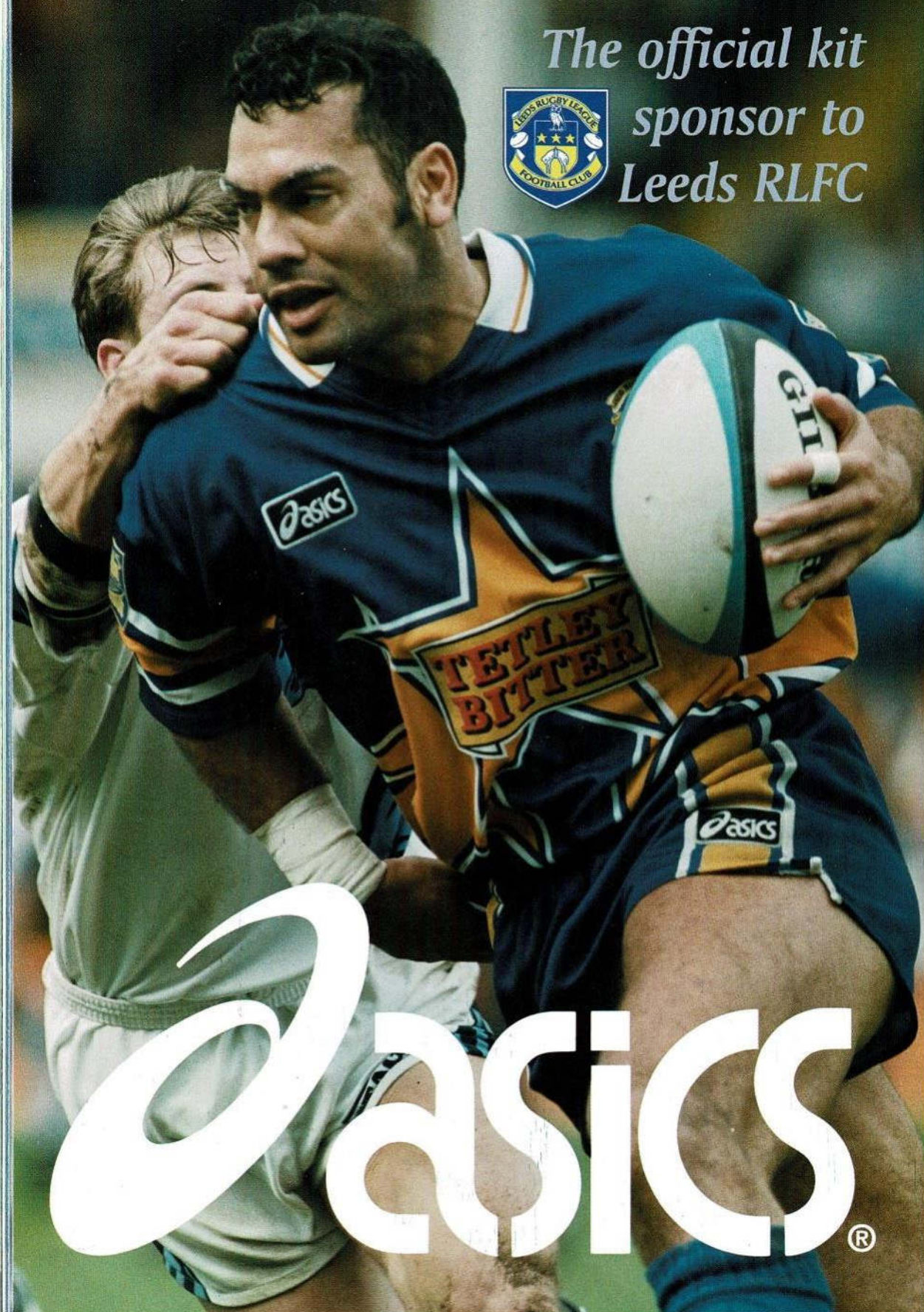


Terry Newton



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Alan Tait made his 250th career appearance at St Helens last week. Alan turned professional with Widnes after gaining eight Scottish Caps while a member of Kelso Rugby Union Club. He made 127 appearances for Widnes scoring 55 tries and kicking one goal and three drop goals in his time at Naughton Park.

He moved to Leeds in the deal that saw Bobby Goulding leave Headingley and in his 123 appearances for the Loiners he has scored 42 tries. This leaves him three short of the magical century of points in domestic competition.

Alan has had a remarkable career since turning professional. He has represented Gt Britain on fourteen occasions and is the only man to win the Harry Sunderland Trophy twice. He was selected at full back in the Rothman's Coaches XIII on three occasions and was in the Widnes side which won the World Club Challenge against Canberra Raiders in 1989. Last October he was delighted to captain his native Scotland in the Emerging Nations section of the Halifax Centenary World Cup.

This season has been an unlucky one for Alan. He has been troubled with a foot injury that has seen him undergo a pioneering operation and has worked hard to regain full fitness. Despite nearing the veteran stage, he is 32 in November, Alan has still got a lot to offer the game of Rugby League.

One former Leeds player in the news this week is Carl Gibson. Carl has rejoined his original club, Batley, from Featherstone Rovers. Carl is one of the most popular players to grace Headingley in recent years. Whilst with the club he made 235 appearances scoring 90 tries.

As this seems to have become a facts page for this week, Graham Holroyd needs only three goals to register 300 for the club! This is a tremendous achievement for one so young and is a feat that has been achieved by less than ten players in the history of the club. Graham has been a consistent kicker for the Loiners since he broke into the first team in 1993 and, given some luck with injuries and form, could go on to break many kicking records for Leeds in years to come.

Leroy Rivett made his debut for the club in last week's defeat at St Helens. Leroy, a product of the East Leeds amateur club, has earned his chance after some stunning performances in the Alliance and Academy teams. Whilst understandably a little nervous before the game, Leroy acquitted himself well in difficult circumstances and looks set for a big future in the game.

Alan Tait... three tries short of the magical century of points in domestic competition.

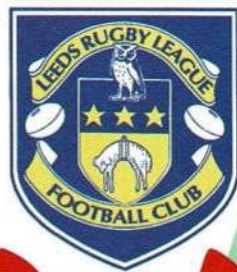
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DATE	FIXTURE	K.O.	RES.	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday 4 Feb	Swinton v Leeds	3.00 pm	W27-22	2,000	Tait (T)	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Hall (T)	Cummins (T)	Schofield	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Shaw	McDermott	Mann (T)	Morley (T)	Forslaw	Hasan (S1)	Howard (S10)		
Saturday 10 Feb	Warrington v Leeds	3.00 pm	W30-10	3,886	Cummins (T)	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Hall (T)	Hasan (T)	Kemp	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Shaw	Howard (T)	Mann (T)	Morley (T)	Forslaw	A Gibbons (S5)	Schultz (S6)		
Sunday 25 Feb	Halifax v Leeds	3.00 pm	W35-24	7,451	Cummins (T)	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Hall (T)	Hasan (T)	Kemp	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Shaw	Howard (T)	Mann (T)	Morley (T)	Forslaw	A Gibbons (S10, T)	Schultz (S6)		
Saturday 22 March	Leeds v Bradford Bulls	2.15 pm	16-28	17,193	A Gibbons	Fallon	James (T)	Cummins (T)	Hasan	Mann	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Shaw	Howard	Morley	Field	Forslaw	Golden (S1)	Schultz (S12)		
Silk Cut Semi-final (Huddersfield)																					
Sunday 31 March	LEEDS v WARRINGTON	3.00 pm	L18-22	10,036	A Gibbons	Fallon	James (T)	Hasan (T)	Cleabill	Cummins	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Shaw	Howard	Mann (T)	Schultz	Morley	Vassilopoulos (S7)	McDermott (S10)	Riley	Fozzard (S12, T)
Sunday 31 March	LEEDS v WARRINGTON	7.30 pm	L23-26	7,179	A Gibbons (DQ)	Fallon	Hall	James (T)	Cleabill	Cummins (T)	Holroyd (DQ)	Harmon	Shaw (ZT)	Howard	Mann	Fozzard	Schultz	D Gibbons (S7)	McDermott (S8)	Vassilopoulos (S10)	
Friday 5 April	Castleford v Leeds	12.00 pm	L24-46	11,848	A Gibbons	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Hasan (T)	Cleabill	Cummins (T)	Holroyd (DQ)	Harmon	Shaw	Howard	Mann	Fozzard	Morley	D Gibbons (S7)	McDermott (S8)	Golden (S4)	Schultz (S11)
Monday 8 April	LEEDS v ST HELENS	6.00 pm	L16-25	3,350	A Gibbons	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Hasan	Cleabill	Cummins	Holroyd (DQ)	Fozzard	Shaw	Howard	Mann	Morley	Morley	D Gibbons	McDermott (S8)	Golden (S27)	Schultz (S14)
Saturday 13 April	Oldham v Leeds	3.00 pm	W36-22	9,039	A Gibbons (T)	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Cummins (T)	Hasan (T)	D Gibbons (T)	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Newton	McDermott	Morley	Fozzard	Forslaw	Fozzard (S10)	Pickth (S13)	Vassilopoulos (S9)	Golden (S2)
Sunday 21 April	LEEDS v SHEFFIELD	3.00 pm	L20-27	9,900	A Gibbons	Fallon	James (T)	Cummins (T)	Hasan	D Gibbons	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Newton	McDermott	Morley	Fozzard	Forslaw	Golden	McDermott (S8)	McDermott (S8)	Fozzard (S10)
Sunday 5 May	LEEDS v LONDON BRONCOS	3.00 pm	W40-14	15,107	A Gibbons	Fallon (T)	James (T)	Cummins (T)	Hasan	Holroyd (T)	Clark	Harmon	Newton	McDermott	Morley	Fozzard	Forslaw	Clark (S7)	McDermott (S10)	Mann (S13)	Tupuloteti (S1)
Friday 10 May	Paris v Leeds	3.00 pm	L18-32	10,028	A Gibbons (T)	Fallon	James (T)	Cummins	Hasan	Holroyd (T)	Clark	Harmon	Newton	McDermott	Morley	Fozzard	Forslaw	Shaw (S9, T)	Fozzard (S10)	Mann (S13)	Hall (S1)
Sunday 19 May	LEEDS v HALIFAX	7.30 pm	L20-40	9,508	Maher	Fallon	James (T)	Cummins (T)	Hasan	Holroyd (T)	Clark	Harmon	Newton	McDermott	Morley	Fozzard	Forslaw	Brown (S9)	Hasan (S4)	Forslaw (S13)	McDermott (S10)
Friday 24 May	Bradford v Leeds	6.00 pm	W48-8	2,949	Maher	Golden (T)	James (T)	Cummins	Hasan	Kemp (ZT)	Holroyd (T)	Harmon	Newton	McDermott	Morley	Fozzard	Forslaw	Tait (S4)	Hulme (S9)	Morley (S3, T)	Fozzard (S8)
Sunday 1 June	LEEDS v WIGAN	7.30 pm	L36-12	5,580	Maher	Golden	Clark	Hall	Hasan (T)	Kemp	Holroyd (DQ)	Harmon (T)	Hulme	McDermott	Mann	Morley	Morley	Faimalo (S10)	Forslaw (S11)	Newton (S13)	Tait (S1)
Sunday 9 June	Workington v Leeds	6.00 pm	W25-18	6,242	Holroyd (DQ)	DQ	Golden (T)	Hall (T)	Cummins	Kemp	Clark	Faimalo	Newton	McDermott (T)	Mann	Morley	Hulme	Tait (S4)	Morley (S1, T)	Shaw (S9)	Fozzard (S8)
Friday 14 June	Warrington v Leeds	3.00 pm	L16-42	8,702	Holroyd (T)	Rivett	Hall	Hasan	Tait	Kemp	Clark	Faimalo	Shaw	McDermott (T)	Morley	Mann	Hulme	A Gibbons (S1)	Tupuloteti (S9)	Morley (T, S10)	Fozzard (T, S8)
Sunday 30 June	St Helens v Leeds	3.00 pm																			
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Sunday 4 August	LEEDS v BRADFORD	3.00 pm																			
Sunday 11 August	Wigan v Leeds	6.30 pm																			
Sunday 18 August	LEEDS v WORKINGTON	3.00 pm																			
Sunday 25 August	Halifax v Leeds	6.30 pm																			



Leeds RLFC Monthly Magazine

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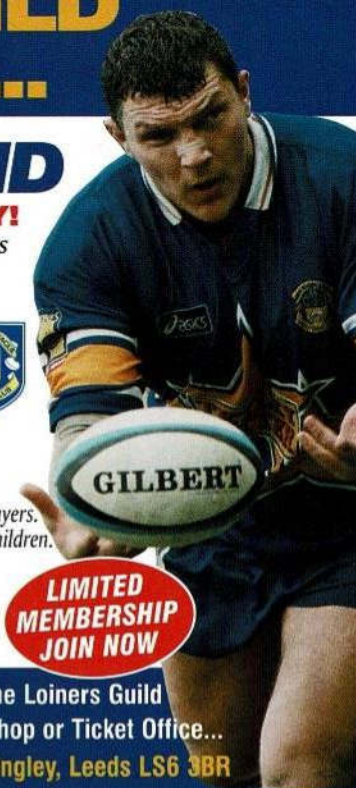
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Academy football has had its detractors over the years but there is no denying that it has produced some wonderful players since its inception seven years ago. Originally intended to replace the Colts competition, which was the cause of so much trouble between the RFL and BARLA, it was to embrace all amateurs and professionals in the clubs' catchment area.

Clubs quickly realised the potential of being able to introduce a youngster from the age of sixteen into a professional environment. As transfer fees spiralled out of control clubs looked at youth polices as the only way to go in the future.

Whereas in the past, smaller clubs would be able to develop local talent and sell their players to the bigger clubs when they had matured, they found themselves having to compete for junior signings with the big boys. This is all-part of the way that the game has been developing over the past few years and it is one that no amount of legislation will prevent. The attraction to a youngster of signing for club like Wigan or Leeds will in many cases outweigh the loyalty to the home town smaller club. The advent of Sky television has given the Super League clubs a much higher profile than previously. Nowadays it is not unusual for someone from say Dewsbury, to be a Wigan or a Leeds fan.

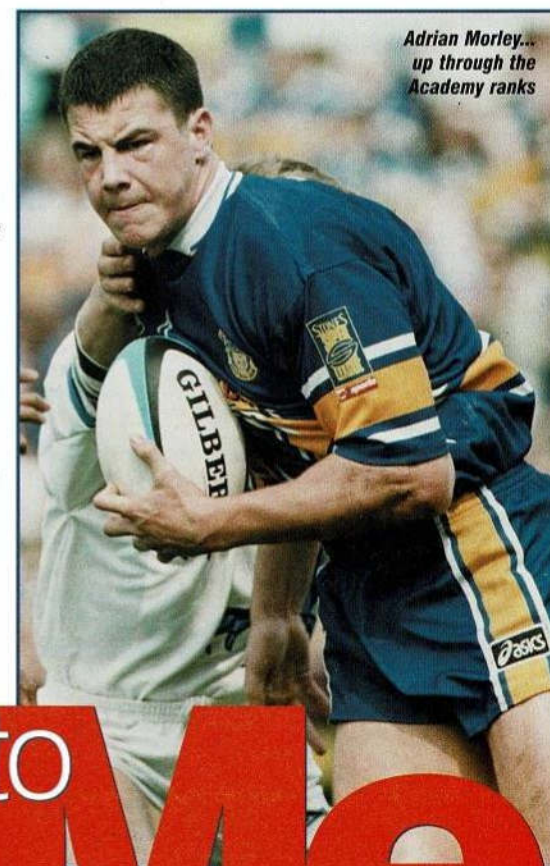
One other attraction for these youngsters is the chance to play first team football with one of the top clubs. The game is becoming much faster and the age of the players is coming down. We have seen this in other sports such as Swimming and Tennis and it was only a matter of

time before it happened in Rugby League. Clubs such as Wigan, Leeds and Warrington have all introduced teenagers into their first team and these players have not looked out of place with the more experienced players.

Phil Larder's England squad has included Warrington's Paul Sculthorpe, Leeds' Adrian Morley and Salford's Nathan McAvooy all of which are only eighteen years old. Their quick promotion to the national side is fine testament to the quality coaching that they have received at club level. These players, together with Francis Cummins, Graham Holroyd, Terry Newton, Iestyn Harris, Lee Penny, Andrew Farrell and Simon Haughton, have all on thing in common. They came straight from their respective Academy teams into the first team bypassing completely any lengthy spells in Alliance football.

That they were able to do this is because they have been in the right environment from very day that they signed as professionals. Most of the big clubs have apprenticeship schemes and that in itself enables the young players to mix with the senior players on a daily basis. It also introduces them to what is required

from them as they develop in the tough and competitive world of professional sport. Now that Super League games are proceeded by Academy games, more and more of these talented teenagers are becoming noticed by the clubs supporters. No longer are their skills relegated to a Saturday afternoon on a local park pitch. They are now showing their talent on the big stage every week. With money tight in the game at the moment it won't be long before we see many more of the clubs junior talents being brought through in to the first team. That has got to be good for both for the youngsters themselves and the game as a whole.



Adrian Morley...
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A 32-14 victory over St Helens was not enough to put Leeds at the top of the Alliance table. The Loiners, who needed to win by twenty clear points, were left to rue five missed goal kicks in an otherwise top class display.

But it was perhaps the loss of a vital point the previous week at Castleford which would have left Paul Fletcher feeling the most frustrated. Leading 18-12 with only five minutes left, Paddy Handley's pass to Paul Gleadhill, under the Leeds posts was adjudged forward. Castleford, whose lack of an organiser was blatantly obvious, needed no second chance to get over the Leeds line. Tonks' goal, converting Richardson's fine try to level the scores after Aam Hughes' two tries, to go with one from Paul

Gleadhill, looked to have given Leeds the edge. Even then, Leeds had a chance to snatch the game. Awarded head and feed at a scrum in the Castleford half and with the drop goal very much 'on', Leeds knocked on and the last chance was gone. All of which left Paul Fletcher the most disappointed man in Castleford.

"We threw the game away. I can't believe what I have just seen," said a very annoyed Alliance coach immediately after the game.

St Helens came to Headingley with a very strong-looking outfit which included Adam Fogerty and Joey Hayes. The Loiners dominated the game in the opening stages and it was no surprise when Matt Schultz went through an enormous gap to open the scoring. Leeds went further ahead through Mike Forshaw before a string of penalties put St Helens in a good position and they opened their account for the evening.

The second half belonged to Leeds and further tries to David Gibbons, Paddy Handley, Lee Maher, Sateki Tuipulotu and Leroy Rivett, to go with two Tuipulotu goals, gave Leeds a fully deserved victory.

Outstanding on the night for Leeds were Jamie Field and Sateki Tuipulotu who improves with every game and a trialist winger showed real pace when given the opportunity. Leeds are now looking good for the important end of season run-in that could yet see them lift their second title in three seasons.

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES 1996

MARCH

28 Warrington v Leeds 7.30 pm W38-28

APRIL

4 Leeds v Castleford 7.30 pm W28-10

11 Leeds v Oldham 7.30 pm W30-12

MAY

2 Hull v Leeds 8.00 pm L18-20

6 Leeds v Wigan 7.30 pm L20-42

16 Halifax v Leeds 7.30 pm D14-14

23 Leeds v Salford 7.30 pm W30-18

30 Leeds v Hull KR 7.30 pm W30-22

JUNE

6 Leeds v Bradford 7.30 pm W20-14

12 Leeds v Warrington 7.30 pm W58-8

20 Castleford v Leeds 7.30 pm D18-18

26 Leeds v St Helens 7.30 pm W32-14

JULY

4 Oldham v Leeds 7.30 pm

17 Leeds v Hull 8.00 pm

25 Wigan v Leeds 7.30 pm

AUGUST

2 Salford v Leeds 8.00 pm

9 Hull KR v Leeds 7.30 pm

15 Bradford v Leeds 7.30 pm

21 Leeds v Halifax 7.30 pm

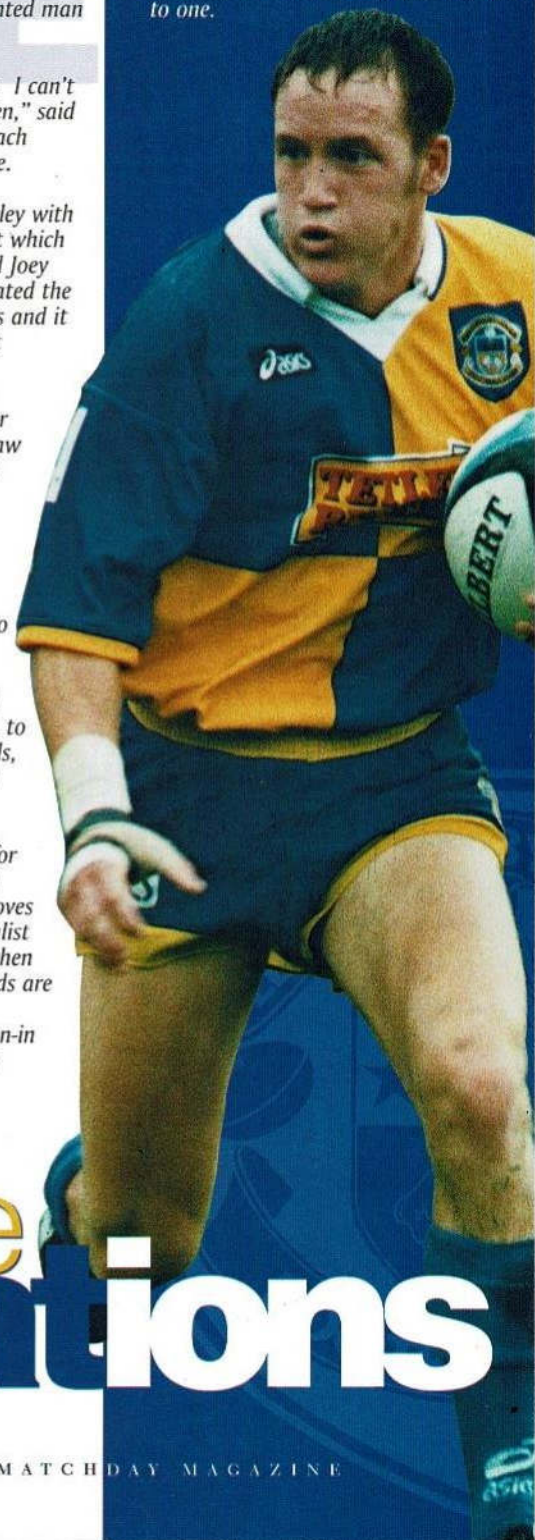
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Two significant victories have set the Leeds Academy side up for a big tilt at the title in the

final weeks of the season. Castleford, who came to Headingley undefeated and looking for a league double over the Loiners, were soon 12-0 down but hit back to trail only two points at the interval. The second half belonged exclusively to Leeds who had second half tries to Lorenzo Marquez-Layne with two and

Craig Robinson to go with first half efforts from Micky Horner and a fine solo effort from Andy Pointer. Kris Smith kicked three goals as the young Loiners ran out convincing winners, 26-12. This was without doubt the best performance of the season against a very highly rated Castleford side and Leeds followed it up with a fine victory at Knowsley Rd over St Helens.

Leeds raced in to a 20-2 lead with the game being played almost exclusively in the Saints

half of the field. St Helens narrowed the gap to 20-12 before Leeds scored two further second half tries to win 30-12. There were fine individual performances from Ricky Wright and Lorenzo Marquez-Layne and there were two tries on his debut for Scrum half, Scott Rhodes. Dan Potter also bagged a brace with Adam Hughes and Garreth Carvell getting the others. Kris Smith kicked three goals to cement a win that puts Leeds firmly in second place.

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MARCH

31 Leeds v Warrington 12.30 pm W52-0

APRIL

5 Castleford v Leeds 5.00 pm L14-42

8 Leeds v St Helens 2.00 pm W44-8

14 Leigh v Leeds 2.30 pm W34-8

21 Leeds v Hull 1.00 pm W38-10

MAY

5 Leeds v London 1.00 pm W46-10

12 Wakefield v Leeds 1.30 pm L16-36

19 Leeds v Featherstone 12.45 pm W38-7

24 Bradford v Leeds 3.30 pm Postponed

JUNE

1 Leeds v Wigan 3.30 pm W30-22

5 Halifax v Leeds 7.30 pm W34-22

14 Warrington v Leeds 5.00 pm W36-16

22 Leeds v Castleford 3.45 pm W26-12

30 St Helens v Leeds 1.15 pm W30-12

JULY

7 Leeds v Leigh 12.45 pm

13 Hull v Leeds 2.30 pm

21 London v Leeds 5.30 pm

28 Leeds v Wakefield 12.45 pm

AUGUST

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14 Leeds v Halifax 7.30 pm

25 Featherstone v Leeds 4.00 pm

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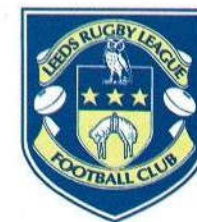
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A N Other		1			Mark Kay
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Dan Potter		4			Chris Prescott
Gareth Hewitt		5			Mark Burrows
Micky Horner		6			Jody Kerner
Scott Rhodes		7			Scott Hilton
Daniel Sculthorpe		8			Andy Webster
Andy Speak		9			Ian Fitzhenri
Ricky Wright		10			Stuart Rothwell
Garreth Carvell		11			Paul Nixon
Mark Campbell		12			Martin Goulding
Kris Smith		13			Drew Ashcroft
Ryan McDonald		14			Paul Blackburn
A N Other		15			Graham Clayton
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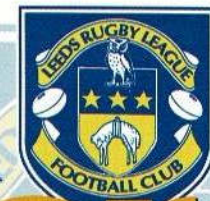
Join us at the next Player of the Month awards night on Tuesday August 6 1996 at the Leeds Rugby League Social Club. The awards ceremony takes place at 7.30 pm. All Loiners Guild and Blue & Amber members are welcome.

Blue & Amber U-11's North East Glory

The Leeds Rugby League Blue & Amber U-11s showed their class in Newcastle two weeks ago. They were invited to take part in the Gateshead ARL Junior Touch Rugby Competition.

The Junior Loiners defeated teams from around the North East to clinch the Under 11s title. The club would like to congratulate the members who took part and yet again, well done!! In the next issue of the matchday programme, we will feature the successful U-11s side.

Blue & Amber



Competition...

Enter today's Blue & Amber competition and you have the chance of winning a souvenir shop voucher.

The first letter of each answer will give you the name of a current Leeds' player.

- Competition
1. Leroy Rivett made his first team debut last Sunday, but against which club?
 2. Which current First Division team used to play their matches at Fartown?
 3. In the Centenary Season the Leeds Club won a trophy. What trophy did they win?
 4. The last time Leeds won a major trophy was in 1984 when they lifted the John Player Trophy. Who did Leeds play in the final?

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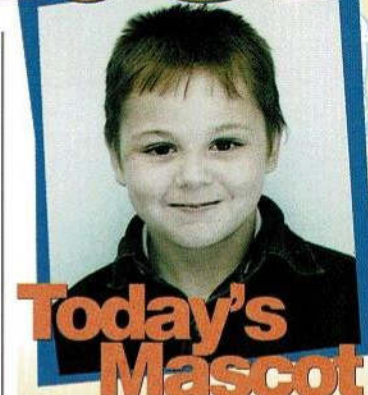
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Birthdays...

Congratulations to all our Blue & Amber members who have a birthday in...

JUNE

30th Sarah Rhodes, Scott Gillatt,
Kirsty Cromack



Today's Mascot
NIKKI WILSON
Nikki is aged 10 and attends Dalimore Primary School. Her favourite player is Jim Fallon.

JULY

- 2nd Shaun Steward
- 3rd Philip Booth, Dominic Riley, Christopher Sizeland, Philip Thompson
- 4th Victoria Stead, Sarah Baddeley, Robert Aston, Clare Craven, Ben Whitely
- 5th Jemma Thatcher, Raymond Greenfield, David Sherwin, Ben Nicholson
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If a list of professionals that attracted the most public sympathy, respect and admiration was drawn up, it is a safe bet to assume that the bookmakers taking the wager would be somewhere near the bottom.

It is difficult to have pity for those who profit from our weakness but few would swap position with the man who sets the odds and handicaps on the coupon for Super League matches at the moment. Apart from Wigan and Saints being likely winners and Workington probable losers, the only consistency about the performances of the rest of the sides is their inconsistency. It is virtually impossible to pick a reliable form line on a week-to-week basis as sides winning impressively one week are likely to suffer a heavy reversal the next. Even home-ground advantage is not proving to be a predictable indicator, particularly for those clubs in mid-table. In an ideal world, supporters should go to every match unsure of its final outcome but that will only work as meaningful competition if the scores are close until the final whistle. Too many games so far have been won by wide margins and that may be a contributory factor as to why 'traditional' fans are becoming more discriminating about their habitual attendance.

The reasons behind such a shift in emphasis seem to be inherent within the rules of the game and the decision to switch to summer. Whilst statistics are still being

Matters Arising

compiled as to the overall effect of changing seasons, particularly with regard to the percentage of sets of six that yield scores, it is estimated that on average, a try is scored every seven minutes and conditions are bound to be a major factor. We have seen the speed of the game increase dramatically over the last few years but with firmer surfaces underfoot, that additional pace is starting to be decisive. Warmer weather is conducive to handling and an absence of mud and rain takes out the lottery element that at its worst led to a levelling down of sides and standards. Conditioning is becoming a key ingredient for success or more likely the onset of fatigue is having a bigger bearing on the final outcome as mistakes prove increasingly costly.

Many commentators have also pointed to the 10 metre rule as exacerbating the change from creation into points. Allied to quick play the balls, it is becoming increasingly difficult for defences to regain their feet, get back in position and set to repel the advancing wave. The other guarantee of victory is ball control which has taken on paramount significance. Whereas in previous seasons only Wigan were renowned for their ruthless punishment of mistakes, now nearly every side is capable of getting on a remorseless roll if their opponents falter.

That process is perhaps aided by the new kick-off rule. The idea behind the scoring side restarting play was to prevent one team overwhelming the other when in control. What has tended to happen is that the team kicking off has held the initiative as

their opponents have not recovered and find themselves immediately under pressure, usually in a territorially vulnerable position

"Many commentators have also pointed to the 10 metre rule as exacerbating the change from creation into points."

around their own line. If they are not able to clear the danger, they are either giving up possession on the last tackle without having made sufficient gain or more likely making an error, relinquishing the ball and ending up behind their own posts again. The momentum runs with the attacking side and two consecutive scores are quickly being turned into four or five with the game over inside a 15 or 20 minute spell. Once that has happened, no matter what the resolve of the losing club, the match and the entertainment value of it is effectively over. That could be another reason why some fans are reserving judgement on Super League and picking their matches. Whatever the laws, there has to be a compromise if we are to attract sufficient new and neutral fans to push the code forward.

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Regarded by many as the game's spiritual home, Headingley has hosted many Anglo/Australian test matches but perhaps none more famous than the first test of 1948.

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Australia started in determined fashion that had Britain reeling, their defence in tatters. As early as the fifth minute classy ball-handling prop Duncan Hall surged past three would be tacklers to touch down for the 'Roo's first try.

Ten minutes later stand-off O'Connell stole through a gap in the home defence and gave the ball to wingman McMahon who

Another missed conversion left the score at 14-6 which Dave Valentine extended to 17-6 following another bout of precision passing from a now very confident British side. Half way through the half the "Roo's pulled five points back with a Froome try and a towering touch line conversion by Graves the South Sydney wingman. The



Stan McCormick the Belle Vue Rangers wingman dives in at the corner for his second try in the epic first test of 1948.

Classic Headingley Test

shot over the line in the corner to stretch the lead to 6-0. Just as it seemed the home side would be humiliated they fought back with a well taken try by Trevor Foster which his Bradford team mate Ernest Ward converted to put the Brits back in the game. Barely seven minutes later Foster was galloping over the line for his second try aided by a great run from Ledgard. Five minutes from half-time Foster's quick thinking and clever pass gave Stan McCormick the room to side-step Churchill and round Froome to score a try to give Britain an 11-6 lead. McCormick struck again five minutes into the second-half when he dived in at the corner, inches away from the touchline.

home side simply shrugged their shoulders and scored a try through Warrington's Pimblett. With fifteen minutes to go the Australians, with their never-say-die attitude, conjured up a brilliant try when Hawke snatched up a loose ball, stormed up the field past the British defence then through out a wild pass to Graves who held on to run unopposed to cross the line. Ten minutes to go and the Aussies were gaining confidence and starting to play well. Pimblett soon dashed their hopes when he raced through to score his second try and reduce the lead to 7 points. The Green and Golds still

pressed and after the ball had passed through a quartet of Australian hands there was McMahon the Toowoomba winger dashing over the line to score his second try. The ever reliable Graves converted and at 23-21 to Britain the huge Headingley crowd of 36,529 held its breath and willed referee Dobson to blow his whistle for time. He finally did, but not before Clive Churchill had been pulled down inches short of the line and a place in Australian folklore for all time. The game had seen 12 tries in one of the finest displays of open, adventurous football Headingley had ever witnessed.

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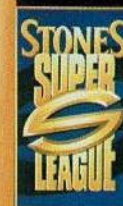
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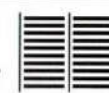
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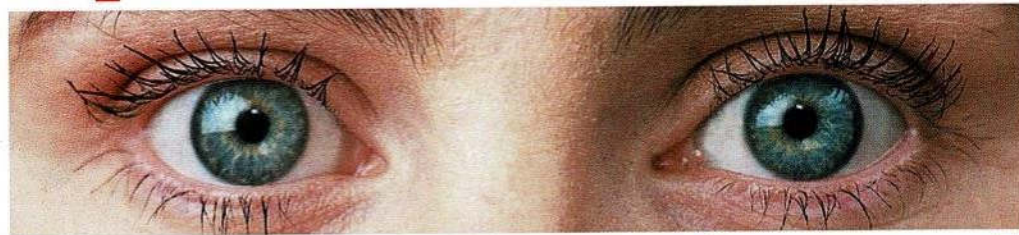
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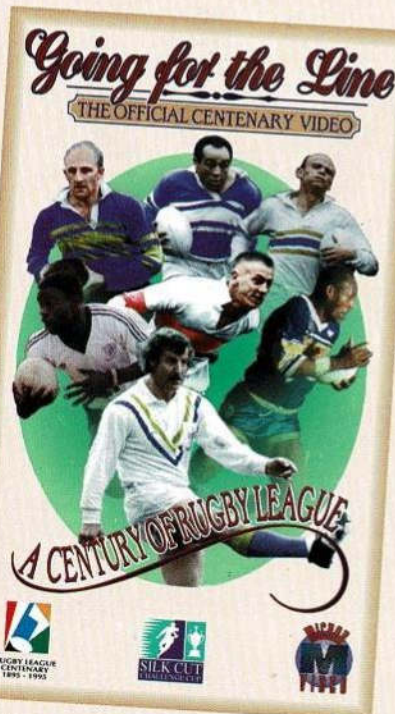
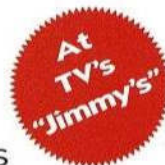
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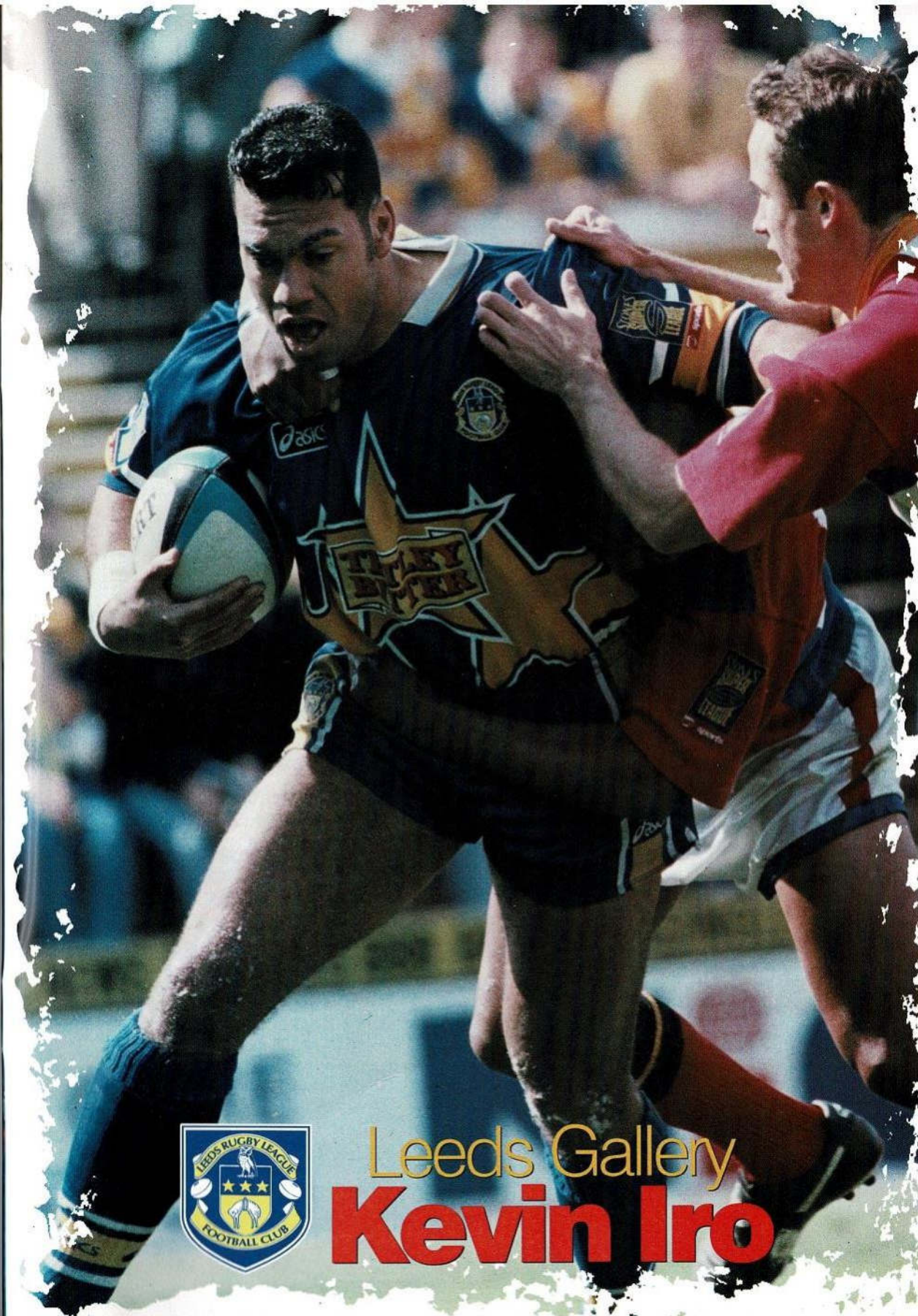
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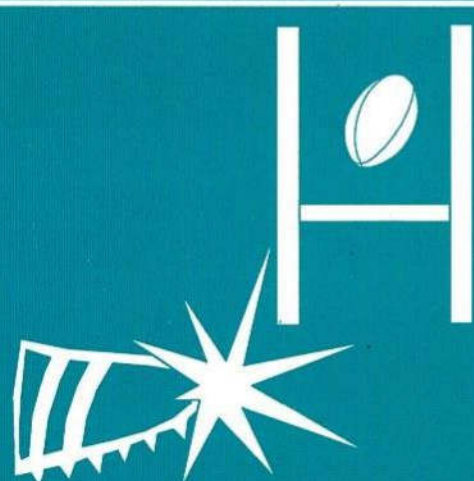
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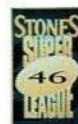
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31	Sateki Tuipuloto	Right Wing	Adrian Belle	20
3	Kevin Iro	Right Centre	Andrew Patmore	24
4	Carl Hall	Left Centre	Paul Topping	4
18	Phil Hassan	Left Wing	Rob Myler	5
6	Tony Kemp	Stand Off	Francis Maloney	6
30	Dean Clark	Scrum Half	Martin Crompton	7
17	Esene Faimalo	Open Side	Ian Gildart	8
9	Mick Shaw	Hooker	John Clarke	9
15	Barrie McDermott ..	Blind Side	Jason Temu	10
14	Gary Mercer	Second Row	Gary Lord	11
12	Adrian Morley	Second Row	Matt Munro	25
35	David Hulme	Loose Forward	Dave Bradbury	13
7	Graham Holroyd	Substitute	Joe Faimalo	12
11	George Mann	Substitute	Howard Hill	14
13	Mike Forshaw	Substitute	Paul Crook	27
16	Nick Fozzard	Substitute	Reece Guy	29

Scrum

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24



Penalties

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24

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Today's Officials



Referee:
Mr R Connolly



Touch Judge:
Mr D J Barrett



Touch Judge:
Mr D Mairs

In-goal Judges: Mr R Southward & Mr N Byers



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