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VIEW FROM THE CLUB...

KRISTIAN WOOLF

I thought we played really well against Wakefield last week. There was a different feel through the week and I could tell we had learnt our lessons from the week previous. I was really happy with how we responded. That is how we look when we are at our best. We do defend really well and aggressively, and we played some really good footy on the back of it.



It was great to get Tommy Makinson back. We all know what a great try scoring finisher he is and he took his hat-trick well, but what I liked most about his performance is how he got us on the front foot with his carries and his quick play the balls really allowed us to gain some momentum.

I was also delighted for Lewis Dodd too who really enjoyed his first senior try. He has got a great confidence about him and I have said a number of times what a great future he has. You can see when he steps out there, he knows he belongs at

this level and it was good to be able to give him time both at nine and at seven. That is really good for his development, both the physicality which comes with playing at nine and the need to be on the ball all the time is really good for him. Then to play in the halves for a little while too, gave him a taste.

I also want to pay credit to our captain James Roby who scored his 100th Super League try last week. It is something he should be really proud of and my thoughts on James Roby is the same as everyone else. He is an exceptional player and person and he leads from the front by his example.

Tonight, we play Leeds and it is a big game. They have been travelling well of late and they have had some real good wins and they will have some confidence on the back of their performance in the Challenge Cup Final so it all adds up to a real good challenge for us. They are missing some men today, but they will still be dangerous with the likes of Robert Lui in their halves. They have a number of strikes and this is what will make it a good game.

We have a lot of games coming really quick and it is going to be a tough period. I have said to go and win the comp this year, you are going to have to use your whole squad and that is going to come true in the next couple of weeks.

This week we announced the signing of Joel Thompson. Once we knew such an experienced and terrific player in Zeb Taia was going to be moving on at the end of the year, we needed to find someone of a similar stature to replace him and Joel fits that bill. He has a lot of similarities to Zeb, he likes the left edge and is a tough defensive player and a real good competitor who has played a lot of first grade. He also has a real skill set to him whilst off the field we want to recruit really good people to fit into our culture and he certainly will do that given his work in and around the community. We are looking forward to him joining us ahead of next season.

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THIS WEEK, THE CLUB ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF FORMER MANLY SECOND ROWER JOEL THOMPSON ON A TWO-YEAR DEAL. WE CAUGHT UP WITH JOEL ON WHY HE IS MAKING THE MOVE OVER TO JOIN THE SAINTS IN 2021...

Welcome to Saints Joel! How do you feel about signing for the Club?

I am over the moon, I am so excited! To join a club like St Helens with their proud history, with all their success, I am looking forward to getting over there, joining them and ripping in!

So how did the move come about?

My manager got in touch with me and said the Saints were interested and I had the conversation with my partner and after doing some research on the Club, the history

and success and I had a chat to the coach, Kristian and it certainly ticked all the boxes for me. There were options to go to other Clubs, but St Helens is somewhere I want to be.

You said you spoke to our Head Coach too. What is your view of Kristian?

He is a country lad too like me. He is a good man and I want to be a part of his project. I look at the likes of Lachlan Coote and it is exciting. I want to come over here and be successful and at St Helens we have a great chance to do that.



Have you ever played over in the UK before?

Yes. I played against Warrington for St. George Illawarra Dragons and I remember just loving the atmosphere. I said it then that I would like to come back here one day and this is a great opportunity to do that.

Are your family looking forward to a new country too?

Yes, we all are. It is not just about me going over there, it is a family decision. Obviously, my main aim is to go over here to win football games, but also the experience for my daughters and my wife is very important. We all can't wait.

What sort of player are you? What can we expect from you?

No-one probably knows who I am to be honest [laughs]! But that's a good thing! I am a super competitive player. I wear my heart on my sleeve and I can be aggressive sometimes. I don't like losing and I am someone who will never give up. Every time I take the field I give my all, so that is what you will all see from me.

Have you watched any Super League games?

I have seen a few of St Helens players play for England and I have watched some Super League games too. There is some real quality players at the Club and I want to be pushed and be a part of a successful Club. It is up to me to earn their respect and get out there and rip in.

And off the field you won an award for your work in the community. Can you tell us about that?

It's not all about being a good footballer. It's about being a good person off the pitch as well. I am a big believer in that. You can say I was a little bit wild in my younger days and it was disrupting my football career and I got some advice to give back and help out others. I started to connect with kids in the jails and I fell in love with it. I wanted to help others. I come from a pretty rough background and that opportunity gave me a voice and I have continued that over my career, and I will look to do the same when I get to the UK.

Joel, we look forward to welcoming you to the Saints in 2021

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PREVIEWING TONIGHT'S MATCH!



TOP NEWS THIS MONTH



CONFIRMED: SAINTS SWOOP TO SIGN NRL STAR JOEL THOMPSON

St.Helens R.F.C. can now confirm former Manly star Joel Thompson will join the Super League champions in 2021 after signing a two-year deal with the Club.

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EXCLUSIVE: THOMPSON SAYS HE CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN SAINTS!

Hear from our new signing Joel Thompson as he sat down with Stuart Pyke as the latest guest on our Saints Podcast.

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WOOLF ON WHAT JOEL THOMPSON WILL BRING TO SAINTS

Hear what Head Coach Kristian Woolf thinks of his new signing for 2021, Joel Thompson.

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SAINTS CLASH IN PERPIGNAN CONFIRMED

Our Round 20 clash will see St Helens travel to Perpignan to face Catalans Dragons on Thursday 5th November with kick off at 6:15pm (UK time) live on the Our League App.

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A WELCOME TO... LEEDS RHINOS

It's Round 17 of Super League XXV and this week's matches take place at our Totally Wicked Stadium. It is a Saints 'home' game and it is the Leeds Rhinos who we face this evening. The Rhinos will arrive in high spirits after their Challenge Cup Final triumph over Salford Red Devils at Wembley Stadium last Saturday.

Leeds' fortunes, just now, couldn't be much more different to what they were when the last visited the Totally Wicked Stadium back in June, last year. At that time they were facing the very real prospect of a relegation dog fight as, coming into that match, they were in lying in 10th position with six wins from their 18 matches and a total of 12 points. They were well beaten by 36 points to 10 that night and it had been only a matter of a few weeks prior that when Championship Club, Bradford Bulls had knocked them out of the Challenge Cup, at the 6th Round stage, by 24 points to 22.

The Cup defeat had come at the end of a terrible week for the Rhinos as their head coach, David Furner, had left the club with immediate effect just four days earlier. He was replaced by Richard Agar, initially on an interim basis, and he immediately set about trying to change Leeds' fortunes. He signed Ava Seumanufagai from Cronulla, swapped Salford's Robert Lui for Tui Lolohea and brought in Rhyse Martin from Canterbury and slowly the Rhinos climbed the table. With six further wins, from their remaining ten matches, after their loss at Saints, Leeds ended the campaign four points clear of the 'drop' in 8th position.

Agar earned a permanent contract and continued the rebuild with the signings of Luke Gale and Kruise Leeming who have been pivotal

to their success as now with Richie Myler at full back, Lui and Gale in the halves and Leeming at hooker, the spine of the Leeds team is a match for any other Super League outfit.

Last week saw Leeds win the Challenge Cup for their first time since 2015 after a late Gale drop goal secured a 17-16 victory over Salford. They are in 5th position in the Betfred Super League, having won eight of their 13 matches. They have a total of 16 points and they are in a great place to challenge for a Playoff spot.

For the record, Leeds' Super League results during 2020 have been, (pre lock-down) – Hull FC (H) L4-30, Hull KR (H) W52-10, Salford Red Devils (A) W22-8 and Warrington Wolves (H) W36-0; (post lock down) – Huddersfield Giants (A*) W27-26, St. Helens (H) L0-48, Wigan Warriors (A*) L10-28, Salford Red Devils (H*) W50-12, Huddersfield Giants (H*) W13-12, Hull KR (H*) W41-16, Catalans Dragons (H) L6-34, Hull FC (A*) W40-22 and Warrington Wolves (A) L 6-32. In the Challenge Cup, Leeds' results were, Hull KR, QF, (H*) W48-18, Wigan Warriors, SF, (N*) W26-12 and Salford Red Devils, F, (Wembley) W17-16. (*) - Matches have been played at neutral venues.

Since the introduction of Super League in 1996, St. Helens and Leeds Rhinos have provided many memorable moments in their 81 previous meetings. There have been 58 Super League clashes, 12 in the Play Offs and 11 in the Challenge Cup. For the record, Saints have won 34 of the Super League matches; 4 in the Play Offs and 5 Challenge Cup ties. Leeds have however won all four Super League Grand Finals that have been contested by the two sides.

Bill Bates



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RICHIE MYLER

Myler joined the Rhinos in 2018 from Catalans Dragons. He began his playing career with Widnes Vikings, making his debut in the 2007 season and he signed for Salford in 2008, winning the National League One title and Grand Final in his first season. He then signed for Warrington to become the most expensive teenage signing in Rugby League history. In 2011 he helped the Wolves win the League Leaders Shield. Twelve months later he was part of the Warrington side that won the Challenge Cup Final and in 2013 appeared in his first Grand Final against Wigan, where they lost 30-16. Richie has been outstanding during 2020, and has been instrumental in helping Leeds win the Challenge Cup for the first time in five years, winning the Lance Todd Trophy in the process.



ROBERT LUI

Robert joined the Rhinos from Salford Red Devils midway through the 2019 season with Tongan international Tui Lolohea moving in the opposite direction. His arrival at Headingley has coincided with an upturn in the Rhinos fortunes. Lui had spent four seasons at Salford scoring 32 tries and 33 goals in 102 appearances for the club. He has previously played in the NRL with Wests Tigers and North Queensland Cowboys having made his debut, aged 19, in 2009. He has now scored four tries in 20 appearances for Leeds and he helped defeat his former club in last Saturday's Challenge Cup Final.



AVA SEUMANUFAGAI

Leeds signed Cronulla Sharks prop Ava Seumanufagai midway through the 2019 season. The 18 stone front rower had played 118 games in the NRL for Wests Tigers and the Sharks. Originally from Wellington in New Zealand, he made his NRL debut back in 2013. He has also played for Newtown Jets, where he was an integral member of the team that reached the Intrust Super Premiership Grand Final. Since joining Leeds, Seumanufagai has become a regular starter in the front row. He has now made 26 Rhinos appearances, has scored three tries, and has won a Challenge Cup Winners' Medal.



MIKOLAJ OLEDZKI

Mikolaj joined the Rhinos scholarship in 2013. Born in Gdansk in Poland, he was a try scorer on his 1st Team debut in 2017 in the Challenge Cup against Doncaster. He broke into the Leeds side in 2018, starting eight games and scoring a barnstorming try against Castleford Tigers at the Dacia Magic Weekend earning a place in the England Knights squad for their tour to Papua New Guinea. He has now gone on to make 55 appearances for the club and has scored six tries. And at 22 years of age, he is now also a Challenge Cup winner.



JAMES DONALDSON

James joined the Rhinos in 2019 from Hull KR. He originally made his Super League debut, aged 18, in 2009 for Bradford Bulls in a 38-40 loss to Castleford. A highly talented forward, he went on to make 79 appearances for the Bulls before joining Hull KR in 2015. A Challenge Cup Finalist in his first season with the Rhinos, he went on to spend four years with the club, where he became a great favourite with their supporters. James has now made 35 appearances for the Rhinos, scored 4 tries, and, aged 29, left Wembley Stadium last Saturday as a Challenge Cup winner.

KEY STATS

SAINTS HIGHEST HOME WIN

**68-0
[1993-94]**

SAINTS HIGHEST AWAY WIN

**48-0
[2020]**

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16-41 [2015]



ALL MATCHES [EXCLUDING FRIENDLIES]

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	97	67	2	28	2181	1368
AWAY	103	35	2	66	1583	2026
NEUTRAL	18	6	0	12	304	361
TOTAL	218	108	4	106	4068	3755

PREVIOUS LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	80	54	2	24	1838	1162
AWAY	82	28	2	52	1296	1694
TOTAL	162	82	4	76	3134	2856



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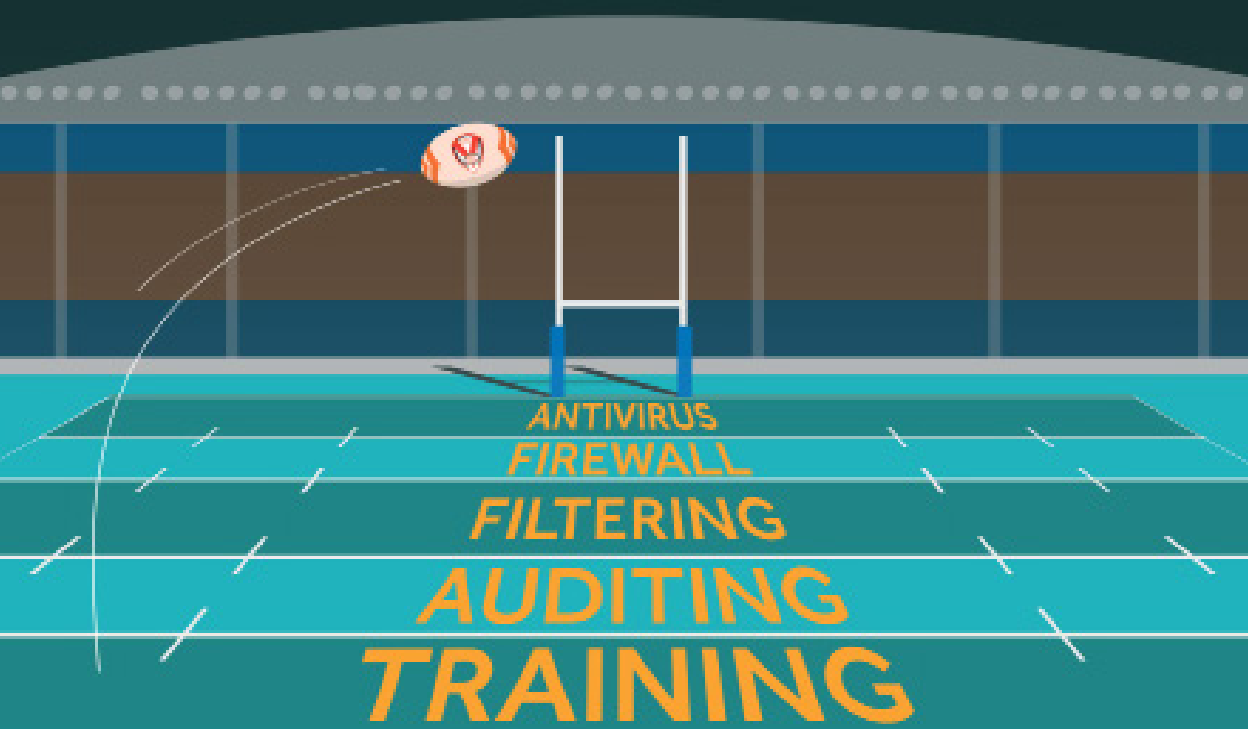


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Saints' players and staff are photographed with the Lancashire Cup after the defeat of Rochdale Hornets on 20th October 1991 – the last time the club won that coveted trophy. Can you name them? The team is listed at the bottom to help you!

THIS WEEK IN SAINTS HISTORY

20th October 1991 Lancashire Cup final: St. Helens 24 Rochdale Hornets 14 at Wilderspool Stadium, Warrington. The groundwork had been done after dismissing Wigan in the semis! Remember that stunning cameo by Phil Veivers and Mike Riley on the right that brought a stunning four-pointer? In the final itself, second-rower George Mann scored two typically barnstorming tries, with Phil Veivers also notching a brace.

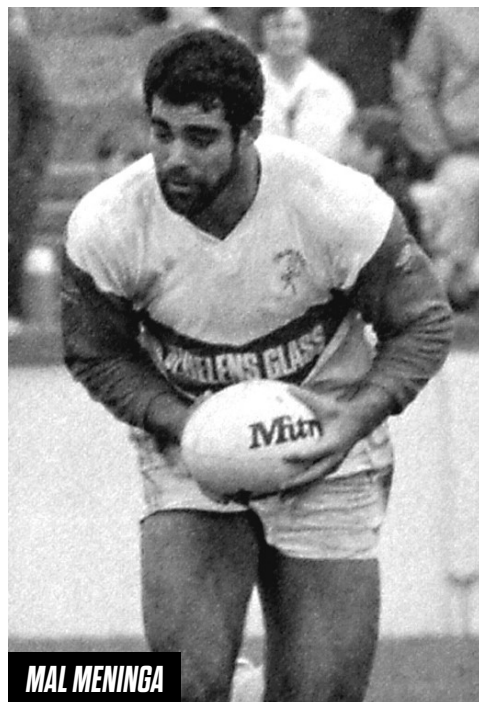
21st October 1984 Division One: St. Helens 32 Oldham 5 at Knowsley Road. Mal Meninga led the way for the homesters, with a brace of tries [see pic].

23rd October 1963 Powerful second-rower John Warlow was signed from Llanelli RUFC. He was 'billeted' at Minnie Cotton's house in St. Luke's Road and later formed a fabulous back row partnership with other union converts, Ray French and John Mantle, at Wembley in 1966.

24th October 1967 Tour Match: St. Helens 8 Australia 4 at Knowsley Road. A fine victory against the visitors, who cut up a bit rough during the match, with a dazed and bloodied Tom van Vollenhoven one of the unfortunate recipients! 17,300 saw Saints win with 2 Kel Coslett goals and 2 'drops' from scrum-half Tommy Bishop!

And what about our Lancashire Cup winners? Here's the team: #998 Dave Tanner; #1031 Mike Riley, #1010 Gary Connolly, #1021 Tea Ropati, #1029 Anthony Sullivan; #970 Phil Veivers [2T],

#1028 Paul Bishop [1T2G]; #1001 Jon Neill, #1003 Paul Groves #1025 Kevin Ward #1019 George Mann [2T] #1002 Shane Cooper [Capt]. Subs: #976 Mark Bailey #857 Paul Forber





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Jackie Pimblett finished his career with Pilks Recs and another with Recs' associations was **#817 Jimmy Mustard**, who also represented Liverpool City in the professional code. A forceful back-rower, he made the first of his 11 appearances for Saints at Warrington in a 17-10 victory. Dick Huddart was his second-row partner, with Duggie Laughton at loose forward. His family were extremely proud to receive his Heritage Number Certificate.

#865 Bill Sheffield was a hard-running second-rower who made his debut in the Charity Shield match against Castleford in August 1970 and scored a try in the 19-19 draw. Ironically, the last of his 10 appearances for the club was also against Castleford, in the league on 12th December 1970. Saints won 9-5 and Bill went on to play for Rochdale Hornets and Salford. As a local lad, he was delighted to receive his certificate on the third of our Open Days at the Totally Wicked Stadium.



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COVID-19 FORCES CANCELLATION OF WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS IN 2020

The RFL announces new training sessions and local friendlies as ways of maintaining momentum in Women's Rugby League following the decision not to restart the Coral Women's Challenge Cup and to cancel the Betfred Women's Super League competition in 2020.



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.



YOUNGSTERS JOIN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM

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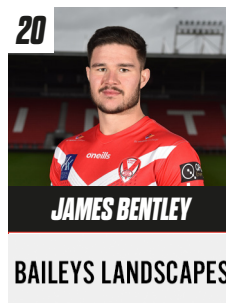
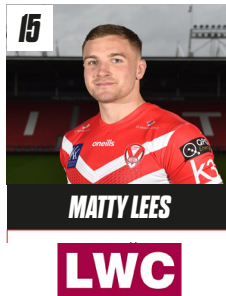
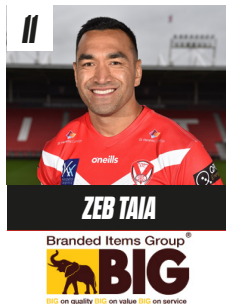
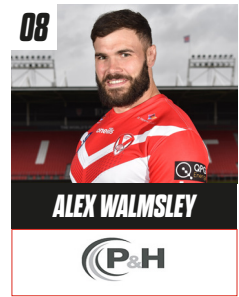
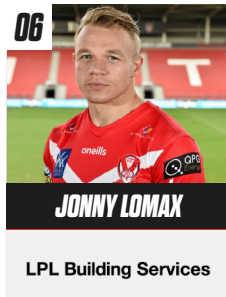
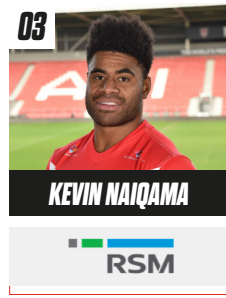
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MARCH						
6	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	SL	H	10 12	10418	5
15	CASTLEFORD TIGERS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 3.30pm	A	14 28	7268	6
AUGUST						
2	CATALANS DRAGONS <i>SKY</i>	SL ** - 4.15pm	H	34 6	BCD	5
9	LEEDS RHINOS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 6.30pm	A	0 48	BCD	2
16	CASTLEFORD TIGERS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 4.15pm	H	10 0	BCD	2
30	HULL KR <i>SKY</i>	SL ** - 6.30pm	A	18 32	BCD	2
SEPTEMBER						
4	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS <i>SKY</i>	SL ** - 1.00pm	A	6 54	BCD	1
11	HULL KR <i>SKY</i>	SL ** - 6.00pm	H	21 20	BCD	
19	WARRINGTON WOLVES <i>BBC</i>	CC6 *** - 2.30pm	A	20 18	BCD	
29	WIGAN WARRIORS <i>SKY</i>	SL *** - 7.45pm	A	0 42	BCD	

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	V	FT	ATT	POS
OCTOBER						
9	WAKEFIELD TRINITY <i>SKY</i>	SL ** - 5.30pm	A	16 20	BCD	
15	WAKEFIELD TRINITY <i>SKY</i>	SL * - 7.45pm	H	48 6	BCD	
23	LEEDS RHINOS <i>SKY</i>	SL - 7.45pm	H		BCD	
25	SALFORD RED DEVILS	SL *	A		BCD	
30	WIGAN WARRIORS	SL *	H		BCD	
NOVEMBER						
5	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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