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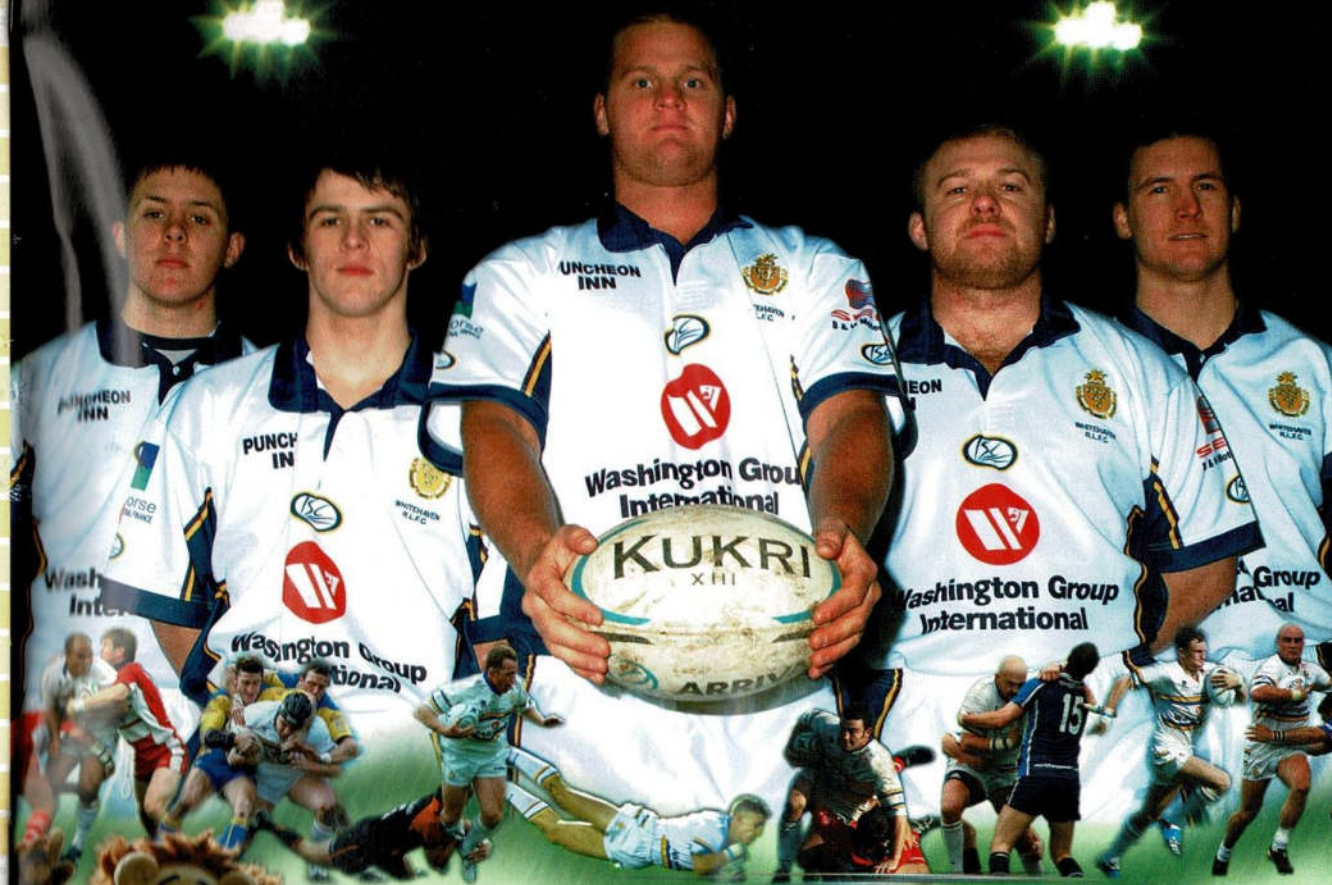
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WHITEHAVEN RLFC

Welcome

Welcome back to the Recreation Ground for this afternoon's LHF Healthplan game against Oldham. A warm welcome especially to all those who have made the trip up from Oldham for the game. There are usually a number of supporters from Oldham who come up and make a weekend of it and I hope they have had a good weekend up until three o'clock this afternoon!!

A home win against Featherstone in the last game here and even though the team scored fifty points a number of people didn't think that was good enough. It is not that long ago when any win would have sufficed but expectations have gone through the roof this season and it perhaps time people thought back two or three years and put things in perspective as to how far we have come in a relatively short space of time. This win was followed by an excellent two points gained at Doncaster last week. Doncaster is never an easy place to pick up points but the team put in a great effort and thoroughly deserved the win. Last week Oldham did us a favour by beating Hull KR but will not be looking to do us any favours this afternoon and I do not expect a repeat of our victory at Boundary Park earlier this season. Games against Oldham are usually close and tough encounters and today's should

be no exception.

I am delighted to welcome Neil Baynes and Ryan Tandy to the club, both as Whitehaven players and not on loan. I am sure they will do an excellent job for us in the run up to the play offs. We hope to have some news later this month on our status should we win the Grand Final but we are very confident that if we win that we will be promoted. A lot of things are happening behind the scenes and we will gladly go public with it when we are allowed to. It was also good news this week to hear that we will be hosting the Cumbria v Ireland game on Sunday the 16th October 2005 so get the date in your diary and get down to it.

On a sombre note it was with regret that the club learnt this week of the death of Ray (Ram) Martin a former player. Ray was a Kells lad that was a good servant of the club playing hooker and loose forward. We extend our sympathies to his family and there will be a minute's silence before kick off today in memory of Ray.

Get behind the lads today, they need to hear you, enjoy the game and let the person next to you enjoy theirs.

Des Byrne
Chairman



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**BOSS
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Welcome to the Recreation Ground for our game against Oldham. It is getting to the most important stage of the year now with only .5 games to go before the end of the regular season. Over the next few weeks we will be tested by teams desperate to get as high up the table as possible to give themselves every advantage during the play-offs.

Our last couple of performances have been very encouraging. Against Featherstone I was very pleased with the way the players executed our plays in the first half and defensively we put in a solid display. Last week at Doncaster was, in my opinion, the best result of the season so far. The home team put us under enormous pressure but the player's efforts and commitment was second to none.

Today we have to improve all areas of play. Oldham are playing some tremendous rugby and I have a lot of respect for their coach, Gary Mercer. Their last couple of performances have been excellent. We have to keep focused and continue to put in the same effort and honesty we know we are capable of.

Steve Mack
Head Coach

Captain's Log

AARON LESTER

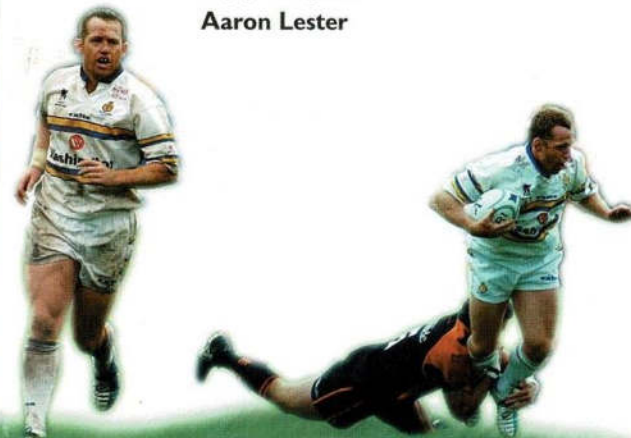
It was very pleasing to get back to winning ways with an excellent display two weeks ago against Featherstone here at the Recre with a broad range of players from all over the pitch getting on the score sheet.

Taking that confidence into the Doncaster game who are always very tough to beat on their own turf, we put in a very good team performance to come through in the end with the 30 - 20 victory. Especially pleasing was the partnership of Leroy and Joel who really did get it together and caused problems to the Doncaster defence. Deservedly so, Joel got the Man of the Match Award for his hat-trick of tries.

Gary Mercer's Oldham are coming here on the back of an excellent victory against Hull KR playing good rugby and showing to be tough opponents, today will be no exception.

We really are at the business end of the season now and we really need to go on from here with a big surge to take us into September and the Play-Offs.

Enjoy the game
Aaron Lester



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The Man of the Match today will be chosen by our Platinum Match Sponsor **COQUET ISLAND SHELLFISH** Listen out for that on the PA system near the end of the game.

Man of the match at the last home game against Featherstone was Gary Broadbent pictured here is Tony Penn of **NEALES WASTE** with Haven Chairman Des Byrne.



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TODAYS OLDHAM VISITORS

Gareth Barber is a local born player, who started his professional career with Super League club Warrington Wolves before Oldham brought him back to his hometown. Primarily a stand off Gareth can fill most positions in the back line. He has been used effectively as an impact player coming off the bench to exploit tiring defences. Barber represented the National League under 21 side that defeated their Super League counterparts in 2001.

Ricky Bibey was a surprise signing for 2005 from Super League giants St Helens. Rick has a rugged style of play with a ruthless streak, just what is required for making inroads into the tough defences of National League One. At the tender age of 23, young by prop forward terms, Ricky already has two Challenge Cup winners medals, with the remarkable record of beating St Helens when with his former club Wigan, and then doing the reverse beating Wigan when with St Helens. He has also had a loan spell with his hometown club Leigh Centurions.

Martin Elwood Local 20 year old second row or centre Martin Elwood signed from Super League club Huddersfield Giants.

Martin who was on the verge of a first team call up last season when Steve Molloy first looked at him with regard to strengthening his squad for the run in to the play offs, but sadly injury dashed his chances. At around 6'4" and 16st Martin has power as well as pace, he is eager to further his career and for this reason wants to get some first team rugby under his belt.

Martin was brought up on a strong rugby background at North Chadderton school and was also reared in the Royton Tigers youth set up.

Gavin Dodd A product of the Royton Tigers youth set up, who later had a spell with Bradford Bulls academy team. Gavin is primarily a Full Back, but has established himself as a winger in the past couple of seasons.

Fast on the break, and unpredictable at times, makes Dodd a scorer of spectacular tries.

Gavin represented Great Britain students in Australia and New Zealand four years ago, and was selected in the GB under 21 squad two seasons ago.

Tere Glassie was signed at the beginning of the 2005 season along with his fellow Cook Island internationals, Carlos Mataora and Jonathon Wilson. Tere had experience in the top grade in Australia as well as the Batacard Cup Comp in New Zealand, he arrived at Oldham from the Newtown Jets, the team that Oldham Hall of Fame player Martin Murphy had a spell with. He has played most of his Rugby in the second row being a very mobile forward, but his versatility also ables him to play in the front row.

Jon Goddard came to Oldham on loan in the 2002 season on the high recommendation of Graham Steadman, the then Castleford boss. Goddard was reared in Castleford youth and schools rugby before going to Wheldon Road to play for the Tigers academy side.

During his two seasons in their Alliance team he played three times in Super League, against Wakefield at home and against Bradford and London, both away, in 2001. Jon swept the board at the Oldham awards last season taking all but the Roughyeds Kids player of the year award. A very competent Full Back who was selected in the 2004 mythical NLI team for that position, he is equally at home in a centre berth.

Andy Gorey is completing the second year of a two year contract in the 2005 season. A versatile back who has played most of his rugby in the academy at full back, but he is also a competent half back. He is enjoying the more demanding training rigours of the first team squad and is itching for his first senior run out.

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

John is an hooker well renown now in National League circles, he originally joined the Roughyeds from Warrington Wolves. An astute worker from acting half back, he is also capable of filling in at Loose Forward.

Nick Johnson signed for Oldham towards the end of the 2003 season for

the run in to the play offs, on a loan deal from Bradford Bulls. Nick is the younger brother of Gavin. He spent most of the 2003 season on long term loan to London Broncos. Nick smashed the Oldham Roughyeds try scoring record last season, beating the record set by Mark Sibson. He has pace to burn, a safe set of hands and is a dynamic finisher. No-one would be surprised to see him extend his try scoring record even further in the 2005 season.

Carlos Mataora is one of three Cook Island internationals brought to Oldham for the 2005 season. He played in the victorious Cook Island team which thrashed the NZ Maoris in the final of the Pacific Rim Cup. Carlos is equally at home in the stand off role or in the front row at hooker. Known in the Cook Island team for his robust style of play he is also an astute goal kicker.

Damian Munro is a quality addition to the Roughyeds 2005 squad. At 28 years old he has had plenty of experience both in Super League and at the upper end of the National League. He was with two National League 1 Grand Final winners sides, in Widnes and Leigh. Born in Oldham he is the son of former Oldham favourite Geoff, who is the only Oldham player to score a hatrick of hatricks. Damian is no stranger to try scoring himself as he notched up 42 in 46 games for the Centurions during a two year spell. He is equally at home in the centre, on the wing or at full back.

Paul Norman Although not the bulkiest of front row forwards, Paul is a player who always makes the gain line and is no stranger to the top end of a tackle count. He started his pro career with the Oldham Bears, where he made 12 appearances before the demise of the club in 1997. Since then he provided sterling service to Leigh Centurion. Always willing to do the hard graft required by the front row of the pack. Paul's experience will be invaluable to the Roughyeds in the 2005 season. He has an incredible work rate both in attack and defence.

Adam Sharples is another of Oldham's academy team production line. A front row forward who made a couple of handfuls of appearances in the first team in 2004, he was not found wanting even when up against the so called more experienced men in the National League 1. A late comer to the game of Rugby, he has applied his studious mind to the technicalitys of the sport and his physique is not found lacking. Adam is also expected to add to his tally of first team run outs in 2005.

Marty Turner joined Oldham for the start of the 2005 season. He is a 23 year old scrum half signed from North Queensland Devils the Melbourne Storm feeder team in Australia. Indeed he had just broken into the Storm first team deputising for the impressive Matt Orford, when he and a team mate suffered injuries in a road traffic accident. Since his recovery Marty showed up well again for the Devils earning himself the tag of "Best Back" for the season. Being a New Zealander he has also had Bartercard Cup experience. He is the clubs overseas quota player for 2005. The Roughyeds hope he will be a star of National League one this year.

Alex Wilkinson Local born Alex, toured with the Great Britain schoolboys to Australia in 1999 and with the England Academy to New Zealand and Australia in 2001. He played his junior rugby with the Royton Tigers club and was snapped up by Super League giants, Bradford Bulls. Whilst at the Bulls he had a loan spell with London Broncos where he chalked up 6 Super League appearances, before going on loan to Huddersfield where he added another 13 SL games to his tally, he had a similar amount of games on loan at Hull FC where he impressed the Humber side high flyers enough for them to offer him a two year contract. Alex decided he wanted to complete his degree and when part time rugby was the only option he chose his own town club. Primarily a centre he has linked up previously with Oldham wing flyer Nick Johnson during his spell with the Bulls academy.

Jonathon 'Dana' Wilson 21 year old "Dana" is the third of Oldham's Cook Island internationals. He played alongside, team mates Carlos Mataora and Tere Glassie in the successful Cook Island team which won the Pacific Rim Cup, thrashing the New Zealand Maori's in the final, after also beating Tonga and Fiji on the way. He has played Rugby League since he was twelve and always in the front row, where he says he enjoys the physical confrontations. He is expected to provide the Roughyeds side with go forward in what should be a formidable pack in 2005.

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MARC GETS CALL UP

Whitehaven Academy half-back Marc Bainbridge was called up to for the Lancashire under 17 Academy in the Lancashire versus Yorkshire Academy Origin clash that was played as a curtain-raiser before Sundays Challenge Cup semi-final between Leeds Rhinos and Toulouse. Marc was the only player outside of Super League to be selected for Lancashire

Marc turned pro with Whitehaven RLFC last year from successfully going through the service area and scholarship player development programmes introduced by the RFL and delivered by Service Area Coaches and Professional Clubs. Marc is an example of what quality player development programmes can produce product. Others to follow suit out of the production line are Daniel Smith, Gary Johnston, David Ford and Martin McMullen

"Marc has been one of the consistent performers in our Academy team and has got his justified reward" said Gary Hewer Academy Coach, he further added "Marc works hard at his all round game and has one of the highest core skills levels at our club, with continued hard work and development Marc will eventually break into first team rugby"

Marc came of the bench to play for Lancashire Academy and made a great contribution to their 50-12 victory at the Galphrin Stadium in Huddersfield. The game was a trial for the England U17 forth coming class with Australia

Congratulations to Marc from all at Whitehaven RLFC.

Gary Hewer (WRLFC - Player Performance Manager)

RUGBY TALK

Danny Lockwood, Publisher League Weekly
PSSST. Have you heard the latest? It's hot news, from a bloke who knows somebody who knows, honest. Apparently, if Wigan (or London or Huddersfield or whoever) make the engage Super

League play-offs, they have a cunning plan. They are going to bring in, on a week to week basis, the entire Queensland State of Origin team, to play in the good old cherry and whites (if it's Wigan!) until they put 60 points past Leeds/Saints at Old Trafford in October.

My 'source' tells me that they might even let Kris Radlinski, or Terry Newton or Danny Orr drive the open-topped bus on its parade through Wigan - if the 'team' can find their way there from Manchester, that is. They won't quite get a winner's medal, but there'll be a nice signed certificate from the Queensland physio saying 'thanks for all your help boys'.

What do you mean 'how about the import quota?' Don't be daft. These blokes are being brought in under the Lurpak agreement, which dictates that anyone who can tell marge from butter gets to play in Super League, even if there isn't a single Brit on the darn team.

You think the Aussie administrators won't allow that? Wake up and smell the roses, sunshine! The Aussies will allow anything at all that makes Britain look desperate - which of course we usually are where matters antipodean are concerned.

But back to the real world...

Don't get me wrong - I'm as intrigued as anyone to see Andrew Johns on his whistlestop tour of the M62. I wish every time I went on holiday in my playing days someone had dropped me the thick end of 10 grand a game in order to bring my boots and have a few run-outs. Because however you choose to dress up the drapes on The Joey Show, that is the bottom line.

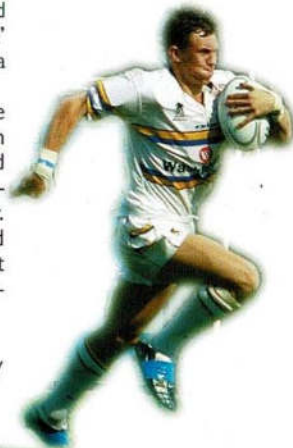
The Warrington Wolves are to be applauded for their derring-do and eye for a media opportunity, above all else. It's tough to imagine any team with the capacity in their salary cap and the spare place on their overseas quota from resisting the temptation to field the best player on the planet for a few games.

But without blowing out the candles on the Wolves' cake before the party's even started, it does beg a few questions - like just how late in the season can you bring a bona fide superstar in on such an obvious-

ly temporary arrangement? Could Widnes buy seven or eight 'Lurpak' NRL players for six weeks, to effect a miraculous escape?

Like all rugby fans I'm excited at the prospect of seeing Andrew Johns in our domestic competition, and applaud Warrington for their vision. But it raises questions Red Hall have to answer. And I can't help but wonder ... would Tony Smith or Daniel Anderson accept a few weeks of the Great One's services? Somehow, I don't think so.

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RL24:7

• The biggest news in RL circles this week is undoubtedly Warrington's capture of Andrew Johns. The 31-year-old Australian Test star has agreed to end his career with Newcastle Knights, but will also realise his dream of playing in England after securing a short-term deal with the Wolves.

Newcastle, who have secured the services of their inspirational captain until the end of the 2008 season, have agreed to release him to play up to six matches for Warrington from early September.

He will fly over to England once Newcastle's season is over and play the last two games of the regular Super League campaign, and up to four play-off ties, depending on how successful the Wolves are in their bid to reach the Grand Final.

Johns was snapped up by the Knights in 1989 but took five years before making his first-team appearance. When the breakthrough came, it came in some style, with Johns scoring 23 points - a record for a player making his first Premiership debut. He followed that up with an even more impressive international debut, albeit against South Africa, scoring a record 30 points. From there, his career took off. He played a key role at the 1995 World Cup, where Australia won the title and Johns the player of the tournament award. He was once again at the hub of things when Australia retained the title in 2000. Johns, who is certain to be included in the Australian squad for this year's Tri-Nations Series, has twice been voted the world's best player and amassed 1,950 points in 220 matches in the NRL Premiership. But his tally of international caps stands at just 18, chiefly a result of the injuries he has suffered in his playing career. His list of career threatening injuries includes a broken back in 2002, a neck injury in 2003, a nasty knee injury in 2004 and a broken jaw earlier this year. Johns will follow in the footsteps of another Australian half-back legend, Allan Langer, who made 47 appearances for Warrington from 2000-01.

• Darren Abram is the latest coaching casualty of the 2005 season. Leigh's 2004 promotion-winning coach parted company with the club by mutual consent after a season which has seen Leigh struggle at the foot of Super League. Abram took over at The Coliseum from Paul Terzis in October 2003 and ended the club's 10-year absence from the top flight by guiding them to promotion to Super League last year.

With very little time to prepare following last seasons Grand Final win over Haven, Super League has proved to be too tough for the Centurions', and they will be relegated if they loose to high flying Leeds this weekend. In the event of relegation Leigh announced recently that they would revert to a part-time playing staff for 2006, whilst Abram, who previously worked as a marketing consultant, had hoped to stay with the club in an attempt to win immediate promotion from NL1.

• London Broncos announcement that they had formed a partnership arrangement, (is that not just another way of saying takeover?) with Harlequins RU club for 2006 marks yet another chapter in the often turbulent history of the club. They will adopt the Harlequins' famous pastel colours and the jester logo when they rename themselves next year. Harlequins RL will become their fourth name and their switch to the renamed Twickenham Stoop will be their ninth semi-permanent ground in 25 years.

The Fulham club was formed in 1980 and played its games at the football club's Craven Cottage. Pictured, is a programme from that first season when a Haven team including Ray Dutton and Arnold Walker were the visitors and the club were averaging crowds around the 6,000 mark. They moved on to Crystal Palace in 1984, beginning a tour of the capital that would take them to Chiswick Polytechnic, back to Crystal Palace, Barnet, The Valley (twice), The Stoop and then Griffin Park. Their history - which also includes a spell when they were known as London Crusaders - has largely been fraught, with the exception of a period in the mid-1990s when they were elevated to the top flight as part of Super League's expansionist ideal, when the competition was formed in 1996. They finished second in 1997, were taken over by Richard Branson's Virgin Group and reached the Challenge Cup final in 1999. Following Branson's departure in 2001 the club were forced to find new backers and earlier this season they reached an all-time low when, with £3million of debt, the Inland Revenue forced them into liquidation. They were wound up but controversially re-emerged as a new debt free company when the existing Super League clubs agreed by a narrow majority to continue their membership.

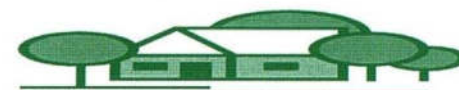
• Nice to see former Haven scrum-half Sam Obst beginning to shine in a resurgent Wakefield team. Under former Trinity coach Sean McNally, la'al Sam was never a regular starter and had to be content with the occasional run off the bench. With regular scrum-half Ben Jeffries switching to number 6 in the absence of stand-off Jamie Rooney, Sam, under new coach Tony Smith, has slotted in at his favourite number 7 position. He was in the thick of the action a fortnight ago scoring a try and having a hand in two others as Wakefield beat Wigan for the first time ever at the JJB Stadium. Trinity's third win on the trot virtually assures them of Super League survival for 2006 and, if they can keep the momentum going, a play-off place isn't beyond their reach. After being linked with the coach's job at Hull KR, former coach McNally will shortly return to Australia to pursue the next stage of his career.

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Congratulations to Marc Bainbridge for his selection for Lancashire in last weeks Origin game against Yorkshire. Marc was the only non Super League player in either squad and played half a game mainly at full back. This game was a trial for the England under seventeen's and we keep our fingers crossed for Marc.

Congratulations also to David Seeds who scored his two hundredth try for the club against Featherstone. David is the clubs record try scorer and make his week his wife, Heidi gave birth to a son, Ethan. Congratulations and well done.

Mick Nanyin remains top try, goal and points scorer in National League One with nineteen tries, fifty five goals and one hundred and sixty six points. Craig Calvert is also among the leading try scorers with eleven in league games and Carl Sice and David Seeds with nine each. In all games Craig Calvert has scored twenty tries to Mick's nineteen.

The club is arranging a Gentleman's Evening in the Marchon club on Thursday 29th September 2005 with a meal, comedian and guest speaker Shaun Wane. The evening will be compared by Howard Nicholson and although tables are available you do not need to book a table. Tickets are £25 and you can book your ticket at the office.

Iain Morrison has returned to Huddersfield after his loan spell with us and we wish Iain all the best for the future.

We have recently concluded a new two season deal with Jennings which is greatly improved on previous years and we thank them for their continued support.

There will be a Junior Academy curtain raiser before the Castleford game next week when our youngsters take on Leigh Centurions. The game kicks off at 12-30pm so get down early and make an afternoon of it with two cracking games of rugby.

FORTHCOMING GAMES:

Next Sunday 14th August 2005 is the eagerly anticipated visit of Castleford Tigers (3-0pm kick off). We would urge all supporters to get in the ground early as this promises to be a humdinger of a game. The following

week, 21st August 2005 we travel to Craven Park Hull to face Hull KR (3-0pm kick off) in what is another big game. The next three weeks could be the decider for the top two places in this league. The Support Group are organising buses and you can order your seats in the bar today with them or by contacting Paul Goodwin on 07832192845.

If travelling by car try the following directions: Follow the M62 eastbound to J38 where it joins the A63 which joins Clive Sullivan Way on the approach to Hull. Stay on this road over the twisting flyover past the City Centre and Marina. Continue straight on at the traffic lights in the middle lane over Myton Bridge.

Continue straight on at the roundabout (2nd exit) where you will join the new A1033 (Hedon Road) and continue straight on once more at the next two new roundabouts (2nd exit). At the next roundabout (Marfleet) turn left onto Marfleet Lane. Turn right at the traffic lights onto the dual carriageway (Preston Road) and Craven Park is about half a mile on your right hand side. There is ample secure car parking on site at Craven Park. Admission Prices at Craven Park for 2005 are as follows:

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21st July 2005 drawn at the Richmond, Hensingham: 1,3,5,8,9,11 No winners
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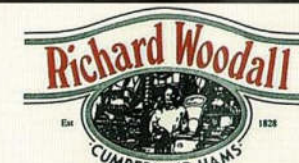
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Born 10/09/78 - Barrow

Occupation I work for my dad's coal business

Married/single Engaged to Choi

Previous clubs Roose Pioneers ARLFC,
Barrow, Workington Town

Rep honours Cumbria County v New
Zealand Residents 2003

Favourite all time player Adrian Morley

Best player ever played with Tane Manihera

RL career ambitions I'd love to make Super
League, hopefully with this club

Favourite position Anywhere as long as I play

Favourite food Sunday roast

Favourite TV CSI Miami

Favourite Film Anything James Bond

Favourite Music Anything that you can jig to!

Biggest influence on career My dad Ged, he
never misses a game in which I play

Drives Toyota Hilux and a Yamaha R1 bike

Favourite other sport I enjoy going to the
gym

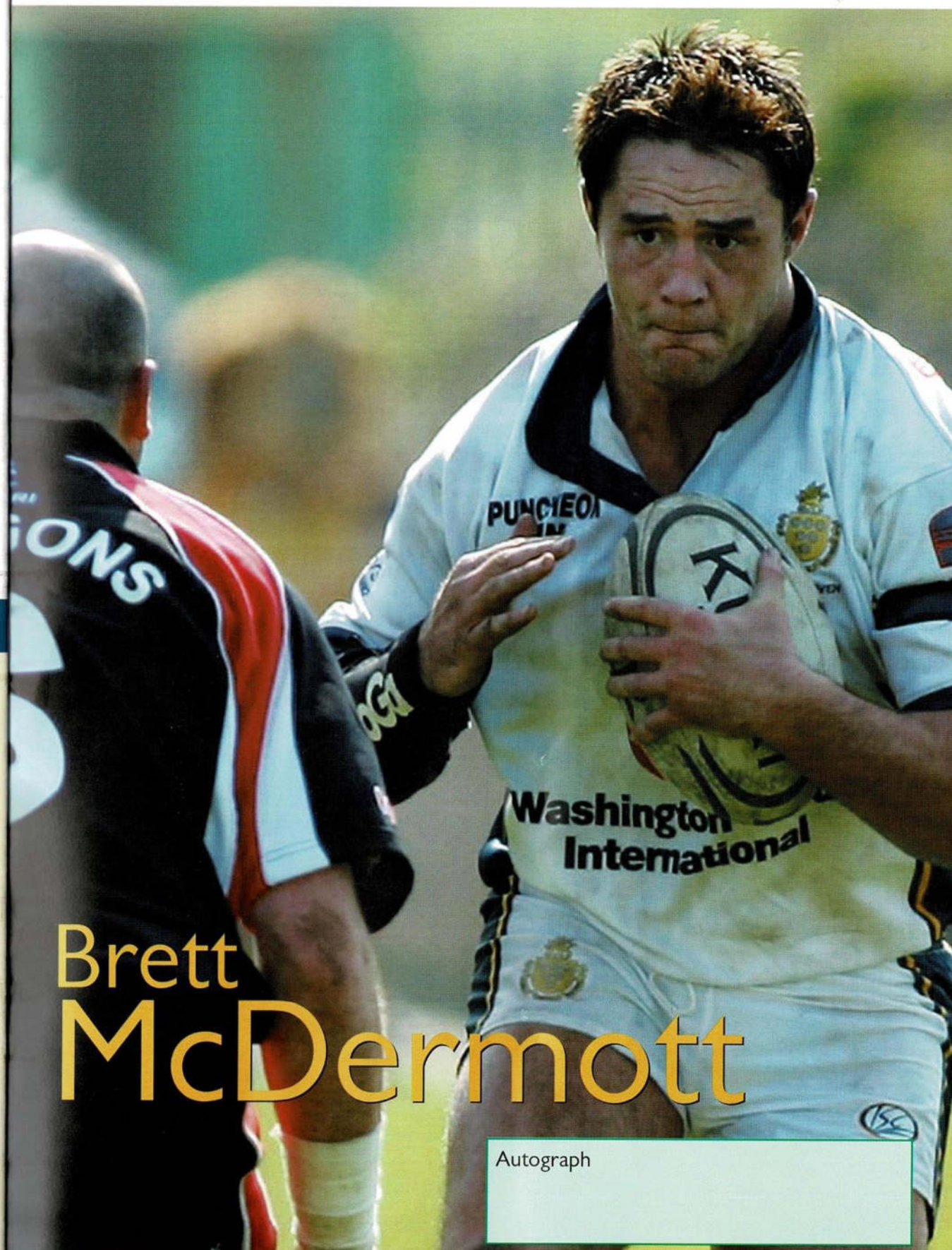
Fact file

- Brett's dad Ged was a former professional footballer with Barrow & Preston North End.
- Brett signed for Barrow when he was 16 yrs of age. He stayed at Craven Park for 7 yrs before joining Workington.
- He played 18 times for Haven in 2004 scoring 5 tries.

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REWARDING TIMES

WITH the end of the campaign drawing close, it's time to turn attentions to the end of season National League awards.

There are no shortage of contenders in both NL1 and NL2.

Who is in pole position for the NL1 Coach of the Year? Castleford boss Dave Woods must be a contender, despite the Tigers, recent lapses. Woods joined an almost entirely new squad, and has gelled them together to become the Minor Premiership favourites.

Whitehaven's Steve McCormack - last year's winner - has maintained the Cumbrians' challenge at the top, and mention must also be made of the likes of Doncaster's St John Ellis, Anthony Farrell of Halifax, and Rochdale player coach Bobbie Goulding.

Hull Kingston Rovers have achieved much this year, though the mid-season departure of Harvey Howard makes it difficult for them to put forward a coaching candidate. But Australian James Webster, a revelation in his spell as caretaker, must be among the favourites for the Player of the Year prize.

Others that could challenge for that award include Andy Raleigh (Hull KR), Andrew Henderson (Castleford), Michael Platt (Castleford), Gary Broadbent (Whitehaven) and Ben Fisher (Halifax) - though it genuinely is wide open at this stage.

Then there is the Young Player award. Halifax's James Haley has been outstanding throughout the year, while Ben Cockayne has burst onto the professional scene at Doncaster. Whitehaven loose forward Carl Rudd has also had an impressive debut campaign, and watch out too for Craig Huby (Castleford), James Garmston (Hull KR) and Michael Shenton (Castleford).

Moving onto NL2, Mick Cook has had a fine start as coach of York City Knights, though he will face challenges from the likes of Andy Kelly (Dewsbury), Ged Stokes (Workington) and Paul Kidd (Swinton).

But in arguably the widest open of all the categories, there are two genuine outsiders. Dean Thomas has worked a minor miracle to turn around Gateshead's fortunes, while Hunslet Hawks have been equally impressive under the guidance of Roy Sampson.

As for NL2 Player of the Year, there are candidates across the competition. Francis Maloney (Dewsbury), George Raynor (Hunslet), Wade Liddell (Gateshead), Ian Watson (Swinton), Wayne English (Swinton) and Jonny Limmer (Workington) are among a host of players that could figure.

York winger Peter Fox, on a season's loan from Leeds, must be a leading contender for the Young Player prize, though again, expect several others to push to prominence. As always, the awards will be voted for by the men who know both competitions best - the coaches in National League One and Two. It will be fascinating to see who emerges as the eventual winners.

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Congratulations to my old friend Billy Fisher on being installed as a member of the Whitehaven club's Hall of Fame. He was added to the ever growing list at a Vice Presidents Evening and I am sure that everyone who saw Billy play will agree that he always gave a top performance and is worthy of inclusion. Billy served us in the 1908s and 1990s after coming off the Kells conveyor belt and still plays rugby I understand, at St Benedict's RUFC. His son plays for our Academy team and will certainly be destined to follow in his fathers footsteps.

Billy now joins an illustrious band that includes Bill Holliday, John McKeown, Dick Huddart and Phil Kitchin - names in opposition to the equally famous Oldham giants of yesteryear like Bernard Ganley, Charlie Winslade, Frank Pitchford and Terry O'Grady. Watersheddings was a formidable place to go but since vacating their home they had used since 1889, life has not been quite the same for Oldham professional RL as they have roamed around of no fixed abode without a place to call their own.

Whether the side I was reporting on or supporting won, lost or drew, Oldham as a whole was always a pleasant and welcoming town with many friends like Ian Bennett and Tom Tyrell at the Oldham Evening Chronicle, the late Chief Inspector Palmer and the late Tom Webb, the rugby league's official historian with what the game was always the main topic of conversation when we met at Co-operative movement meetings.

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Date	Opposition	Comp	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
13 Feb	Workington Town	NRC A	8-28	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	W Wilson	S Wood	S Kirkbride	J Perry	P Davidson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	H Hill	C Walsh	Lie	C McKenry	C See	M Cox
20 Feb	Barrow Raiders	NRC H	44-0	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	D Black	J Leeson	Lie	J Perry	C McKenry	C See	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	H Hill	P Davidson	J Leeson	T Cunningham
27 Feb	Gateshead Thunder	NRC H	42-12	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	D Black	J Leeson	Lie	J Perry	C McKenry	C See	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	A Lester	J Leeson	P Davidson	Crudd	T Cunningham
13 March	Oldham St Ann's - 3rd PCC	A	62-30	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	H Hill	P O'Neil	Lie	J Perry	M Cox	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
20 March	Barrow Raiders	NRC A	42-2	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
25 March	Workington Town	NRC H	58-10	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
28 March	Barrow Raiders	NRC A	24-11	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
3 April	Wigan - 4th	PCC A	4-42	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
6 April	Gateshead Thunder	NRC A	44-4	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
10 April	Halifax RLFC	NRC H	54-18	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
17 April	Featherstone Rovers	NRC A	40-20	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
24 April	Doncaster Dragons	NRC H	20-6	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
15 May	Oldham	NRC A	60-6	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
22 May	Hull Kingston Rovers	NRC H	51-0	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
29 May	Rochdale Hornets QF	NRC H	28-22	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
5 June	Castleford Tigers	NRC A	42-24	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
12 June	Barley Bulldogs	NRC A	18-8	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
19 June	Castleford Tigers	NRC A	42-14	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
26 June	Rochdale Hornets	NRC H	32-16	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
3 July	Barrow Raiders	NRC H	56-6	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
10 July	Halifax RLFC	NRC A	18-60	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
24 July	Featherstone Rovers	NRC H	50-16	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
31 July	Doncaster Dragons	NRC A	30-20	G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
7 Aug	Oldham	NRC H		G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
14 Aug	Castleford Tigers	NRC H		G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
21 Aug	Hull Kingston Rovers	NRC A		G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
27 Aug	PCC - Final	PCC		G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
4 Sept	Barley Bulldogs	NRC H		G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
11 Sept	Rochdale Hornets	NRC A		G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
18 Sept	LHF Play Offs			G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers
27 Sept	LHF Play Offs			G Broadbent	C Cahert	D Seeds	M Napien	J Marshall	Lie	J Perry	M Jackson	A Lester	D Feabida	B McDermott	S Miller	C Walsh	Lie	P Davidson	Crudd	A Summers