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## ***VIEW FROM THE CLUB...***

We go into this game with a good win over Toronto; which is always helpful. They're inexperienced in the Super League and they're just finding their feet. They were facing us on the back of four straight defeats, but they approached the game in the right way, and gave us a good match.

We ourselves had just lost out in a tough match against the Roosters, but we approached the game with a fresh mindset. I was proud to lead those boys out for that game; we really took the game to the best in the world, and we performed in a manner which we, the club and the fans can be proud of. We came up just short, but I think our overall performance gave us the momentum to push on and get the job done against a team that's improving week on week.

On a personal note, I was happy to get back out there over the last two matches. The Roosters game was special with the occasion and atmosphere and was a great game to return. I'm slowly building up my minutes, and I'm feeling better each week. I was also really pleased to surpass 450 appearances for the club; I'm honoured to have had such successful career with Saints and I hope there's still plenty more to come!

Looking ahead to tonight and we know we've got to prepare for a tough one once again. Despite last weekend's defeat to Wigan, the Giants are flying; they've had a great start and have been playing some great rugby. It's not a surprise when you look at their squad; they've recruited some quality players with the likes of Aidan Sezer and they've got some former Saints in their ranks too in the likes of Lee Gaskell and Cloughy!

Their squad have gelled really well, but we've got a tight and talented group ourselves. We'll approach the game like any other and prepare properly. I think it'll be a good match between two teams gunning for the top, but hopefully we can continue to build and take the two points and push on for the rest of the season.

Enjoy the game.

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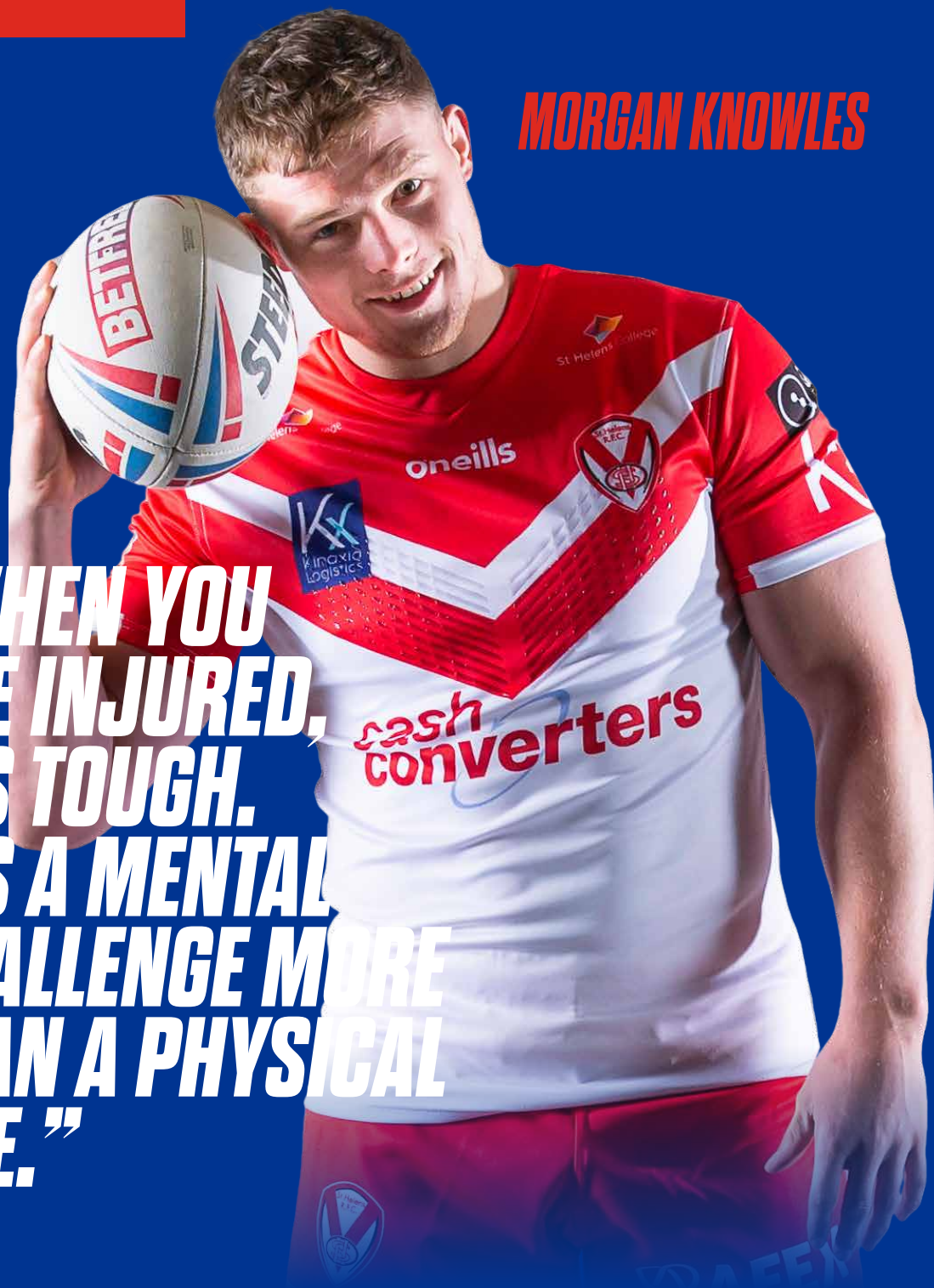




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**Your last game before your injury was the Grand Final; what kind of experience was that for you?**

It was amazing – it's the thing you dream of doing when you're a kid. To get the chance; it was even more special after the year we had, we walked away with it and then deservedly won. To score made it that extra little bit special!

**You then went on to have off season surgery on your shoulder, what was the recovery process like?**

It was tough. I got both my shoulders done at the same time, because it meant that I'd definitely be back then for the World Club Challenge, so that's what I decided to do. I didn't want to miss the World Club Challenge, so I put myself through that which was tough, obviously my Mrs had to do a lot for me - I was very reliant on her, so it was difficult!

**How difficult was it having to sit on the side line for the very start of the season?**

It's tough; it's a mental challenge more than a physical one I think when you're out injured. Every week seems the same, you're surrounded by the same walls in the gym while the boys are out there, you feel a bit like you're getting left behind. It is very frustrating.

**It was clear in the Warrington loss we were missing that physicality down the middle – you've come in and made a huge impact, how does it feel getting back into the team?**

It's great to be back. Obviously back for the Hull game and the World Club Challenge – and we've had some wins and I think in general we have been good. On another day in that WCC, we take those opportunities and it's a different game. We weren't that far off at all really, which is pleasing given that they're the best club team in the world. I thought for big periods we were the better team; I think they probably just taught us a lesson on being clinical and taking your opportunities.

**How difficult do you think the match vs the Giants tonight will be?**

They've started well. They've definitely got some confidence and they've played a few games back to back. They'll definitely fancy themselves; they had that slip up against Wigan but the best way for them to rectify it would be beating us, the reigning Champions on Friday.



# ***PREVIEWING TONIGHT'S MATCH!***





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Saints will face Wigan Warriors on Good Friday at the Totally Wicked Stadium, 10 April (KO 2:45pm) and places in our VIP Hospitality Lounges are now **SOLD OUT**.

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## ***SEVEN SAINTS IN ENGLAND WOMEN'S PERFORMANCE SQUAD***

Head Coach Craig Richards has appointed Paul Sculthorpe, to coach new the Knights Performance Squad and has selected seven Saints in his 39-strong

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Foundation Chaplain Derek Hardman will be located near the Youth Zone of the Totally Wicked Stadium in a Saints branded van pre-match at our home games!

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## ***SAINTS IN ENGLAND SQUAD BRIEFING***

England Head Coach Shaun Wane has invited 31 prospective Ashes candidates, including six Saints, to a players' gathering at Old Trafford on Monday.

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**OPPOSITION**



# A WELCOME TO... **HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS**

**The Giants arrive with a spring in their step having won their opening three away matches in 2020.**

In fact, despite having a game in hand on the leading two clubs in Super League, Huddersfield are lying in 4th place on the league ladder, level on points, and just two places behind the Saints.

Huddersfield were competitive for much of last year's campaign; but a series of injuries and a loss of confidence and form mid-season saw them slip down the table; eventually only avoiding relegation by defeating the Catalans Dragons, at home, by 24 points to 22 on the last day of the season. After breathing a huge sigh of relief, following their dramatic survival, head coach, Simon Woolford was able to assess their efforts and build for 2020.

Huddersfield have avoided the temptation to panic and have recruited well; with Ashton Golding (Leeds Rhinos), Aidan Sezer (Canberra Raiders, Aus), James Gavet (Newcastle Knights, Aus), Kenny Edwards (Catalans Dragons, Fra) and Owen Trout (Leeds Rhinos) joining the club.

Sezer is an outstanding half back. He is the Giants Marquee signing and having helped the Canberra Raiders reach last year's NRL Grand Final, is a most exciting acquisition. Gavet and Edwards are two further quality recruits who add leadership and experience to the Huddersfield ranks.

Matt Frawley (Canberra Raiders, Aus), Kruiise Leeming & Alex Mellor (both Leeds Rhinos), Dale Ferguson (Featherstone Rovers), Colton Roche

(Bradford Bulls), Sebastine Ikaiahifo (Salford Red Devils), Izaac Farrell (Sheffield Eagles) and Scott Grix (Halifax) have each departed.

Huddersfield won their three warm up matches, defeating, Halifax (H) 42-6, Wakefield Trinity (A) 16-4 and Batley Bulldogs (A) 26-22. They began their Super League campaign in great form and caused quite a stir in defeating Catalans Dragons (A) 32-12, last year's Super League Grand Finalists, Salford Red Devils (A) 12-10 and Hull KR (A) 22-4, to top the table after four rounds. Last Sunday, they suffered a setback, following a 10-42 loss at home to Wigan Warriors; but, after five rounds, there is still an air of confidence in the Giants' camp; although they know tonight they face their ultimate challenge as they visit the Saints, last year's Champions.

St. Helens have faced Huddersfield on 51 occasions in the Super League. Saints have won 38 of them and there has been one draw. In 2013 the Giants' completed their first league 'double' over Saints in 62 years. They also defeated St. Helens in a 'Magic' match at Newcastle in 2016. Seven of their other nine victories over Saints were at the John Smiths Stadium with their only other 'away' wins being in the Super 8s in both 2015 and 2018. St. Helens defeated Huddersfield 15-2 in the 2009 Play Offs and have also won six of the seven Challenge Cup meetings between the two teams during this period; including a 46-6 Semi Final triumph at Warrington in 2004 and a 42-12 Final victory at Twickenham in 2006. The Giants sole Cup win was their 24-14 Semi Final triumph in 2009, also played at Warrington.

**Bill Bates**







## 5 TO WATCH



**AIDEN SEZER**  
HALF BACK

After making 155 NRL appearances, Sezer became Huddersfield's Marquee signing. Sezer became a key figure at the Gold Coast Titans before signing for Canberra in 2016. Being of Turkish descent, he played for Turkey in 2018 before leading Canberra to their first NRL final in over 2 decades, in 2019!



**JAMES GAVET**  
FRONT ROW

Gavet made his debut in 2012 for Canterbury Bulldogs. Since then he has had spells with West Tigers, Brisbane Broncos, New Zealand Warriors and Newcastle Knights, making 75 NRL appearances. Gavet has represented Samoa on four occasions and in 2020, he will look to crack the Super League for the first time.



**JORDAN TURNER**  
CENTRE

After a short stint with Canberra Raiders, Turner signed for Huddersfield in 2017. A Grand Final winner with St. Helens, he was part of the side that became 2014 Super League Champions. He has over 300 career appearances to his name with an abundance of experience on both sides of the world.



**JERMAINE MCGILLVARY**  
WINGER

Debuting for the Giants in 2010 against Bradford Bulls, McGillvary has over 300 career appearances to his name. Between 2013 and 2017 McGillvary scored 20 tries a season, and in 2015, he was the Super League's top try scorer and was named in the Super League Dream Team, before top scoring for England in the 2017 RLWC.



**UKUMA TA'AI**  
BACK ROW/PROP

Ta'ai has made over 200 career appearance in the NRL and Super League. After starting his career with the New Zealand Warriors, he signed for the Giants in 2013. Internationally he has made 10 appearances for his native Tonga and is an explosive, powerful forward.

## KEY STATS

### SAINTS HIGHEST HOME WIN

**68-18**  
[1998]

### SAINTS HIGHEST AWAY WIN

**52-11**  
[1994-95]

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### SAINTS HIGHEST MARGINAL HOME WIN

**66-4**  
[2018]

### SAINTS HIGHEST MARGINAL AWAY WIN

**50-8**  
[2004]

#### ALL MATCHES [EXCLUDING FRIENDLIES]

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	69	47	3	19	1841	872
AWAY	64	34	1	29	1135	1080
NEUTRAL	7	3	0	4	144	147
TOTAL	140	84	4	52	3120	2099

#### PREVIOUS LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	110	89	5	16	2643	1087
AWAY	108	49	3	56	1638	1458
TOTAL	218	138	8	72	4281	2545



# HOME



# AWAY



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## ***VIEW FROM THE OPPOSITION!***

**Paul Clough still lives in St Helens and travels with Lee Gaskell from the town to Huddersfield every day. We caught up with the former Saint on life at the Giants...**

**Cloughy, welcome back! How are you feeling ahead of facing your old side?**

It won't be the first time I have played St.Helens having probably played 7 or 8 times now since I left, but it's great to be back at a great stadium and play in front of a great crowd. Saints are the best team in the league and it will be great to see some old faces and I am looking forward to tonight's game.

**Is it difficult playing against your former team?**

I try and treat it like any other game. Most of my time was at Knowsley Road, but I still keep in touch with a few lads, the likes of Robes, Jonny, Wello, Nathan Mill (Physio) and Matty Daniels (Strength & Conditioning) and see them around town in coffee shops!

**Did you watch the World Club Challenge game the other week?**

Yes I did. A few calls could have gone Saints' way and it shows how good they are. Saints really did compete and it was good to see Robes back playing again and Big Al was the best forward on the park in my opinion. Saints were entertaining to watch and showed they can compete with that level.

**The Giants have had a great start to the year...**

Super League is a marathon, not a sprint. It is good to get some wins under the belt early doors. We had a great pre-season, but it is not going to be easy throughout the year as it is a long hard season. Games against Wigan last week are not going to be easy and yes we have had a good start, but we aren't going to get carried away. Hopefully we can be towards the top of the table rather than the bottom!

**How is life under Simon Woolford?**

He is great to work with and certainly helped my game. We have had some great coaches here and we are a tight knit group. It is a good group to be a part of and I am just really grateful Huddersfield gave me the lifeline to get my Super League career back on track, bringing me over from the Championship. I am really thankful to them.

**What are you expecting tonight?**

Saints play a really tough brand of rugby and like to throw the ball around. They challenge you all over the park and Jonny Lomax is playing the best rugby of his life. A lot of things come off the back of his work. There are 6 or 7 internationals in the team and mixed with NRL experience and wave of Academy talent so it's going to be tough but these are the sort of challenges why you play the game. You want to play against the best and Saints are certainly that.





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Raring to go - the Saints of 1990-91. Cumbrian Flyer Les Quirk is third from the left on the back row.

by Alex Service



## ON THIS DAY: 6TH MARCH

### 1937

Northern Rugby League: St. Helens 2 Swinton 6 at Knowsley Road. Scrum-half and former Parr Central pupil Harold Briscoe made his senior debut three weeks short of his sixteenth birthday. He was born on 27th March 1921 and remains the youngest-ever Saints debutant. Welshman Stan Powell, aged 20, was his stand-off in the match.

### 1965

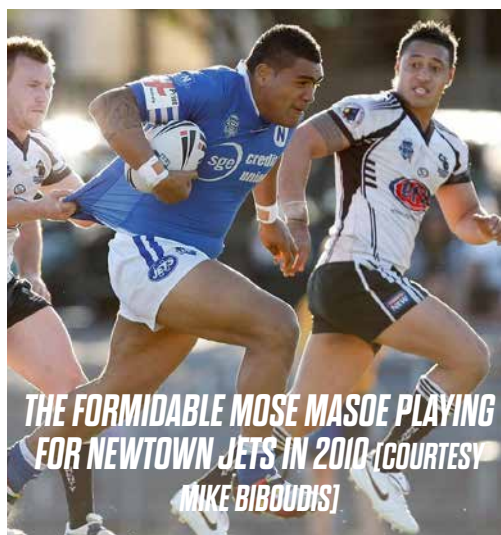
Winger Les Quirk was born in Ulverston. Les scored 98 tries in 160 appearances and played in 4 major finals, winning just one – a great pity. He was a superb winger on his day, no question about that. He cemented his place in the first team with a brilliant-hat-trick against Auckland at Knowsley Road on 1st November 1987. Ironically, he never scored four in a match for the Saints.

### 2015

Super League XX Round 4: Wakefield Trinity Wildcats [6] 16 St Helens [12] 20 at Belle Vue. It is never easy over in Wakefield and Saints won a tight contest courtesy of tries from Jordan Turner, Joe Greenwood and Paul Wellens, playing in the stand-off role. Tommy Makinson kicked 3 goals; Mark Percival also booted over a two-pointer.

Most of these names should be familiar to us – the Saints' team that played at Belle Vue in 2015 lined up as follows: #1178 Jonny Lomax; #1187 Tommy Makinson, #1203 Mark Percival, #1199 Jordan Turner, #1197 Adam Swift; #1087 Paul Wellens, #1127 Jon Wilkin [Capt]; #1201 Alex Walmsley, #1136 James Roby, #1211 Greg Richards, #1198 Joe Greenwood, #1220 Atelea Veia, #1195 Mark Flanagan.

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### **#1 Tom Foulkes**

Stephen Foulkes, great grandson of Saints' #1 Tom Foulkes, received a special pictorial montage from Saints' Chairman Eamonn McManus to accompany Tom's Players Certificate before the opening game of the season against Salford Red Devils.

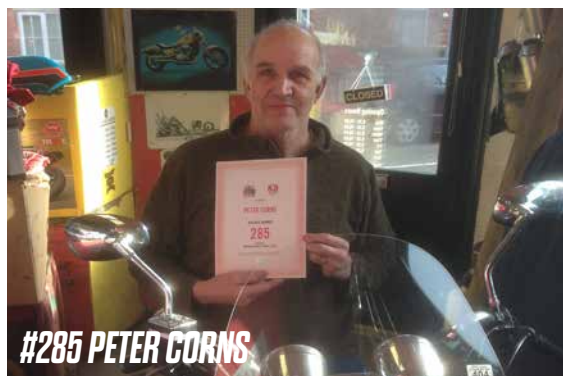
### **#723 Walter Delves**

Andy Knowles writes: "My mum and dad picked up the players' certificate for Walter Delves at the club last year. My mum is Walter Delves' sister. Doreen is the wife of the deceased Walter and lives in Auckland, New Zealand. Doreen recently celebrated her 85th birthday and during a family celebration was presented with Walter's certificate by her daughter, Leslie. Doreen would like to thank all involved at the Heritage Society and at St Helens RFC, it was a wonderful surprise for her."

### **#285 Peter Corns**

Peter's grandson Les Corns receives the family's certificate in his motorcycle shop in Dunriding Lane.

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## 2020 FIXTURE LIST

Jan	Fri	31	H	<b>Salford Red Devils</b>	<b>W</b> 48-8
Feb	Thu	6	A	Warrington Wolves	<b>L</b> 19-0
	Sun	16	A	Hull FC	<b>W</b> 32-18
	TBC	H	<b>Catalans Dragons</b>		TBC
	Sat	22	H	<b>Sydney Roosters</b>	<b>L</b> 20-12
	Sat	29	A	Toronto Wolfpack At Warrington	<b>W</b> 32-0
Mar	Fri	6	H	<b>Huddersfield Giants</b>	7:45pm
	Sun	15	A	Castleford Tigers	3:30pm
	Fri	20	A	Leeds Rhinos	7:45pm
	Fri	27	H	<b>Hull KR</b>	7:45pm
Apr		3/4		<b>Challenge Cup 6th Round</b>	
	Fri	10	H	<b>Wigan Warriors</b> Good Friday Derby	2:45pm
	Sat	18	A	Catalans Dragons	6:00pm
	Fri	24	H	<b>Wakefield Trinity</b>	7:45pm
May	Sat	2	A	Toronto Wolfpack	1:30pm
		8/9		<b>Challenge Cup Quarter Finals</b>	
	Thu	14	H	<b>Hull FC</b>	7:45pm
	Sat	23	A	Salford Red Devils Magic Weekend	5:15pm
	Sun	31	A	Hull KR	3:00pm
Jun		5/6		<b>Challenge Cup Semi Finals</b>	
	Fri	12	H	<b>Leeds Rhinos</b>	7:45pm
	Fri	19	H	<b>Castleford Tigers</b>	7:45pm
	Sun	28	A	Warrington Wolves	7:15pm
Jul	Fri	3	A	Huddersfield Giants	7:45pm
	Fri	10	H	<b>Hull FC</b>	7:45pm
	Sat	18		<b>Challenge Cup Final</b>	
	Sun	26	A	Wakefield Trinity	3:00pm
	Fri	31	H	<b>Wigan Warriors</b>	7:45pm
Aug	Sun	9	A	Salford Red Devils	3:00pm
	Fri	14	H	<b>Warrington Wolves</b>	7:45pm
	Fri	21	A	Leeds Rhinos	7:45pm
	Fri	28	H	<b>Huddersfield Giants</b>	7:45pm
Sep	Fri	4	A	Wigan Warriors	7:45pm
	Fri	11	H	<b>Toronto Wolfpack</b>	7:45pm
		17th – 19th		Play off Round 1	
		24th – 26th		Play off Round 2	
Oct		1st – 3rd		Play off Round 3	
		Sat 10th		Grand Final	

## RESERVES FIXTURES

### MAR

Sun 8 vs Huddersfield Giants (H)\* - 5pm  
Wed 18 vs Bradford Bulls (A) - 7.30pm

### APR

Sat 4 vs Newcastle Thunder (A) - 3pm  
Sat 25 vs Wakefield Trinity (H) - 3pm

### MAY

Sat 9 vs Widnes Vikings (A) - 2pm  
Thu 14 vs Hull FC (H) - 5.30pm  
Thu 21 vs Warrington Wolves (A) - 7pm  
Sun 31 vs Hull KR (A) - 12.30pm

### JUN

Sat 13 vs Leeds Rhinos (H) - 3pm  
Sun 28 vs Salford Red Devils (A) - 12pm

### JUL

Fri 10 vs London Broncos (H) - 5.30pm  
Sun 26 vs Wakefield Trinity (A) - 5.30pm

### AUG

Fri 14 vs Warrington Wolves (H) - 5.30pm  
Fri 28 vs Widnes Vikings (H) - 5.30pm

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# ***MARCH*** ***FIXTURES***



AWAY  
**TIGERS**  
15 MARCH  
3:30PM



AWAY  
**RHINOS**  
20 MARCH  
7:45PM



HOME  
**ROVERS**  
27 MARCH  
7:45PM

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				06	JONNY LOMAX
				07	THEO FAGES
				08	ALEX WALMSLEY
				09	JAMES ROBY
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TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM **7:45PM**

HALF TIME SCORE

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FULL TIME SCORE

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# GIANTS

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				02	JERMAINE MCGILLVARY
				03	JAKE WARDLE
				04	JORDAN TURNER
				05	DARNELL MCINTOSH
				06	LEE GASKELL
				07	AIDEN SEZER
				08	JAMES GAVET
				09	ADAM O'BRIEN
				10	SUAIA MATAGI
				11	KENNY EDWARDS
				12	JOE WARDLE
				13	MICHAEL LAWRENCE
				14	MATTY ENGLISH
				15	OLIVER WILSON
				16	AARON MURPHY
				17	UKUMA TA'A'I
				18	PAUL CLOUGH
				19	AKUILA UATE
				21	LEROY CUDJOE
				22	TOM HOLMES
				23	OLIVER RUSSELL
				24	LOUIS SENIOR
				25	INNES SENIOR
				26	SAM HEWITT
				27	SAM WOOD
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