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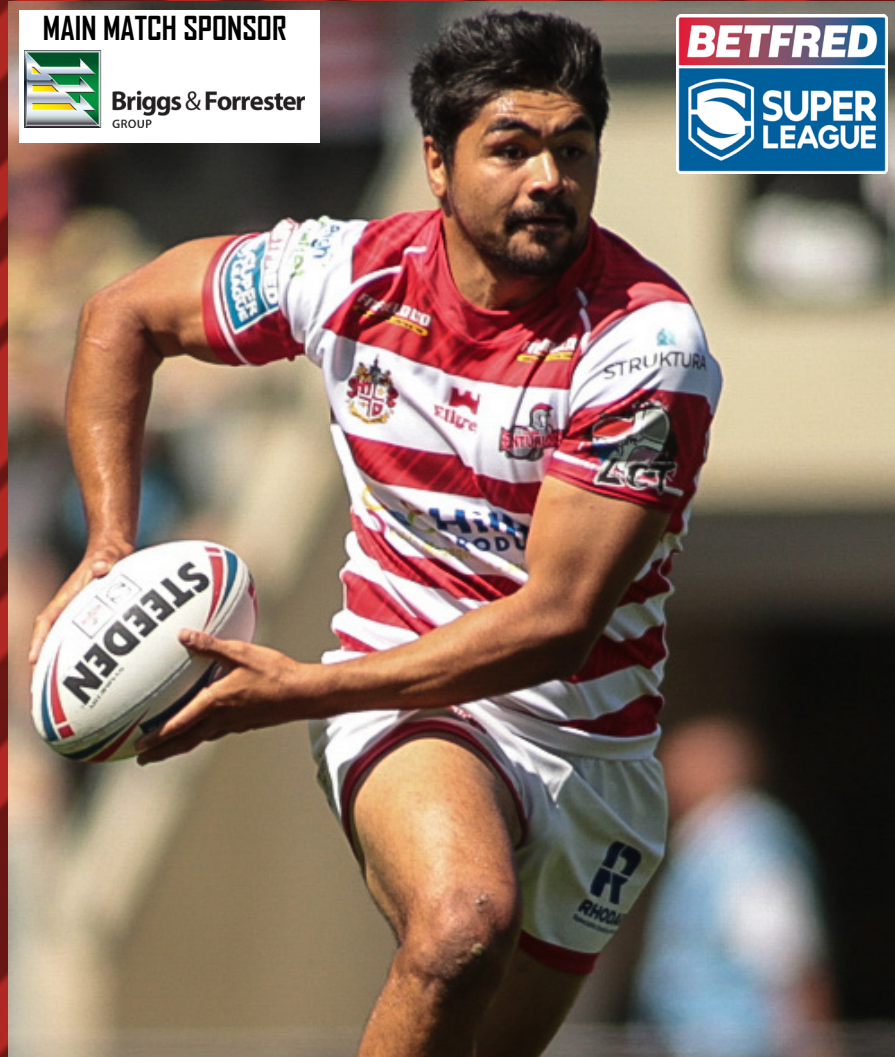
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### Highest Score For

92-2 v Keighley, 1986

### Highest Score Against

4-94 v Workington Town, 1995

### Highest Home Attendance

31,326 v St Helens, 1953

### Highest Home Attendance at LSV

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### GAME RECORDS

Tries: 6 by Jack Wood in 1947 and Neil Turley in 2001

Goals: 15 by Mick Stacey in 1976

Points: 42 by Neil Turley in 2004

### SEASONAL RECORDS

Tries: 55 by Neil Turley in 2001

Goals: 187 by Neil Turley in 2004

Points: 468 by Neil Turley in 2004

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Appearances: 503 by Albert Worrall

Tries: 189 by Mick Martyn

Goals: 1043 by Jimmy Ledgard

Points: 2492 by John Woods

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# DEREK BEAUMONT

**Well, what a great game rugby league is and just how well are Catalan Dragons playing it at the moment, which sees them top of the table after their recent victory over us. Power, pace, athleticism and bodies in motion. But was it those skills that saw them close out the game just like their victory over St Helens in Perpignan? No- it was the exact opposite: the holding down of players in the tackle, lying on deliberately to kill the clock and deny us of a full last set and the crowd the drama of what that could have been.**

I spoke to Steve McNamara after the game about it and in all honesty as I said to him I do not blame him or his team for doing so. That is what the rules of the game throw up with the six again and it's a rule I believe needs looking at-something McNamara agrees with. I am not saying that it needs to go completely but most certainly, when used so blatantly, for me there needs to be a stopping of the clock at the point the ruck time has exceeded and a sin binning to those in the tackle. This will then stop a deliberate act to kill the clock at the end of the game.

Similarly, there are times when it's not an infringement but a deliberate act in a game, say on play two when a team is on the back foot and a quick play means they have got you, just holding for the penalty, six again and then longer has

no consequence. The ref could see how that game was ending and could do nothing about it. That's something the game needs to fix up and provide for. It is highly likely Catalan would have defended the set anyway and won the game, something I am sure they would have preferred to do, but it would have been exciting to find out as the whole game had been exciting to watch. Well apart from minutes 45 to 68 when Catalans were near perfect.

I have been absolutely buzzing with how our lads have been performing these last couple of weeks and despite meeting the in-form team with quality across the park I really fancied our chances. For personal reasons and a story in itself for another time, I only made it to the ground for half time and had arrived watching on my phone on OurLeague in a taxi and thought we were 18 - 6, only to get inside and see 18-12. It's only the third time we have gone in at half time with the lead and I was obviously really pleased. We started the second half well with Thornley going close and defended well to keep Catalan under pressure. Then came an absolute game changer when Catalan hit a beautiful 40/20 to get them off the cuff and into good ball.

The end of set kick that was being watched out saw some athleticism from ex Leigh player Drinkwater to keep it in and Langi was there to pounce. It was a big blow but what followed really put us to the sword. I may be wrong, but in that 23 minute spell where we went 24 unanswered points I think we had four sets with the ball. That's clinical from Catalan and was obviously disappointing but what was more disappointing for me was the booing I could hear from my gantry, not by many but one is enough.

There is no place in the Leigh Sports Village for people wanting to boo our players when things are going wrong. It's at those times you want your fans to really lift you and show you unequivocal support. Fortunately, the vast majority did and after Catalan kicked out on the full, their period of dominance turned as we had chances to create of our own which we did keeping the ball alive and playing with energy and passion. We worked it back to 36-30 when many would have expected us to fold and that is testament to where this team is heading and the beliefs and work ethic the lads are showing for Kurt. Catalans know we gave them a game, their players and coaches



**Catalans Dragons coach Steve McNamara received the Coach of the Month Award at Leigh on Saturday**





**The support of the Leigh fans is absolutely crucial.**

**Photo: SWPix**

freely stated that and we will draw confidence from that, but we also know we need a win to get us going and that will be our continued focus.

There's no let-up in Super League as we find out, dusting ourselves off from that narrow loss to Catalan only to find Hull FC pulling up the front- another big, physical side with quality in abundance. They arrive of the back of an away win against Betfred Challenge Cup finalists Castleford Tigers and have been travelling really well and will be looking to keep that momentum going and not be the team to lose at Leigh.

We welcome Adam Pearson, James Clark, Brett Hodgson, Kieron Purtill and all the players and staff from Hull FC along with their vocal travelling fans. I know Kieron and Brett were here last week for our game against Catalan so will be well prepared for what we may want to throw at them. As a former assistant and head coach at the club Kieron is no stranger to the place and he will always be respected for his time here and made welcome. I always look forward to playing the Hull clubs and more so FC as I have a lot of friends over that way from my involvement in the caravan industry with Hull being home to most manufacturers. They are actually very supportive of us as a club in particular when we play KR! I wonder why? I am hoping they get to witness our first win but if that doesn't come, I will settle for another spirited energetic performance, building in the right direction and share a smile for not least Darren and Karl. Lastly, if your name's Jon Wilkin and you're still reading

you made the end without a retort to your Forty-20 article which I enjoyed reading. I shall leave our very own Forty-20 contributor and chairman Mike Latham to preside over the two articles as he has forgot far more about what went on at Hilton Park than I will ever know and it would seem perhaps you also Jon, despite you actually being there or actually were you? I am sure you will enjoy the read- I know I will.

There's not many if any better than Mike. What is it he once told me? Ah the pen is mightier than the sword! Ooh Ha Timmy Street I said Ooh Ha Timmy Street.

## FOOTNOTE

*Mike Latham adds:*

Jon Wilkin, as Derek references, has been given a column in Forty-20 magazine. In this month's (June 2021) article he devotes a whole page to Leigh Centurions and Derek.

Wilkin writes: "I played at Hilton Park, got knocked out by Tim Street before attacking the head was a penalty, and had my scrotum grabbed by the same man - them were the days."

My old history teacher said to me: "Always get your facts right. No one can argue with the facts."

The facts are that Wilkin made his debut for Hull KR in the 2000 season. He played 7 games for Rovers in 2000 and 6 in 2001, none against Leigh. Timmy's last game for Leigh was on 22 July 2001 against Widnes.

Wilkin played four times for Rovers against Leigh in the 2002 season including two games at Hilton Park. But by then Timmy had moved to Chorley, playing for them in the 2002 and 2003 seasons. Hull KR played at Chorley on 3 Feb 2002, winning 40-28 but Wilkin was not in the Rovers team. Timmy played for Chorley, scoring a try. Incidentally, John Duffy also played for Chorley that day. Chorley played at Hull KR on 28 July 2002, Rovers winning 58-6. Timmy scored Chorley's try. Wilkin was in the Rovers team, but records show he played the entire game and was not substituted. In fact, the League Express reporter gave him Man of the Match. In 2003 Wilkin was at St Helens and they did not play Chorley that season.

Timmy retired at the end of the 2003 season, making one comeback game for Blackpool against Crusaders in 2007.



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# FROM THE TOP

by Mike Latham,  
Chairman,  
Leigh Centurions

**Welcome to Leigh Sports Village and the second successive Saturday home game on this Father's Day weekend.**

For many people, especially those who have been affected by the tragedy of losing their dad, it's an emotional time of the year and it becomes even more so when visiting familiar places as memories come flooding back. First of all, though, I'd like to pass on the best wishes of everyone at the club to our well-known supporter Shiril Lloyd who's undergoing some treatment recently for illness. Shiril's spirit is unbelievable and she regularly shares her progress on Facebook while also keeping up a ceaseless encouragement for her favourite rugby team. Get well soon Shiril!

I was in a reflective mood last weekend as it marked ten years since my dad passed away. Ten years – it seems only yesterday. I owe my dad many things, not least the love of sport as right from an early age he took me to football, rugby league and cricket matches. I was fortunate enough to go with my mum and dad to Wembley with Leigh in 1971 and the memories of that great day are still vivid, particularly so when jogged by the terrific film that Mark and Adam from our media department put together recently to mark the 50th anniversary. From their interviews with some of the people who attended or

played in that game it was very clear that not just me remembers that day so fondly.

In the circumstances I had a good day last Saturday, not least because we played with such energy and skill against a very impressive Catalans side and were desperately unlucky not to at least come away with a share of the spoils. I had a great view of Ben Reynolds's spectacular try which was just one thrilling incident of a game that will linger long in the memory, even though we lost. Steve McNamara, the Catalans coach and someone I respect greatly having known for over 20 years, was very complimentary about Leigh's performance afterwards and it was a genuine reaction – not a tired, clichéd deflection tactic used by some coaches to obscure a below par performance by their own team.

In attack we scored some terrific tries and time just ran out when the momentum of a fluctuating game seemed to be turning back our way. The reaction of the supporters inside the stadium was one of disappointment but also pride at their team's performance and, walking back to the car afterwards, it was good to share a few thoughts on the game with people I've known for many years. Hopefully, we can replicate that performance again this afternoon and use it as a springboard for the rest of the season, which still has 60 percent of the league games to come.

After the rugby I spent a few hours at Atherton Cricket Club and saw the second half of their Bolton League game against Darcy Lever. Chasing a target of 235 Atherton's cause looked hopeless as they continually lost wickets to a keen and motivated bowling attack. But the home professional, a young Pakistan A batter named Zain Abbas, stood firm, producing a brilliant array of strokes. However, at 120 for 8, even though he was 70-odd not out, Darcy Lever was scenting a comfortable win and an early finish. It was at this stage that Ellis Mort joined



**A dejected Junior Sa'u following the game against Catalans**





**Ben Hellewell and Ben Reynolds celebrate a try against Catalans Dragons. Photo: SWPix**

the 'pro' and was able to do something his team-mates had failed to do, stick in, and hold one end up. Gradually the pendulum began to turn and the victory target was whittled down. Young Mort was coolness personified and even indulged in a couple of fine on drives for four himself while the pro continued to show a dazzling array of shots. It was going on for 8pm when Zain Abbas hit the winning runs as Atherton achieved an incredible victory by two wickets, amid scenes of jubilation from the supporters lucky enough to be present. He hit an undefeated 174, which I understand is an all-time club record score, and his ninth wicket partnership with Mort put on 118, also a club record, Mort not out at the end on 16.

It was one of those games that made you realise just how wonderful sport can be, producing such drama and memories in the unlikelyst of circumstances. It also showed that you must never give in, and I believe that our team and coaching staff can show the same strength of character to fight back against the odds, get some wins on the board and defy the critics and retain our hard-won place in the Betfred Super League. If it's anything like the Catalans game it sure will be exciting and I know our loyal fans are up for the battle, too.

Going back to Atherton, it was quite a sentimental journey for me as my mum was born and lived within a stone's throw of the ground while my dad's funeral service was

held at Howe Bridge church nearby. It would have been easy for me to go home straight after the rugby, but I was glad I made the effort to go to the cricket and prolong my day out. A lot of Atherton CC members are also supporters of Leigh rugby and I spoke to several as I walked around the boundary.

You'll all remember Tom Boardman, war hero and Leigh's oldest surviving supporter when he passed away at the age of 99 in 2018. Tom was a wonderful man who had a long association with the Atherton club as player and official and he was an avid Leigh supporter who kept following the club until his death. His son, Ron, also a Howe Bridger, I see regularly at games and he's a great man, too, a long-standing season ticket holder. Ron's grandad Ernie played rugby for Leigh, including the 1921 cup final win, and cricket for Atherton and once played centre-forward for Bolton Wanderers in a wartime league game at Liverpool, an incredible hat-trick.

Another avid Leigh supporter of long standing, Brian Wood, also played many years for the Atherton club and continued travelling from his home in Lancaster, when he moved to pursue a teaching career, to play cricket and watch Leigh.

I was in contact with Brian only the other day and was reminded that only a few years ago he had visited the famous Sydney Cricket Ground where, among other

# MIKE LATHAM

things, he had his photo taken alongside a statue of Trevor Allan, the great Australian centre who was a hero at Leigh in the post war years. Just think of that – a Leigh player having his statue outside the most famous stadium in Australian sport. I always think of that whenever we sign an Australian player that we must use that as a selling point in negotiations! I know it's a source of pride for those long-standing Leigh fans who were fortunate enough to watch Trevor Allan play for Leigh. Indeed, many boys born in Leigh in the early 1950s were given the forename Allan in tribute to a great player.

I was hoping to watch Joe Cator playing for Hull today but unfortunately he's injured at the moment and also missed the recent cup semi-final at this ground. My first sight of Joe was just before Christmas in 2018 when Duffs and the rest of the coaching staff invited me to watch the pre-season drills up Rivington way one cold and rainy winter's Saturday morning. The players, dressed in Christmas themed clothes had embarked on a long run on a course known locally as Two Bobs, favoured by international fell runners to build stamina. Suddenly out of the darkness emerged a young lad in a pixie uniform who bombed over the punishing terrain like a thoroughbred.

Some minutes later the rest of his teammates, dressed as elves, Santas, reindeer and the like and all doing a fair lick, appeared. I'd assumed the pixie had set off before the rest but was assured he hadn't. It was Joe Cator. He'd just come from Hull KR and wanted regular football to kick start his career. He certainly managed that, playing every game of the 2019 season and becoming a firm fans' favourite. He then got the chance to join Hull FC, the club he'd supported as a boy and who could blame him?

Since then, he has established himself as one of their best players and I'm sure that he will enjoy a great



**Former Leigh forward Joe Cator has been a big success at Hull FC**

career. I got to know Joe well during his year at Leigh and take great pride in his career progress. It was his 23rd birthday this last week, and I wish him a belated happy birthday.

I hope you'll forgive my personal reflection in this week's column and the best advice I can give you is, if you're coming to the game with your dad, make sure you cherish the moments as they don't last forever. Joe Cator can tell you that as he sadly lost his dad when he was very young. I think everything he does is to make his dad proud of him. I know that he will be. This weekend as I think of my dad and those we have lost I'll spare a special thought for Derek and his brothers Brian and Chris who lost their dad this time last year, the day after Father's Day.

My thoughts are with them today as they are with everyone who's feeling emotional or sad. If you are, remember that it's good to talk and let your feelings out. Don't keep them bottled up.

**Enjoy the game, Yours in RL, Mike**



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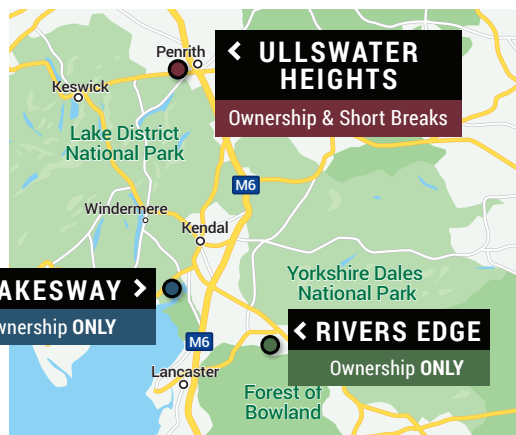
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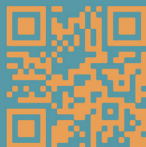
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# FIRST WIN IS COMING

## KURT HAGGERTY

Interim Head Coach,  
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**It was a close run thing against Catalans, now you've had a few days to reflect on the game what are your thoughts?**

I don't think we were far off against Catalans. I think if we'd tidied up a few areas we would have won the game. Apart from a 10 to 15 minute period where we went off the game defensively, I think we should have come away with the win. And I don't think we would have just scraped the win either - I think we were capable of winning the game comfortably.

We have got some momentum yet haven't won a game yet so you start asking what more could we do once we do get that win? We just need to get that one win then one win becomes two and we'll go from there.

The support I've had from the playing group and the staff has been absolutely fantastic since I became interim head coach.

**Leigh scored the most points they've managed all season against Wakefield then bettered it against Catalans so that must be very pleasing for you.**

I know there were people questioning our attack but we've scored 50 points in two games so we're definitely heading in the right direction. Those area really good signs.

We are aware we are still conceding points but if we can sort out our offense and defence at the same time



then we are going to win games.

**Leigh's injury problems have been well documented in recent weeks - what's the situation for the game against Hull FC?**

There's not going to be a lot of change to be honest. We were glad to get Nathan Mason and Nathaniel Peteru back for the Catalans game and this week we could have Matty Russell available. I hoped we'd have Adam Sidlow back but looking at him training over the past couple of days I'm not so sure.

It was important for us to get a couple of front rowers back against Catalans in Nathan and Nate. It's also crucial that we've got some options from the bench especially against a good team like Hull FC. They have got some big human beings so we need to meet them with our big boys too.

They have got some very good players and plenty of strike as well as Marc Sneyd who will test us with his kicking. There will be no way

any of our boys can be under par this week.

**Is Brett Hodgson someone you admired as a player?**

He was a very good player and I like the way he played. You could tell he had a very good thought process in the games that he played because he always looked one step ahead of everyone else.

**Have you ever crossed paths with Hull FC assistant coach Kieron Purtill who we know well as a former Leigh player and coach?**

When I was at St Helens as a young lad Kieron was there as an assistant but I never worked with him.

*Kurt was talking to Mark Taylor*

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# FROM SYDNEY TO THE CENTURIONS

## Adam Scotson meets Leigh Head Physio Trent Bowden

### How did you get into your profession in Sydney Australia?

I grew up a big Rugby League fan and played all my life. Got to about the age of 16 and unfortunately hurt my knee and had to have an ACL reconstruction and that was around the time at school they were getting us to think about what we want to do as a career. I never thought of being a physio but I met my first physio and learnt about it while I was in rehab with my knee and that's what got me into it. It stopped me pursuing my career as a player but this got me further than I ever could have got playing.

### Tell us a bit about your education

I did two degrees at the University of Sydney, a health science degree where I did a masters in human movement, which got me into a masters in Physio and at that same time was when I started looking for experience in Rugby League and came across some

connections at North Sydney Bears which was a feeder club to the Rabbitohs at the time. They took me in as a student and I stayed there for about six or seven years.

### How did you end up coming over to the UK?

That's an interesting path! It was just from opportunity really. For a number of years I stayed with the Bears as a student working my way up the ranks from the juniors all the way to the seniors. At the time, I think it was the World Cup in Australia and there was the student World Cup a few months before and somebody approached me from the Scotland team and said "Hey, Do you want to come and look after the Scotland team?" so I was in camp with them and did their campaign for the Student World Cup. Then I went on and met the hierarchy and they asked me to come on board for the senior world cup which was later that year. Unfortunately all I did was the camp beforehand, but from there I met the head physio, Dan Ramsden, who was at Hull KR and after chatting to him, telling him about my goals to stay working in Rugby League. He asked me if there was an opportunity to come over to England would I be up for it. I said "yes, of course". I got the call offering me a job, so I packed up everything and moved over here by myself. I started in the pre-season of 2019 with KR and was there for two years and now I'm here.

### You mentioned the Scotland set up, Is that how you met John Duffy and ended up at Leigh?

Yeah, and that was a chance meeting and a chance phone call. After 2020, with the pandemic, there was a few budget cuts at a few clubs and unfortunately Hull KR couldn't keep me on so I went through the phone book and came across a man I'd had some experience with at a European Championship tour with Scotland in 2018 where John and Chris Chester were coaching. I gave him



Leigh physio Trent Bowden





a call and asked what his plans were for 2021, and asked if there was an opening for an Aussie physio that's looking for a job and to his credit, he said to come over. It was only originally supposed to be a championship role but another opportunity came up to step into Super League and the rest is history.

**Tell us about your involvement with Mose Masoe's injury**

It's an interesting story. It's one of the hardest things I've ever had to be a part of and one of those things you always train for as a worst case scenario. It was a trial game against Wakefield and I was one



of the orange shirts on the field. When he went into contact we didn't really think of anything but saw the big guy down and you just went straight into what you've been trained to do. The first thing you do is look after and stabilise their neck and that was my role as the first there. I had my colleagues and the doctor join me after we had established some support for his neck and went through the procedures. In hindsight, it's quite routine what we did and I think we were extremely lucky with the whole scenario. He was part of the whole season last year and we got to see him along his journey in the acute setting and in the rehab and going visiting him in the hospital was always great and a great motivational tool. He's always been so positive and I still chat to him today and he's forever asking how everyone is. He's probably one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet and probably one of the strongest. It's one thing I will never forget.

**Have you got aspirations for the 2021 World Cup with Scotland?**

Yeah, I have stayed in communication with them and with all being well, I should be running their campaign as Head Physio this year!

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# THE INSIDE TRACK

## HULL FC

By Eithan Boulter-Ashcroft, Prost International

**How do you think Brett Hodgson is shaping up as a head coach?**

In his first role as a head coach, Brett is doing an impressive job in charge of Hull FC. He has taken the Black and White to a Challenge Cup Semi-final in which his side went close to knocking out back-to-back Super League Champions St Helens, before a late Regan Grace try sealed the win for the Saints. Reflecting on Hull's Super League defeat to Wigan, his side fell short on the night, but the sides faced each other again the following week in the Challenge Cup. It was clear to see that Brett had analysed the previous game and worked on his side's faults and how to attack the Warrior's weaknesses.

After nine games, his side sit fifth in Super League with five wins. A good start for the new head coach, but one he will look to improve on.

**What would represent a successful season for Hull FC?**

Having reached the Super League Semi-finals last season, the Black and Whites will be aiming to reach their first Super League Grand Final since 2006. With the investment in the squad in recent years and Josh Reynolds joining the club this season, his partnership with Marc Sneyd in the halves could be an influential factor in Hull getting back to Old Trafford.

**Which players have most impressed you this season?**



**Hull FC's Cameron's Scott who enjoyed a successful stint on loan with Leigh in 2020**



So far this season, Adam Swift has been one of the most impressive Hull players. Following a disappointing first season for the Black and Whites, the 28 year-old has made the left wing position his own this season with eight tries in all competitions so far this season.

**What are the trademark plays Leigh should be wary of?**

Having watched a lot of Hull games this season, they favour attacking down their left edge. Marc Sneyd will look to find Jake Connor out the back who will either find Mahe Fonua with a short ball close to the line or he will draw in a defender before throwing a miss-out pass to Adam Swift on the wing.





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# TO HULL AND BACK

**Adam Scotson** speaks to ex-Hull FC man **Jordan Thompson**

Would you believe it if we told you Jordan Thompson played on the wing and at full back at the start of his career? We didn't either when he told us, and by all accounts, the rest of the lads didn't either.

"That's where I started, out on the wing, I filled in at full back against Catalans for one game, and I dropped three high balls. Yeah, I never played there again and moved to the middle from there. No-one believes it but that's genuinely where I started and scored my first Try on my first start for them"

"I tell the lads here at Leigh to let me play full back because I've played there before but they all think I'm on the wind up"

Jordan had two spells at today's opponents Hull FC making 115 appearances. He enjoyed his time at Hull FC and says that the travelling to and from training there, was not too dissimilar than what he does for Leigh.

"I loved every minute at Hull. I loved the club but at the end of my time there I wanted to be playing more regularly. The travelling now isn't an issue because it's only like what I travelled when I had to go to Hull from where I live. The only thing that's ever an issue is the motorway. Whenever there's a bump, it sets you back but thankfully it doesn't happen too often."

With the squad having a strong Yorkshire contingent, the likes of Jordan, Liam Hood, Ben Reynolds and Ben



**Jordan Thompson has been one of Leigh's most consistent performers this season**

Hellewell sometimes car share or as it's well known in the camp 'Jump on the Yorkshire Bus'.

"I get on with them all, but because I've travelled with Hoody the longest, I'd say I'm closest to him from that lot. He'd kill me as well if I didn't say Hoody."

Now, in a career spanning 12 years and counting you're bound to have some fantastic memories of the game, but Thommo was very sure about which moment he would relive.

"I'd say it would be my debut at Castleford. There's nothing like the coach pulling you aside and telling you it's your time. I know it is very cliché but it would have to be my debut."

We dug deep into the archives and found a cracking photo of Thompson from his early days at Castleford (right), and he simply replied "What an absolute sort!"

● Watch out for the full interview with Jordan on LCTV



**Jordan in his Hull FC days**





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## ADAM SIDLOW

### Day or night?

Night! The kids have gone to bed.

### Pepsi or Coke?

Pepsi Max, I've got a thing for it at the minute.

### Pop or Rock?

Pop 100%, I do like a bit of Ne-Yo and RnB.

### Summer or winter?

Depends if I'm playing or not! But I'd say summer.

### Sweet or savoury?

Sweet, I'm quite partial to a Boost bar.

### Twitter or Insta?

I'm not on any social media so neither.

### Dogs or cats?

Dogs! I used to have a Boxer so it has to be.

### Half full or half empty?

Half full.

### Apple or Android?

Android! I've always had Android. Even when Apple phones came out I just stuck with what I know.

### Chinese or Indian?

I do like a good Indian. I like a Lamb Madras!

### Leigh or Wigan

Leigh.

### Go to dance move

My wife tells me I've got snake hips.

### Favourite film

Predator! Yeah, I've watched it about a thousand times!



### Favourite song

I don't even know. I'm not up to it on music really.

### Favourite TV show

The Chase.

### Go to coffee order

Any coffee really but my favourite would be a Flat White with a Sugar Free Caramel Shot. Has to be from Costa.

### Favourite place

Mauritius. I got married there and I'd go back in a heartbeat. It was unbelievable.

### Dream car

An old style range rover.

### Other than Leigh, favourite sports team

Liverpool.

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By Katy Allen

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# CENTURIONS GIVE THE DRAGONS LATE SCARE

## Leigh Centurions 30-36 Catalans Dragons

Betfred Super League Round 9, June 12, 2021

**Catalans Dragons coach Steve McNamara was generous in his praise of Leigh Centurions after his side survived a late scare at the Sports Village.**

Leigh had let slip an 18-6 lead against the in-form Dragons but then fought back in the closing stages to get within a converted score with only a few minutes remaining.

"I thought Leigh were tremendous today," said McNamara. "People will talk about us not being great, which may be the case, but the opposition were very good. They challenged us in a lot of areas today.

"The first half was a disaster for us. We conceded two tries through interceptions and lost our captain Ben Garcia in the first 10 minutes with a groin injury.

"We also lost Sam Kasiano before the match and we were at sixes and sevens. We were poor. We had to get a foothold in the game and we did it for about 10 minutes before stopping again.

"We've been consistent up to now but today we were that far off the team of the last 10 weeks. It's a bit of a reality check for us. There were a few sub-standard performances and another win is the only silver lining."

Two late tries from Ryan Brierley and Junior Sa'u got Leigh within six points of the Dragons with minutes to play but they couldn't find another try despite a frantic finish.

Leigh interim head coach Kurt Haggerty was pleased with the way his side had performed but disappointed with the result. He said: "There is a lot of disappointment for the group because I thought we could steal the game at the end.

"There are loads of good things to take for us and, if we can tidy up some of the tries we conceded, I'm confident we can beat Hull next week.

"To claw our way back into it was a fantastic stepping stone for us.

"They showed a togetherness and never gave up. They all ripped in for each other.

"The spirit in the camp has improved drastically, it's why we're still in games."

Without a win this season, the Centurions again had to contend with something of an injury crisis in the forwards but they did at least have Nathan Mason and Nathaniel Peteru back after they missed last Sunday's defeat at Wakefield. Ben Reynolds also returned after serving a one-match ban.

It was Reynolds who gave Leigh the perfect start as he



Ryan Brierley scored a late try as Leigh staged a fightback against Catalans





**Iain Thornley wraps up Catalans' Mike McMeekin. Photos: SWPix.**

intercepted a pass before sprinting 90 metres to score a try which Ryan Brierley converted off the touchline. The visitors were level in the 10th minute when former Leigh half-back Josh Drinkwater scored by the posts and James Maloney added the conversion.

The frantic nature of the scoring continued when Brendan Elliot scored his first try for the Club in the 15th minute after taking an interception pass and racing away to score a try which Brierley again goaled. Leigh stretched their lead in the 25th minute when Joe Mellor sent Matt Gee clear and the second rower showed a dummy to outfox the Catalans defence and score. Brierley again got the goal and Centurions led 18-6.

With 10 minutes of the first half remaining, Drinkwater's kick through was brilliantly read by Maloney who pounced to score. Maloney landed the conversion meaning Leigh's lead was cut to six as the sides went in for half-time.

Catalans took a grip on the game as they made the perfect start to the second half, scoring quickfire tries through ex-Leigh man Samisoni Langi and Benjamin Jullien. Maloney converted both to open a 10 point lead.

Arthur Mourgue produced a stylish solo effort in the 58th minute and Maloney's goal and a penalty soon after stretched Catalans' lead to 36-18.

But Leigh were not finished yet and they produced a stirring finish. Ben Hellewell was first to react after Mellor's kick ahead and he dropped on the ball to score a try which Brierley converted.

Almost from the restart, Leigh powered upfield and were in again when Sa'u broke dangerously and his pass infield sent Brierley clear, touching down under the posts. He added the goal himself to cut the deficit to just six.

The Leigh fans were in full cry as they sensed an unlikely comeback with minutes left on the clock but time ran out as Catalans held on for the win they craved to take them to the top of the Betfred Super League.

## MATCH FACTS

**Leigh:** Brierley, Elliot, Thornley, Sa'u, Tierney, Reynolds, Mellor, McCarthy, Hood, Ioane, Hellewell, Gee, Bell. **Subs:** Wildie, Peteru, Mason, Peats

**Catalans:** S Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha, Maloney, Drinkwater, Goudemand, McIlorum, Bousquet, Jullien, McMeekin, Garcia. **Subs:** Mourgue, Segulier, Belmas, Baitieri

**Referee:** Thomas Grant; **Main match sponsor:** Lyndon SGB; **Programme sponsor:** Zeus Corp

# CENTURIONS ACTION

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Ryan Brierley races away against Catalans



Junior Sa'u on the charge



No way through for Matty Gee



# LEIGH 30-36 CATALANS



Leigh's Ben Reynolds on his 95 metre run to the tryline (above) and below scoring







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# CENTURION MILESTONES



Ben Hellewell



Matty Wildie



Ryan Brierley

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- 13 for Sheffield Eagles (2019, dual-registration)
- 112 for London Broncos (2015-2019)
- 17 for Featherstone Rovers (2013-2014)
- 10 for Dewsbury Rams (2014, loan)
- 6 for Barrow Raiders (2013, loan)
- 7 for York City Knights (2012, loan)
- 17 for Scotland (2012-2017, 2019)

**MATTY WILDIE** needs one appearance to reach 200 for his career.

- 13 for Leigh Centurions (2020-2021)
- 28 for Bradford Bulls (2019)
- 65 for Featherstone Rovers (2017-2018)
- 31 for Dewsbury Rams (2015)
- 42 for Wakefield Trinity (2010-2014)
- 9 for Doncaster (2013-2014, dual-registration)
- 11 for Batley Bulldogs (2012, loan)

**RYAN BRIERLEY** (148 appearances, 2012-2016, 2019, 2021) needs two tries to reach 150 for Leigh Centurions. He also needs one to go level third with Bill Kindon on the Club's all time try scorer list.

While on loan at Leigh in 2019, Brierley overtook legendary winger Des Drummond (141 tries) in the top five try scorer list behind Mick Martyn (189), John Woods (152) and Bill Kindon (149).

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# SOCIAL SCENE

By Adam Scotson

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Super League's commitment to the Rainbow Laces campaign is an important part of the Sport's wider anti-discrimination campaign Tackle IT!

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Liz Ward, Director of Programmes (she/her) at Stonewall, said: "Sport should be a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone who wants to play. It's great that Super League is committed to supporting its lesbian, gay, bi and trans players all year round, and we will keep working with them to help make sport everyone's game."

Steve Smith, Executive Director, Content at Sky Sports added: "It is great to see the Betfred Super League's support of Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign to demonstrate that sport is for everyone – whether you are playing, watching from the stands or from your living room, and we look forward to seeing this show of support on our screens."



him. We were no different, and wish Eriksen well in his recovery.

● Anthony Gelling's full length try vs Saints took the Try of the Month award for May.

Gelling took over 34% of the vote, with Ryan Brierley's neat team try away at Hull KR coming 2nd, Hellewell 3rd from the same fixture and Jamie Ellis in at 4th.




● Following the news of Cristian Eriksen's

collapse in the Euro 2020 match between Denmark and Finland, the sporting community took to Social Media to show support for



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## RYAN BRIERLEY #1

Date of Birth: 12/03/92  
Place of Birth: Preston  
Position: Fullback/ Halfback  
Signed from: Hull KR  
Other former club (s):  
Castleford Tigers, Huddersfield Giants, Toronto Wolfpack  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1354  
Year of senior debut: 2012  
Career record to start of 2021: 220 games, 191 tries, 170 goals, 7DG, 1,111pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 138 games, 144 tries, 59 goals, 5DG, 699pts  
Representative honours: Scotland  
Miscellaneous: Ryan was a member of the Leigh Centurions team which beat Featherstone in the 2014 Championship Grand Final.

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## MATTY RUSSELL #2

Date of Birth: 06/06/93  
Place of birth: Irvine  
Position: Winger  
Signed from: Toronto  
Other former club (s): Wigan Warriors, Gold Coast Titans, Warrington Wolves  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1359  
Year of senior debut: 2012  
Career record to start of 2021: 157 games, 80 tries, 320pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 2 games, 3 tries, 12pts  
Representative honours: Scotland  
Miscellaneous: Matty was on the losing side in the 2016 Challenge Cup Final and Super League Grand Final. He played for Leigh on dual registration in 2012.

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## IAIN THORNLEY #3

Date of Birth: 11/09/91  
Place of birth: Wigan  
Position: Centre  
Signed from: Catalans Dragons  
Other former club (s): Sales Sharks RU, Leeds Carnegie RU, Wigan Warriors, Salford Red Devils, Hull KR  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1384  
Year of senior debut: 2012  
Career record to start of

2021: 163 games, 76 tries, 304pts  
Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 39 games, 21 tries, 84pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Iain was a member of the Wigan Warriors side which won both the 2013 Super League Grand Final and Challenge Cup Final.  
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## JUNIOR SA'U #4

Date of Birth: 18/04/87  
Place of birth: Auckland  
Position: Centre  
Signed from: Salford Red Devils  
Other former club (s): Newcastle Knights  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1490  
Year of senior debut: 2008  
Career record to start of 2021: 260 games, 98 tries, 392pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 12 games, 2 tries, 8pts  
Representative honours: New Zealand, Samoa  
Miscellaneous: Junior has either played NRL or Super League in 12 of the last 13 seasons.

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## LEWIS TIERNEY #5

Date of Birth: 20/10/94  
Place of birth: Wigan  
Position: Winger/ Fullback  
Signed from: Catalans Dragons  
Other former club (s): Wigan Warriors  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1504  
Year of senior debut: 2013  
Career record to start of 2021: 138 games, 52 tries, 208pts

Representative honours: Scotland  
Miscellaneous: Lewis was a Challenge Cup winner with Catalans Dragons in 2018.

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## BLAKE WALLACE #6

Date of Birth: 18/06/92  
Place of birth: Wollongong  
Position: Halfback  
Signed from: Toronto Wolfpack  
Other former club (s): Central Queensland Capras, Illawarra Cutters  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1506  
Year of senior debut: 2017  
Career record to start of 2021: 74 games, 50 tries, 42

goals, 284pts  
Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: Awaiting debut  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Blake scored a total of 50 tries in his first three seasons at Toronto.

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## JOE MELLOR #7

Date of Birth: 28/12/90  
Place of birth: Warrington  
Position: Halfback  
Signed from: Toronto Wolfpack  
Other former club (s): Wigan Warriors, Widnes Vikings  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1507  
Year of senior debut: 2011  
Career record to start of 2021: 205 games, 76 tries, 1 goal, 1DG, 307pts

Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Joe's father Sean earned Leigh HN#904 when he made his debut in Leigh's championship-winning season of 1981-82

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## BEN FLOWER #8

Date of Birth: 19/10/87  
Place of birth: Caerphilly  
Position: Prop forward  
Signed from: Wigan Warriors  
Other former club (s): Bedwas RU, Newport Gwent Dragons RU, Celtic Crusaders  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1512  
Year of senior debut: 2008  
Career record to start of 2021: 269 games, 30 tries, 120pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 1512  
Representative honours: Wales  
Miscellaneous: Ben was a Super League Grand Final winner with Wigan in 2013, 2016 and 2018.

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## LIAM HOOD #9

Date of Birth: 06/01/92  
Place of birth: Bradford  
Position: Hooker  
Signed from: Widnes Vikings  
Other former club (s): Leeds Rhinos, Salford Red Devils, Swinton Lions, Widnes Vikings  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1410  
Year of senior debut: 2012  
Career record to start of 2021: 179 games, 63 tries, 252pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 96 games, 37 tries, 148pts  
Representative honours: Scotland  
Miscellaneous: Liam has been appointed Club Captain for 2021.

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## MARK IDANE #10

Date of Birth: 03/12/90  
Place of birth: Auckland  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: London Broncos  
Other former club (s): New Zealand Warriors, Canberra Raiders, Gold Coast Titans, St George Illawarra Dragons  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1500  
Year of senior debut: 2013  
Career record to start of 2021: 134 games, 22 tries,

88pts  
Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 5 games  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Mark earned Leigh HN#1500 during the abbreviated 2020 season.  
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## BEN HELLEWELL #11

Date of Birth: 30/01/92  
Place of birth: Bradford  
Position: Forward or centre  
Signed from: London Broncos  
Other former club (s): Warrington Wolves, Featherstone Rovers, London Broncos  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1494  
Year of senior debut: 2012  
Career record to start of 2021: 189 games, 79 tries, 316pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 6 games, 5 tries, 20pts  
Representative honours: Scotland  
Miscellaneous: Ben's total of 18 Scotland appearances include two World Cups.  
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## JORDAN THOMPSON #12

Date of Birth: 04/09/91  
Place of birth: Normanton  
Position: Second row  
Signed from: Hull FC  
Other former club (s): Castleford Tigers, Hull FC, Leeds Rhinos  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1441  
Year of senior debut: 2009  
Career record to start of 2021: 248 games, 44 tries, 176pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 45 games, 4 tries, 16pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Of Jordan's 248 career appearances, more than half (129) have come off the bench.  
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## JAMES BELL #13

Date of Birth: 05/05/1994  
Place of birth: Auckland  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: Toulouse  
Olympique  
Other former club (s): New Zealand Warriors  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1514  
Year of senior debut: 2017  
Career record to start of 2021: 34 games, 10 tries, 40pts

Representative honours: Scotland  
Miscellaneous: James made his NRL debut for Auckland in 2017 and later that year played in the World Cup.

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## MATTY WILDIE #14

Date of Birth: 25/10/90  
Place of birth: Wakefield  
Position: Hooker  
Signed from: Bradford Bulls  
Other former club (s): Wakefield Trinity Wildcats, Dewsbury Rams, Featherstone Rovers  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1497  
Year of senior debut: 2010  
Career record to start of 2021: 192 games, 42 tries, 1

goal, 170pts  
Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 6 games, 2 tries, 8pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Matty played against Leigh for Featherstone in the 2018 Championship Shield Final.

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## ALEX GERRARD #15

Date of Birth: 05/11/91  
Place of birth: Louton  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: Mackay Cutters  
Other former club (s): Widnes Vikings  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1498  
Year of senior debut: 2010  
Career record to start of 2021: 120 games, 9 tries, 36pts  
Leigh Centurions playing

career to start of 2021: 6 games, 1 try, 4pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Alex made over 100 appearances for Widnes after playing his junior rugby with our neighbouring community clubs Golborne and Hindley.

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## NATHANIEL PETERU #16

Date of Birth: 01/01/92  
Place of birth: Auckland  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: Hull KR  
Other former club (s): Brisbane Broncos, New Zealand Warriors, Gold Coast Titans, Leeds Rhinos  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1510  
Year of senior debut: 2015  
Career record to start of 2021: 65 games, 2 tries, 8pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: awaiting debut  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Nathaniel played alongside Mark loane for Gold Coast Titans in 2015.  
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## JAMIE ELLIS #17

Date of Birth: 04/10/89  
Place of birth: St Helens  
Position: Scrum half  
Signed from: Hull KR  
Other former club (s): St Helens, Hull FC, Castleford Tigers, Huddersfield Giants  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1341  
Year of senior debut: 2009  
Career record to start of 2021: 202 games, 79 tries, 396 goals, 6DG, 1114pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 31 games, 34 tries, 14 goals, 164pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Jamie was a Challenge Cup runner-up in 2014.  
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## MATTY GEE #18

Date of Birth: 12/12/94  
Place of birth: Wigan  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: Hull KR  
Other former club (s): Salford Red Devils, London Broncos  
Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1509  
Year of senior debut: 2014  
Career record to start of 2021: 132 games, 21 tries, 84pts  
Representative honours: None

Miscellaneous: Matty played against Leigh on dual reg for North Wales in 2014.  
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## NATHAN MASON #19

Date of Birth: 08/09/93  
Place of birth: Oldham  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: London Broncos  
Other former club (s):  
Huddersfield Giants, London Broncos  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1443  
Year of senior debut: 2013  
Career record to start of  
2021: 130 games, 18 tries, 72pts

Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 26 games, 6 tries, 24pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Nathan was a member of the Sheffield Eagles team which beat Widnes Vikings in the AB Sundecks 1895 Cup Final at Wembley Stadium in 2019.

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## ADAM SIDLOW #20

Date of Birth: 25/10/87  
Place of birth: Wigan  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: Toronto Wolfpack  
Other former club (s): Widnes Vikings, Salford Red Devils, Bradford Bulls  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1508  
Year of senior debut: 2006  
Career record to start of  
2021: 303 games, 61 tries, 1

goal, 246pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Adam passed the notable career milestone of 300 career games early in the 2020 season.

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## TYRONE MCCARTHY #21

Date of Birth: 21/04/88  
Place of birth: Warrington  
Position: Second row  
Signed from: Salford Red Devils  
Other former club (s): Warrington Wolves, Northern Pride, Hull KR, St George Illawarra Dragons  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1334  
Year of senior debut: 2009  
Career record to start of

2021: 202 games, 30 tries, 2 goals, 124pts  
Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 18 games, 6 tries, 24pts  
Representative honours: Ireland  
Miscellaneous: Tyrone was a Challenge Cup Final winner in 2009 and 2012 with Warrington Wolves.  
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## CRAIG MULLEN #22

Date of Birth: 15/01/98  
Place of birth: Wigan  
Position: Utility back  
Signed from: Wigan Warriors  
Other former club (s): None  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1502  
Year of senior debut: 2018  
Career record to start of  
2021: 29 games, 6 tries,  
1DG, 25pts  
Leigh Centurions playing  
career to start of 2021: 2

games  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Craig made  
his Super League debut for  
Wigan at Wakefield in May  
2018.

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## TOM SPENCER #23

Date of Birth: 02/01/91  
Place of birth: Wigan  
Position: Forward  
Signed from: London Broncos  
Other former club (s): Wigan  
Warriors  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1357  
Year of senior debut: 2012  
Career record to start of  
2021: 172 games, 20 tries,  
80pts  
Leigh Centurions playing

career to start of 2021: 122  
games, 16 tries, 64pts  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Of Tom's 172  
career games, 90 have been  
starts, 82 off the bench.

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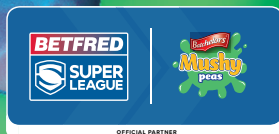
## KEANAN BRAND #24

Date of Birth: 08/01/99  
Place of birth: Ormskirk  
Position: Utility back  
Signed from: On season long  
loan from Warrington Wolves  
Other former club (s): Widnes  
Vikings  
Leigh Centurions Heritage  
Number: 1505  
Year of senior debut: 2018  
Career record to start of  
2021: 36 games, 8 tries,  
32pts

Leigh Centurions playing  
career to start of 2021:  
Awaiting debut  
Representative honours: None  
Miscellaneous: Keanan  
played at Wembley Stadium  
in 2019, a member of the  
Widnes side defeated by  
Sheffield in the AB Sundecks  
1895 Cup Final.

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## BRENDAN ELLIOT #25

Date of Birth: 01/01/94  
 Place of birth: Brisbane  
 Position: Utility back  
 Signed from: Manly Sea Eagles  
 Other former club (s): Sydney Roosters, Newcastle Knights, Gold Coast Titans  
 Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1516  
 Year of senior debut: 2014  
 Career record to start of 2021: 66 tries, 21 games,

84pts  
 Miscellaneous: Earlier in his career was a member of the Australian Schoolboys side and also played for Queensland U20s.

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## NATHAN PEATS #26

Date of Birth: 05/10/90  
 Position: Hooker  
 Signed from: Gold Coast Titans  
 Other former club (s): South Sydney Rabbitohs, Parramatta Eels  
 Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1513  
 Year of senior debut: 2011  
 Career record to start of 2021: 174 games, 17 tries, 68pts  
 Representative honours: New South Wales

Miscellaneous: Peats is the son of a former Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and South Sydney Rabbitohs player, Geordi Peats.

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## BEN REYNOLDS #30

Date of Birth: 15/01/94  
 Position: Half-back  
 Signed from: Toulouse Olympique  
 Other former club (s): Wakefield Trinity, Leigh Centurions, Castleford Tigers, Featherstone Rovers (loan), Dewsbury Rams (loan), Doncaster (loan)  
 Leigh Centurions Heritage Number: 1398  
 Year of senior debut: 2011  
 Career record to start of 2021: 124 games, 41 tries, 330 goals,

1dg, 825pts  
 Leigh Centurions playing career to start of 2021: 85 games, 30 tries, 240 goals, 1dg, 601 points  
 Miscellaneous: Reynolds was Leigh Centurions' Joint Vice Captain in 2020.

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## Interim Head Coach **KURT HAGGERTY**

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## Assistant coaches **JAY DUFFY**

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## **MICKY HIGHAM**

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## MAGIC WEEKEND TICKET NEWS

The Dacia Magic Weekend takes place at St James' Park on the weekend of 4-5 September.

The fixtures, all broadcast on Sky Sports, will be Round 23 in Betfred Super League.

Saturday 4 September

2pm\* - Castleford Tigers v Salford Red Devils

5.15pm - St Helens v Catalans Dragons

7.30pm - Leeds v Hull FC

Sunday 5 September

12pm\* - Huddersfield Giants v Wakefield Trinity

3.15pm - Wigan Warriors v Warrington Wolves

5.30pm - Leigh Centurions v Hull KR

\*Game 1 kick-off times each day will be moved to one hour later should current Covid-19 restrictions be reduced to allow for some operational changes.

Tickets are now on sale for the event and can be purchased online at [www.leightickets.co.uk](http://www.leightickets.co.uk) or by calling the Ticket Office on 01942 487888.

For the full details on prices and seating allocations, visit our website.

## LEIGH CENTURIONS RETAIL OUTLET



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## Prize kit presentations

Local schools Gilded Hollins, Sacred Heart, Golborne Community and Bedford Hall Methodists Primary Schools all received their Centurions and Ellgren donated school kits as part of the Centurions warm up top competition held earlier in the year.

The competition held in February this year asked schools to design the players warm up top for match days. School submitted a design and presentation and were judged by representatives from both the club and Ellgren.



First and second place for the presentation element went to Gilded Hollins and St Thomas' respectively with both schools receiving £250.

Dylan Jones from Sacred Heart was awarded £250 for his school due to his standout performance in their presentation (pictured with Bedford Hall's shirt).

3rd place in the design section were Sacred Heart who received a prize of £250.

2nd place were St Thomas' receiving £1,000, with Gilded Hollins becoming overall winners of the

### The Gilded Hollins pupils take delivery of their new kit

competition and receiving £2,250.

As part of the competition all schools that took part received a school kit donated by Centurions and Ellgren and this week LCT delivered kits to 4 out of the 8 schools that took part, the remaining 4 school kits are currently in design and production stage at Ellgren. Today we welcome Warm up top winners Gilded Hollins Year 6 class to the match, everyone at LCT, Centurions and all the players hope you have an amazing afternoon and are our lucky mascots for the match!!



**Sacred Heart pupil Dylan Jones and the shirt he designed**

### Thank you Gilded Hollins Y6

We want to say a massive thank you to Miss Dickson and her year 6 class who voted to donate £100 of their winning money to our Ateam Hub for new equipment for our free play sessions, we were overwhelmed when we visited the class and they told us that they wanted to donate to the Hub, we spoke about the different things we would spend the money on and decided that we would put together bundles of equipment that they would choose from. The class took a vote and decided on equipment that will help with participants gross motor skills including odd ball sensory packs, Gong balance board and sensory confetti ball. We can't thank them enough and can't wait to see the children enjoying them in the new centre soon.



# LEIGH COMMUNITY TRUST



Children from Bedford Hall Methodist School



Pupils at Golborne Community School wearing their new kits



## Ateam hub ready to go



After four months hard work LCT are finally ready to open it's doors to its brand new Children's Autism Centre in Leigh the Ateam Hub.

We can't believe the time to put down the paint brush has finally arrived and we couldn't be prouder not only of what we have achieved but also how the local (and wider) community has come together to support us, we wouldn't have got this far without you all, so from the bottom of our hearts thank you to all the individuals, clubs sponsors, Ateam parents and local companies that have helped us so far.

As you can see from the before and after pictures there has been a massive change and we still have some more changes to come with the additions of a bespoke soft play area, an immersive sensory room (once we

have procured funding) and a sensory garden (again once we have sponsorship) to add to the rest of the renovation.

The Ateam Hub will support children and young adults aged 2-14 years old with Neurodevelopmental issues such as autism, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy and other SEND conditions; their families, and carers in the Wigan Borough and also the North West.

The hub will focus on pre & post-diagnostic support and life-changing early intervention with autistic children and young people. Our soft opening timetable and summer holiday timetables are on our social media pages on facebook (The Ateam Hub) and also Instagram the. ateam2020.

Watch this space for the Hub's grand opening details!

# LEIGH COMMUNITY TRUST



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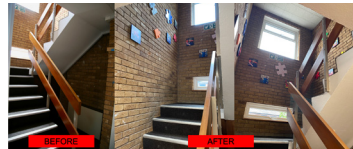
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# EPIC JOURNEY FOR MOSE

A rugby ball signed in Hull by Mose Masoe is travelling around the globe – picking up the signatures of all Australian NRL and UK Super League club captains on its way – before being returned into the Samoan's hands and delivered to Hull KR ahead of their derby clash with Hull FC in July.

Organised by the Mose Masoe Foundation, the ball has been in Australia for some weeks and returns to England in early June where it will be walked between Super League grounds, collecting all club captain signatures required to create the ultimate piece of modern day rugby league memorabilia.

Leigh skipper Liam Hood was on hand to greet the fund-raisers on Friday as the ball arrived at the LSV en route to the AJ Bell Stadium in Salford.

Fans will be able donate to support the ball on its journey and importantly show their support for Mose and his family, whose lives were forever changed when he suffered a C4/C5 incomplete spinal cord injury last January which led to him being diagnosed tetraplegic.

The aim between now and July 1, when Mose will carry the ball out in front of the Hull College Craven Park crowd, is to secure 24,353 donations – one for each mile the ball will have travelled to return it into his hands. The ball initially travelled from Hull to Auckland, and following a period in isolation has been passed to

Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Newcastle, Gold Coast Brisbane and Townsville,

collecting signatures

before being flown back to the UK.

It started the second stage of its journey to collect the signatures of all Super League captains at St Helens on Thursday where it was signed by the captains of the Saints and the Warrington Wolves ahead of their televised Super League clash.

It then headed to Wigan on the same night before being walked to Leigh and then Salford on the 18th. The ball will head to Huddersfield on the 19th, reaching Leeds and Wakefield on the 20th.

It will reach Castleford on the 21st and Hull on the 22nd, before being stored safely away and handed to back to Mose on July 1 when the Robins face Hull FC. The ball will eventually be auctioned off as the 'ulti-



Rugby league is uniting to help Mose Masoe

mate piece of modern day rugby league memorabilia.' Time to Walk and Talk The UK stretch of the journey is being entitled 'It's Time to Walk and Talk', highlighting how opening up and talking about the

impact of life-changing injuries can be just as important as learning to walk again.

Fans will be encour-

aged to join parts of the UK stage at the various stages of the journey as the ball is carried from Lancashire to East Yorkshire.

Tony Smith, a trustee of the Foundation and Mose's coach at Hull KR when he suffered his injury, says he hopes the event will raise awareness as well as vital funds. This will be a really significant event as what we are looking to achieve, beyond the fundraising element, is for people who suffer life-changing injuries to feel more able to open up and talk when they need support," he said.

"Mose has proved an inspiration to everybody, as was seen by how he was supported earlier in the year and through the support we are getting in doing this now."

*Mose Masoe*  
FOUNDATION



# LEIGH CENTURIONS 2021 FIXTURES



## HOME games in CAPITALS

Round	Day	Month	Date	Venue	K.O.	Opponents	Result	Pos	Att.
1	Fri	Mar	26	N	1815	WIGAN WARRIORS	Lost 20-18	8	BCD
2	Fri	Apr	2	N	1245	Warrington Wolves	Lost 44-12	10	BCD
CCR3	Sun	Apr	11	H	1430	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	Lost 36-18	-	BCD
3	Fri	Apr	16	A	1800	Castleford Tigers	Lost 52-16	10	BCD
4	Fri	Apr	23	A	1800	Salford Red Devils	Lost 34-8	12	BCD
5	Fri	Apr	30	H	1800	ST HELENS	Lost 22-12	12	BCD
6	Mon	May	17	H	2000	WIGAN WARRIORS	Lost 30-16	12	1702
7	Sun	May	23	H	1500	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	Lost 44-6	12	2008
8	Sun	May	30	A	1500	Hull KR	Lost 40-16	12	4000est
13*	Sun	June	6	A	1500	Wakefield Trinity	Lost 30-20	12	3000est
9	Sat	June	12	H	1500	CATALANS DRAGONS	Lost 36-30	12	1840
10	Sat	June	19	H	1500	HULL FC			
11	Thu	June	22	A	1945	Warrington Wolves			
12	Thu	July	1	A	1945	Leeds Rhinos			
14	Sun	July	11	A	1500	Hull FC			
15	Thu	July	22	H	2000	WARRINGTON WOLVES			
16	Thu	July	29	H	2000	CASTLEFORD TIGERS			
17	Sun	Aug	2	A	1500	Wigan Warriors			
18	Sun	Aug	8	H	1830	HULL KR			
19	Fri	Aug	13	A	2000	LEEDS RHINOS			
20	Sun	Aug	22	H	1500	SALFORD RED DEVILS			
21	Thu	Aug	26	A	1945	St Helens			
22	Mon	Aug	30	A	1815	Catalans Dragons			
23	Sun	Sep	5	N	1730	Hull KR (Magic Weekend)			
24	Sun	Sep	12	H	1500	WAKEFIELD TRINITY			
25	Fri	Sep	17	A	1945	Huddersfield Giants			

### Key dates

June 26-27: Mid-season international window

July 17: Challenge Cup final and AB Sundecks 1895 Cup final, Wembley

Sep 4-5: Magic Weekend, St James' Park

October 9: Super League Grand Final

October 23: World Cup begins

November 27: World Cup Final

# LEIGH CENTURIONS 2021 PLAYER STATS



## ALL GAMES SEASON 2021

## CAREER FOR LEIGH

	Games	Tries	Goals	DG	Points		Games	Tries	Goals	DG	Points
BELL, JAMES	8	0	0	0	0	BELL, JAMES	8	0	0	0	0
BRAND, KEANAN	4	0	0	0	0	BRAND, KEANAN	4	0	0	0	0
BRIERLEY, RYAN	10	4	12	0	40	BRIERLEY, RYAN	148	148	74	5	739
ELLIOT, BRENDAN	4	1	0	0	4	ELLIOT, BRENDAN	4	1	0	0	4
ELLIS, JAMIE	4	1	0	0	4	ELLIS, JAMIE	35	35	14	0	168
FLOWER, BEN	4	0	0	0	0	FLOWER, BEN	4	0	0	0	0
GEE, MATTY	7	1	0	0	4	GEE, MATTY	7	1	0	0	4
GELLING, ANTHONY	6	2	0	0	8	GELLING, ANTHONY	6	2	0	0	8
GERRARD, ALEX	4	0	0	0	0	GERRARD, ALEX	10	1	0	0	4
HELLEWELL, BEN	11	4	0	0	16	HELLEWELL, BEN	17	9	0	0	36
HODD, LIAM	10	1	0	0	4	HODD, LIAM	106	38	0	0	152
IDANE, MARK	9	0	0	0	0	IDANE, MARK	14	0	0	0	0
MASON, NATHAN	4	1	0	0	4	MASON, NATHAN	30	7	0	0	28
MCCARTHY, TYRONE	10	0	0	0	0	MCCARTHY, TYRONE	28	6	0	0	24
MELLOR, JOE	4	2	0	0	8	MELLOR, JOE	4	2	0	0	8
MULLEN, CRAIG	4	0	0	0	0	MULLEN, CRAIG	6	0	0	0	0
PEATS, NATHAN	9	1	0	0	4	PEATS, NATHAN	9	1	0	0	4
PETERU, NATHANIEL	8	0	0	0	0	PETERU, NATHANIEL	8	0	0	0	0
REYNOLDS, BEN	9	2	14	0	32	REYNOLDS, BEN	93	32	252	1	634
RUSSELL, MATTY	6	2	0	0	8	RUSSELL, MATTY	8	5	0	0	20
SA'U, JUNIOR	6	0	0	0	0	SA'U, JUNIOR	18	2	0	0	8
SIDLOW, ADAM	5	1	0	0	4	SIDLOW, ADAM	5	1	0	0	4
SPENCER, TOM	0	0	0	0	0	SPENCER, TOM	122	16	0	0	64
THOMPSON, JORDAN	9	3	0	0	12	THOMPSON, JORDAN	54	7	0	0	28
THORNLEY, IAIN	10	2	0	0	8	THORNLEY, IAIN	49	23	0	0	92
TIERNEY, LEWIS	8	2	0	0	8	TIERNEY, LEWIS	8	2	0	0	8
WALLACE, BLAKE	3	0	0	0	0	WALLACE, BLAKE	3	0	0	0	0
WILDIE, MATTY	7	0	0	0	0	WILDIE, MATTY	13	2	0	0	8
<b>LOAN PLAYERS</b>											
BURNETT, TOM	0	0	0	0	0	BURNETT, TOM	0	0	0	0	0
EAVES, JOSH	1	0	0	0	0	EAVES, JOSH	8	4	0	0	16
FOSTER, MATTHEW	1	0	0	0	0	FOSTER, MATTHEW	1	0	0	0	0
ROEBUCK, NATHAN	0	0	0	0	0	ROEBUCK, NATHAN	0	0	0	0	0
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