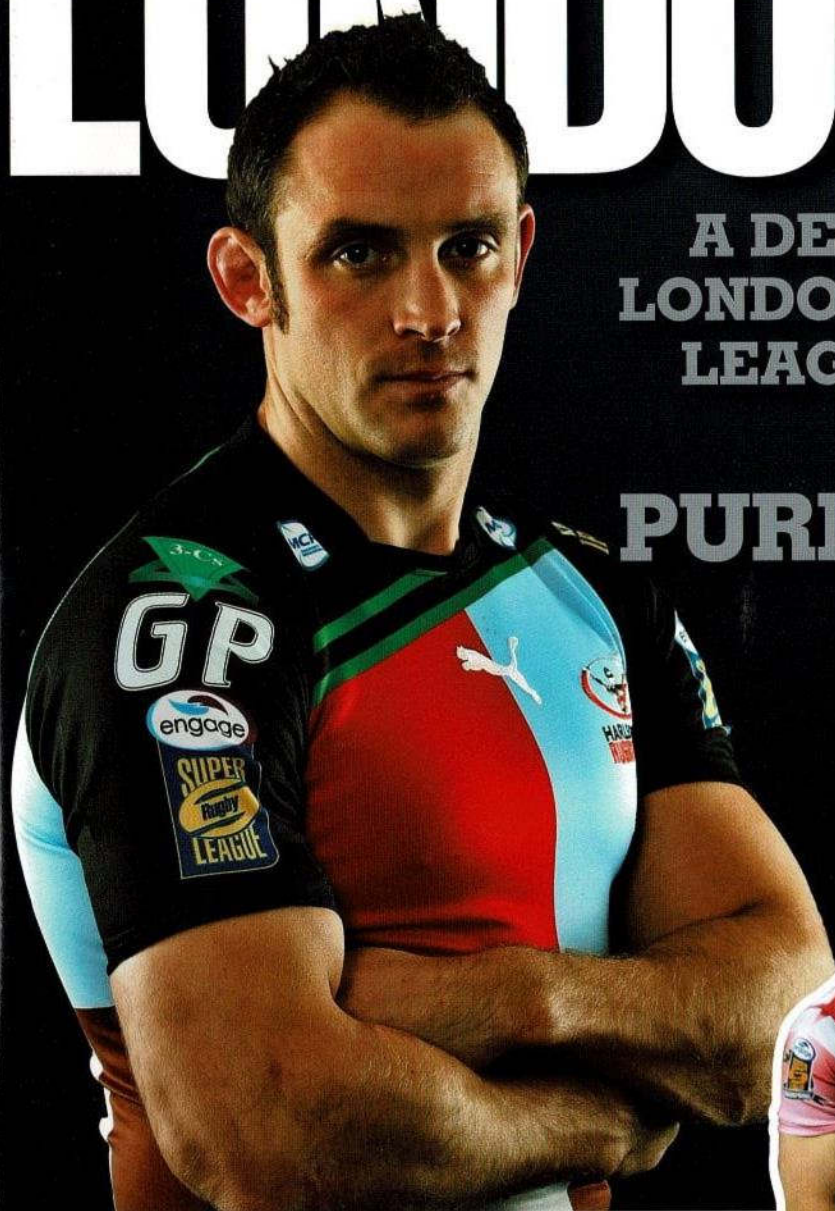


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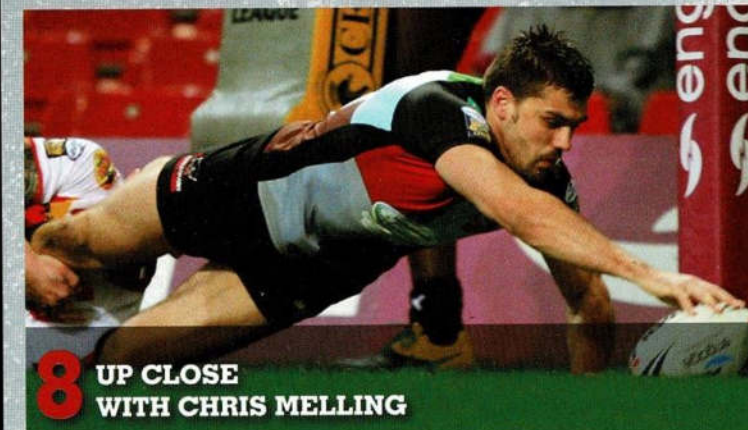
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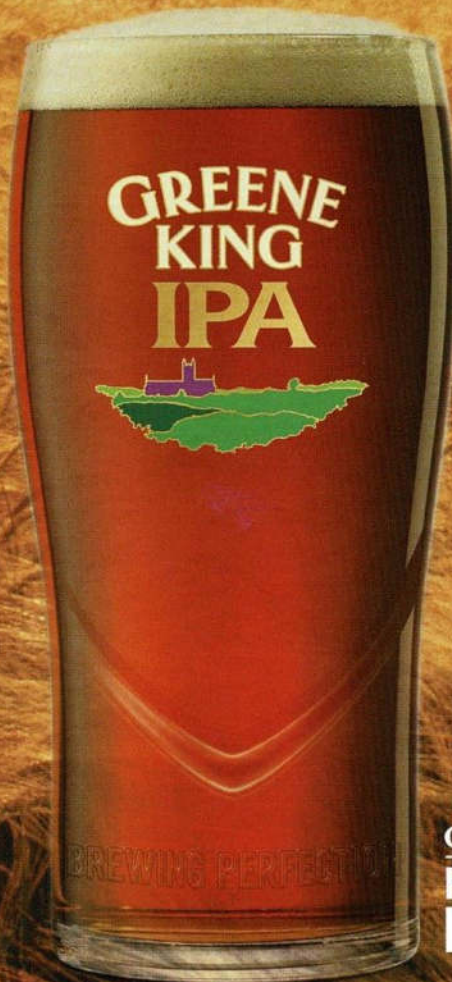
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STRAIGHT

DAVID HUGHES, HARLEQUINS RUGBY LEAGUE, CHAIRMAN

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE FROM WIGAN WARRIORS AND OUR SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS. I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO WELCOME LONDON SKOLARS AND OLDHAM WHO ARE PART OF TODAY'S DOUBLE-HEADER. SKOLARS' CLUB CHAIRMAN HECTOR MCNEIL AND HIS TEAM ARE, LIKE US, FLYING THE FLAG FOR LONDON RUGBY LEAGUE, SO IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE THEM AT THE STOOP.

We suffered a tough defeat at the Willows on our last outing but there are real positives to be taken out of the performance. Salford have been playing well and we were without a number of key players through injury, including Chad Randall, Luke Dorn and Chris Melling. But the boys that did play played well and with a bit of luck could have snatched a win.

I was particularly pleased with the performance of young Dan Sarginson. Dan's only 18 and has just finished his A level exams. He hasn't trained regularly with the squad and came in to make his Super League debut out of position at left centre, yet he certainly made his mark scoring two of our three tries.

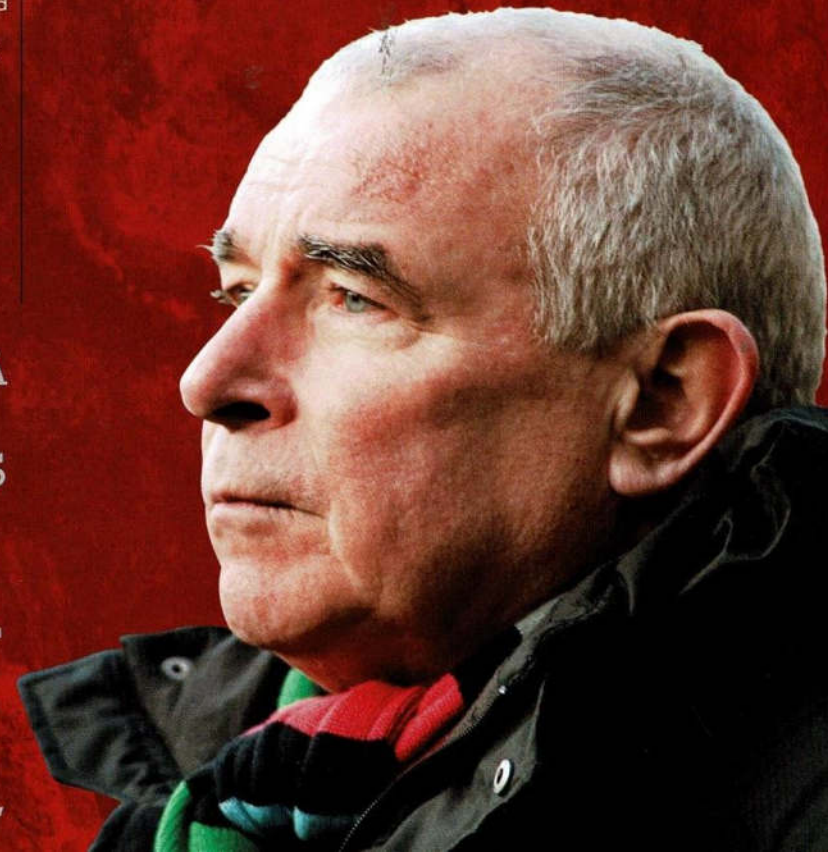
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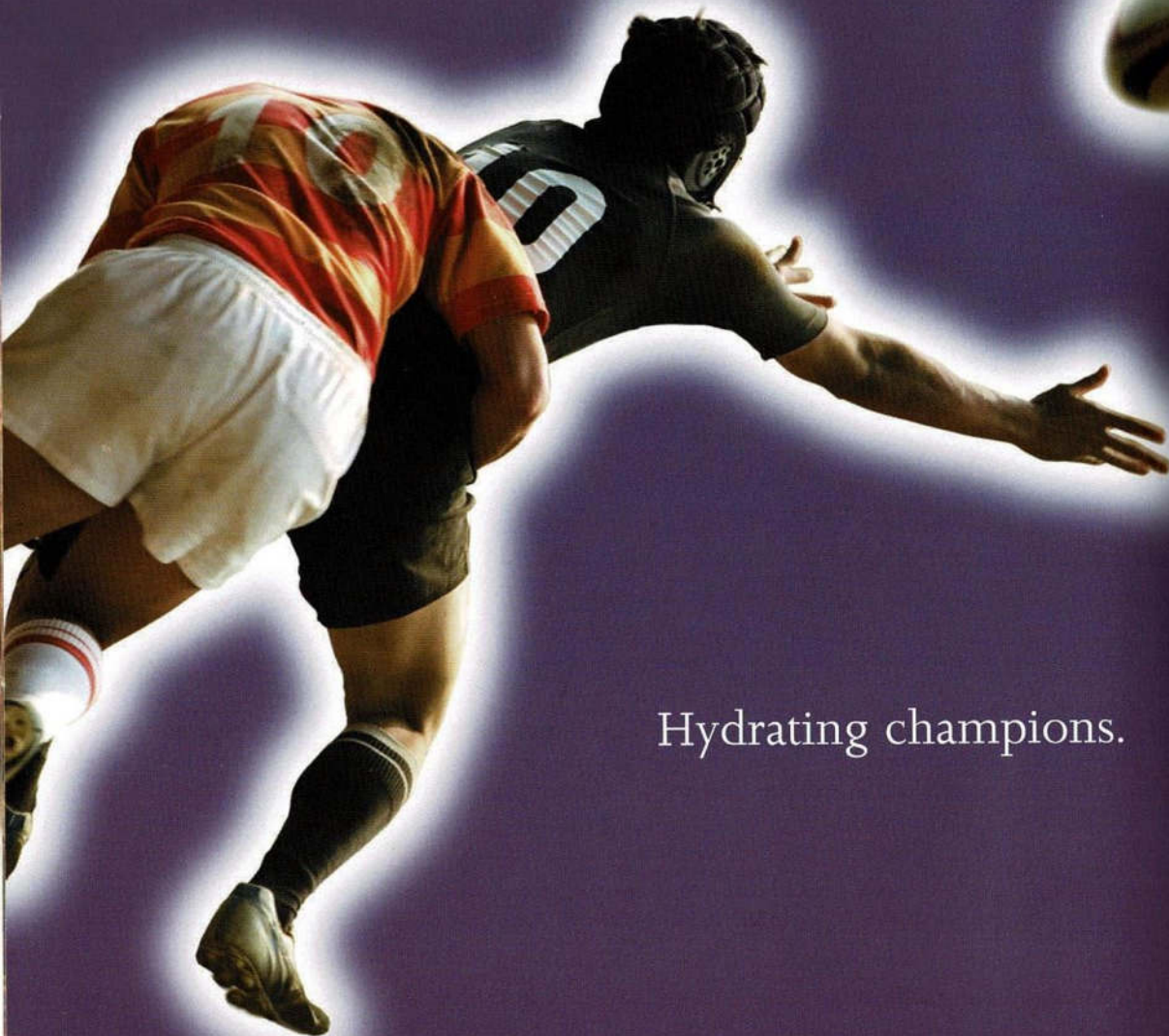
His first was a superb effort, cutting inside from a Kyle Briggs pass and then he got on the end of Luke Gale grubber for his second. Just imagine what he'll be like after a full off-season with the senior squad? It bodes well for the future.

Today's opponents Wigan, the current Super League champions, are once again flying high at the top of the competition. They come here having played Castleford Tigers on Wednesday evening, so it will be interesting to see how they back up. It's a sharp turn round and that should definitely work in our favour.

Finally, a word about our captain Rob Purdham. It's his testimonial match today and there's a lot happening around the ground relating to that, so I hope you will support this great servant to London rugby league.

Enjoy the game





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COACH APPROACH

ROB POWELL LOOKS FORWARD TO TODAY'S CLASH WITH WIGAN WARRIORS

I would like to welcome everyone associated with Wigan for our game at The Stoop today. Michael Maguire's team have led the way again in many areas this year especially with their mental resilience in their attitude towards defence and it will be a massive test for us. I would also like to thank Wigan for their support this year over the loans of Karl Pryce and, earlier in the season, Joe Mellor

The last two weeks have been particularly frustrating for us. Although it appeared to be a blow out score against Hull KR, we matched them in most departments. We were better than the 10-0 half time score line suggests and statistically it was a couple of missed tackles at crucial times that were the difference in the end. It shows just how fine the line is at this level and you get punished if you aren't clinical enough when you get opportunities.

It was a massive effort at Salford on Friday. We only had one quota player out there and a young team filled with Londoners came within four minutes of causing a real upset. It was fantastic individual effort by 18-year-old Dan Sarginson on debut who scored two brilliant tries.

It gives us massive belief for the future that we are able to produce our own players who can compete and excel in Super League. It's been a real learning curve for our side this season and the experiences of the games we have lost will be valuable learning tools as we develop as a team. When we learn to show more composure and develop more resolve, recognise situations and be able to

back it up, we will become a difficult team to beat

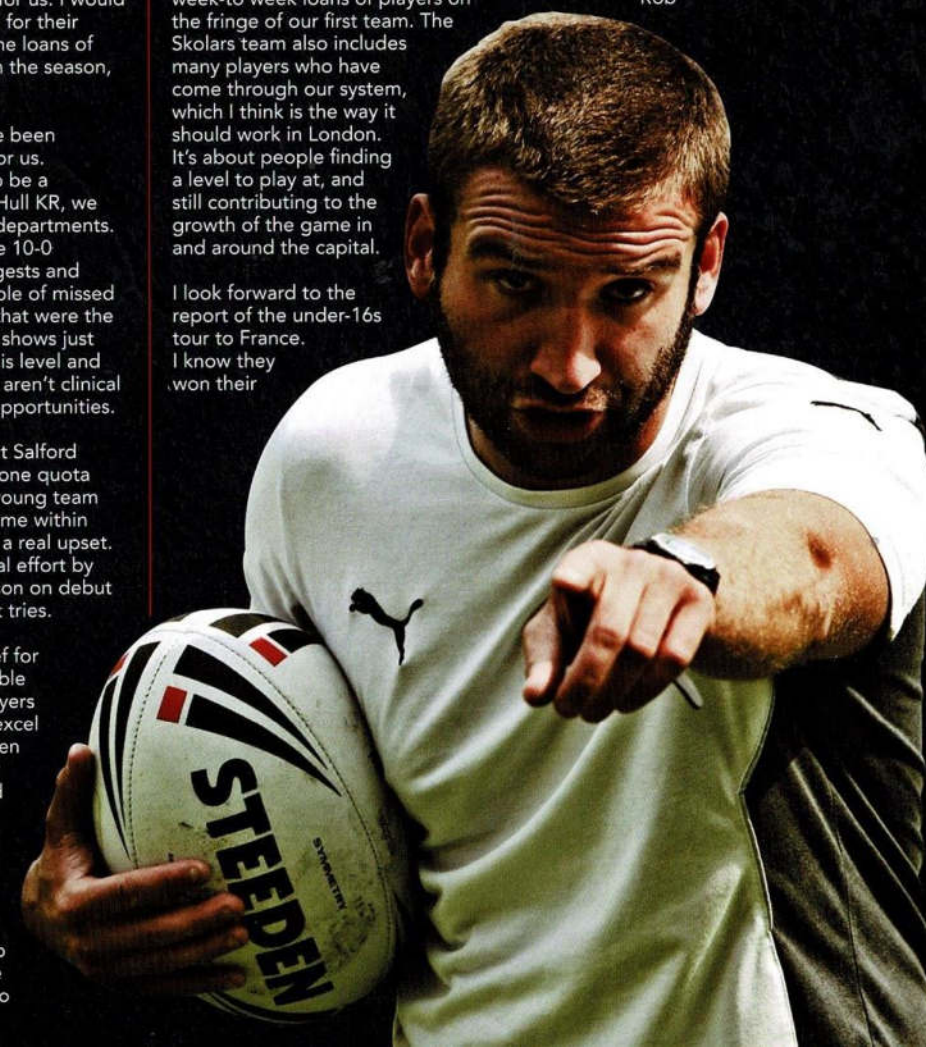
It's a big day at The Stoop with an opportunity to watch London Skolars play today. We have maintained our relationship with Skolars this year with week-to-week loans of players on the fringe of our first team. The Skolars team also includes many players who have come through our system, which I think is the way it should work in London. It's about people finding a level to play at, and still contributing to the growth of the game in and around the capital.

I look forward to the report of the under-16s tour to France. I know they won their

first game and will learn lots and gain valuable experience under the guidance of Phil Jones and Martin Coyd.

Hope you enjoy the game.

Rob



B CLOSE WITH

CHRIS MELLING

by David Lawrenson

THE GAMES AGAINST WIGAN ARE ALWAYS A BIT SPECIAL FOR CHRIS MELLING. THE HARLEQUINS WING WAS BORN IN THE TOWN OF ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD IN THE BOROUGH OF WIGAN AND AS A YOUNGSTER HE WAS A BIG WARRIORS FAN.

Fulfilling a boyhood dream, he signed for them as a teenager, came up through the ranks and subsequently made 13 appearances for the first team before moving to London in 2007. Now in his fifth season with Harlequins, he is one of the club's seasoned professionals but whenever he comes up against his former club there's an extra bit of motivation.

"The last couple of games we've played against them haven't been the greatest," admits Chris. "When we played them earlier in the season, we performed in the second half but not in the first."

"Wigan have been on top form and are top of the league so we need to be at our best. But I always want to get one over on them, so there will be a lot on this game and I'll be hoping for a good win."

Chris played his junior rugby with local team the Ashton Bears and then moved to Hindley before joining the Wigan Academy. He toured Australia and New Zealand with England Under-16s in 2001 and also played for the England Under-18s Academy.

"I was a massive Wigan fan," says Chris. I started watching them at Central Park and when I started training there I'd be meeting up with legends like Neil Cowie and Gary Connolly. It was a childhood dream to play for them."

Chris made his debut for the Warriors in 2004 at the JJB Stadium, coming off the bench against Salford and slotting in on



IN ACTION FOR QUINS THIS SEASON

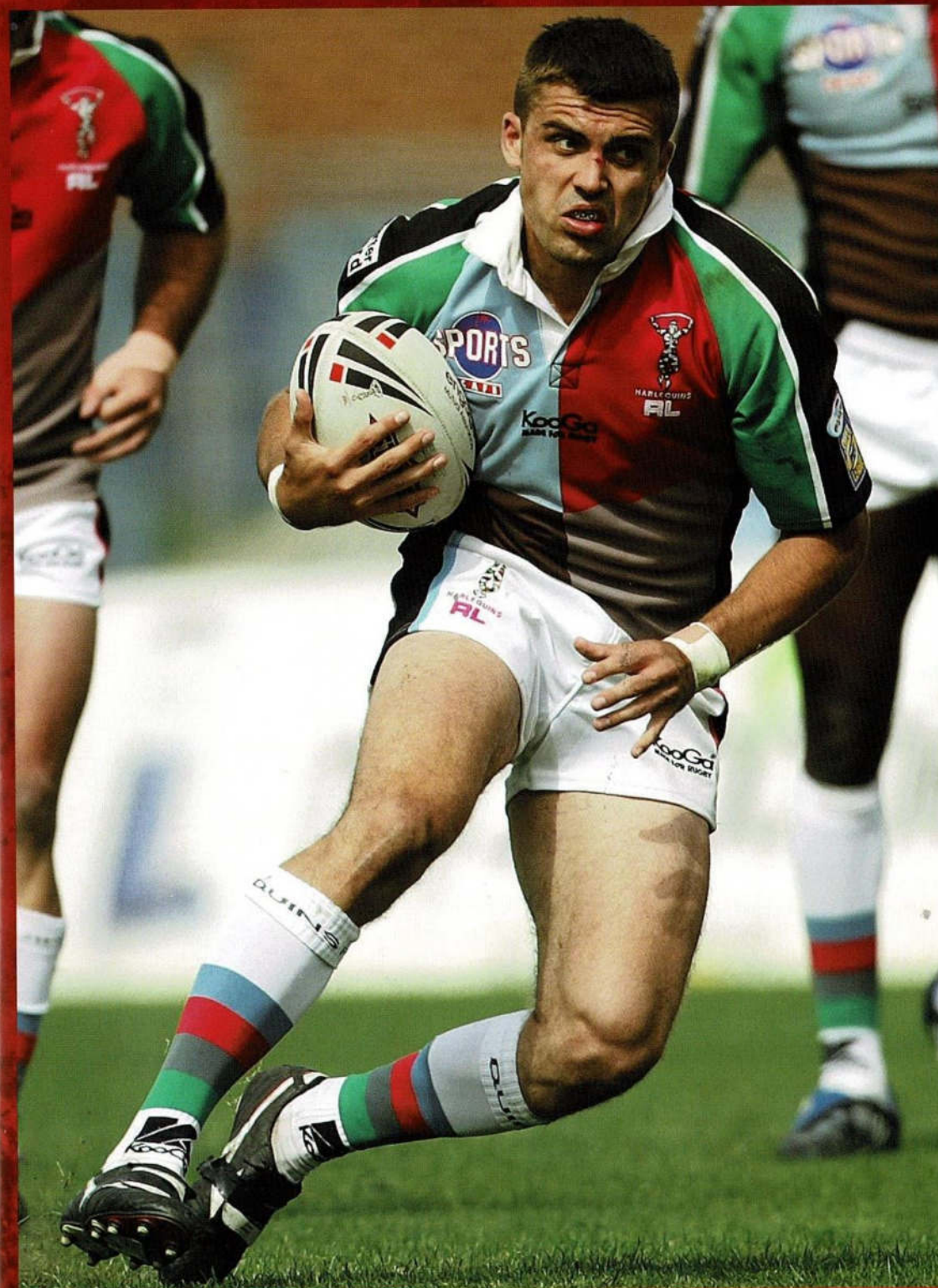
The following week he played against Limoux in the Challenge Cup, scoring a try and kicking 10 goals out of 10 attempts. However, in his third game against Leeds at Headingley, Chris lasted just 30 seconds following a cruciate ligament injury.

He was out for around a year but looking back, Chris reckons it was something of a blessing in disguise. "I think I had just started my second year at university, I was doing a degree in physiotherapy at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston."

"I was able to get on with my studies and didn't have the demands of getting to games. I spent a lot of hours in the library and in the rehab room in

"Doing a university course while I was at Wigan were the craziest three years. I was trying to be part of the first team, train as and when I could I'd be doing a weights session at 6 o'clock in the morning, then travelling up to university, doing a full day there, then coming back to do extras or skills or whatever."

"It was a pretty intense course, then every so often we'd have a placement in a hospital or a clinic. If I had a Friday night game I had to ask for the afternoon off – we weren't super stars, so it was a case of asking the educator politely. A couple of them ended up coming along to some games. It was a tough three years but I'm qualified now."



"SOMETIMES IT'S A CASE OF GETTING THE BALL, TUCKING IT UNDER YOUR ARM AND SETTING OFF LIKE A BULLET."

Having got back to full fitness after the injury, Chris found it difficult to get back into first team contention at Wigan and through a spate of injuries, he found himself playing hooker in the under-20s.

"It was probably the best season I'd had and ended up as Player of the Year, but not many clubs were looking for a hooker. I met up with Macca (Brian McDermott) and Tony Rea in a seedy café in Tesco's prior to one of their games up North. They said, 'we'll sign you as a hooker but you've got the opportunity to play in the outside backs if the opportunity arises'.

"So I came down as a hooker, Chad (Randal) had signed 12 months before. Mark McLinden then got injured before the start of the season and Macca wanted me to play full back in the Capital Challenge at the New River Stadium.

"I ended up playing there for the majority of the year. I think I've only played about 60 minutes in total at hooker the whole time I've been down here."

As with all northerners, it's a big step coming to London and Chris had just got engaged to Ruth before he signed a 12-month contract with Quins. "At first, I was going to come down on my own and just see how it goes but we'd both finished university, she didn't have a job she was fully committed to and thought it was as good an opportunity for her as it was for me.

"I thought, 'we've got no ties up north so let's jump in with both feet, eyes closed,' and I've loved every minute. It's had its ups and downs but over the last five years we've started a family down here and fortunately it's worked out, we both enjoy it."

Chris believes that the London club fosters a very special atmosphere among the players and it's something which helped when he first moved to the capital. "I think the fact that regardless of where you come from, down here everyone is in a similar position and you end up having your own community.

"That, for me, was really good and being part of it for the first 12 months made the whole thing a lot more enjoyable."

And for those who think that playing for Harlequins takes a player off the radar as far as international honours are concerned, Chris is proof that this is not the case. One of the highlights of his time with Quins was being selected at full back for Great Britain to face France at Headingley in June, 2007.

"I never expected it, I just put my head down and got on with things. We won 42-14 but the downside was that I picked up an injury and was unable to play for the next eight to nine months."

When asked to name a memorable game in a Quins shirt, it's not surprising that Chris comes up with the 38-26 victory at Wigan last season, one of the biggest upsets in Super League!

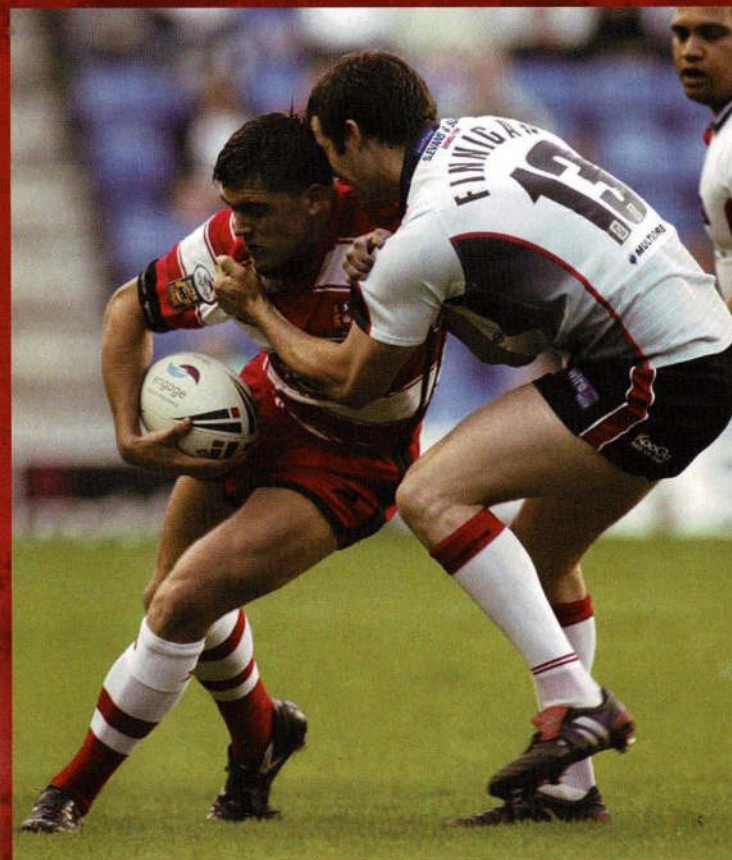
He recalls: "We were getting beat 24-6 at half time and went in with our heads down. But we hadn't made any ridiculous errors, there had been a couple of missed tackles and we conceded a couple of poor tries.

"But we felt if we cut out the errors and controlled the ball a bit better, we'd give ourselves an opportunity to get back into the game. We went out there with no fear in the second half and did a job. It was close but we ended up scoring late on and took the victory."

However, at the final whistle, for a split second he had mixed emotions, particularly as many of his family still support the Warriors. "I'd disappointed a bit of family and knowing what the atmosphere would be like in the home changing room you feel for them a little bit.

"It was my home town club so you always want to get one over on them and to prove a point and I was a Harlequins player and we'd won! We'd been written us off at half time and the excitement and atmosphere in our dressing room afterwards was unreal."

Chris reveals that the underdog mentality is something which runs through the team and gives them extra motivation "No one gives you a chance and that is a big motivation for a lot of people – we haven't got a big fan base and a lot of backing – all those sorts of things. On paper you haven't got a cat in hell's chance but that gives a lot of people inspiration and motivation.



FULFILLING A BOYHOOD DREAM IN WIGAN'S COLOURS

"We're not a team that runs from the front and continues to run, we battle. I do quite like that but sometimes I would prefer us to be a team that takes a little bit of an advantage and is clinical."

The 26-year-old is probably viewed as an out and out winger these days but he still classes himself as a utility player and although it can have its drawbacks, he's happy with the tag.

"I've never pigeonholed myself in a certain position, some will see this as my downfall. It does get frustrating, but on the plus side I'm usually pencilled in somewhere because I offer quite a lot to the team. I'm not the biggest but I'm not the smallest either and I'd like to think I can match it with anyone.

"The way we've played this year, early on we rely on our back three to get in there and do some work. You effectively become one position, which is good. I think the way the game is now, you do need to be able to switch

and change between positions quite often. You get back rows and centres switching, as well as full backs and wingers, hookers and loose forwards. Because of the intensity of the game, quite a lot of players don't end up playing 80 minutes each week.

"That can be a positive for me as I offer different positions. I might start on the wing but if we get an injury or players are struggling I can fill in. That gives the coaches options."

Once upon a time wingers just stayed out by the touchline and rarely ventured inside, but that's all changed. They have to return kicks from deep and try to win as much territory as possible and also give the forwards a breather by taking the ball up early in sets, often near their own line.

"When you're deep in your own half or on your goal line and you look up and it's 100 metres to get to the opposition try line, sometimes they're not the nicest carries. The objective is to get as many yards as you can. It's

a case of getting the ball, tucking it under your arm and setting off like a bullet, finding the floor and getting a good play-the-ball."

There have been a lot of tough carries in a tough season and after that good start, the long run without a win has been frustrating for all concerned. "The lack of consistency is disappointing," he says. "We started well and in our first four or five games, hadn't conceded many points and scored quite a few. Everyone knew what they were doing, then we lost a few players through injury and haven't been able to put those consistent performances together.

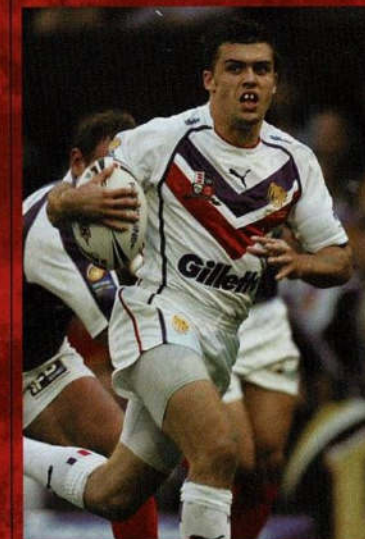
"We're still immature as a club and as a team. We need to be able to develop the skills to switch on and be ruthless.

"We had a good win recently against Wakefield and are hopefully beginning to turn it around. We've done it for five and 10 minute spells in games, we just need to do it for 80 minutes."

A career as a physiotherapist is an option for Chris when he eventually hangs up his boots and keeps his hand in by working with the Quins Under-15s and Under-16s. "I physio with them occasionally and help out a little bit with the coaching. I would like to do a lot more but it's on the back burner at the moment. With two girls and the team, there's not many free hours!"



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2	Wigan	19	13	3	3	544	309	29
3	Huddersfield	20	14	0	6	547	348	28
4	St Helens	20	11	3	6	544	413	25
5	Catalan Dragons	20	12	1	7	493	433	25
6	Leeds	20	10	1	9	516	467	21
7	Castleford	19	9	2	8	486	524	20
8	Hull	20	9	1	10	490	425	19
9	Salford	20	9	0	11	430	561	18
10	Hull K R	20	8	0	12	514	546	16
11	Bradford	20	7	2	11	416	584	16
12	Harlequins	20	5	1	14	400	674	11
13	Wakefield	20	6	0	14	347	645	8
14	Crusaders	20	4	0	16	374	627	4

*Table correct as at July 4th

Round 21 Fixtures

Friday 8th July

Hull v Salford

Warrington v Huddersfield

Saturday 9th July

Crusaders v Hull K R

Harlequins RL v Wigan

Sunday 10th July

Castleford v Bradford

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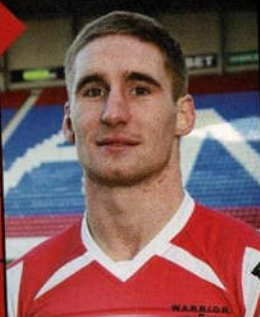
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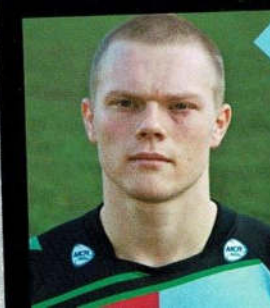
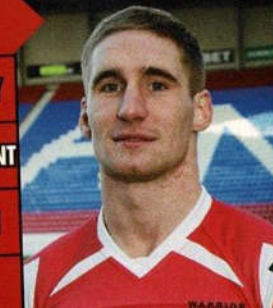
WIGAN WARRIORS

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	TONY CLUBB	289	310	THOMAS LEULUAI	
	CHAD RANDALL	284	264	SEAN O'LOUGHLIN	
	J O'CALLAGHAN	277	258	RYAN HOFFMAN	
	ANDY ELLIS	264	258	MIKE MCILORUM	

TOTAL METRES

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WIGAN WARRIORS

	J O'CALLAGHAN	2,240	2,686	SAM TOMKINS	
	TONY CLUBB	1,914	1,899	JOSH CHARNLEY	
	CHRIS MELLING	1,757	1,870	GEORGE CARMONT	
	ANDY ELLIS	1,698	1,769	RYAN HOFFMAN	
	OLIVER WILKES	1,516	1,785	JEFF LIMA	

TOTAL OFFLOADS

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WIGAN WARRIORS

	CHRIS BAILEY	53	22	GEORGE CARMONT	
	TONY CLUBB	17	19	JOEL TOMKINS	
	ANDY ELLIS	12	18	RYAN HOFFMAN	
	KARL TEMATA	11	14	SAM TOMKINS	
	OLIVER WILKES	11	12	BRETT FINCH	

TOTAL TACKLES

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WIGAN WARRIORS

	ANDY ELLIS	690	587	SEAN O'LOUGHLIN	
	CHRIS BAILEY	524	517	MIKE MCILORUM	
	CHAD RANDALL	469	500	RYAN HOFFMAN	
	OLIVER WILKES	466	495	LEE MOSSOP	
	DANNY WARD	452	426	HARRISON HANSEN	

TOTAL TACKLE BUSTS

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WIGAN WARRIORS

	TONY CLUBB	46	108	SAM TOMKINS	
	KARL PRYCE	41	47	JOSH CHARNLEY	
	J O'CALLAGHAN	50	37	GEORGE CARMONT	
	LUKE DORN	26	34	JOEL TOMKINS	
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NEWS FROM THE TEAM

Wilkes' Wit

Fifty one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army. On his first day in basic training the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair.

On his second day, the Army issued Herman with a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth out.

On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.



XIII QUESTIONS ANDY ELLIS

Best room mate? Luke Dorn

Worst room mate? Ben Bolger

Biggest joker? Ollie Wilkes

Worst dresser? Luke Gale

Longest in front of the mirror? Myself

Job if not a RL player? Fireman

Favourite away ground?
Keepmoat Stadium, Doncaster

Pre-match ritual? A visit to the toilet

Most relaxed player before a match? Karl Tamata

Most nervous player before a match? Ollie Wilkes

Favourite sport to watch? Football

Favourite sport to play (other than RL)? Squash

What do you spend the most money on? The missus

Favourite leisure activity?
Anything really, cinema, coffee...



What's cooking?

Eight of the younger players went to St Mary's University at Strawberry Hill to take part in a cooking and nutrition workshop with one of their sports nutritionists, Gill Horgan. They were put into three groups and each made different things.... watch out for a recipe next week!



NEWS ROOM

THIS WEEK'S NEWS ROUND UP



HAVE YOUR SAY

You may have heard or read about a possible change to the name and/or location of Harlequins RL.

There are exciting times ahead for the club and as loyal, committed supporters we want you to help shape that future. Therefore we have commissioned a survey on a crucial aspect of that future and would value your input.

Please take two minutes to participate in this very short survey of a number of questions on a variety of topics. It is important to get your views and rest assured we will consider the results very carefully before making any changes to the club.

You can find a link to the survey on the club website on the article "Have Your Say".

Or visit this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MMR76LK>



SCHOLARSHIP BOYS PASS FIRST FRENCH TEST

The Harlequins RL Scholarship Under-16s made a winning start on their Catalans Tour. They took on Ambition Dragons XIII at Pia on Tuesday and after a tough first half led 4-0.

However they stepped things up after the interval and tries from Lawrence Chittil, Charlie Lawrence, Kieron Morgan and Kane Alboni saw them run out 22-6 winners. "It was a great performance particularly in defence," said Martin Coyd who is coaching the squad alongside Harlequins RL Head of Youth Phil Jones.

They are due to play the Dragons Academy on July 10th at 2.40pm at Stade Gilbert Brutus, Perpignan kick off 2.40pm. Their final match is against a Pyrenees-Orientale Select XIII at Pia on July 13th kick off 7pm.



TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR

We are delighted that Clarksons are sponsoring this afternoon's match against the Wigan Warriors.

The company is the world's leading integrated shipping services group and have been supporting Harlequins RL for the past five years.

ROB PURDHAM'S TESTIMONIAL DAY

The Harlequins RL skipper Rob Purdham is in his testimonial year having played rugby league in the capital for a decade. Today is his Testimonial Day and there are plenty of activities taking place.

These include:

- Bidding for rugby league experiences including a chance to attend the Challenge Cup final and Man Of Steel awards with Rob
- Q & A with Rob
- Official testimonial memorabilia available including testimonial shirts

Please give generously, as profits will go toward supporting Rob's chosen charities: Help A Capital Child, Cancer Research UK, Cumbria Community Foundation and TryAssist.

AN INVITATION...

...to BBC London 94.9's special London Rugby League LIVE programme.

The week before the Super League licence decision, BBC London's weekly rugby league show will host an hour-long discussion, looking at the impact of the pending RFL announcement on rugby league in the capital.

"London Rugby League LIVE" will be presented in front of a live audience from a venue overlooking the London skyline – the backdrop of the London RL badge.

Guests from Harlequins Rugby League and London Skolars have already been confirmed. It's hoped all aspects of rugby league teams in London and the south will be in attendance – from fans and players to coaches and organisers. Fans of other Super League or rugby league clubs are also invited to attend and give their views. The programme will be broadcast live between 9pm and 10pm on Wednesday, July 20th, from the second floor of "Doggetts Coat and Badge", on London's Southbank by Blackfriars Bridge.

If you'd like to attend the programme you're asked to arrive by 8.30pm. The wearing of club colours is encouraged. The bar will be open until 11pm. All are welcome.

For any more information email london.sport@bbc.co.uk

INFORMATION Doggetts Coat and Badge, 1 Blackfriars Bridge, SE1 9UD. Tubes: Waterloo, Southwark, London Bridge.

BBC London hosts a regular look at the London rugby league scene every Wednesday night on BBC London 94.9FM, at 9pm. The programme is podcast every Thursday morning here <http://bit.ly/LondonRL>. The Super League licences for 2012-2014 will be announced by the RFL on Tuesday July 26th, 2011.

JETS GIRLS JUST MISS OUT

The West London Jets were invited to Castleford last weekend to compete in the Girls 'Champion of Champions' festival. The club took a full complement of teams including under-12s, under-14s and under-16s to tackle the winners of each regional league in the national competition.

The London guests proved to be a real handful for their northern rivals, playing some champagne rugby league which really got the crowd talking. The under-14s and under-16s pushed their opponents to the limit, playing a very physical down-the-middle style and competing in each game to the final whistle. Unfortunately, neither side were able to make the final but the London girls certainly did the capital proud.

The Jets under-12 team played exceptionally well and stormed through their preliminary matches to take their place in the finals where they met Stanningley RLFC. The Yorkshire outfit were a tough proposition but the Jets were determined not to back down.

It was all square at half time at two tries apiece, however being in a tough contest wasn't unfamiliar territory for the under-12s. Earlier in the season they played the Rival 5 Test series against their local rivals Medway Dragons RLFC and had had to fight to the bitter end in the matches.

The Jets came out in the second half, determined to secure a victory. A tough battle ensued but a couple of late tries from Stanningley put the game just beyond the Jets and they had to content with picking up the runners up medals.

Aran Quinn, the Harlequins Rugby League Development Officer, who founded the West London Jets and is their Director of Coaching said: "The girls put in 100 per cent today and executed the game plan with enthusiasm and passion.

"It's a remarkable achievement for a southern-based club to push a side from the heartlands the way we have today I am so proud of the effort put in by the girls. Each year the Jets are picking up new talent which is a credit to the schools delivery taking place in south west London."

The West London Jets Under-12 team will be competing at the Twickenham Stoop on July 23rd in the final match of the London and the South Rival 5 test series. For more information about the Jets please contact Aran Quinn on aranq@quinsrl.co.uk



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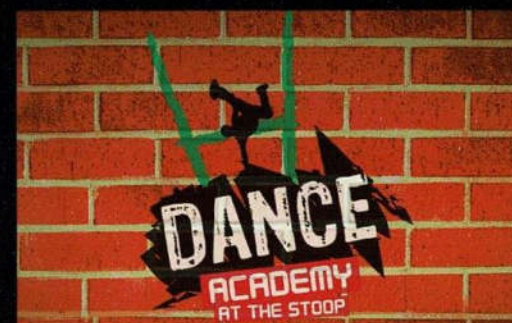


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DANCE ACADEMY



Contact Details: If you have any enquiries regarding classes at the Stoop or if you would like the Academy to deliver within your school or community group please contact Amy Howard on: amyh@quinsrl.co.uk or 0208 410 6069.

NEW TEACHERS JOIN THE DANCE ACADEMY

This term we have had two new teachers join the Dance Academy, teaching our evening classes as well as after school dance classes.

Teacher: Shanique Gentles

What classes have you taught for the Harlequins?

I have been teaching street dance classes at Twickenham Academy and cheerleading classes at Waldegrave School for Girls.

What class do you teach at the Dance Academy?

I teach the Cheerleading Class, which takes place at the Stoop Stadium every Thursday from 5:00-6:00pm.

What dance styles have you trained in and where did you study?

I'm trained in Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Jazz and I have just graduated from Kingston University where I studied dance for three years.

What's your favourite dance style and why?

My favourite styles are Contemporary and Hip Hop, I love the flow of contemporary and then the hardness of hip hop. They are so different from each other but when put together they make a great combination.

What's your favourite music to dance to?

At the moment it's funky house.

What's your favourite dance film?

There are so many but if I had to choose one it would have to be 'Save The Last Dance'.

What's your favourite chocolate bar?

At the moment Aero Caramel.



PEDAL TO PERPIGNAN - AMY'S TRAINING!

The training stepped up a gear at the weekend with our ride to Portsmouth and then back to London, a 140 mile round trip. Three out of four fell off their bikes, mainly because we forgot to unclip from our pedals at traffic lights! Only two weeks left till we leave for Perpignan.

QUINS RL FOUNDATION

PEDAL TO PERPIGNAN

The Foundation team's challenge of cycling 900 miles to Perpignan to raise money for rugby league development in London is almost here. We are at just over 50 per cent of our total and still need your support to reach our target.

All the money raised will support the Harlequins Rugby League Foundation's development programmes, which from September 2011 will expand across London. The development work done by the Foundation is recognised within the game as being at the leading edge of the sport in the south and your support will help us to continue this work.

To make a donation or for more information visit www.pedaltoperpignan.com



HARLEQUINS SUMMER TOUCH RUGBY FESTIVAL

The Foundation will be running its successful annual summer touch rugby festival on Saturday 16th July before the Super League fixture against Warrington Wolves. Touch rugby is a non-contact form of rugby league with seven players per team with no specialist equipment required. Teams are mixed male and female and the emphasis is on fast moving play, high-scoring matches and enjoying the game.

To register a team or for more information contact Development Officer Adam Kyle at: adamk@quinsrl.co.uk for details.

WARBURTONS' MIGHTY QUINS FESTIVAL

Today's double header saw our favourite curtain raiser event of the year played out on the main field; The Mighty Quins festival. Once again this tournament, supported by Warburtons, had all the under-11 players in the London & the South region taking part.

The event is getting bigger year on year, a reflection of the excellent work done behind the scenes by the community clubs in producing quality environments for young people to play rugby league. Thanks to everyone who took part, and don't forget to give the teams a cheer at half time when they parade round the field!

HARD ROCK CAFE JUNIOR LEAGUE ORIGIN SERIES

This time of year sees the Hard Rock Cafe Origin programmes swing into action where the best junior league players north of the river take on their counterparts south of the river at under-12, under-13, under-14, under-15, under-16 and under-18 levels.

This annual series is unique to London rugby league. The WCAM London Junior League regular season had two weekends off to accommodate the Origin series this year and the representative programme gives 250 junior players and 40 community game coaches and managers the opportunity to coach rugby league at representative level.

This series is a recognition of the current form players in each age group. Harlequins RL coaches Darren Pugsley, Adam Kyle and Aran Quinn are all coaching teams in this year's Origin.



MIGHTY MINIS



ELMBRIDGE EAGLES' VICTORIOUS

Mini Rugby league involves the youngest age groups playing rugby league in structured competition, with teams at under-7s, under-9s and under-11s.

Under-7s rugby league is non-contact Tag and is usually played as a four-a-side game on 10 metre fields, with minimal technical rules and the emphasis on fun, involvement and getting every player running with the ball as much as possible.

At under-9s and under-11s, the competitions are still small-sided to encourage maximum involvement of each player but they play full contact rugby league and learn the essential collision skills of safe tackling, protective falling and running with the ball. The minis ethos is about getting children playing the game and enjoying the sport irrespective of position, gender or athletic ability. Boys and girls play together until under-11s, and most clubs have a mix of both in their teams.

The Harlequins RL's Mighty Quins Minis' festival has been around for five years now and is the biggest event in the mini calendar. Supported for the last two years by Warburtons, its success has led the WCAM London Mini, Junior & Youth League to introduce a new calendar for Mini rugby league in 2011 based around four major competitions including today's Mighty Quins festival. The season runs from

Easter to September and in between the four major festivals, which this year are at Elmburidge, Brentwood, Mighty Quins and Surrey Sports Park, the teams play weekly smaller round-robin competitions and have training weekends.

This year 10 clubs across London and the south have run mini rugby league teams at some or all of the age groups and the competition season is the longest and most popular it's ever been. Most clubs see their minis as the most important people at the club; if a club's under-7s are strong, with lots of players and good coaches, those players will stay with the club through the age groups and become lifetime rugby league players.

To get involved with Mini rugby league or to find out your nearest club, email andrewf@quinsrl.co.uk or visit the London Junior League website at <http://londonryl.pitchero.com/>



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WELCOME FROM BUCK AND DUSTY



Welcome to the Twickenham Stoop today to watch Harlequins Rugby League take on Wigan Warriors.

The players are glad to be back at the Stoop for two weeks running and welcome the London Skolars here to play on the pitch after Harlequins RL! We also welcome all of the minis teams taking part in the Warburtons Mighty Quins Festival this morning.

Make sure you pop in to the Kids Zone today to get your face painted, play on the inflatables and meet the players at 2:30pm. Bring something for them to sign, or there will be plenty of posters available.

We'll be around the ground showing our support today so come and sell hello if you see us!!

COME ON QUINS RL!

Player Cards

Cut out and collect one player every match!

NICK KOUPARITSAS



Position: Second row/hooker

Date of Birth: 26/02/84

Height: 1.84m

Weight: 103kg

Birth Place: Canberra, Australia

MATCHDAY MASCOTS

We've got two mascots today!

REECE ROOCROFT from Wigan, who will be 11 tomorrow, is a big Wigan fan and loves rugby league. He says: "It's a great physical game, with big hits, hard drives and some great tries." His favourite player is Wigan centre George Carmont.



JACK WHALLEY, who is four (five in October) first started watching rugby league when he used to go and see his dad play for Egremont Rangers RLFC in Cumbria. Jack loves the tackles and likes to watch Harlequins when he can. His favourite player is Rob Purdham.



BIRTHDAY GIRL

Happy birthday to RUBY NOLLER, who is 14 today. Ruby and her family sponsor Chris Melling. Have a great day Ruby!



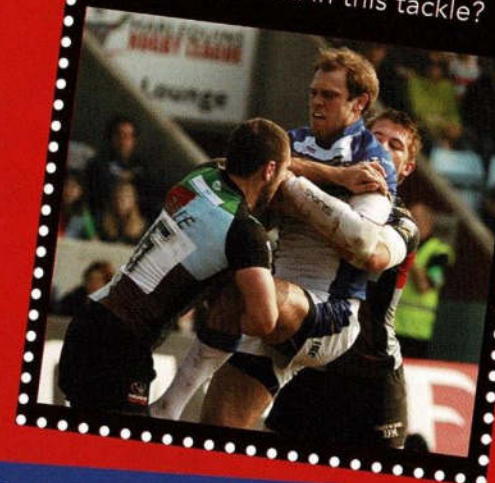
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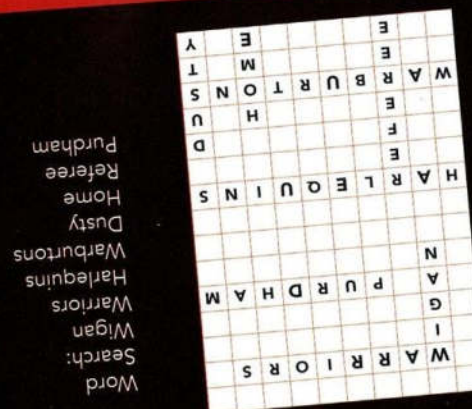
Can you name the two Quins RL players involved in this tackle?



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Guess who? Luke Gale and Andy Ellis

ANSWERS!

Find Buck & Dusty!

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ROB PURDHAM Q&A

How important is the testimonial for you particularly being the first London player play for 10 years in the capital? (Jon Wells testimonial was awarded for services to rugby league)
It is a big personal achievement for me to get my testimonial playing in London. To be the first one ever makes all the hard work seem worthwhile.

How difficult has it been organising events around rehab, training, playing? It is very difficult trying to organise events but lucky for me I have a great committee who take care of most things but it makes me realise how much work other people are putting in for me.

It's great to have today as your testimonial day but what other events can people look forward to during your testimonial?
We have a race night planned and a dinner which should all be great events. We also have a testimonial game that we're planning at the moment and we'll release details as soon as it's all finalised. We've already

had the golf day down here in the south and that was well attended by fans, sponsors and some of the first team and staff.

And you're donating to four charities, (Cancer Research, RFL Benevolent Fund, Cumbria Community Foundation, Help a Capital Child) is donating to charities important to you?
All the charities have affected my life in one way or another and it's my time to try and give a little back.

How can people get involved in your testimonial?
People can attend our events, check website for details, along with buying our merchandise like the testimonial shirt, t-shirt, photos, wine and wristbands with all money going to the testimonial fund and towards the chosen charities.

How tough has it been having won early games and then going on such a long losing run?
It is very hard. We had a pretty good start to the season then got a

thumping by Warrington and after that it seemed the harder we tried the further we got from a result. As always we will never give in and fight to the end.

Being injured for a number of games and not being about to help out on field must have been tough?
That is the most frustrating part of sport because you know the lads are trying out there and you can't affect the game that you get paid for.

What's your thoughts on the name change idea? Would you like to see a return to London Broncos?
I am not really bothered what name it is, I'll play 100 per cent whatever the name, but I do know a lot of people relate to London Broncos as rugby league in London.

Visit Rob's website at www.robertpurdham.co.uk to find out about his testimonial year.



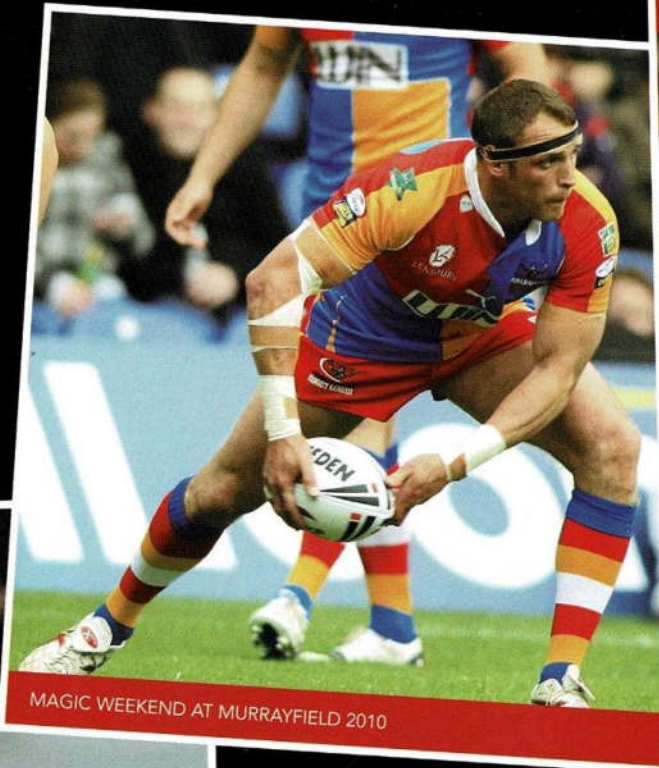
CAUGHT IN TIME

ROB PURDHAM

To mark Rob Purdham's Testimonial Match we present a snapshot of the Harlequins skipper in action over the last decade.



ROB IN ACTION FOR CUMBRIA V ENGLAND IN THE GARRY PURDHAM MEMORIAL MATCH AT WHITEHAVEN IN OCTOBER 2010



MAGIC WEEKEND AT MURRAYFIELD 2010



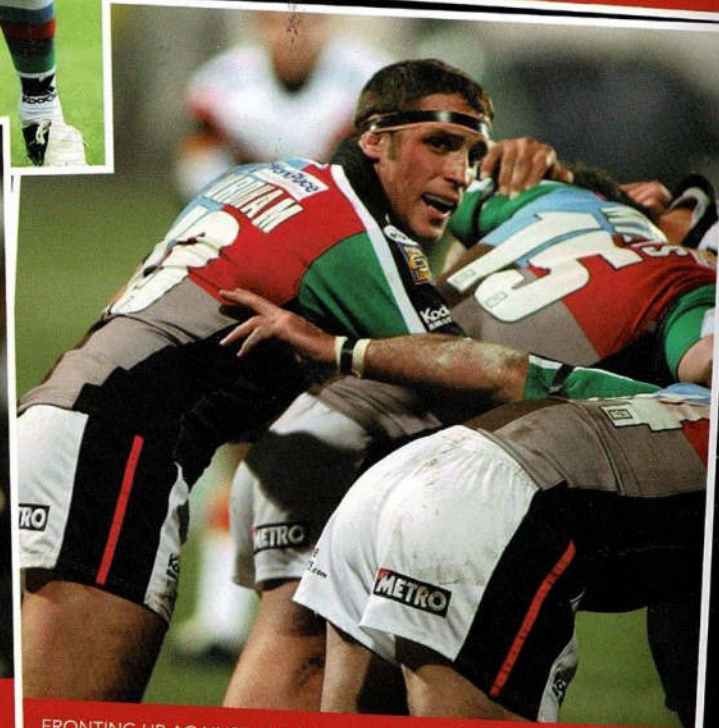
IN ACTION AGAINST WIGAN 2007



TAKING ON THE SALFORD CITY REDS IN 2009



PLAYING FOR ENGLAND AGAINST NEW ZEALAND IN THE 2008 WORLD CUP



FRONTING UP AGAINST THE BRADFORD BULLS 2005

DREAM TEAM

BY ROB PURDHAM

1. Mark McLinden – The most skilful player that has played for the club but still a few sandwiches short of a picnic!
2. Paul Sykes – Great goal kicker and very aggressive
3. Nigel Roy – Solid, never seemed to have a poor game
4. Tony Martin – Skilful, quick and very good at reading a game
5. Richie Barnett – He seemed like he was hovering over the grass when he ran
6. Jim Dymock – Very talented rugby player who knew how to do it tough
7. Dennis Moran – Could score a try out of nothing
8. Rusty Bawden – For a man who could drink his self to sleep he could play a bit aswell
9. Chad Randall – Mr. Harlequin, gives everything every time he plays and loves rugby league
10. Solomon Haumono – The Hit Man, strong fast and could throw them if need be!
11. Lee Hopkins – 80 min backrower who knew where the try line was
12. Steele Retchless – A tireless worker who never missed training or a game (a true great)
13. Billy Peden – He would try and beat whatever you put in front of him

INTERCHANGE:

14. Luke Dorn – Great try scorer with very quick feet. (deep pockets and short arms)
15. Danny Williams – A very tough man who brought a bit of steel to a team (the funniest man I have ever played with)
16. Danny Ward – He does what it says on the tin (and not a tin of fosters Danny)
17. Karl Temata – He is so laid back he is nearly horizontal

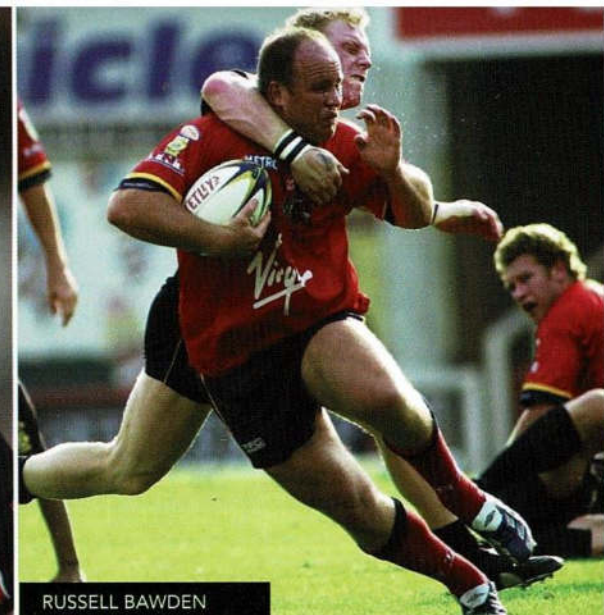
Kit man – Steve Magee. Just does his job to the best of his ability every day.

Team Manager – Dom Fenton. Gets a lot of stick but from the players but has stood the test of time.

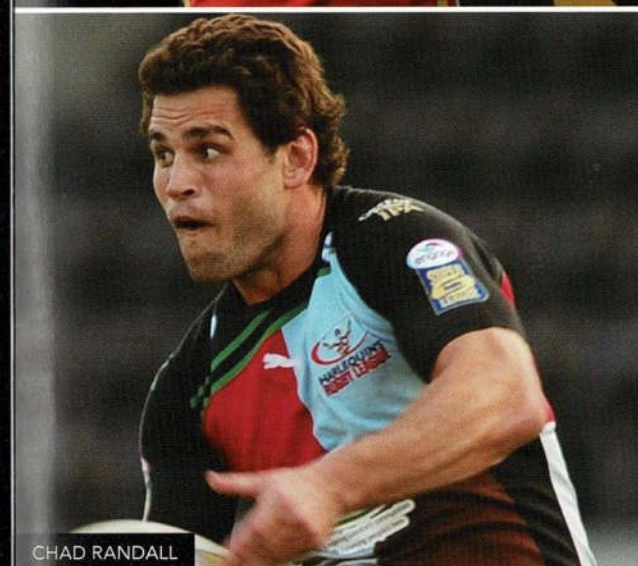
Owner – Dave Hughes, without him they wouldn't be top flight rugby league in London ,simple.



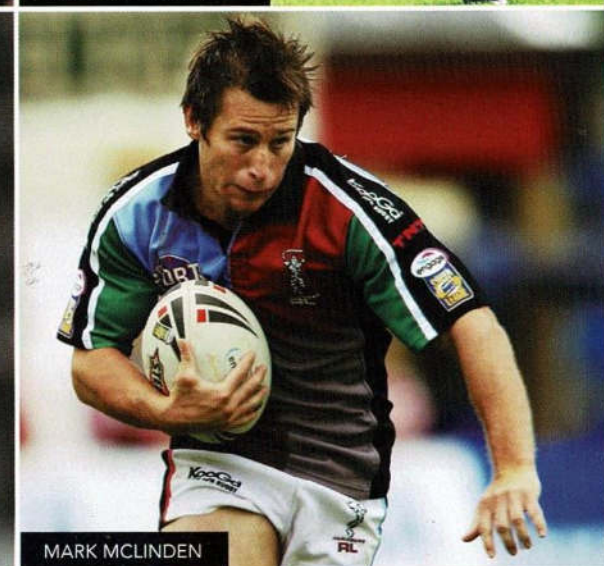
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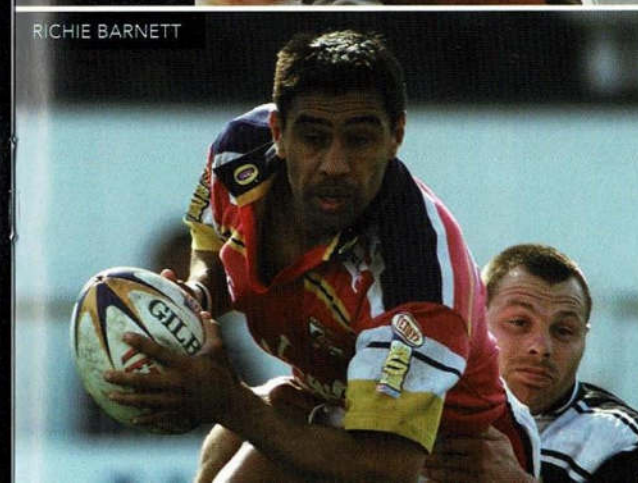
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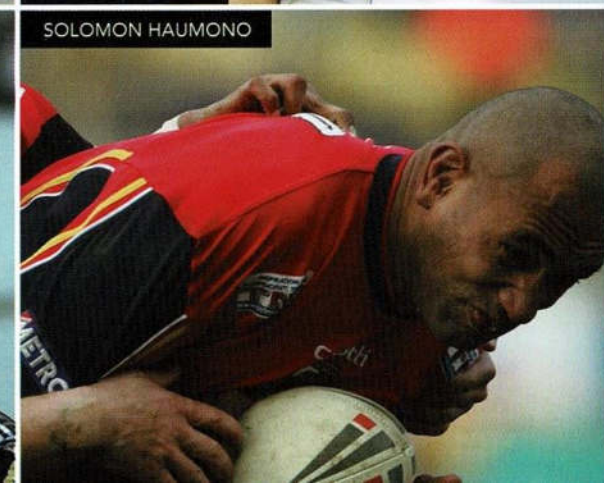
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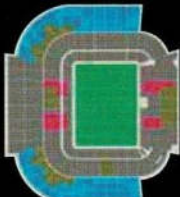
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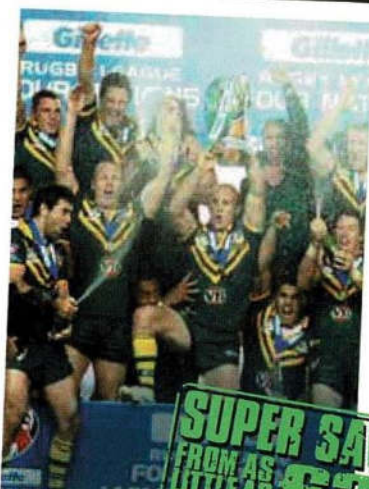
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(left and right, respectively in the image).

These two shirts complete the RL clothing range for the 2011 season. The Heritage design draws from the popular Broncos' colours from the club's history, while the hooped design utilises the current training palette of black and red. Both designs are made from a substantial 100 per cent cotton fabric and are available in all sizes for £30 each.

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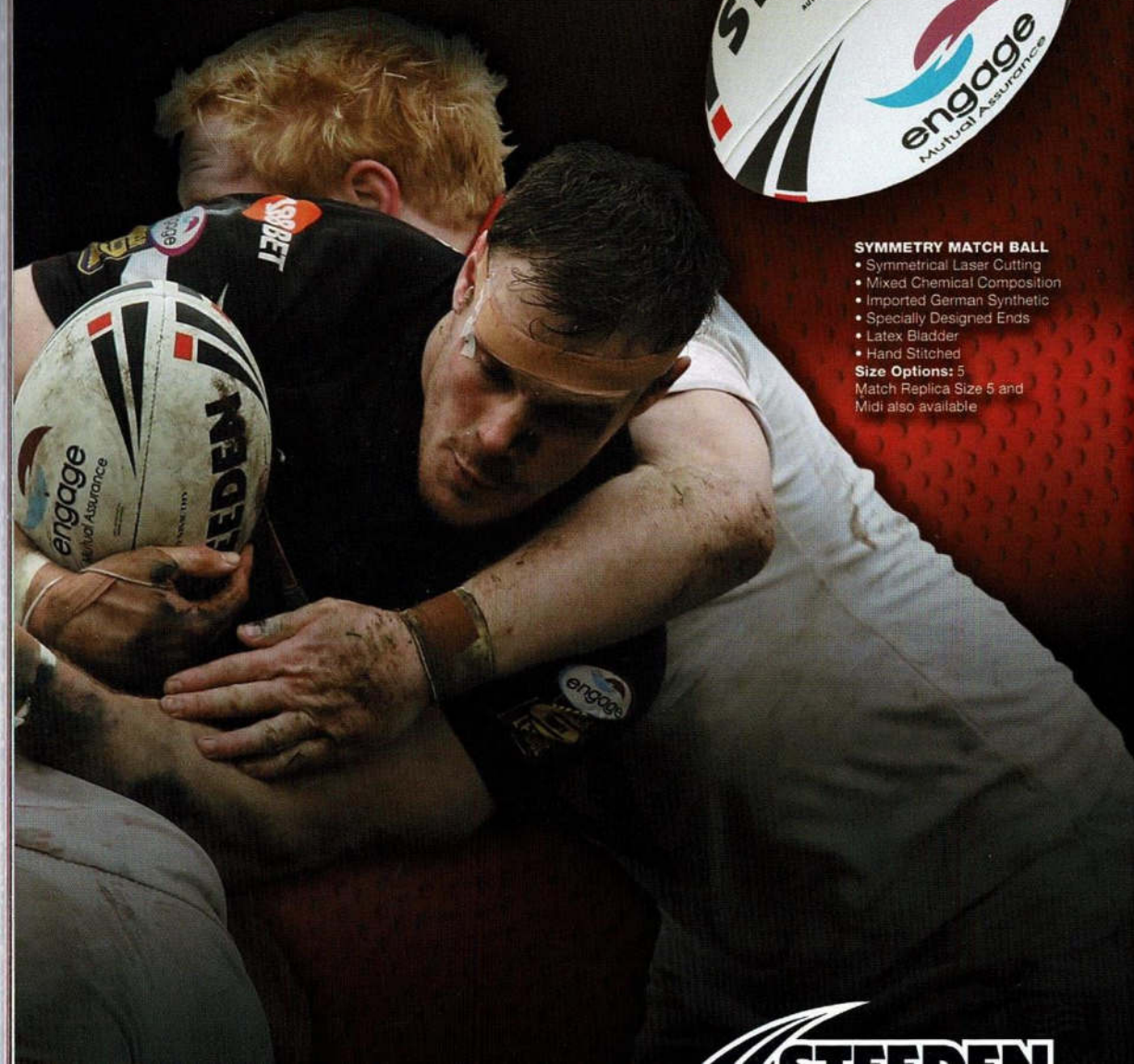
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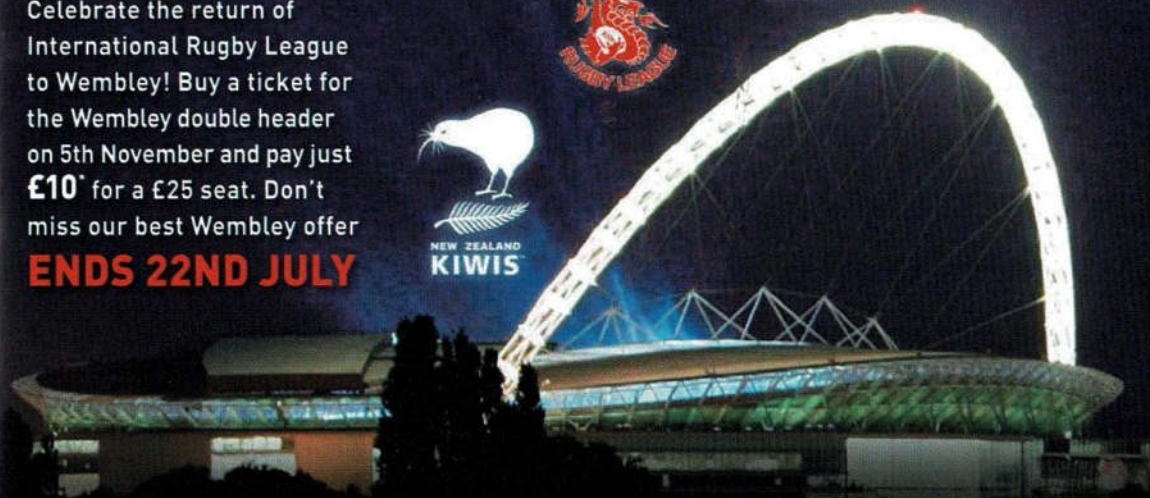
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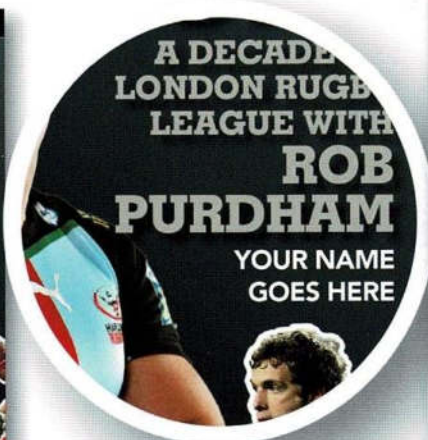
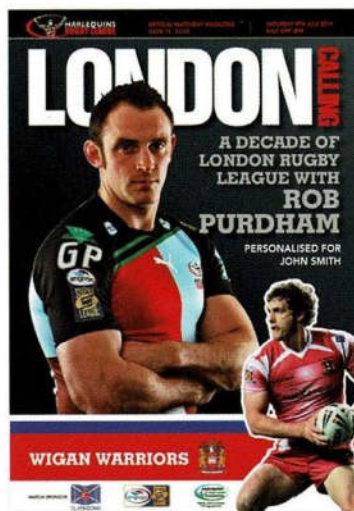


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THREE SUPER LEAGUE CLUBS – HARLEQUINS RL, WAKEFIELD, AND THE CRUSADERS RL – ARE OUT OF THE RUNNING FOR THIS SEASON'S PLAY-OFFS. QUINS AND WAKEFIELD COULD MATHEMATICALLY STILL MAKE IT, BUT EVEN THE MATHEMATICAL OPTION IS NOW DENIED TO THE CRUSADERS, WHO HAVE NEVER REALLY RECOVERED FROM THE FOUR-POINT DEDUCTION THEY SUFFERED FOR GOING INTO ADMINISTRATION BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON.

With seven Super League games remaining, all three clubs are now at the stage where planning for next season becomes even more important than anything else that will happen during this season.

There is, of course, the added complication of the clubs not being sure that they will be in Super League in 2012. Fortunately on 26th July, the RFL is due to announce its decision on which teams will comprise the Super League competition for the next three seasons.

With Widnes Vikings already having been told that they will be in the competition from next season, I sincerely hope that the governing body will announce that Super League will have 15 clubs in it next

season, although I suspect that it will stick with 14.

I can hardly begin to imagine the damage that exclusion from Super League will cause to the club that gets kicked out, but I'm sure I'll be writing about that in a separate article before the end of this month.

Meanwhile, I would like to make a plea to the RFL on another issue, which is a recurring theme. Why must clubs wait until September 1st before officially being allowed to negotiate with players who are coming out of contract at other clubs?

Apart from being totally unrealistic, that deadline is universally ignored by our clubs. So, you might say, 'what's the problem?' given that no one pays any attention to the rule in the first place.

Well, there are a couple of problems. First of all, clubs may agree new contracts with players who are currently on other clubs' books. But those contracts are not valid until they are registered with a club on or after September 1st.

Therefore there is always the hidden danger for a player that he may sign a contract in July, but then suffer an injury in August and his 'new' club can renege on the contract he has

signed by refusing to lodge it with the RFL, leaving the player in no man's land.

Secondly, when clubs like the Crusaders, Harlequins and Wakefield are planning for next season, they need to be able to make announcements about their recruits in order to fire up their supporters for next season. The blow of not making the play-offs for these three clubs would be softened if they were able to tell their supporters about some of the players they have lined up for next season.

Unfortunately, they are only able to do that with news of signings they have made from the NRL, where the September 1st deadline doesn't apply. I don't know why we have this rule, and it is surely about time to get rid of it.

Apart from anything else, I think it is unethical to try to stop players planning for their future by testing themselves in the market. I am sure that the Rugby League Players Association would like to take action on this issue, and I hope they do.

In the meantime, I hope the fans of all three clubs continue to give their support for the remainder of what has been a difficult season for all of them.

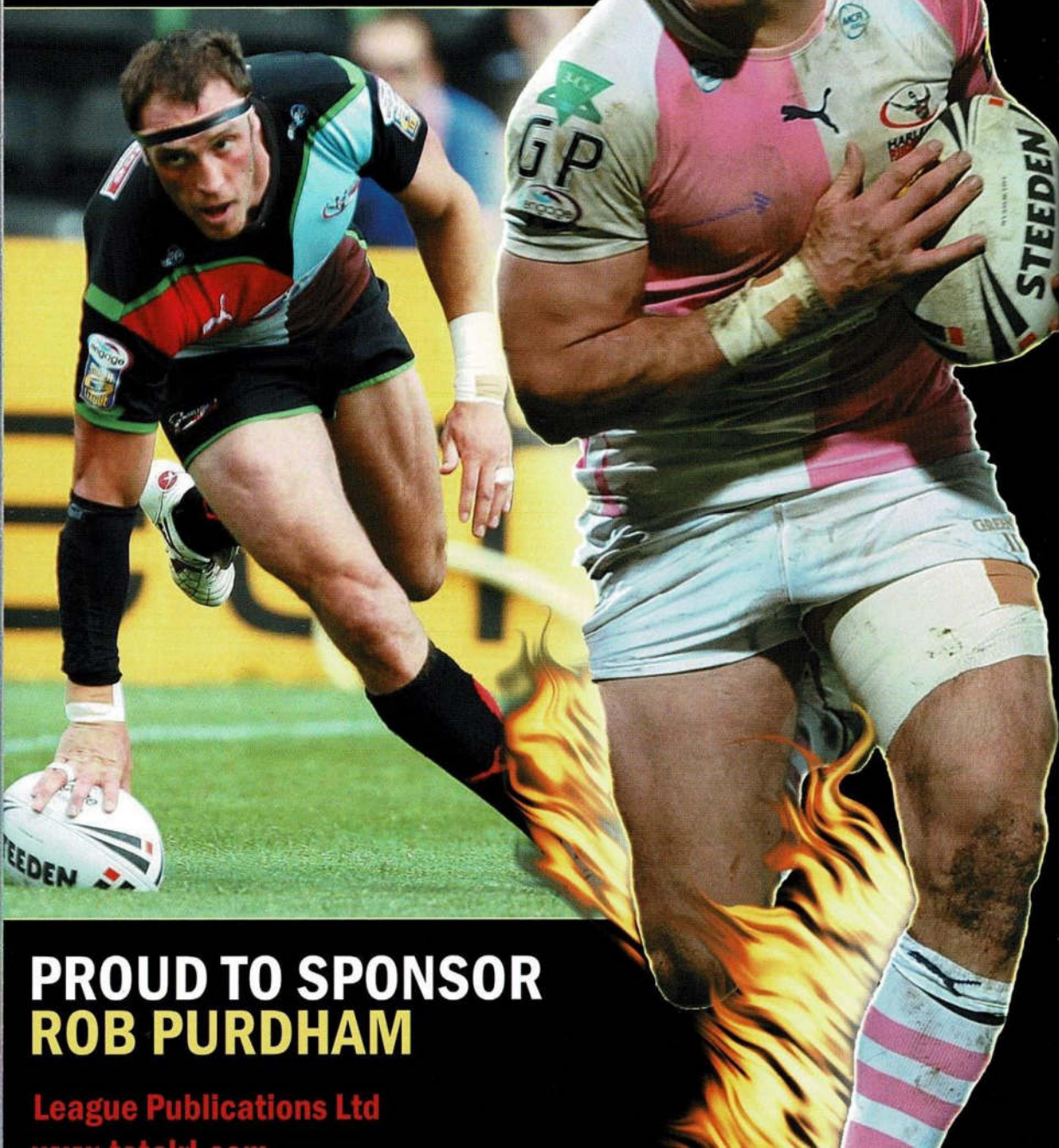
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RUGBY LEAGUE RULES

A BEGINNERS GUIDE

THE IDEA

To score more points than your opponent.

THE MATCH

A game lasts 80 minutes, comprising of two halves of 40 minutes each. Professional games are controlled by time-keepers who sound a siren to tell the referee when the correct amount of time has expired.

THE SCORE

By touching the ball over your opponent's line you score a try, which is worth four points. You can then add another two points if your kicker kicks the ball between the posts for what is known as a

conversion. There are two other ways to score. Firstly, you can kick a penalty that is awarded after a player has been penalised for breaking rules such as being offside, or misbehaving – this is worth two points. And secondly, if you can kick the ball between the posts after bouncing it onto the ground during play, you collect one point. This is known as a field goal or a drop goal.

THE TEAMS

There are two teams both made up of 13 players, comprising of: a fullback; two wings (one on either side of the field); two centres; two half-backs – one called a stand-off and the other a scrum half; and then six forwards: two props and a hooker in the front row, two in the

second row and a loose forward at the back of the pack. Each team can have four subs who can be interchanged with any member of the team up to 12 times.

THE PRESSURE

Each team in possession is allowed to keep the ball for six tackles. When a tackle is completed the ball carrier stands up and propels the ball back along the ground to a supporting player – this is called a 'play-the-ball'. If the team in possession is still carrying the ball after six tackles are completed, they have to hand the ball over to their opponents. Many teams elect to kick the ball after the fifth tackle in an attempt to gain as much ground as possible.



SCRUM DOWN



PENALTY



TRY



GOAL



PLAY ON (WAVE ARMS ACROSS CHEST)



TACKLE COUNT
WIPED CLEAN

PASSING

The ball is passed between players in a backwards or level direction. You can pass the ball until a player is tackled in possession.

MATCH OFFICIALS

There is one referee in charge of the game, who can send players off for foul play and counts the tackles in each six-tackle spell. He is assisted by two touch judges, and, if the game is not televised, an in-goal judge is situated at each end of the ground. Televised games also have a video referee.

SCRUMMAGES

Six-man scrums in Rugby League are a way of restarting the game and making 12 men out of the way of the back division players.

OFFSIDE

In Rugby League, you are offside if you interfere with the game after being in front of one of your own team when he kicks the ball in open play, or if you stray too quickly between the ten-metre-gap maintained between the two teams at a play-the-ball.

OTHER THINGS

You will sometimes hear fans talk about a '40-20'. That is when a player kicks the ball out of play in his opponent's 20-metre area from within his own 40-metre zone. This gives his team the advantage of putting the ball into the scrum where the ball bounced over the touchline. A 'goal line drop out' is a drop kick taken from under your own posts if you've been forced to touch the ball down in your own in-goal area, or put the ball out of play from behind the posts.



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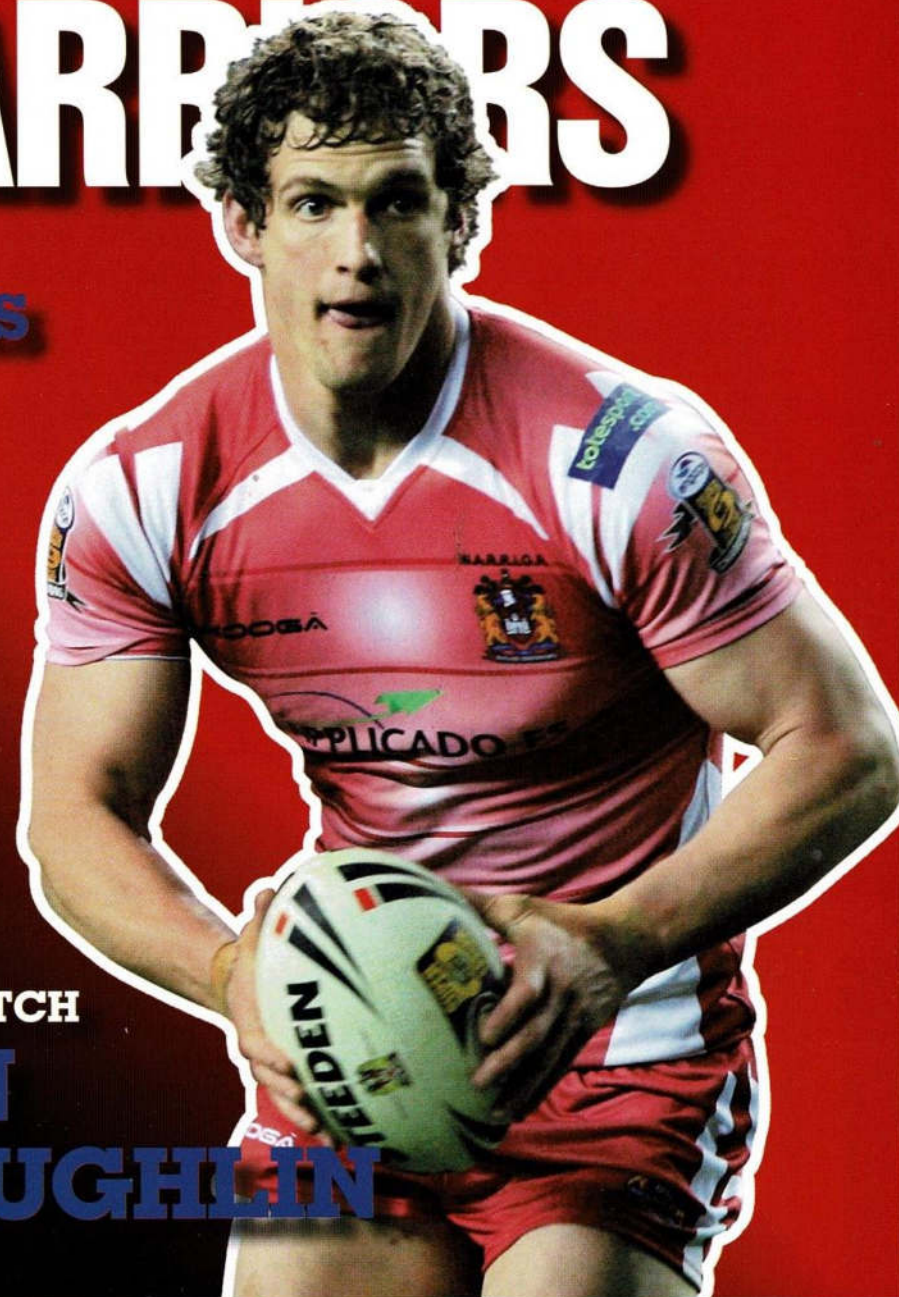
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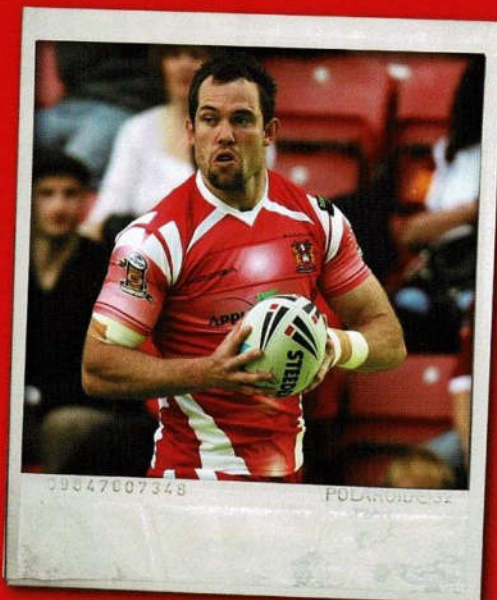
ONES TO WATCH

PAT RICHARDS

The winger's return from the injury he sustained in last year's Grand Final has given the Warriors a huge boost. Last season was an astonishing one for the Irish international who is equally at home on the wing – where he also won a Grand Final ring with Wests Tigers in 2005 – or full back.

An ever-present last season, he was the game's joint top try scorer with 32, landed a season's best 167 goals and amassed 462 points. Richards picked up the Man of Steel and Rugby League Writers' awards for his exploits, along with a host of club accolades.

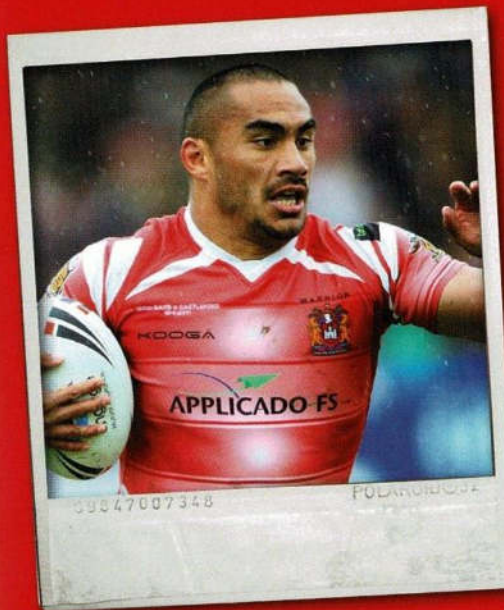
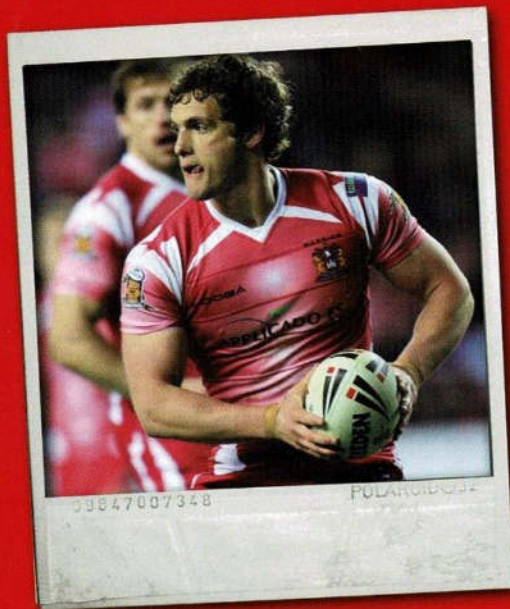
He has committed himself to the club for another two seasons and was selected for the Exiles in their recent game against England along with teammates George Carmont and Thomas Leuluai.



SEAN O'LOUGHLIN

Skipper Sean O'Loughlin is regarded, as one of the most respected and consistent performers in the competition. He was again the side's top tackler last season with 783 and is a leading contender for this year's Man of Steel.

Debuting in 2002, he is the club's longest serving player. A member of the senior leadership group last season, he has been given the captain's armband this time around. His influence has proved hugely beneficial to a raft of top young talent coming through the Wigan ranks.

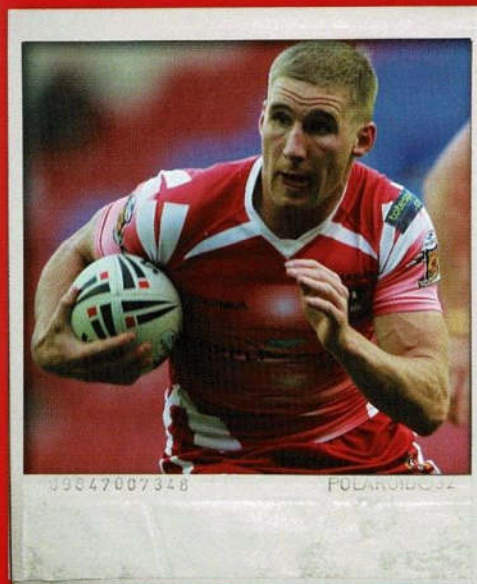
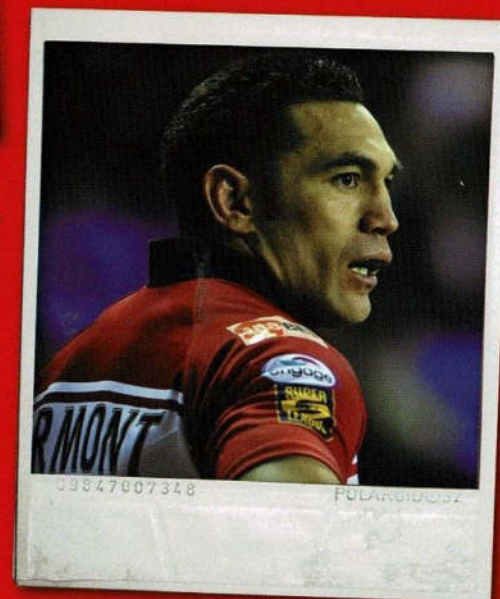


THOMAS LEULUAI

The cherry and whites could lay claim to having one of the best half backs in the world in the former Harlequin Leuluai. The Kiwi star is a World Cup winner and helped New Zealand to victory in last year's Four Nations. He was the only regularly starting player from a Super League club and this followed an outstanding display at Old Trafford in the Grand Final, which earned him the Harry Sunderland award. Equally adept at hooker or half back, Leuluai's reading of the game in defence is one of his major strengths.

GEORGE CARMONT

The tough Samoan showed his worth at the start of the season with two stunning touchdowns in the World Club Challenge and has been in great form ever since. An intelligent, purposeful centre he does the simple things well and is highly effective.



SAM TOMKINS

Voted Super League Young Player of the Year for the second season running and joint winner of the Albert Goldthorpe Medal with team mate Pat Richards, the younger Tomkins was imperious last year, handling the move from stand off to full back with aplomb. One of the hottest properties in the game, he recently signed a long-term deal with the club. One of the toughest and most tenacious competitors around, he was an ever present in 2010 and headed the side's try assists, tackle busts and offloads, which saw him selected in the Super League Dream Team. He is expected to be at the forefront of England's World Cup challenge in 2013.

MEET THE VISITORS



1 SAM TOMKINS

Position: Full Back
DOB: 23/03/1989



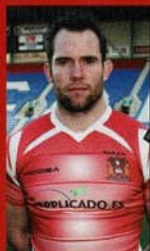
2 DARRELL GOULDING

Position: Wing
DOB: 03/03/1988



4 GEORGE CARMONT

Position: Centre
DOB: 30/06/1978



5 PAT RICHARDS

Position: Wing
DOB: 27/02/1982



6 PAUL DEACON

Position: Scrum half
DOB: 13/02/1979



7 THOMAS LEULUAI

Position: Scrum half/hooker
DOB: 19/09/1986



8 STUART FIELDEN

Position: Prop
DOB: 14/09/1979



9 MICHAEL MCILORUM

Position: Hooker
DOB: 10/01/1988



10 ANDY COLEY

Position: Prop
DOB: 07/07/1978



11 HARRISON HANSEN

Position: Second Row
DOB: 26/10/1985



12 JOEL TOMKINS

Position: Second Row
DOB: 21/03/1987



13 SEAN O'LOUGHLIN (CAPTAIN)

Position: Loose Forward
DOB: 24/11/1982



14 PAUL PRESCOTT

Position: Prop
DOB: 01/01/1986



15 JEFF LIMA

Position: Prop
DOB: 04/07/1982



16 RYAN HOFFMAN

Position: Second Row
DOB: 26/01/1984



17 BRETT FINCH

Position: Stand Off
DOB: 20/08/1981



19 AMOS ROBERTS

Position: Wing
DOB: 02/11/1980



22 LIAM FARRELL

Position: Loose Forward
DOB: 02/07/1990



25 JOSH CHARNLEY

Position: Wing
DOB: 26/06/1991



29 DOMINIC CROSBY

Position: Prop
DOB: 11/12/1990



20 EAMON O'CARROLL

Position: Prop
DOB: 13/06/1987



23 CHRIS TUSON

Position: Second Row
DOB: 25/02/1990



27 BEN DAVIES

Position: Prop
DOB: 02/11/1989



33 JACK HUGHES

Position: Second Row



21 LEE MOSSOP

Position: Second Row
DOB: 17/01/1989



24 STEFAN MARSH

Position: Centre
DOB: 03/09/1990



28 JONNY WALKER

Position: Second Row
DOB: 26/03/1988



34 GARETH HOCK

Position: Second Row
DOB: 05/09/1983



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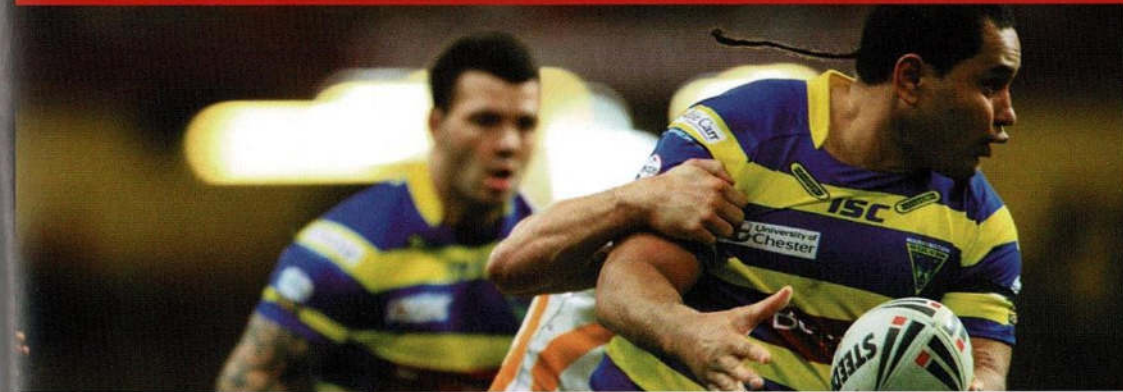


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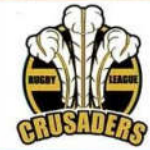


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CHRIS MELLING	5			
LUKE GALE	6			
CHAD RANDALL	7			
KARL TEMATA	8			
ANDY ELLIS	9			
OLIVER WILKES	10			
NICK KOUPARITSAS	11			
CHRIS BAILEY	12			
ROB PURDHAM	13			
JASON GOLDEN	14			
LUKE AMBLER	15			
MIKE BURNETT	16			
DANNY WARD	17			
DAVID WILLIAMS	18			
LAMONT BRYAN	19			
BEN BOLGER	20			
OLSI KRASNIQI	21			
OMARI CARO	22			
MARK CALDERWOOD	23			
DAN SARGINSON	24			
ROB THOMAS	26			
JOE RIDLEY	27			
SAM BOLGER	28			
WILL LOVELL	29			
MAX EDWARDS	30			
KARL PRYCE	31			
LEE MITCHELL	33			
KYLE BRIGGS	35			



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23	CHRIS TUSON			
24	STEFAN MARSH			
25	JOSH CHARNLEY			
27	BEN DAVIES			
28	JONNY WALKER			
29	DOMINIC CROSBY			
30	LOGAN TOMKINS			
31	JOE MELLOR			
32	RYAN KING			
33	JACK HUGHES			
34	GARETH HOCK			

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Touch Judges: T. Martin, R. Webb

THE TEAMS



LONDON SKOLARS
HEAD COACH: JOE MBU

PLAYERS

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2	SMOKIE JUNOR
3	JAMES ANTHONY
4	LUKE MAY
5	ADE ADEBISI
7	DYLAN SKEE
8	TONY WILLIAMS
9	GARETH HONOR
10	JASON HART
11	MATT THOMAS
12	OLIVER BLOOM
13	STEPHEN BALL
14	JASON COOK
15	OLIVER PURSLOW
16	JAMES SIMON
17	DAVE ARNOT
18	AARON SMALL
19	JERMAINE COLEMAN
20	GUY ALDAM
21	DANNY BURKE
22	SAQIB MURTZA
23	LIAM PRESCOTT
24	DAVE MCMEEKEN
25	AUSTEN AGGREY
26	JAMIE BOSTON
27	CARIERN CLEMENT-PASCALL
32	SAM GEE
37	JAROSLAW OBUCHOWSKI
	BEN BOLGER
	LAMONT BRYAN
	OLU IWENOFU
	DAVID WILLIAMS
	MICHAEL BROWN
	WILL COLLERAN
	MOURAD KRIOUACHE
	ROB THOMAS

OLDHAM

HEAD COACH: TONY BENSON



PLAYERS

1	BEN HEATON
2	LUCAS ONYANGO
3	MARCUS ST HILAIRE
4	JACK BRADBURY
5	JOHN GILLAM
6	NEIL RODEN
7	MICKY DIVENEY
8	JASON BOULTS
9	DANNY WHITMORE
10	DAVE ELLISON
11	ANDY ISHERWOOD
12	BEN WOOD
13	VALU BENTLEY
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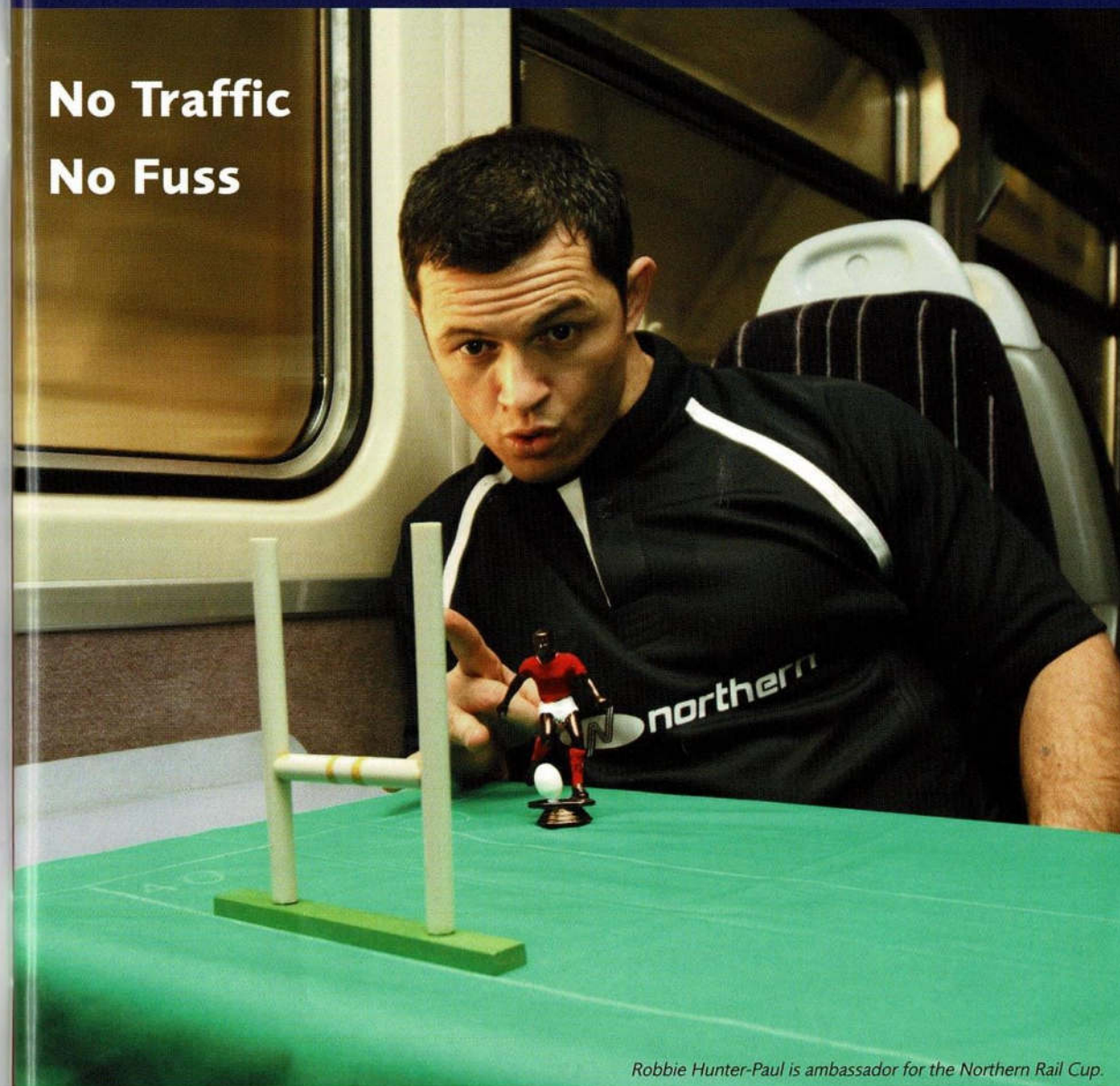
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Forthcoming Fixtures

JULY					
Sun	24th	Derwent Park	Workington Town	2.00 PM	Cooperative Championship 1
Sat	30th	New River	Swinton Lions	4.00 PM	Cooperative Championship 1
AUGUST					
Sat	6th	The Gnoll, Neath	South Wales Scorpions	6.45 PM	Cooperative Championship 1
Sun	14th	Gateshead International Stadium	Gateshead Thunder	2.00 PM	Cooperative Championship 1
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SEPTEMBER					

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Lucas Onyango against Skolars (with Olu Iwenofu in background)

Whilst former Skolars' coach Tony Benson will be making a return to the capital, former player Dave Ellison won't be, except as a spectator. The prop forward severely dislocated an elbow in the Oldham's 40-20 win against Whitehaven and now has an arm in a plaster cast, he is likely to be out until at least the end of the league season.

The 2010 season saw three players share the top try scorer honour - Mick Fogerty, Paul O'Connor and Lucas Onyango all with 29 tries. Kenyan born Onyango is another

player on the injury list, which given his ability to score against Skolars will be something of a relief. However, Oldham won't be short of try scoring opportunities with a strong hooker and half back combination.

Martin Roden, their 31-year-old hooker, adds a wealth of experience to the side and is also the club conditioner, assistant coach and joint vice-captain. Cousin Neil (stand-off) is three months younger and also hails from Wigan, joining Oldham from the Warriors in 2000. He's spent

almost 10 seasons with Oldham (with two years away at Batley and Leigh in 2005 and 2006).

At scrum half is Carl Forber, who impressed at Blackpool Panthers in 2009 and 2010, scoring 14 tries last season. Following that club's demise he joined Swinton and is currently on loan to Oldham.

Sharing the hooking duties with Martin Roden is John Clough. Like Forber, he hails from St Helens. He made 17 appearances for Salford City Reds in Super League and also had a brief spell on loan with the (then) London Broncos.

The head-to-head analysis shows that Skolars have never beaten Oldham in nine outings. The closest games have occurred when Skolars have been away from New River.

A late penalty denied Skolars a draw at Boundary Park in 2007 when Oldham won 28-26. The Sky cameras covered the game in 2009 when Oldham staged a comeback in the final quarter to run out 28-22 winners. The closest result at home was a 6-34 defeat back in 2007, the largest margin being 10-78 in 2009 in a game in which Paul Ballard kicked 13 goals.



STATS

Skolars Statistics 2011

Player	Sponsor	2011 season Apps Subs	T	G	DG	Career Apps Subs	T	G	DG
235 1 Neil Thorman		12		3	22	22		6	22
202 2 Smokie Junor		5				17	3	2	
242 3 James Anthony		11		4		11		4	
223 4 Luke May	Code XIII Sports Media	8		2		18		2	
143 5 Ade Adebisi	Ann & Steven Morgan	19	1	16		36	2	29	
197 6 Jy-Mel Coleman		12	2	3		28	4	10	8
238 7 Dylan Skee	Sportstrades	20		3	24	20		3	24
184 8 Tony Williams		6	7	1		30	18	1	
60 9 Gareth Honor	Lanes Coaches	20		4		154	40	31	1
239 10 Jason Hart		9	1	1		9	1	1	
178 11 Matt Thomas	Fresh Fit UK Ltd	4		3		60	4	26	
189 12 Oliver Bloom		2	1	2		24	10	6	
219 13 Stephen Ball		8	3	1		27	7	2	
221 14 Jason Cook	Code XIII Sports Media	6		1		19	1	4	
217 15 Oliver Purslow		17	1	1		32	10	4	
224 16 James Simon		3	6			10	14		
213 17 Dave Arnot		18		7		28	1	8	
231 18 Aaron Small		8				8	1		
76 19 Jermaine Coleman		1	1			109	3	18	14
233 20 Guy Aldam		2				1	2		
192 21 Danny Burke		1	3			9	12	1	
241 22 Saqib Murtza		8	4			8	4		
215 23 Liam Prescott		6			5	13	9	1	6
240 24 Dave McMeeken		1	6	2		1	6	2	
93 25 Austen Aggrey	Alan Greenwood	12	5	6		144	16	53	
229 26 Jamie Boston		2				14	1	3	2
237 27 Cariern Clement-Pascall		3	8	3		4	11	3	
234 29 Michael Sykes		1	4			7	8		
236 32 Sam Gee		2	12	3		12	12	12	
201 36 John Paxton		4	1			30	2	11	
196 37 Jaroslaw Obuchowski		8		2		16	8	4	
244 Ben Bolger		6		4		6		4	
220 Lamont Bryan		3		1		7	1	1	
187 Olu Iwenofu		4		1		30	3	8	
245 Jack Latus		5		2	10	5		2	10
Iliess Macani									
243 Dave Samsom	Sportstrades	1	1			1	1		
216 David Williams		1	3	1		8	3	3	
246 Michael Brown		4				4			
247 Will Colleran		2	1	1		2	1	1	
248 Mourad Kriovache		2		1		2		1	
204 Rob Thomas		1	1			5	1		

Co-operative Championship 1 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	BP	Pts
Swinton Lions	12	10	1	1	472	278	194	0	32
Keighley Cougars	13	8	0	5	484	255	229	4	28
Workington Town	14	7	1	6	482	314	168	5	28
Doncaster	13	8	0	5	360	280	80	3	27
Whitehaven	14	10	2	2	388	293	95	0	25
Rochdale Hornets	14	7	0	7	434	374	60	4	25
Oldham	14	7	0	7	439	389	50	1	22
South Wales Scorpions	14	5	0	9	408	482	-74	2	17
London Skolars	14	3	1	10	305	489	-184	3	14

Make it a fantastic Carnegie Challenge Cup weekend in London

Eve of the Challenge Cup Final!

Friday 26th August, 6.30PM
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
London Skolars v Keighley Cougars
Co-operative Championship 1



- Masters Festival
- Curtain raiser match
- Real Ale Festival
- Live entertainment
- Skolars Cheerleaders
- And much more...

A BUSY AUGUST FOR LONDON RUGBY LEAGUE

London Skolars General Manager Howard Kramer looks forward to what promises to be a busy August for Skolars and London Rugby League.

August will not only see Skolars play their three remaining games in the Co-operative Championship 1 regular season but will also, once again, witness two major events in the London Rugby League calendar.

Firstly, on Friday the 5th August, the annual City Touch Tournament will be held at the Honourable Artillery Company's grounds in the City. Quins' fans will be familiar with the venue, which hosts the annual Capital Challenge match every January.

Previous winners of the City Touch include Morgan Stanley and Bloomberg, who won the event last year. The tournament is staged by Skolars, with the assistance of Quins and London Rugby Football League and each competing team will be allocated a player from either the Quins or Skolars squads to coach and mentor them on the day.

Teams already signed up for this year's tournament include ETF Securities, Stratton Metals, DTZ, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, and UBS.

The event gets underway at 3.30 pm and finishes around 6.30 pm when the trophy and medal ceremony is followed by a barbeque and drinks on the lawns. If you are interested in entering a team or just coming along to watch please contact me on 020 8888 8488 or e-mail howardkramer@skolarsrl.com.

Fast forward three weeks and we reach the climax of our regular league season when we host the annual Friday Night Lights event at New River, on the eve of the Challenge Cup Final. This year's fixture is against Keighley Cougars and, at the time of writing, both teams still have a lot to play for. Keighley have a play off spot in their sights and still have one eye on automatic promotion. Skolars still have a lot to do but recent results have meant that a play off spot is not impossible.

The main match kicks off at 6.30pm but the evening will also include:

- Masters Rugby League Festival
- Curtain raiser featuring the Political Animals Team
- Real Ale Festival
- Food Stalls
- Cheerleaders

The event has grown year on year as fans in the capital for the Challenge Cup Final make it a total rugby league weekend. Seeing the colours of so many clubs at the event makes it a memorable evening and gets everyone in the mood for Saturday's trip to Wembley.

Tickets are already selling fast and can be purchased by contacting the Skolars office on 020 8888 8488 or visiting the club's online ticket office or at www.skolarsrl.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to New River!

Enjoy the game,
Howard Kramer



SKOLARS IN THE COMMUNITY

URBAN RUGBY SET FOR NEW FRONTIERS

London Skolars traditional summer activity, Urban Rugby, is all set to go for the school holidays. This holiday period sees the Skolars at three different venues, including two brand new locations for the street offshoot of rugby league. Campsbourne Estate in Hornsey and Sky City in Wood Green have been identified as two new sites for the popular programme. The traditional location, and Skolars' home, on White Hart Lane is the third activity venue.

Urban Rugby is a version of the sport that takes the skills of rugby league while being flexible as to the number of participants and type of venue the activity takes place at. Skolars Community Manager, Paul Thorman explains the programme further: "Urban Rugby is a very useful engagement tool for youngsters that are difficult to reach through the usual means such as club or school sessions. The locations mean that target groups, those with low sporting provision or BEM groups, can be catered for



and aren't missing out on our fun, inclusive sport. The activity itself is a cross between rugby league, netball and handball and is flexible both in contact level and team size depending on location and amount of participants."

"We've had some real success with the programme directing youngsters towards our club, where previously they just wouldn't have been able to access not only rugby league, but sport and physical

activity in general. We have worked closely with the Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhoods teams who feel the diversionary nature of Urban Rugby proves very useful towards their targets. We are also about to work with some high level partners on the programme which can only get bigger."

For more information call 020 8888 8488 or email paulthorman@skolarsrl.com.

SKOLARS JUNIORS TO GRACE WEMBLEY

Two London Skolars juniors have been given the honour of acting as ball boys in the 2011 Carnegie Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 27th August. The showpiece event provides rugby league with its highest profile of the year and is broadcast nationally on the BBC. The two young players were picked following a ballot of the WCAM London Junior League's under-13 age group.

Rodell Reid of Bishop's Stortford and Frankie Morrissey of Highgate Wood will be representing the Skolars at the highlight of what is always a busy weekend for rugby league in the capital. With both the Carnegie Champion Schools National Finals at The Twickenham Stoop and Skolars' traditional pre Challenge Cup Final event, Friday Night Lights, taking place on the eve of the Wembley event, there is plenty for the capital's rugby league community to get excited about.

Skolars Community Rugby League Coach, Neil Thorman commented: "I was fortunate enough to ball boy at the old Wembley at the 1997 final. I remember standing in the tunnel with Bobbie Goulding and Robbie Paul, two absolute greats of Super League. The experience was one I will never forget and I hope that Rodell and Frankie get as much out of this huge opportunity as I did."

Everyone at the club extends their congratulations to both Rodell and Frankie.

SKOLARS JUNIORS HOST WIGAN ST JUDE'S

Ahead of today's double-header, the London Skolars Under-14s took on North West amateur powerhouses, Wigan St Jude's Under-14s. The game took place at nearby Staines RFC with the Wigan club bringing over 50 players and guests to watch today's Engage Super League and

Skolars' Community Rugby League Coach, Graeme Spencer is grateful to all that assisted with organising the fixture. "It's not very often our club get to play teams from outside London and the South and it will be a valuable experience for the players to be exposed to this famous heartlands club. We must extend our thanks to Alan Hill and

game. Also, a big thank you must go to Wigan St Jude's, especially Mark Matthews for his help in coordinating the fixture."

The London Skolars extend a warm welcome to all players, parents and officials of Wigan St Jude's to today's matches.

Good for every pass,
every tackle, every feint,
every grubber, every up
and under, every play
the ball, every restart,
every dropout, every
scrum, every turnover,
every hooter, every
player, every fan.

The co-operative good for everyone



WELCOME

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

A warm welcome to everyone here today. Like Skolars, The Twickenham Stoop has developed considerably since we first played here in 1997. Today's events are just one element of the co-operative nature of our relationship with Harlequins RL.

Building the game as a whole in the capital is vital to both clubs. Thank you to Gus Mackay and his staff for the hard work that has gone into today.

I'm delighted at the announcement of another double-header in the autumn with the two internationals taking place at Wembley. It's a bold step by the RFL and they should be applauded for that move.

The battle for the play-offs is getting tighter each week and while our win last week closed the gap, this week is another must-win for us to maintain our challenge. Oldham will be tough and their win last week against Whitehaven, along with table toppers Swinton Lions losing for the first time, showed how competitive Co-operative Championship 1 has become.

Enjoy The Day.

Terry Browne
Chairman, London Skolars RLFC

VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT

We left it late last week, but the one point victory over South Wales Scorpions showed that we can dig deep and come back from behind to win games. Three wins in consecutive league home games equals our club record and we will be looking to go one better today.

Mourad Kriouache made his home debut last week and is settling in well. He showed his creativity in setting up our first three tries last week. As he gets more accustomed to his teammates (and vice versa) I'm sure those try-making opportunities will increase. With Ade Adebisi just four touchdowns off the club record for tries in a season and Jaroslaw Obuchowski having scored in our last three games, we are scoring tries, but it was also good to see a strong defensive effort last week, especially in the second half.

From our newest recruit to our longest serving player, Gareth Honor has been with us from our first season in the pro ranks and, including his five games for Batley Bulldogs, today should mark his 200th game. That's a big achievement and one few Londoners have achieved, especially to have made so many of those appearances in the capital.

My touchline ban finished last week and it was also good to have Oliver Bloom back in the squad after his ban. Some coaches prefer to see the game from angles other than from the dugout, and that may well be case for me today.

Once our game is over, I'm looking forward to meeting a few old faces from Harlequins RL. Hopefully, Rob Purdham will be back in action to celebrate his testimonial game – another big achievement for London. But until the final hooter the focus is absolutely on the game.

Oldham will be a tough challenge today. They have won their last three games and I'm sure Tony Benson will want his side to continue that run, especially with the added spice of being up against his old club.



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