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VIEW FROM THE CLUB... KRISTIAN WOOLF

Everything is a little bit strange and different at the moment, especially with the late fixture change, but what we need to be able to do is just accept things will change at short notice. The change was made early in the week and we are playing on the same day so it hasn't changed our preparation too much, it just means we have a different challenge ahead of us today!



I want to wish those with the positive cases at Hull FC all the best for a speedy recovery. It has given us all a reminder to make sure we are not complacent and making sure we do pay attention to what we do here at St. Helens. It really made me think and I am sure everyone else will think the same.

I was very pleased with our performance against Leeds, but we do have plenty of things we can improve on. It was a real good arm wrestle early on and we got on top at the end of the first half. We just got a little bit ill-disciplined at the start of the second half, but what we did really well is defend

that pressure. So there is a good message there for us in terms of our attitude defensively, but also just in terms of cleaning ourselves up to make sure we don't put ourselves under the same pressure this week.

James Roby could make his 500th career appearance today and I can't speak highly enough of him. I've been able to watch him from a far for a number of years and now I am working with him in person. He is a terrific player and a terrific competitor, and he is just one of those players who turns up every week and gives you the same quality performance every week. The way he prepares and presents himself is exceptional and how he competes as well as what we see in terms of skill set. The biggest compliment I can give to him is I arrived here into a club that has a rich history of success and there were no egos within the group and we have a group who want to work hard and do the right thing. And that is all on the back on your leader and our leader is James Roby. He sets that example and everyone follows and he does an exceptional job.

We are back at 'home' today and are looking forward to that. It's just a shame we can't play in front of you, our fans! Castleford are a strong side and they showed their potential against us earlier in the year, but we are a very different team now and under different circumstances to that game back then. We haven't reflected on that game much and we are looking forward to the challenge today.

Thank you for your continued support.

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- Kristian Woolf on James Roby

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JAMES ROBY...



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ROBY AHEAD OF WHAT COULD
BE A SPECIAL EVENING FOR
OUR CLUB CAPTAIN.**



You could play your 500th career game on Sunday, how special is that for you?

“When you get caught up playing, you don’t look forward to milestones, but 500 sounds pretty good to be honest. I suppose if you play 30 games in a season, to get to 500, I’m pretty lucky to have reached that milestone. It’s special and it’s one of those I will look back on and be proud when I finish playing. I know how lucky I have been to have the career I’ve had at St. Helens with the players I have played with.”

When you made your debut against Widnes in 2004, did you ever set yourself a milestone like this?

“Probably, that’s the boyhood dream to play for your hometown club, so I was lucky enough to do that and I always remember making my debut and seeing my name on the back of the shirt and it was a really special moment. I’ve been lucky enough to play out the rest of my career and obviously accumulate all of these performances and games along the way, so there’s no way back then I would have ever

looked to the future. I look at what I can control at the minute and work hard. I always say I’m always in control of my own attitude and efforts and I try and be consistent every day and every week, then hopefully the hard work will be pay off. But thinking about it now, 500 games is a great achievement. A lot of hard work has gone into it, a lot of sacrifices along the way and a lot of great times and fantastic memories.”

Do you need a bit of luck along the way in terms of staying fit for long periods of time?

“Yes definitely. Rugby league and the sport we play, injuries are inevitable. You’re going to get injuries and you are going to play with symptoms most weeks, and touch wood I have been pretty lucky with injuries - definitely in terms of your major injuries, like your knees and shoulders. I’m lucky that I’ve never had to have any reconstructive surgery and it’s just been a little clean out here and there. I’ve had my ankles done and a few other bits and bobs over the years. But like I say, nothing categorised as major. I suppose after playing rugby from 6 or 7 years old our bodies have become accustomed to



I KNOW HOW LUCKY I HAVE BEEN TO HAVE THE CAREER I'VE HAD AT ST. HELENS WITH THE PLAYERS I HAVE PLAYED WITH."

the contact and the pressures. So luckily enough, my body is holding up so far. It's definitely played a big factor in that, as I know other players who have had long careers and they have not been that lucky with injuries.

Jon Wilkin was someone who recently joined the 500 club. Will he give you a call on Monday and wish you well done?

He will probably ring me and take the mick! I might get a few messages of support. Especially from people like Wilko who are tried and tested players and a warrior of the game and still is. People like that I really value their opinion and that would mean a great deal. But I like to say I'm not finished just yet. Obviously, it's a good milestone to hit but I like to think I have got this year and next year left in me and I hope I can hit more milestones along the way."

The fact your 500th game will be here at the Totally Wicked Stadium. Does that make it extra special for you?

It's always nice and of course I prefer to be at my home ground, but it's different times, everything is a little bit odd and obviously there being no fans but we've had the 2 weeks now so we've got used to it a little bit and got comfortable in that environment. It might be slightly different playing here but it is what it is. It's our job and we have to get on with it. That's out of our control, we can only control what we do out on the field and whoever we are playing it is going to be a tough game. Me hitting a milestone doesn't change my job or the team's job, I will have to go out there and do what I do every single game."

We are now playing Castleford instead of Wakefield. From a player's perspective, does the late change in fixture affect you mentally?

Not too much. I suppose maybe if it was a late change in the day or two days before the game, but we got four days' notice which

isn't too bad. It is a bit more work for the coaching staff to change the preparations for the game and what footage they want to show us, but with the current climate, we are doing less video anyway as we are not allowed in the meetings as long. In effect, it shouldn't really affect us. Our job is to come in prepared the same for every single team. Every game is a tough game, you need to show everyone respect and go out with the same attitude and attack the game and I think that's what we have done well in the past couple of weeks. Castleford throws a little bit of a change. They have different individual threats than Wakefield and as a team they play the game slightly different, but as long as we keep concentrated on ourselves and then we will deal with whatever they throw at us. We will have time to prepare, this is what we do, we are professional and prepared. We have played each other numerous times over the years so we know what they are about.

Do we owe them one, given the fact that they beat us before the Lockdown?

Yes, I think so. Before the lockdown we were a bit scratchy at the start of the year and that was the last game on TV before the lockdown happened. There was a lot of frustration and disappointment from ourselves in our performance. From that perspective, you could say lockdown came at a good time for us and it gave our tired bodies time to recover naturally from our injuries and more time for Kristian to adapt things and how he wants us to play. Now everyone can see the positive effect. We have had some great games over the years, and they are a quality team but they got beat by Catalans last weekend, so I'm sure they will want to get straight back to winning ways but at the same time we want to carry on our momentum and carry on our form. We will be ready for them and we won't forget the defeat before lockdown.



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YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP REBATE OPTIONS

We would like to thank all those 2020 Members who completed our Membership options survey back in June. Following feedback from this we are now able to provide a further update to Members around options for their 2020 Membership.

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SAINTS TO HOST CASTLEFORD FOLLOWING NEWS OF POSITIVE HULL TESTS

This weekend's Betfred Super League programme has been rearranged, in response to the postponement of two scheduled fixtures following the positive Covid-19 tests at Hull FC meaning St.Helens will now play Castleford Tigers on Sunday (16.15).

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Watch the highlights for FREE with our Hydration partners Ipro Hydrate as Saints faced Leeds Rhinos at Emerald Headingley on Sunday in the Betfred Super League Round 8. Subscribers can also watch the full game replay on Saints TV.

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VENUE CONFIRMED FOR HULL KR VISIT

Saints will travel to Warrington's Halliwell Jones Stadium in Round 10 to face Hull KR (A) in the Betfred Super League.

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THE VETERANS OF THE FOUNDATION — 'JUST KEEP GOING'

Local record producer and veteran Bernard Healey and his son Joel Healey (who appeared on The Voice UK) have been working hard over the pandemic to produce a variety of tracks, including 'Just Keep Going' a track that features members of The Veterans of The Foundation.

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A WELCOME TO... **CASTLEFORD TIGERS**

Following an enforced suspension, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; lasting 20 long weeks, Super League rugby returns this afternoon, as Saints face the Catalans Dragons. Reigning Champions, St. Helens participated in the final Super League fixture, way back on 15 March, when they were defeated at Castleford, so it is only fitting that our rearranged Round 4 fixture against the Dragons opens phase two of the 2020 campaign.

After all the excitement of last weekend's Super League fixtures, at Headingley, the eyes of the rugby league turn their attention to our very own Totally Wicked Stadium for Round 9 of Super League XXV. And after a late fixture change, in response to the postponement of two scheduled fixtures following the positive Covid-19 tests at Hull FC, St. Helens host Castleford Tigers!

It's a great privilege for Saints to host such an event, but it's going to be strange that the games will be played in front of an empty stadium and thousands of St. Helens' supporters will have to watch proceedings at their 'home' ground on TV. Having said that, many of you are here in spirit – with your cardboard cut-outs in place ready to 'watch' the action.

Castleford Tigers were on fire during the early stages of this season, winning five of their seven matches, and one of those defeats was by just a single point at Warrington. They went into the lockdown on the back of a magnificent 28 points to 14 defeat of Champions, St. Helens, at their Mend a Hose Jungle. At that time, they were lying in 2nd position in the league. Now, five months later, with all games against Toronto Wolfpack expunged, and their 14-40 loss against the Dragons last weekend, they find themselves back down in 6th position on the Super League XV ladder.

On their day however, they are as good as any team in the competition. They came into 2020 on the back of three excellent seasons in which they

finished as League Leaders and Super League Grand Finalists in 2017, were 3rd in 2018 and ended last season in 5th position.

In 2017 they won the League Leaders Shield and played a 'new' attacking brand of open rugby and their semi-final defeat of Saints in 'golden point' extra time will go down in the annals as being one of the greatest ever Super League matches. Leeds Rhinos however broke their hearts at Old Trafford. Following that, in 2018 they lost their main playmaker Luke Gale following a serious knee injury; only for the same player to damage his achilles tendon, on the eve of last season; an injury that ruled him out for the whole year.

Of course, Castleford are without Gale in again in 2020 as he left the club during the off season to join Leeds Rhinos, with his replacement being, former Saint, Danny Richardson. The Tigers began 2020 with a fine 28-10 defeat of Toronto Wolfpack, at Headingley. They then enjoyed a great 16-12 win over current league leaders, Wigan Warriors before they were beaten 18-36, in Perpignan, against the Catalans. A 'local derby' triumph over Wakefield Trinity 32-15 was followed by a pleasing 28-8 success at Hull KR. Castleford then lost at Warrington 8-9 before beating Saints 28-14. At that point Cas were 2nd, but with Toronto's results being expunged and the Dragons completing a 'league double' over the Tigers last Saturday at Leeds they've now dropped down to 6th position.

St. Helens and Castleford Tigers have faced each other on 52 occasions in Super League since its inception in 1996. Saints have won 44 of these encounters; there has been one draw, with Cas winning seven. Castleford's last 'away' victory in this fixture was a 29-16 triumph in October 1990. Since then they have copped a number of heavy defeats, including a 68-12 loss in 2008 and a 62-24 defeat in 1996. Since the advent of summer rugby, in their 27 home matches (including the 2014 play-off match), St. Helens have won 26 and there has been one draw (32-32 back in 1998).

Bill Bates



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DERRELL OLPHERTS

Olpherts caught the eye of several clubs at the start of last season with some impressive displays for Salford and it was the Tigers who lured him to The Jungle. Somewhat of a late arrival in Super League, the Wakefield-born outside back played in the lower leagues with Hemel and Newcastle before seizing his chance with the Red Devils where he gained a reputation for his ability to get his team on the front foot with his carries.



JAKE TRUEMAN

One of the brightest young half backs in the country, Trueman is already an England international and was part of the Great Britain touring squad last season despite only making his first team debut for the Tigers in 2017. Since then, Trueman has blossomed into an all-round talent responsible for being the main creative force on the club's notorious left edge with a well-balanced passing, running and kicking game.



DANNY RICHARDSON

Richardson moves to the Mend-A-Hose Jungle after the Tigers paid St Helens an undisclosed fee for his services. Richardson, who came through the Saints Academy, made his debut in 2017 and then enjoyed a breakthrough season the following year. The 23-year-old forms a partnership with Jake Trueman in the halves for Cas.



JUNIOR MOORS

Moors arrived in Castleford for the start of the 2015 season from Melbourne Storm. He has over 50 NRL games under his belt with the Storm, Wests Tigers and Penrith Panthers, and also featured in the side that beat Leeds Rhinos in the World Club Challenge in 2013. Moors has battled injury in the past two seasons, but has still scored an impressive 11 tries in 26 appearances since 2018.



ADAM MILNER

Adam joined the club as a youngster from Stanley Rangers and made his first team debut in 2010. He's established himself as a key figure within the side, switching from hooker to loose forward in recent years. A tough tackler with a strong work rate, Milner is utilised as a link up man between the forwards and backs, with his ball-playing skills key to this Castleford side.

KEY STATS

SAINTS HIGHEST HOME WIN

**68-12
[2008]**

SAINTS HIGHEST AWAY WIN

**72-4
[2006]**

CASTLEFORD TIGERS

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10-40 [1981-82]



ALL MATCHES (EXCLUDING FRIENDLIES)

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	83	65	3	15	2319	1079
AWAY	77	35	5	37	1599	1440
NEUTRAL	2	1	0	1	39	22
TOTAL	162	101	8	53	3957	2541

PREVIOUS LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	64	52	3	9	1865	898
AWAY	63	28	3	32	1328	1201
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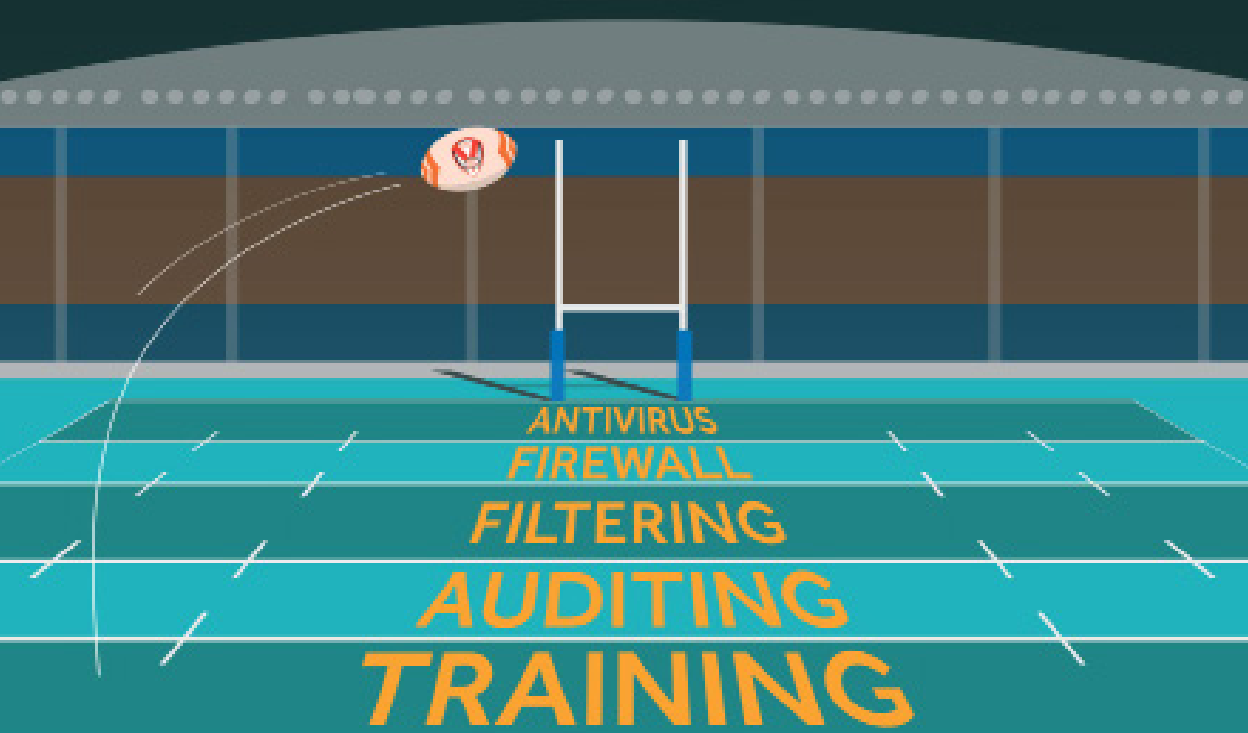
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ON THIS DAY: 16 AUGUST

A fantastic near length-of-the-field try by Welsh half-back Jon Griffiths against Castleford on 10th September 1989.

1901 The St. Helens Newspaper talked about personnel for the forthcoming season and said that Saints would have one of their one of their best forwards available: "Carney has come back from fighting the Boers". Rather him than me. Fix bayonets and stand fast!

1928 Scrum-half Harry Frodsham, brother of Great Britain Threequarter Alf, signed for the Saints. He went on to make 197 appearances from 1928-36 before joining Liverpool Stanley.

1969 Northern Rugby League: St. Helens 27 Castleford 3 at Knowsley Road. Former Wakefield Trinity and Bradford Northern winger Berwyn Jones made his debut and scored a try. Jones was a former sprinter and British record holder for the 100 metres [10.3 seconds!], so he could trap a bit. When he first played for Wakefield, it was under the pseudonym 'A. Walker'. Brilliant!

2018 Super 8s Round 2: Wakefield Trinity 16 St Helens 36. A great win for the Boys over the Pennines, 16-0 up at half-time too! Things were definitely building nicely at the club, which would bear fruit during the 2019 campaign. Scorers: Tommy Makinson 2T, Regan Grace 1T, Johnny Lomax 1T and Theo Fages from the bench. Danny Richardson booted over six goals.

How's this for a 'played for both' through history? Some positional changes, but class always rises to the top! We always thought that Dean 'Diesel'

Sampson should have come to Knowsley Road, but we had to make do with Kevin Ward instead. What a player!

#1060 Danny Arnold; #1135 Lee Gilmour [pictured below], #1185 Michael Shenton; #1146 Gray Viane; #1081 Chris Smith; #708 George Langfield, #1234 Danny Richardson; #1134 Nick Fozzard, #1179 Jamie Ellis, #728 Albert Terry, #1025 Kevin Ward, #1216 Andre Savelio, #664 Harry Street.



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Former Saints' players get presented with their heritage numbers, with a few more surprises along the way!

[#869] Eric Hughes was a real handful at hooker in the early 1970s. In all, he played in 15 matches for the club, between February 1971 and March 1973. He provided cover for the likes of Tony Karalius and Les Greenall in what was a memorable time for the club and its supporters.

[#937] David Fairclough [pictured with our man Josh Taylor] was signed from West Park Rugby Union club in 1978. Essentially a centre, David could also perform effectively in the second row. He played in 7 matches for the club, including the 1982 Australian tourists.

[#12] William Caveney was a redoubtable forward in the early days of the Northern Union. He made 83 appearances from 1895-1900, although he was injured for the 1897 Challenge Cup final against Batley. The club still had an extra medal made up for him though. William was initially a chemical works labourer, before finishing his working life as an employee at Forsters Glass Works.



We were proud to see **[#245] George Farrimond's** fabulous Military Medal from the First World War. A miner at Lea Green Colliery, George was a cracking forward who made 122 appearances for the club from 1914-1922. During that time he also played in the 1914 Challenge Cup Final against Huddersfield. Private George Farrimond

2178 RAMC was awarded with this fine medal 'for action and gallantry and devotion under fire to non-commissioned ranks'. They are entitled to use MM after their name for life.

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SAINTS WOMEN ANNOUNCE DOUBLE SIGNING

St.Helens Women have bolstered their squad with the signing of England International and former Bradford captain Amy Hardcastle whilst Carrie Roberts joins the Club, signing from the British Army.



RESERVES LEAGUE TO BE SHELVED FOR 2020

In consultation with clubs, the RFL has determined that the Reserves League should be cancelled for 2020. Clubs will still be encouraged to play friendly matches, and it is envisaged that the competition will resume in 2021 – with all decisions to be taken in line with Government advice.



ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELLED FOR 2020

The RFL has written to all clubs who were due to be involved in the Academy Championship in 2020, and informed them that the decision has reluctantly been taken to cancel the competition this year. Planning has already begun for the resumption of Scholarships and Academies in 2021.



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6	WARRINGTON WOLVES <i>SKY</i>	SL	A	0 19	12562	3
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22	SYDNEY ROOSTERS <i>SKY</i>	WCC	H	12 20	16108	4
29	TORONTO WOLFPACK	SL *	A	32 0	4000	3
MARCH						
6	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	SL	H	10 12	10418	5
15	CASTLEFORD TIGERS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 3.30pm	A	14 28	7268	6
AUGUST						
2	CATALANS DRAGONS <i>SKY</i>	SL ** - 4.15pm	H	34 6	BCD	5
9	LEEDS RHINOS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 6.30pm	A	0 48	BCD	2
16	CASTLEFORD TIGERS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 4.15pm	H		BCD	
30	HULL KR <i>SKY</i>	SL * - 6.30pm	A		BCD	
SEPTEMBER						
3	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	SL ^	A		BCD	
10	HULL KR	SL ^	H		BCD	
19	WARRINGTON WOLVES	CCOF ^			BCD	
30	WIGAN WARRIORS	SL ^	A		BCD	

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	V	FT	ATT	POS
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3	-	CCSF ^			BCD	
9	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	SL ^	A		BCD	
14	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	SL ^	H		BCD	
17	-	CCF ^			BCD	
23	LEEDS RHINOS	SL ^	H		BCD	
25	SALFORD RED DEVILS	SL ^	A		BCD	
30	WIGAN WARRIORS	SL ^	H		BCD	
NOVEMBER						
7	CATALANS DRAGONS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 7.15pm	A		BCD	
9	HULL FC	SL ^	H		BCD	
13	WARRINGTON WOLVES	SL ^	H		BCD	



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