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# FROM THE CHAIR...

...with **ADAM PEARSON**

Hull FC owner **Adam Pearson** pens his first exclusive column with The 18th Man monthly matchday magazine. Over the next 12 months he'll give us his unique insight into the club, Super League and wider sport...

**ANOTHER NEW SEASON** is upon us, and once again we look forward to what we hope could be another memorable 12 months.

We have been extremely fortunate to have enjoyed two unprecedented Challenge Cup runs, some memorable matches and the chance to watch some great players, both for and against us, and we head into 2018 with a hunger for even more.

I believe we could be entering the fiercest competition in the Super League era. St Helens look a good bet for a tilt at the title this year, whilst Warrington will be much improved. If you throw Castleford and Leeds into the mix, plus Wigan who are always there or thereabouts come the final

few rounds, it looks a formidable competition. On top of that, we now have the emergence of Wakefield under Chris Chester, who has done a fantastic job with a limited budget, whilst I also believe Huddersfield will be a much better proposition once their terrible luck with injuries is behind them.

With that comes some caution. The prospect of battling it out in the Middle 8s this year against the likes of Leigh, Toronto and Featherstone will be difficult for any team, making a good start to the season all the more important.

We kick off the season against Huddersfield, always improving with the tremendous backing of Ken Davy,

who showed us exactly what they're capable of prior to our Wembley appearance last season. Therefore, our message to the players has been quite clear going into the start of this season and not to be distracted by the trip to New South Wales.

It's an exciting way to kick off the first few weeks of the season with a couple of games 'Down Under' as we make history with Wigan in Wollongong and a showcase occasion against St George at the ANZ Stadium in Sydney. But we haven't lost sight of the fact that as soon as we're back we're straight into a difficult tie against Castleford Tigers, as the big games come thick and fast.





It will be far from easy, but these are the sort of challenges and occasions that can really bring a group of players together and we're looking forward to it. It is a fantastic opportunity for the club.

I feel we have a collective bunch of players, coaches and administration staff who thrive on this and enjoy testing themselves to the extreme. We took on the Australian challenge in order to push this group to the next level and put the club back on the international map. It is a risk, but it is one we're taking with our eyes wide open. We're taking the club forward into uncharted territory and it is something we're keen to embrace.

Lee Radford epitomises that for me. He lives for the club, and under his tutelage we have made solid and yet huge strides forward on the field. He has an eye for a player with recruitment being at the heart of that success, as well as some superb support from his

team of coaches, conditioning and medical staff who have the team in great shape.

Our extremely encouraging membership sales and a successful marketing campaign heading into our opening game of the season against the Giants will see a huge crowd in the KCOM Stadium. Hopefully that helps us kick off the season on the right note.

Home advantage this season will be key for us. We had some mixed results here last season and that is something we want to change. Our fans are fantastic and our membership numbers this year means we have the perfect platform to get some decent crowds in. We can make the KCOM a real advantage for us now as we try and take our team to new heights.

**“FOR OUR CLUB TO SUCCEED IT NEEDS EVERYONE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH THE SAME AMBITION, SAME GOALS AND SAME DRIVE, FROM THE PLAYERS, TO THE STAFF, TO THE FANS”**

Complacency has always been something I worry about. I've seen it enough times through my years in sport. It can undo success very quickly. But I don't see that with this group of players and staff. That was apparent in pre-season where the efforts of the younger pros in particular was outstanding. It will be great to see more of those lads start to emerge as genuine challengers for a place in the first-team.

Brad Fash did that last year, whilst the likes of Masi Matongo, Jack Logan and Jordan Abdull don't look far away at all. It will give Lee some very difficult decisions throughout this season, but that is how it should be.

We also welcome back Mickey Paea to the club this season, as well as new signing Bureta Faraimo. Mickey is such a great professional and a top person. His impact is already being felt around the club again and that was one of the big factors in our decision to bring him back to Hull. Bureta is quiet and understated, but if his first appearance in pre-season against Catalans is anything to go by, he will be quite the opposite on the field! He looks the ideal replacement for Mahe Fonua and perhaps another jewel Lee has picked out from his TV that must be constantly tuned to Australian Rugby League! He is a real student of the game and always watching matches at every level, whether that be here or in Australia, I think that is a big part of his success as a coach.

For our club to succeed it needs everyone on the same page with the same ambition, same goals and same drive, from the players, to the staff, to the fans. A passionate crowd can really see the team through those tough games.

Finally, as we enter a new season I'm aware there has been plenty of speculation regarding what the future has in store beyond 2018. At Hull FC we haven't made too much noise about it as we feel it is important that the future of the game is discussed, managed and executed in the right manner behind the scenes to ensure we make some significant strides going forward.

We have been involved in various discussions regarding the future of the sport and hopefully we can influence that for the better. All the owners, chairmen and chief executives are working closely together to look at every aspect of the sport as we have to grow now and compete with the NRL and rugby union.

We have the athletes and the product to make that happen, it just needs a complete overhaul in packaging and control to kickstart that growth and spark our competition into life. The club owners will be looking to start that process in the coming months and is something we can all look forward to, as everyone believes we have a fantastic sport.

Here's to a great season in 2018 and thank you for your ongoing support.



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# COACH'S CORNER...

Hull FC Head Coach **Lee Radford** shares his thoughts as the Airlie Birds prepare for Super League 2018...

HULL FC have maintained their philosophy of maintaining a stable group of players, by keeping squad rotation to a minimum during the off-season.

Mahe Fonua, Steve Michaels and Jordan Thompson have left the Black & Whites, whilst Gareth Ellis retired to become the club's football manager.

In their places, Mickey Paea, Bureta Faraimo and Hakim Miloudi have been recruited by head coach Lee Radford ahead of the 2018 campaign.

Despite keeping a low profile in the transfer market, Radford has been delighted with the business the Airlie Birds have managed to do this off-season.

"Our business has been absolutely what I wanted it to be," Radford told The 18th Man.

"Mickey Paea left us as our top metre maker in 2015, so it's important to bring a bit more punch up front, and he certainly brings that.

"With Bureta, he's a like-for-like swap with Mahe [Fonua] with regards to his power and pace and you will have been able to see that in our pre-season friendly against Catalans Dragons. Hakim Miloudi will give Jamie Shaul the opportunity to sit out a couple of games this season. He played something like 39 games last year, which is absolutely ridiculous from any player, so hopefully Hakim can ignite some competition."

The 2018 schedule is already looking extremely busy for Radford and the Black & Whites.

Following the season opener against Huddersfield Giants, the Airlie Birds jet off to New South Wales, where they will face Wigan Warriors and St George Illawarra Dragons in a record-breaking trip. Shortly after the squad return, they'll go head-to-head with Castleford Tigers, before continuing with the rest of their busy Super League schedule on 2nd March against Warrington Wolves.

Radford admits he is anticipating a challenging period once the Black & Whites touch back down on English soil.

"I'd love to be able to suggest how we're going to combat the jet-lag, but I wouldn't suggest it's going to be a distraction to us," he explained.

"You've got to tackle it as a challenge, and we, as a club, are normally very good at coping in tough situations. I'm not thinking about getting off the plane yet, though, because I'm focusing on our big game against Huddersfield Giants.

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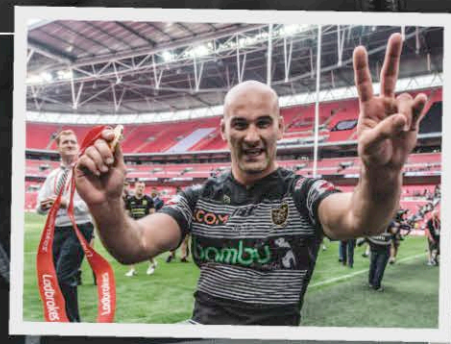
## HOUGHTON DESERVES CAPTAINCY

AS MANY OF YOU will now be aware, Danny Houghton will captain the club in the 2018 season and I've every faith that he'll live up to expectations.

With Danny, he's a natural successor of Gareth Ellis, because his leadership traits always come to the forefront when he's on the field of play. He knows exactly what's required of him as he has undertaken the vice-captain role very professionally in recent years.

Obviously, it took a while for me to announce this year's captain, but that was simply down to the fact that we still had players coming through the door as late as January after playing at the World Cup.

I wanted to make the announcement when we had our full squad in attendance, as I felt as though that was fair, and also for our new vice-captain Scott Taylor, to embrace the moment.





## **SUMMER RUGBY?**

Mickey Paea is given a not so warm welcome back to Hull in last month's pre-season friendly against Catalans Dragons.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH





**THE BIG INTERVIEW...**

**HOUGHTON  
HUMBLED  
TO CAPTAIN  
HOMETOWN  
CLUB**



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*The 18th Man's Lewis Scott sat down with new Hull FC captain Danny Houghton to discuss his hopes and ambitions during his reign as skipper...*







# DANNY #9 HOUGHTON

## THE BIG INTERVIEW...

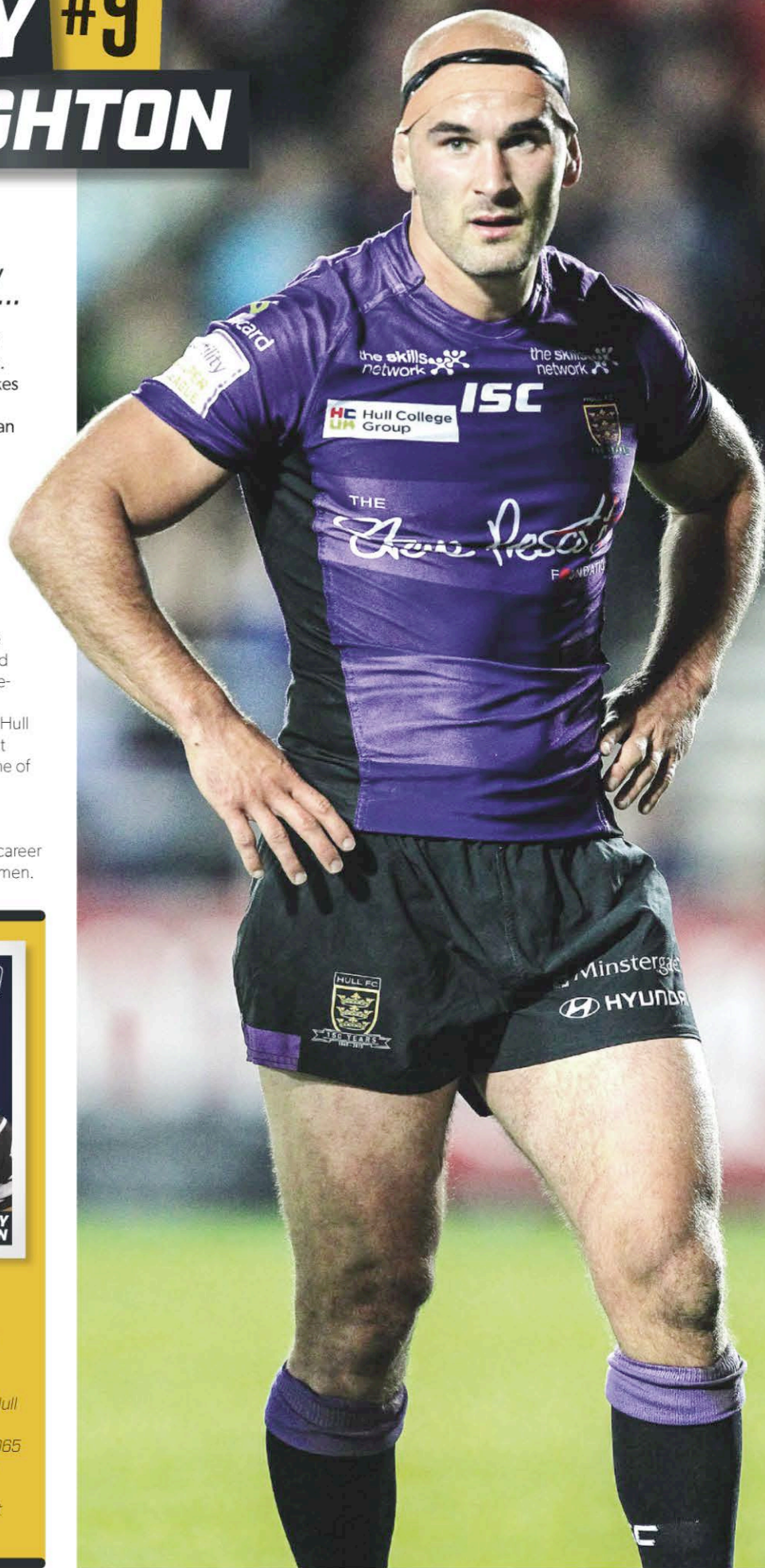
IT'S NOT BEEN A BAD COUPLE OF YEARS for Danny Houghton. He's won back-to-back Ladbrokes Challenge Cups, joined Super League's elite Steve Prescott Man of Steel winners and even tied the knot with his recently-wedded wife, Jade.

Topping off what has been a honeymoon period for the Hull FC hooker, it was announced in January that he will captain his hometown club in the 2018 season.

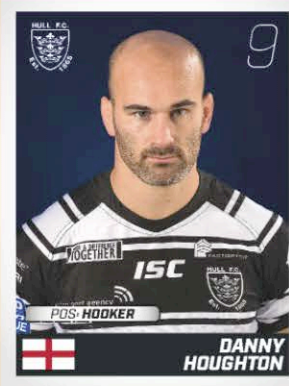
He's no stranger to leading the Black & Whites, having shadowed former skipper Gareth Ellis as vice-captain for five years.

But the opportunity to captain Hull FC for the first time comes against Huddersfield Giants in Round One of the 2018 Super League season.

The occasion will not only be memorable for this reason, as Houghton also makes his 300th career appearance against Rick Stone's men.



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### FACTFILE:

#### Junior Clubs:

Bransholme Bulldogs, Hull  
Boys Club, East Hull

Age: 29

Place of Birth: Bransholme, Hull  
Years at Hull FC: 11

Tackles in Super League: 10,065

Tries in Super League: 36

Honours: Challenge Cup  
(2016, 2017), Steve Prescott  
Man of Steel (2016)



However, Houghton must be wary of the huge shoes he has to fill. Expectancy levels are high of Houghton, taking over from the man who led the Black & Whites to back-to-back Challenge Cup titles for the first time in history.

But with Houghton vice-captain under Ellis for five seasons, the hooker claims he has learned several lessons from his predecessor.

"I'm probably going to take the same approach on a game day; speak when I need to, praise when something needs to be praised and try to lead by example," Houghton told *The 18th Man*.

"But away from the field, I might have to change the way I do some things. Hopefully that'll come naturally as a captain.

"With regards to Gaz, the stuff he'd already achieved in the sport meant that the boys held him in such high regard when he was our captain. I know that every time he pulled that Black & White jersey on, it made us feel like we'd have to perform so we wouldn't let him down. I've got a big job on my hands to take his place."

But the aim for Houghton is ultimately the same as it was for Ellis - to be lifting silverware.

Although his sights are set firmly on leading Hull FC out onto the hallowed Wembley turf to battle for a third consecutive Challenge Cup title, the number nine is focused on reaching new heights.

With the squad in one of its best positions for several years, a first Grand Final appearance since 2006 beckons, and Houghton has set achieving that as his primary target.



"The first thing that came into my mind was the thought that I might have the opportunity to lead my team out at Wembley or Old Trafford," Houghton said.

on each other when we need to, but he holds a lot of respect in the camp," Houghton explained.

"He leads by example and I'm sure he's going to do a great job and help

**ABOVE:** Danny with his Steve Prescott Man of Steel trophy in 2016

**“WE’VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO THIS SEASON, BUT MY MAIN AIM AS CAPTAIN IS TO LEAD THIS TEAM TO WIN THE GRAND FINAL”**

"Hopefully, I'll have the opportunity to lift a trophy if we are lucky enough to win one this season. We've got a long way to go in the year ahead, but my main aim as captain is to lead this team to win the Grand Final."

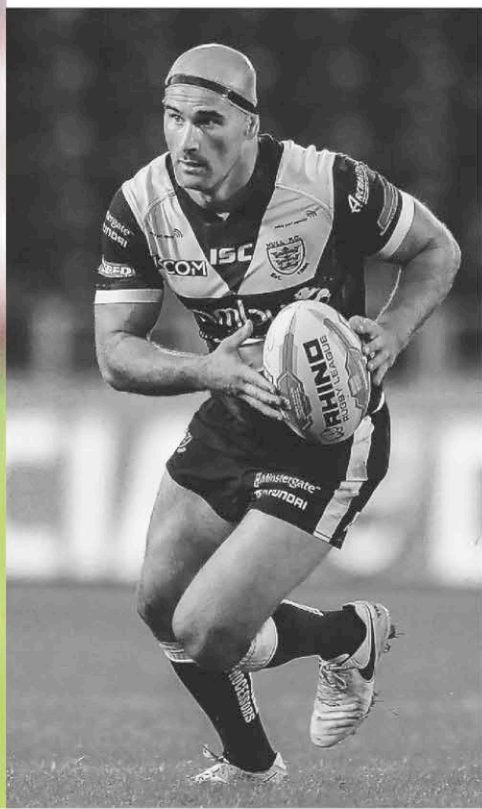
As well as Houghton being named captain for the 2018 season, it was another local lad who was handed the vice-captaincy by Lee Radford.

England international prop forward Scott Taylor takes the role Houghton previously possessed, and 'Mint' believes having a local connection throughout the Airlie Birds' leadership, including Hull-born coach Radford, is crucial for the positive culture at the club.

"All the candidates for the vice-captaincy spoke for themselves, but I think Scott Taylor is the perfect fit. Not only are we close friends who can rely

me along the way. If you look at the successful Super League sides over the last 15 years, they've all had that strong local contingent of players. It's really positive for the culture of a club. And we have that now; with the young kids coming through, and the likes of myself and Scott.

"Hopefully that can help us compete for trophies year after year, as many of the lads know just how much it means to the fans to be lifting silverware at this club."





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# BULLETIN BOARD...



## HULL FC TO LAUNCH WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE TEAM

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR HULL FC, and with ambitions to branch out further, the Black & Whites will have a women's Super League team for the 2019 season.

The women's side will compete in a development league in 2018, preparing for the coming seasons, with a view to be involved in the Super League next year, alongside the likes of 2017 Grand Final victors Bradford Bulls, Leeds Rhinos and St Helens.

17-year-old student Mia Duke represented the women's side at the 2018 Super League Launch at the John Smith's Stadium in January and explained her excitement ahead of the project.

"To represent the club at an event like this is really surreal for me, standing alongside Grand Final winners," she said.

"It just shows how far we've come as a sport. Twenty years ago, women's Rugby League was almost never heard of. Now, Hull FC are on the brink of entering a women's Super League team.

"A lot of the current players are still young, so it will be a challenge and that's why our training sessions are going to be so important."

Launched in 2016 following the success of a female Rugby League camp, the girls teams have made huge strides since their inception.

In partnership with Sirius Academy, who've competed in the Champions Schools finals in recent years, Under-14s and Under-16s girls teams have been quickly established.

The girls team are now registered with the Rugby Football League, facing local community sides, and have secured a brand new playing kit for 2018.

With aspirations to compete in the 2019 Women's Super League campaign, 2018 is expected to be the biggest year yet for the side.

If you wish to get involved with the Hull FC Women's side, training sessions are available for girls aged 11-16 and 16+ for youth and higher level.

Whether you want to get involved for the competition, to improve fitness or simply meet new friends, Hull FC's women's Rugby League teams welcome all abilities.

For more information on the launch, or to get involved with the Women's team, please contact [sam.french@hullfc.com](mailto:sam.french@hullfc.com)

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NSW jerseys are priced at £49.99 for adults, £39 for kids and a full toddler kit is priced at £36.

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## PLAYER FOCUS

# BACK TO MY ROOTS



The 18th Man's Luke Greaves sat down with new signing **Bureta Faraimo**, keen to learn of his intriguing Rugby League journey...

**HULL FC'S STAR-STUDED** roster includes players from all walks of life, and one of the latest additions to the Black & Whites' squad comes from the depths of Queensland.

The 27-year-old didn't come to the forefront of top level Rugby League until 2014, when he made his debut for NRL side Parramatta Eels.

Similar to the likes of fellow Hull FC teammates Jamie Shaul, a former bricklayer, and Chris Green, an ex-lifeguard, Faraimo spent a lot of his early adolescent years earning money for his family.

The USA international winger is originally from Wellington, New Zealand, where he was born and raised as a young boy.

Not long after becoming an adult, Faraimo moved to the Queensland city of Mackay in Australia to pursue a career in Rugby League.

It was in Mackay that Faraimo worked as a mining trader, and the winger told The 18th Man of the importance of prioritising his work for financial purposes.

"I was playing for Mackay Cutters when I moved over to Australia in 2011, but it was nothing too serious," he said.

"I was working in the mines at the same time and that was really tough labour because it was so hot. That's one of the major differences between Australia and over here - the temperature is hard to get used to because it's so cold."

Making the switch from New Zealand to Australia at such a young age was an extremely bold move for Faraimo.

His rapid rise through the Rugby League ranks is admirable to say the least, having not involved himself in the sport until the age of 13. But Faraimo admits that he never took his participation in rugby too seriously, which held him back from becoming involved in top level action at an earlier stage.

"My first professional game was for the USA in the 2013 World Cup, but I could have probably started out much earlier if I didn't wait until 13 to start playing rugby," he explained. "I first started playing for a team called St. George in Wellington, but that was typically park footy, and I was a step below everyone else because they had been playing for years.

"As I remember, a lot of people were complimenting me and were trying to convince me to pursue a career in it, which is eventually why I moved to Mackay. I was still playing low level rugby at the time, so it was important for me to work hard in the mines so I could still provide for myself."

Faraimo's powerful presence on the right edge saw him claim an unprecedented 29 tries in just half a season for Mackay Cutters, which warranted him a spot in Brian McDermott's USA 2017 World Cup squad.

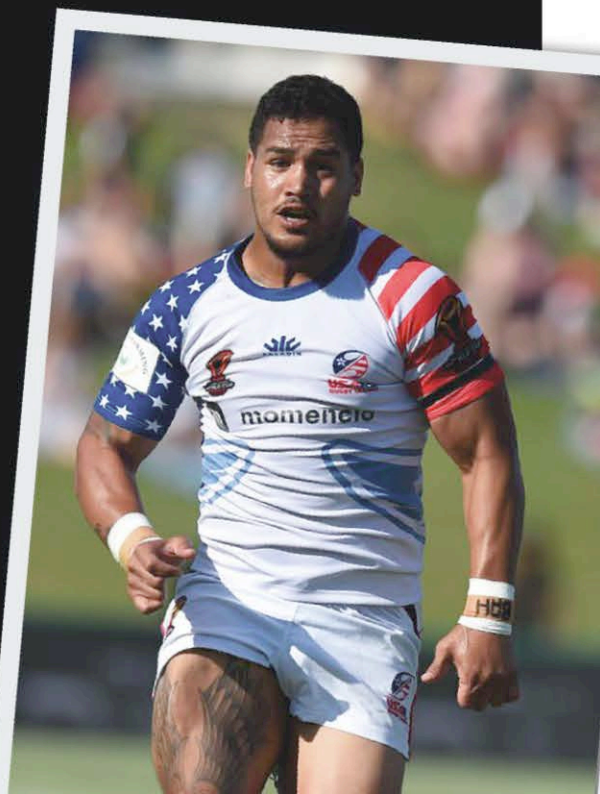
The outside back incredibly qualifies for the Tomahawks squad, thanks to his father being one of 17 people born on Swains Island, an island administered by the United States as part of American Samoa.

And Faraimo believes his progression into the Parramatta Eels squad was

influenced majorly by his international representation.

"Playing for the USA was a massive opportunity for me because it opened doors that I'm still yet to walk through," he said.

"I probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to join Parramatta in 2014, which probably gave me the chance to come over here and join Hull FC. I'm still relatively new to top level Rugby League, but I think I've come on a long journey to get over here."







# HULL FC ON TOUR!

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*The 18th Man monthly magazine sat down with the club's Executive Director, **James Clark**, to get the lowdown on this month's ground-breaking tour to New South Wales!*



## Kiama Blowhole

## ANZ Stadium, Sydney

### 18th Man: What's the thinking behind the tour?

**James Clark:** This is a landmark occasion for our sport and is generating significant national and regional media interest on both sides of the world which isn't always afforded to Rugby League, so that is the major benefit of the tour. The mainstream media seem intent on making comparisons to rugby union and the NRL, so this has become another opportunity to showcase how forward thinking and innovative we are in Super League. It is also a chance to show the influencers in Australia that there is much more to our sport than just the NRL, which I thought was successfully illustrated at the recent World Cup with the emergence of a number of developing nations and players. It offers valuable PR exposure on a global scale in which we can positively promote the club and the competition commercially and we are already starting to capitalise on that. It may also raise awareness of the club from a recruitment perspective at a time when attracting top-quality marquee talent is becoming more difficult, with increasing pressures on the salary cap and international clearance.

### 18th Man: The club obviously have strong links with the other clubs and parties involved - who else has been involved?

**JC:** The project has been driven by both clubs, as well as Destination New South Wales and Destination Wollongong. We have a good relationship with Ian Leneghan and Kris Radlinski at Wigan, who have a similar ambition and vision for the sport as we do. The support we have received from 'Down Under' from the other stakeholders involved has also been exceptional and we understand they have a great welcoming party ready and waiting for us. Wollongong is another Rugby League heartland and similar to Hull in many ways - they love their Rugby League. NSW is really embracing the concept. Mark Sleight (Destination Wollongong), Megan Hutchinson (Destination Kiama) and Dan Burton (Wigan) have all been instrumental and deserve a special mention, amongst others.



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### 18th Man: Where will the club be based whilst on tour?

**JC:** We'll be moving around a bit during our visit. In week one, we'll be staying in a beautiful spot outside Wollongong called Kiama, a very picturesque coastal town who have already been extremely supportive and welcoming. I'm told the whole town is behind the tour and really excited to welcome us. We've done our homework on a few sites and the likes of Sika Manu, Mark Minichiello and Gareth Ellis have all been on training camps there, so it was a good fit for us. We then move up to Manly for the second week where the players and fans can sample a bit of Australian lifestyle, plus the chance to train with Sydney Roosters, before finishing in the Olympic Park near the ANZ Stadium ahead of the final match of the tour.

### 18th Man: Hull fans seem to be very excited, how many do you think will make the trip?

**JC:** Our supporters are unbelievable and this tour will be no different. Early indications are that Hull fans are travelling in their thousands, whilst the

recent launch of our limited edition NSW tour range set a new record day in our club stores! Their commitment to the club is second to none, particularly when you consider the cost of travel to Australia.

### 18th Man: What's the thought process on the events in NSW and who can attend?

**JC:** We've been working hard to provide a really exciting tour schedule and something fans can be proud of. We have to be mindful that we're going over there to win, so it still needs to be business as usual as far as the club is concerned, but we also recognise that this trip is also about exposure, as well as rewarding some of the fans who have travelled to support us so there is a nice mix of PR events, the chance to meet the players and linking in with key partners in NSW. I'm particularly looking forward to the fundraising event for Brett Kenny, which is a great initiative, as well as teaming up with Wigan, the Dragons and Souths to deliver what we think will be one of the biggest ever days of community Rugby League coaching ever.



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Craig Fitzgibbon's position at Sydney Roosters has helped arrange some collective training

**18th Man: The club will be training with Sydney Roosters whilst on tour, how did that come about?**

**JC:** Both Lee Radford and myself have stayed in touch with Craig Fitzgibbon and he has helped orchestrate the opportunity with the Roosters. We're really pleased we've been able to create this opportunity for the club and would like to thank 'Fitzzy' for his help, whilst we're grateful to Roosters coach Trent Robinson for inviting us in to train with his team during a busy time in their pre-season. Sydney Roosters are a well-recognised brand and one of the most established and successful clubs in Rugby League, so this is a good opportunity for both clubs to forge closer links. It will be a great experience for our players to test themselves against some of the best players in the world at a top facility, whilst for the Roosters we'll provide a useful test for their season prep.

**18th Man: How will the tour impact the Super League season?**

**JC:** The travel will have an effect for sure, which is something we'll need to manage, but it isn't enough to prevent such a ground-breaking tour from taking place. We've put plans in place, including cryotherapy and flight aids to help the team. Getting off to a good start is important against Huddersfield which is why we have put a lot of emphasis on that game. The tour will be a great bonding opportunity for the team, similar to pre-season camps, so if we can win against Huddersfield and back it up against Wigan we'll kick off our season on the right note. We're taking a 27-man squad, which gives Lee and the coaches chance to get the team together and plenty of cover to spread the workload on the squad across both matches. I know the team are keen to make an impression in both tour games so we won't be

taking either one lightly. From a fans point of view, the Wigan game is effectively their home fixture, so our members will still get 14/15 home games this year.

**18th Man: The club's new tour shirt and training items seemed popular, were they successful?**

**JC:** Extremely! We knew a specific range would be popular and ordered more items and shirts than we normally would, but even then the response far outweighed what we

expected. We effectively saw over a week's worth of sales in the first seven hours from going on sale, so it was a staggering response. The range looks great and the shirt will look fantastic in the second game against the Dragons. We've opted to play in our traditional home kit for the match against Wigan as the tour is about promoting the brand of Hull FC and for us there is nothing more iconic than the black and white irregular hoops. The fact we're coming up against Wigan's famous cherry and white too, it rekindles many great games from years gone-by which I'm sure supporters on both sides of the world will be able to relate to.

**18th Man: Assuming items like the tour range are an important income stream for the club, how much will the tour cost?**

**JC:** The deals in place are complex but we have ensured the club are only exposed to very limited risk. We've worked hard to get the club to an extremely sound financial footing so a tour like this only goes ahead with a suitable business plan in place. It is still a significant six-figure investment for us, which I'm sure you can appreciate when you consider the cost of moving the club to the other side of the world for two weeks, with travel, accommodation, food and training etc. So the tour ranges, official travel packages and sponsorship all help make the tour financially viable so we can deliver this opportunity for our players and supporters. We've worked really hard to make the dream a reality whilst always ensuring it is right for the club. I'd particularly like to thank Alan Bamforth at Nationwide Concrete Flooring who is sponsoring the tour, as well as the support of Andrew Earle and his team coordinating our official travel packages.

**18th Man: Will the tour happen again? Are there plans for this to be an annual event?**

**JC:** Advances in travel, logistics and communication are making the world a much smaller place and opening the door to many exciting opportunities to grow our sport on an international scale - I believe this could be the first of many initiatives like this if it proves to be financially viable. Whether that be in Australia, Canada, America or even other European destinations, the opportunities are there. We certainly have some concepts in mind which we believe would be strategically beneficial to the club and we're constantly looking at ways to advance how we do things. Fundamentally though, we must always ensure a suitable business plan is in place and also not take the fans for granted. We understand the commitment it takes to follow the club week in-week out, even more so on trips like this. So all these factors must be part of any decision to undertake events in the future. But it's certainly a very exciting time for the sport - discussions like this wouldn't have even been thought about just a few years ago.

**18th Man: You're clearly passionate about this concept and the sport. What effect do you think this can have for the game?**

**JC:** I love the sport and our club, as we all do at Hull. It's a big part of the culture we're instilling here - sport isn't a job it is a way of life. I'm fortunate to work with the likes of Adam [Pearson], Lee [Radford], Nigel [Hansford] and Gareth [Ellis] who are all extremely passionate and dedicated to what we do, as are all our staff. We're all just focused on taking Hull FC and the sport forward. There has been plenty of negativity around our sport in some quarters in recent times, but I genuinely believe it is set against a real backdrop of optimism for the future. There are some exciting developments to come for Super League, we've felt a sea change in our approach to international Rugby League and in Hull we have a renewed commitment to growing the grassroots locally - so I think it's a really exciting time for our sport. There is certainly no pessimism here. We've just reported back-to-back profits, record memberships, retail and commercial figures and one of our best years to date for community engagement. With gates up nine per cent against a competition average of one per cent, our hard work is paying off. We must remain humble, hungry and focused, so we continue to strive for ways to take the club forward. Projects like the New South Wales tour are a great way to do that.



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HULL FC'S YOUNG GUNS were edged by a strong Hull Kingston Rovers side, who claimed the Clive Sullivan Trophy for a second consecutive year last month.

Rovers asserted their dominance early on and the pressure paid off as they led 12-0 after 20 minutes.

Josh Griffin and Jake Connor were on hand to cut the deficit to just two points at the half-time interval.

Connor scored the try of the match, but his dynamic effort was cancelled out by Jake Butler-Fleming's try just moments later.

Jordan Abdull scored against the side he spent last season on loan with, but the Hull KR dominance started to show in the final furlong.

Will Oakes, Matty Marsh and Kieran Moss scored four tries between them in the late stages, securing a 34-26 victory for Tim Sheens' men.



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SUNDAY 21st JANUARY | KCOM STADIUM

**HULL FC** 24  
**CATALANS DRAGONS** 10

CONDITIONS MADE LIFE tough for the Black & Whites in their final pre-season game of the 2018 campaign, but the Airlie Birds came up trumps against Catalans Dragons.

On a bitterly chilly afternoon, where the snow swirled and the wind whistled, errors were aplenty with cold hands in the early exchanges.

But the Airlie Birds turned on the heat when debutants Bureta Faraimo and Mickey Paea scored two, powerful 20-metre tries.

Jodie Broughton reduced the lead prior to half-time with his sliding effort in the corner, but Josh Griffin's early second-half try re-extended the advantage.

Fetuli Talanoa and academy graduate Jack Downs found space in the left corner, all thanks to Marc Sneyd's determined work in the halves.

Lewis Tierney's try turned out to be nothing more than a consolation and certainly didn't dampen the Black & Whites' mood in spite of the wet conditions.



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## PLAYER FOCUS

# MICKEY'S BACK

The 18th Man caught up with Hull FC's returning prop forward, Mickey Paea, who is excited to make his Super League comeback...

HULL IS THE PLACE that Mickey Paea calls a home away from home, which probably suggests why he was so eager to return to East Yorkshire.

Since his Hull FC comeback was revealed back in July last year, Paea had to wait with bated breath to join up with his new team-mates, some familiar faces amongst the crowd.

Paea's return to Super League is eagerly anticipated by Black & Whites supporters, with him leaving as the club's top metre maker in 2015.

His second debut in a Hull FC shirt was full of energy, the former Sydney Roosters forward powering his way over the whitewash from 20 metres out against Catalans Dragons in January.

But it's been some time since Paea last embraced a competitive game of Rugby League. Regardless, the 31-year-old is chomping on the bit to get his next Super League hit out.

"It's really good to be back in the same place where I left off," Paea told The 18th Man.

"It's been a long break since my last competitive game and it's been

over two seasons since I last played for Hull FC. Obviously, it's good to see some familiar faces and some new ones as well, but I'm just looking forward to getting back out there and pulling the famous black and white colours on again."

Things didn't quite work out for the prop forward at Newcastle Knights, the NRL side he left the Black & Whites for in 2015.

Since his departure, the Black & Whites have gone on to win the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup in back-to-back seasons for the first time in history.

Lee Radford's side have also featured in the play-off semi-finals in 2016 and 2017, agonisingly missing out on a place in the Grand Final for the first time since 2006.

But the Black & Whites' rise to dominance in recent times is a major factor that helped attract Paea back to the 2017 UK City of Culture.

"The decision was quite easy in the end because I knew that it was a massive opportunity to come back and join something special," Paea said.

"The boys have really come on leaps and bounds since I left in 2015 - they've won two Challenge Cups for starters! They've established themselves as a genuine top-four team, so I guess that was what was so appealing to me when the club asked me if I'd like to come back."

Life has moved swiftly at Hull FC since Paea's departure in 2015, with the unprecedented success that the previous two campaigns have brought.

Yet the Black & Whites have maintained a substantial amount of stability in recent years, something that Paea feels is a key asset to have.

"Lee Radford is coming into his fifth year as Hull FC head coach now, so he's building to become even better," he explained.

"The whole club has been building to become more stable, especially in the two years I have been absent.

"I'm looking forward to getting back involved with this club, because it's certainly heading in the right direction."

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## CAREER TIMELINE



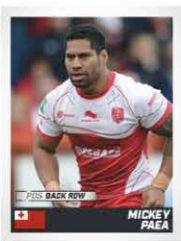
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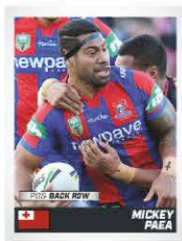
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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

# 8,500 MEMBERS AND COUNTING... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HULL FC HISTORY

The 18th Man statistically analyses how Hull FC have recorded over 8,500 members for the first time in history...

**HULL FC ARE PLEASED** to report a new club record for membership sign ups heading into the 2018 season, with over 8,500 members for the first time!

The Black & Whites have been working hard for a number of years to improve their membership offering, with a 'members first' approach at the club. Various exclusive offers, including benefits and events across the season just for members, not to mention big savings of up to six matches a season compared to match ticket prices, have helped drive the upturn in membership sign-ups.

The club have also restructured their membership pricing and seating arrangements over the last three years, all of which has yielded an impressive retention rate of 92 per cent - a figure believed to be the highest in Super League and set against a competition average of just 78 per cent.

The club can boast an overall membership increase of 31 per cent, whilst changes to seating in the South Stand and West Stand mean these areas of the ground are now at over 40 per cent capacity for the first time since moving to the KCOM Stadium.

A renewed commitment to junior and family supporters has also seen a major rise in junior engagement, with junior members up 69 per cent and family members increasing by 45 per cent, as well as a new pricing area to ensure there is always a membership available for less than £200 - making Hull FC one of the most affordable clubs too.

Hull FC's Executive Director, James Clark, has been overseeing the membership programme for a number of seasons and is delighted with the progress being made.

"We're extremely pleased with these results and it clearly demonstrates the club is heading in the right direction, understands the benefit and value of memberships and what our fans want," he said.

"We have worked very hard on the programme for a number of years to rebuild the model and ensure we had a membership that was accessible, affordable and value for money for everyone. There were a number



of key areas we identified for improvement and outlined a multi-year plan in which to implement those changes in a measured and considered manner.

Clark continued: "We listened to fans, canvassed opinion, researched and compared other models and ultimately outlined a plan we felt was appropriate to take the club forward - as memberships are the financial backbone of our club.

"Coupled with the significant progress on the field we have been able to report our

best ever figures which allows us to re-invest in the club for future growth. We hope to continue to evolve and encourage even more people to get involved with the club. We would like to thank everyone who has signed up once again, their support is invaluable and appreciated by everyone at the club."

There is still time to sign up for a 2018 membership, with adult prices starting from £199 and junior memberships just £60. You can sign up at the club retail stores or by calling 01482 327 200.



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**KAY CRIMLIS**

KAY CRIMLIS has been an integral member of the Hull FC Vice Presidents' Association since 2005, helping her develop a place in her heart for the Black & Whites.

Of course, the Vice Presidents have been a big part of the club in years gone by, having funded overseas players' flights to England amongst other goodwill gestures.

And in their 40th year, the Vice Presidents continue to support the club, helping provide funds and equipment.

"Last year's project saw us part-funding cryogenic treatment for the players, and the video software licence for the player performance monitoring system employed by Lee and his coaching staff," Kay explained.

"In the past we've held benefit dinners for Keith Tindall, Steve Norton and Dane O'Hara. We sponsored Richard Horne for the whole of his playing career and have recently sponsored Frank Pritchard, Carlos Tuimavave and Fetuli Talanoa.

"This year we're sponsoring Brad Fash, and we also organised the Invincibles reunion dinner.

"I think that the best thing about being a Vice President and being involved with Hull FC is to know that your efforts, however small, make a difference and are appreciated."

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**KEVIN TAYLOR**

KEVIN IS THE FATHER of current Hull FC player Scott Taylor, and has been a key part of the prop's development as a player.

The Taylor residence has been a happy household in recent years, with the England international prop forward winning back-to-back Challenge Cup titles.

Recently, Taylor was announced as the Black & Whites' captain for the 2018 season. But for Kevin, there have been far more heartfelt moments

"One of the emotional moments of watching Scott play is when the crowd chant 'he's one of our own' because that's your son they're singing about," Kevin said.

"We often have tears in our eyes," he added. "After the 2016 Cup Final, I didn't care if Hull ever won a trophy again. My dream had come true; I saw my son in a Hull FC shirt playing for his hometown club and lifting the Challenge Cup."

# MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Hull FC have over 8,500 members for the 2018 season, but here are four who stand out from the rest!

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**YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR A 2018 MEMBERSHIP FROM THE CLUB'S RETAIL STORES, ONLINE AND OVER THE PHONE**

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**CHRIS JONES**

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS of his role model Steve Prescott MBE, Chris Jones is raising money for charity by running in half and full marathons.

Chris has raised over £3,000 in the process, all of which has been donated to the Steve Prescott Foundation.

The 25-year-old explains how he rekindled his desire for running.

"I used to go running and walking years ago but had fallen well out of practice. But the events set up by the Steve Prescott Foundation (and Steve's example) inspired me to get moving again and it seemed a good idea to try to raise sponsorship too," Chris said.

"I did one day of the first walk to the Grand Final and then three days of the second. I was in awe of Steve's, and the other walkers', stamina over the two weeks."

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**JOANNE EVANS**

JOANNE IS THE GRANDDAUGHTER of former Hull FC player and coach Ivor Watts.

The former winger, second in Hull's all-time try scoring list behind Clive Sullivan, represented the club between 1945 and 1960, before becoming assistant coach to both Roy Francis and Johnny Whiteley between 1960 and 1969, and then taking the reigns as head coach in 1970-71.

Watts made over 400 appearances for the club scoring 216 tries, including in Hull's 10-10 draw with Halifax in the 1955 Yorkshire County Cup Final, as well as appearing in FC's first appearance at Wembley in the 1959 Challenge Cup Final defeat to Wigan.

Speaking about her grandfather, Joanne said: "Sadly Ivor's career was over before I was born. He still followed the club from a distance after he left, watching the few televised games that were around at the time.

"Although his only Wembley appearance in 1959 was a defeat to Wigan, I know he was thrilled to watch the Challenge Cup Final win in Cardiff in 2005.

"Sadly this was one of the last games he watched as he passed away the following year. But he was a coach until the end, still critiquing the performance even at the age of 81!"





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# QUICKFIRE...

The 18th Man probes Hull FC centre  
**Josh Griffin** on his favourite things in life...

**What's your favourite film?**

It has to be 'Step Brothers'.  
Always creases me up.

**Favourite genre of music?**

I love a bit of hip-hop.

**Favourite cuisine?**

The lads tear into me for this  
but I like Japanese food.  
Sushi is so nice!

**Favourite football team?**

I'm following in Marc  
Sneyd's footsteps.  
Manchester United.

**Adidas or Nike?**

Nike. All day long.

**Dream car?**

I'd love a Range Rover Sport. A proper  
top of the range motor.

**Favourite holiday  
destination?**

I went to Dubai with some of  
my friends in the off-season  
and it was amazing, so I  
think I'll go with that one.

**Favourite animal?**

Monkey.

**Favourite colour?**

Black. I'm always  
wearing black trainers with  
black socks in the gym.

**Favourite singer/artist?**

Kendrick Lamar is up there.

**Favourite box set?**

I love watching Sons of Anarchy.

**Celebrity crush?**

I probably share the same  
celebrity crush as some of my  
team-mates. Jennifer Lopez for me.

**Favourite time of year?**

Summer.

**Favourite try you've scored?**

I scored a nice one for Salford against  
Wakefield in 2015. It was a 70-metre  
break. Don't think I'll do that ever again!





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# TOUGHEST OPPONENTS...

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**1. Paul Wellens** (FB)

He's one of the best full-backs to have graced Super League, so this one's a 'no brainer'.

**2. Ryan Hall** (WG)

He's the sort of winger you don't want to be defending against. He's fast, powerful and has a thirst for scoring tries.

**3. Jamie Lyon** (CE)

This probably shows how long I've been around for with Jamie Lyon playing in Super League in 2005 and 2006, but he was a very talented centre.

**4. Keith Senior** (CE)

An outstanding competitor! He played at the top of his game for a very long time.

**5. Francis Meli** (WG)

Another really potent winger. I remember him scoring against us in the 2006 Grand Final.

**6. Trent Barrett** (SO)

He was outstanding when he came over to Super League. I thought he was unlucky not to get Man of Steel in his first year over here.

**7. Sean Long** (SH)

I was lucky enough to play alongside 'Longy' at one point in my career, but he was so difficult to play against. A really technically gifted half-back.

**8. Adrian Morley** (PR)

He was a monster of a prop forward - the sort you never liked playing against. He's a really nice bloke but on the field he goes in hard.

**9. Kieron Cunningham** (HK)

Kieron Cunningham played a massive part in the success that St Helens had in his playing era. One of the best I've ever played against.

**10. Jamie Peacock** (PR)

Another one of those horrible prop forwards who liked it hard. Thank God he didn't play at the same time as Adrian Morley!

**11. Gareth Ellis** (SR)

Another player I've been really lucky to call my team-mate. I played against him a fair few times whilst he was at Leeds. He was such an important leader on the field.

**12. Gareth Hock** (SR)

It's a shame to see so little of Gareth Hock these days, because he was a really tough competitor back in his Wigan days. Featherstone Rovers could have a great player on their hands this season.

**13. Paul Sculthorpe** (LF)

There weren't many players like Paul Sculthorpe and there still aren't many that compare to him. His versatility made him an even better player.





# In The Community



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## HULL FC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDERWAY

RENOWNED AS A CLUB who have nurtured some of Super League's most talented Rugby League stars, Hull FC are aiming to continue their philosophy of developing youngsters.

Danny Houghton, Danny Washbrook and Jamie Shaul are just a handful of current first-team stars to have benefitted from the Black & Whites' academy system.

That's not to mention several former players who are now plying their trade elsewhere in the country, and even around the globe.

Hull FC's Community Foundation have now launched a new programme to help youngsters striving to progress in Rugby League, as well as looking further afield and progressing into the professional game at academy and at senior level.

The programme bridges the gap between youth participation and a professional understanding of Rugby League through adding services such as strength and conditioning.

The gruelling programme got underway last month, with youngsters

given their first experience of professional exercising.

Helping participants gain a better understanding of what it takes to become a professional Rugby League player is former Black & Whites prop forward Lee Crooks.

The 1982 Challenge Cup winner is assisting with the programme, and believes that helping youngsters develop into mature Rugby League players is a wise move from the club.

"We have seen what brilliant players this club has produced in recent years, so it's only right that we aspire to continue the conveyor belt of players coming through our system," Crooks explained.

"As a club we believe that we need to help players of all abilities who want to try and succeed in our great game.

"We believe that the PAS Programme will benefit this year's Under-14s, because of the fundamental and athletic skills they will take on board."

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## SIGN UP FOR FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS NOW!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, where we're preparing for our February half-term camps!

It's a great opportunity for youngsters to make the most of their time off school by learning rugby skills from Hull FC's Community Foundation qualified coaches. The half-term camps dates and times are as follows:

**JUNIOR CAMP | COUNTY ROAD**  
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10am-3pm. £10 for the day.

**JUNIOR CAMP | COUNTY ROAD**  
Wednesday 14th February & Friday 16th February  
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## SIGN UP FOR SKY TRY PRIMARY RUGBY LEAGUE!

**DID YOU KNOW** that primary schools can sign up to Hull FC's Sky Try initiative for 2018?

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All primary school teachers in the Sky Try project will be offered CPD. Community Clubs will be selected to work as targeted partners for participation by the Sky Try deliverer.

The Sky Try deliverers will work with these clubs to help upskill coaches at primary Rugby League age groups through running coach Development CPD, and actively recruit participants who have received delivery in the primary school.

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Touch Rugby League is open to participants of all abilities and ages (14+), with a few well-known faces getting amongst the action in recent weeks, including Hull FC head coach Lee Radford!

For more information on Touch Rugby League, contact [sam.french@hullfc.com](mailto:sam.french@hullfc.com).



# EAST HULL COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE MONTH

Every month, The 18th Man takes an in-depth look at one local team who deserve to be Hull & East Riding's Community Club of the Month. February's winners are **East Hull...**

**LAST MONTH**, East Hull brought over 500 of their youth players to the KCOM Stadium as part of the club's Magic Moments, one of the biggest turnouts since the programme began.

The young players, aged from under five up to 16-years-old, cheered on the Black & Whites as they took on Hull Kingston Rovers in the annual Clive Sullivan Trophy friendly match.

The opportunity allowed children to walk out with the teams as mascots, parade the giant pitch flags before the game, and act as match day ball boys.

East Hull were chosen for the occasion being the youth side of Hull FC star Danny Houghton, who celebrated his testimonial match against the Robins.

Speaking to The 18th Man about the event, East Hull club chairman Steve Crooks said: "It was a fantastic occasion for us. Danny is a former East Hull player so we made a bit of an extra effort to support him in his testimonial game. We're extremely proud of the fact he came from our club."

"The youngsters were involved right across the match day, and there was such a positive vibe from them. With the rush for places in the younger age groups to be ball boys, we could have had 200 in the end!"

Houghton isn't the only star to have begun his career at East Hull. Current Hull FC head coach Lee Radford, along with Jon Wilkin and Josh Hodgson, all started their Rugby League lives there.

Crooks, a former Hull FC player and coach, explained: "It's fantastic for us to have players like Danny and Lee have East Hull as their community clubs. As a local side, it's brilliant to know we've supplied some quality players over the years."

"It gives our young players someone to look up to, and to aspire to be like."

On the pitch, East Hull enjoyed success with their youth sides in 2017, with their Under-11s and Under-15s finishing top of their respective Hull Youth Rugby League Division, while their Under-13s side finished a respectable second after a close title battle with rivals West Hull.

Crooks said: "Some of our teams were really competitive in the local leagues, which is great. Ultimately that's the aim for us. But we also want to be known as a club where players can come down, regardless of ability, and just enjoy themselves!"





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# FROM THE STANDS...



Full-back Hakim Miloudi will be hoping to impress in 2018

## NEW AND OLD FACES HAVE THE BLACK & WHITE ARMY EXCITED FOR 2018

Avid Hull FC supporter Lewis Scott is anticipating an explosive impact from the club's 2018 recruits...

WHILE THE LOSS OF BACK-TO-BACK Challenge Cup-winning captain Gareth Ellis and try-scoring beast Mahe Fonua came as a blow at the end of 2017, Lee Radford's recruitment for this season should hopefully plug those gaps with some quality additions.

After seeing Bureta Faraimo take to the field in a Black & White shirt for the first time against Catalans, it's suffice to say he's a like-for-like replacement for Fonua. If he's half as good as he was against the Dragons we've got another quality winger on our hands - if not better.

Meanwhile, the return of an old face in the form of Mickey Paea brings some extra bulk to a pack that is already considered the best in Super League. His extra power and energy off the bench this season could be deadly.

However, while the two big name signings will get the press coverage, amongst supporters there's a whole lot of excitement to see what new full-back Hakim Miloudi has to offer this season.

For the first time since Jordan Rankin left the club, Jamie Shaul has a genuine challenger for his position, and based on the Frenchman's showings in pre-season friendlies, he'll bring some new-found flair to the Black & Whites.

Miloudi showed undeniable quality against Hull Kingston Rovers in pre-season; his pace and agility was a threat throughout the game. And while he still looked to be a raw developing player at times, which is understandable given the game was his first outing against a Super League side, he could be another brilliant find from Lee Radford.

There's also a real buzz surrounding the return of Hull's three loanees. Dean Hadley was a stand-out figure in a successful season for Wakefield Trinity in 2017, and will be hoping to continue his fine form back in a Hull FC shirt.

Meanwhile, Jordan Abdull and Jack Logan return from spells at Hull KR. The former was key for the Robins in their promotion campaign, whilst the latter got some much-needed game time under his belt with the reserves.

## A WIND OF CHANGE?

Should Rugby League welcome more trans-Atlantic teams? Author and Black & Whites fan Pete Allen offers his view...

FOR THE LONG SUFFERING FAN, every season starts with bags of excitement and anticipation and with a large dollop of hope thrown in for good measure. Across the game, supporters believe that this will be their team's year, and why not? The fact that some will need just 80 minutes of rugby in which to change their minds is also an accepted fact in sport, because fans are nothing if not quick to become disenchanted.

However, this year's a bit different, because as well as all the expectancy, there's a whiff of 'revolution' in the air, as it's hinted that the game is moving towards changes aimed at developing the sport.

In a recent national newspaper article Adam Pearson said: "I think you'll find that over the next three months there will be some significant changes to the game in this country." That should be music to the ears of every Rugby League fan.

Back in 2005 Maurice Lindsay said: "We should aim for exciting Rugby League, played in front of large crowds, in quality stadiums with good TV coverage." I'll leave you to decide how far we've moved in the last 13 years.

Indeed, how successful any quest to reinvigorate the game will be this time around, remains to be seen, but if we can change a situation that has for years seen the national media almost write our game off as a minority sport, it will get my full backing.

On the face of it, England came within a whisker of winning the World Cup last year and yet nationally, I think 75 per cent of the sporting public weren't even aware we'd come so close.

Should rugby be a trans-Atlantic game? There's no reason why not. Rugby League is the best game in the world and there is little doubt that if it's marketed properly then the sports hungry fans of North America will take it to their hearts, as we have seen with Toronto Wolfpack's passionate fan base.

There is no doubt that since Maurice Lindsay's words of wisdom we have at times made poorly thought out and often ill-timed attempts to thrust the sport into the national sporting limelight. These efforts have been short-lived and invariably fallen by the wayside, but now we have to all hope that we are on the cusp of making some progress.



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# GRASSROOTS RUGBY



## STEVE CROOKS ON LOCAL GRASSROOTS RUGBY

Former Hull FC player and coach **Steve Crooks** explains the alterations that have been made to the Hull & District League ahead of the 2018 season...

**THIS IS A VERY EXCITING TIME** for local youth rugby. We are very close to starting the new 2018 season, which is always a time when clubs can't wait for it to begin in earnest, and this can be seen by the progressive number of pre-season friendlies each week.

The other important and exciting aspect of it, is the ground-breaking decision we have taken locally to preserve the long-term future of the Hull & District youth league, by not allowing any more teams to play in the Yorkshire Junior League.

This decision was democratically taken by every youth team in our area when the question was discussed with the clubs' senior officials, and the vision was described of how we need to alter the way we operate. The tremendous volunteers who administer the clubs showed their intelligence and desire to sustain local rugby, and with the involvement of our senior professional clubs and the Rugby Football League, we are very hopeful of increasing the development of the clubs/players with the desire to bring success to Hull Youth Rugby, and increase the numbers for potential players into the City of Hull Academy and Hull KR and Hull FC.

The politics aside, the new league structure will see competitive league structures slightly different to the tried and tested age group banding. We have mixed age group leagues, based on the finish of last season's tables, and will be named as Tier 1, 2, 3 etc. Thus, we will achieve the desired outcome of competitive leagues with sufficient fixtures on a weekly basis.

It has been a brave decision by the clubs to adopt this change and we are very hopeful it achieves the end result that so many people who volunteer week in, week out for years deserve.

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# CITY OF HULL ACADEMY

## In Cyprus...

The City of Hull Academy recently returned from a warm-weather pre-season training camp in Cyprus. **Ben Towse** joined the youngsters to find out what they got up to...



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DAY

1

22/01/18

Hull's joint academy set up camp at a British Army base known as the Salamanca Barracks in Episkopi, and completed their first day of full training on Monday. Following an early breakfast, the academy got started with the backs taking part in some skill scenarios in the hall, including some great drills allowing the players to try out and improve their diving and finishing in the corner, whilst the forwards hit the gym. With the tough morning session out of the way, the boys enjoyed lunch before taking a five-minute drive to the nearby rugby pitch, where they were put through their paces in intense heat before working on their combinations and defensive reads. The squad hit their pillows early on the night, ready for another vigorous session on Tuesday.

DAY

2

23/01/18

The team once again split into two groups before the morning session got underway. In the afternoon, one group took part in some great community work with the local Episkopi Primary School students, who were taught some new rugby skills. The other group were pushed to their limits in the hot weather conditions, as they took on a conditioning session, before swiftly transferring into full-contact skill games against each-other. Continuing with the testing schedule, the players took to the pitch after their evening meal to train with the 1LANCS Rugby League team.

DAY

3

24/01/18

Wednesday offered Hull's joint academy a change of scenario, with the British Army taking time to work with the youngsters. They were taken through some IED and war situation simulations, before getting hands-on with some of the weapons under the supervision of the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. The players finished off the session by cooking their own rations out in the field, intending to simulate what it's like to be a soldier on patrol. It was back to the rugby field in the afternoon, where the boys were re-joined by the 1LANCS Rugby League team. The two sides were split into four mixed groups, where the academy staff coached the groups in a tough but rewarding afternoon for both camps.



## CITY OF HULL ACADEMY 2018 FIXTURE LIST

17/02	Warrington Wolves	(a)	26/05	Wigan Warriors	(a)
24/02	Wigan Warriors	(h)	02/06	Leeds Rhinos	(a)
10/03	Catalans Dragons	(a)	10/06	Newcastle Thunder	(h)
15/03	Bradford Bulls	(a)	16/06	St Helens	(h)
23/03	Catalans Dragons	(h)	23/06	Huddersfield Giants	(a)
31/03	Wakefield Trinity	(h)	30/06	Widnes Vikings	(a)
06/04	St Helens	(a)	05/07	Castleford Tigers	(a)
21/04	London Broncos	(h)	14/07	Leeds Rhinos	(h)
05/05	Huddersfield Giants	(h)	19/07	Wakefield Trinity	(a)
12/05	Widnes Vikings	(h)	11/07	Newcastle Thunder	(h)
			19/07	London Broncos	(a)
			08/09	Bradford Bulls	(h)
			15/09	Warrington Wolves	(h)



### DAY 4

25/01/18

On Thursday, the British weather seemed to catch up with the academy as the pouring rain and thunder interrupted their morning session. The weather improved in the afternoon and the staff headed back down to the pitch to help out in the community once more. This time, the local secondary school were invited down to take part in some kicking, catching, defence and attacking drills with our staff, before allowing the students to gather round and ask questions to our coaches. In the evening, the coaches welcomed a ladies rugby team to the pitch. The ladies took on some passing drills, before heading into some tactical games to test their defensive and offensive skill.

### DAY 5

26/01/18

The academy made the most of their final day in Cyprus. Starting their field session at 9:10, the youngsters went head-to-head in a full-contact training match, which saw some fantastic skill on display to top-off what has been a superb trip all-round for everyone involved. The academy finalised their trip with a video session in the afternoon, going through plays on the training field over the five-day training camp.

## CITY OF HULL SCHOLARSHIP QUINTET SELECTED FOR ENGLAND YOUTH

FIVE CITY OF HULL ACADEMY scholarship stars were recently selected to feature at an England Youth Development session.

The five players from the city's joint academy were observed by England Youth coaching staff as the best young players from around the country came together for a day of training this weekend.

Here are the five players that have been selected:



### Will Tate

**Position:** Full-back  
**Junior Clubs:**  
Cottingham Tigers,  
Skirlaugh Bulls



### Josh Gray

**Position:** Winger  
**Junior Club:**  
Skirlaugh Bulls  
Josh was a try scorer  
in England Youth's  
Test match against  
Wales in November



### Jude Ferreira

**Position:** Winger  
**Junior Club:** West Hull



### Ben McNamara

**Position:** Stand-off  
**Junior Club:**  
Skirlaugh Bulls  
Did you know that Ben  
is the son of former Hull  
FC forward and current  
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coach Steve McNamara?



### Kai Tyson

**Position:** Prop  
**Junior Clubs:** East  
Hull, Skirlaugh Bulls





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# HOT OFF THE PRESS



**In every edition of The 18<sup>th</sup> Man, we'll be asking a Rugby League journalist to put their thoughts to paper. In edition one, the Hull Daily Mail's Hull FC reporter Paul Clarke argues the Old Faithful have plenty to be optimistic about ahead of the 2018 season...**

HULL FC FANS have been through a rollercoaster of emotions since the turn of the century. I should know, having enjoyed my first season as a fan behind the railings of the Threepenny Stand in 1997.

Of course now I need to be much more objective in my role as the Hull FC reporter for the Hull Daily Mail, but it's difficult to argue with the fact that the upcoming campaign is the most exciting for a long time.

There is so much for the Old Faithful to chew on this year. The pride that comes from being back-to-back Challenge Cup winners can be matched by the promise of the season ahead.

It's realistic to say that the Black and Whites could win both major trophies. I cannot remember a season this century when you could say that with confidence prior to round one and not be laughed out of town.

Only three years ago Hull trailed the top four by 14 points after 30 rounds of Rugby League. Now they have two consecutive third-place finishes. FC fans have gone from witnessing mediocrity to seeing greatness unfold in front of their very eyes.

Supporters should go into this campaign being thankful for what they have seen in the last two years but also with an expectancy that it will continue. This doesn't feel like the year when things tail off and Hull come back down to earth, in fact, in this journalist's eyes it certainly feels like the curve is continuing on an upwards trajectory. This is the case even with the loss of



*Danny Houghton has succeeded Gareth Ellis as Hull FC skipper following the latter's retirement*

retired former captain Gareth Ellis and star winger Mahe Fonua to the NRL. Whilst Ellis hasn't been directly replaced, the re-introduction of Mickey Paea and the versatility of the club's pack means several players will help fill the void at loose-forward.

Meanwhile, new signing Bureta Faraimo has displayed his talent in pre-season and even though filling the boots of Fonua will be tough, he has the right type of skillset to thrive in a team coached by Lee Radford.

The lack of major player turnover at the club is shown by the fact that Paea and Faraimo remain the only first-team additions, with ex-trialist Hakim Miloudi also landing a full-time deal. This is all a sign of a well-run club, though, and something successful Super League sides such as Leeds Rhinos and St Helens have done in the past during strong runs at the top.

Whilst there are not many new toys for Hull fans to get excited about, the potential for growth from some of the core and fringe players is certainly something to watch out for.

Hull's success this year will be tied to how well the likes of

Scott Taylor, Liam Watts, Marc Sneyd, Albert Kelly, Jamie Shaul and Jake Connor perform. All of these players have not hit their prime yet and have the potential to take their games to the next level this year. New captain Danny Houghton, 29, has all the tools to lead the Black and Whites from the front and I'm sure Hull's international captains in Mark Minichiello (Italy) and Sika Manu (Tonga) will add to their impressive FC displays again with their efforts this year.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, Hull are putting themselves on the world Rugby League map with a two-match tour of Australia as well.

It might not feel significant for the fans who cannot afford to partake in the journey but it's about making a statement to the rest of the Rugby League world.

The networking and general learning opportunities for all members of staff in Australia guarantee that Hull will benefit a great deal from the trip on and off the field. This still feels like the beginning of a dynasty at the Black & Whites so sit back and enjoy the ride.



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Ahead of Hull FC's trip to New South Wales, club historian **Bill Dalton** takes us back to 1909, when the Black & Whites first encountered the Australians...



# A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



THE CIRCUMSTANCES of the founding of Australian Rugby League came about under similar circumstances by which the leading clubs in the North of England broke away from the Rugby Football Union in 1895, over the issue of players receiving 'Broken Time' payments and the refusal of the Rugby Union to sanction league or cup competitions.

In Australia, the Rugby Union authorities were also seen to be absolutely opposed to any financial help for injured players. The first Australian team toured Great Britain in the 1908-09 season and made their first visit to Hull when The Boulevard staged their game against Yorkshire.

Since then, they have played Hull on 12 occasions, and have been successful in all but the very first encounter, of which a contemporary press report is detailed across the page.

Players referred to in the report and team line-ups include Albert Rosenfeld, who subsequently played for Huddersfield and amassed a world record 80 tries in the 1913-14 season.

Herbert Henry (Dally) Messenger ('The Master') was an early Rugby League superstar

HULL FC TEAMSHEET							
Date: 30th January 1909				COMP: TOUR MATCH			
OPPONENTS: AUSTRALIA							
VENUE: The Boulevard							
HULL FC 9				AUSTRALIA 8			
No:	Team	Tries	Goals	No:	Team	Tries	Goals
1	H. Taylor	-	-	1	C.Hedley	-	-
2	J. Dechan	-	-	2	H.H.Messenger	-	1
3	G. Cottrell	-	-	3	WG.Heidke	-	-
4	G. Rogers	-	-	4	J.Devereux	-	-
5	E. Rogers	-	3	5	A.Morton	-	-
6	J. Jones	-	-	6	A.Rosenfeld	1	-
7	W. Anderson	-	-	7	E.A.Anlezark	-	-
8	T. Herridge	-	-	8	R.H.Graves	-	-
9	W. Holder	1	-	9	L.O'Malley	-	-
10	F. Boylen	-	-	10	J.Abererombie	-	-
11	H. Walton	-	-	11	E.T.Courtney	1	-
12	J. Major	-	-	12	W.H.Hardecastle	-	-
13	G. Stevenson	-	-	13	P.Moir	-	-

and Jimmy Devereux and Andy Morton commenced with Hull later in the season after the tour.

The brilliant Devereux was the greatest Australian to play for Hull. Edward Rogers played for Hull long enough to reach

500 appearances, Billy Holder was an early Hull Test player and Frank Boylen was a member of the first Northern Union team to tour Australasia in 1910.

At once, there were fascinating displays of Colonial

passing, which were not lost on the spectators present at The Boulevard that day. Rosenfeld scored the first try after taking a well-judged pass from Anlezark, and it was neatly goaled by Messenger.



The Australia touring side from 1908-09



Before half-time, Rogers, succeeded in kicking a penalty goal, so when the teams crossed over, the Colonials were leading 5-2.

Hedley was penalised in front of his own posts for not playing the ball on, being tackled by G. Rogers, and E. Rogers kicked a goal, reducing the difference in the scores to just a single point.

Hull kept up the pressure in a desperate fashion, Anderson especially being prominent, and they would not be dislodged from the position they had gained in the Australian quarters.

Time, however, was flying and little hope was left when Holder picked up the ball, and assisted by Boylen, he evaded the enemy by superior speed, finally scoring near the posts.

*It was on 30th January 1909 that Hull FC first encountered an Australian team and it seemed to bring beginners luck, as the following day's newspaper reported:*

## NARROW VICTORY FOR HULL!

**A** big crowd enjoyed a close game between Hull and the Australians on the Boulevard.

Despite the frost, the ground was in capital condition. The Colonial Backs were brilliant, as usual, and markedly superior to the corresponding line of their opponents: but in other respects, the Hull team was excellent and formidable, several players distinguishing themselves in a most refreshing manner.

All subsequent scoring was reserved for the final quarter. Courtney, in a forward rush, followed the ball over the line, touching it down inches short of the dead-ball line.

There was a consultation as to an infringement before the ball was dribbled over the line, but the try was promptly conceded. Vitally, Messenger missed the goal kick.

Ned Rogers had a kick at goal from Taylor's mark, and the ball, striking the upright, bounced into play.

But only a couple of minutes remained, victory or defeat for Hull depended on the goal kick.

Ned Rogers coolly took aim and the ball sped safely over the bar, giving the victory to the home team by just a single point.

The enthusiasm of the crowd was tremendous, but while it roared out its joy for the victory of Hull, it showed a sporting sympathy for the losers, who dropped in so dramatic a fashion when their position seemed fairly safe.

*As Hull FC prepare to head to Australia, proud fan and author Vince Groak pays tribute to one of the Black & Whites' greatest New South Wales players...*

## NO 'AIRTOURS' AWARD FOR MINI

BACK IN THE LATE NINETIES, the Hull FC fanzine 'In Any Kind Of Weather' would, at the end of each season, mischievously present its own Player of the Year awards.

The main prize, usually won by Steve Prescott, was supplemented by awards for the Young Player, Old Player, Hull-Blake, Overseas Player and the controversial 'Airtours' Award.

This dubious 'honour' was given to the overseas player who caught the eye for their consistently half-hearted performances, brief and rare visits to the training ground and general lack of enthusiasm for the black and white cause. Hence, they had 'only come for a holiday'.

Unsurprisingly, the recipients - there were two before the threat of legal action and physical assault persuaded the editors to, regrettably, suspend the award - weren't best pleased.

The creation of the award reflected despair at the dearth in quality of some of the overseas players recruited by the club at that time and paid homage, in a funny sort of way, to the legends such as Peter Sterling and Jimmy Devereux amongst others, that came before who came and sparkled.

Thankfully, the 'Airtours' Award is now as obsolete as the company that inspired it. Shrewd recruitment, more-considered player advice and Adam's money have vastly improved the success rate of FC's forays into the overseas recruitment market.

Mark Minichiello was already 33 when he made his debut for Hull FC. As he bade farewell to the NRL after 250-plus games, rival fans over the river were already mocking the signing, calling him an 'over-the-hill journeyman'. A few months later, as he cut them to ribbons all over St James' Park at Magic Weekend, thus they had to review their judgement. We had a player on our hands.

'Mini' soon became a trusty lieutenant to skipper Gareth Ellis, bringing integrity, grit, guts and quality to everything he does for the club. If 'Mini' has come for a holiday, it's the sort of holiday where you go trekking in the Amazon, lose your passport and all your cash in a tropical storm, but decide to stay on anyway to help the natives rebuild their settlement and fight off the head-hunters from the next village.

'Mini' surely deserves to be elevated to the highest echelons of all-time overseas players. Alongside Peter Sterling, Craig Fitzgibbon, Richard Swain and Jason Smith to name a few, he's a certain starter in any Hull FC Overseas XIII. If not 'Airtours', then definitely 'First Class'.







Should've gone to Specsavers

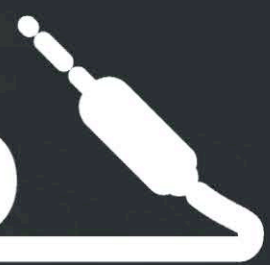
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Youngster Masimbaashe Matongo is often found in control of the aux cord at the training ground. Here are his top ten workout tunes...

# The AUX CORD



**1 50 Cent**

**21 Questions**

ft. Nate Dogg

The first of a few 50 Cent songs in my top ten. I think I might be his biggest fan!

**2 Akon**

**Smack That** ft. Eminem

A popular one amongst the lads in the gym!

**3 50 Cent**

**Hate It Or Love It**

Another 50 Cent one!

**4 Dr Dre**

**Xplosive**

**5 50 Cent**

**Outta Control**

That's the hat-trick for 50 Cent! There's too many good songs and I could name hundreds, but this is in my top ten.

**6 Ice Cube**

**It Was A Good Day**

It's a shame he's not making music these days because he was one of the best in his day.

**7 Notorious B.I.G.**

**Nasty Girl**

This one's a classic!

**8 Estelle**

**American Boy**

ft. Kanye West

Probably the latest song in the top ten, but I love Kanye West.

**9 NWA**

**Express Yourself**

I think this is a song that most people will have heard of, unlike my other nine songs on the list!

**10 Warren G**

**Regulate** ft. Nate Dogg





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# FOR THE KIDS...

## THE BIG QUIZ?

### ROUND 1: SUPER LEAGUE

1. Michael McIlorum has moved to which Super League club for the 2018 season?
2. Who recently signed a new five-year deal with the Castleford Tigers?
3. Wigan Warriors have resigned which former player to their squad this season?
4. Which two sides competed in the 'Million Pound Game' in 2017?
5. Who scored a brace in their final game for Leeds Rhinos in the Super League Grand Final last season?

### ROUND 2: HULL FC

6. Which player made his return to Hull FC in 2018 after spending two years in the NRL?
7. Who was Hull FC's top try scorer in all competitions last season?
8. Who has been handed the Black & Whites' number 13 shirt for the upcoming season?
9. Hull FC will face which side at this year's Dacia Magic Weekend?
10. Which player recently celebrated his testimonial match following ten years of service to Hull FC?

### ROUND 3: NSW

11. Which stadium will hold the double-header on 17<sup>th</sup> February?
12. Which two England internationals will come up against the Black & Whites for St George Illawarra Dragons?
13. Which NRL side will face Wigan Warriors following the Black & Whites' showdown with St George Illawarra Dragons?
14. Which side will Leeds Rhinos take on for the World Club Challenge?
15. Which city will host Hull FC's Super League clash with Wigan Warriors?

## UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

Test your Hull FC knowledge and unscramble the following ten words...

1. DRIB RILAIE

2. CMOK DAIMUST

3. NANDY GTHOHUON

4. OELVRDABU

5. MJAEI ULHSA

6. PRESU GAUEEL

7. HET LULH REBYD

8. HACGELENL UPC LDRESOH

9. WSE OSTHU LEWAS TROU

10. KYECIM EAAP

## WORDSEARCH

Can you find the 12 Betfred Super League clubs in this wordsearch?

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hull FC           | <input type="checkbox"/> St Helens            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wakefield Trinity   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wigan Warriors    | <input type="checkbox"/> Castleford Tigers    | <input type="checkbox"/> Salford Red Devils  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warrington Wolves | <input type="checkbox"/> Widnes Vikings       | <input type="checkbox"/> Huddersfield Giants |
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**ANSWERS:** The Big Quiz: 1. Catalans Dragons, 2. Paul McShane, 3. Challenge Cup Holders, 9. New South Wales Tour, 10. Mickey Paea. Round 1: 1. Airrie Bird, 2. KOM Stadium, 3. Danny Houghton, 4. the words: 1. Airrie Bird, 2. KOM Stadium, 3. Danny Houghton, 4. Boulevar, 5. Jamie Shaul, 6. Super League, 7. The Hull Derby, 8. Round 2: 6. Jamie Shaul, 7. Super League, 8. Danny Houghton, 9. ANZ Stadium, 10. ANZ Stadium, 11. ANZ Stadium, 12. Gareth Widdop and James Graham, 14. South Paea, 7. Jamie Shaul, 8. Josh Bowden, 9. Hull KR, 10. Danny Houghton, Dan Sarginson, 4. Catalans and Leigh, 5. Danny McGuire, 6. Mickey



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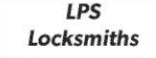


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 <p><b>1 JAMIE SHAUL</b></p> <p><b>The Geddes Boys</b></p>  	 <p><b>2 BURETA FARAIMO</b></p>  	 <p><b>3 CARLOS TUIMAVAVE</b></p>  	 <p><b>4 JOSH GRIFFIN</b></p>  	 <p><b>5 FETULI TALANDA</b></p>  	 <p><b>6 ALBERT KELLY</b></p>  
 <p><b>7 MARC SNEYD</b></p>  	 <p><b>8 SCOTT TAYLOR</b></p>  	 <p><b>9 DANNY HOUGHTON</b></p>  	 <p><b>10 LIAM WATTS</b></p>  	 <p><b>11 DEAN HADLEY</b></p>  	 <p><b>12 MARK MINICHELLO</b></p>  
 <p><b>13 JOSH BOWDEN</b></p> <p><b>The Dows Family</b></p> 	 <p><b>14 JAKE CONNOR</b></p>  	 <p><b>15 CHRIS GREEN</b></p>  	 <p><b>16 JORDAN ABDULL</b></p>  	 <p><b>17 DANNY WASHBROOK</b></p>  <p><b>The Kirkwood Family</b></p> 	 <p><b>20 BRAD FASH</b></p>  
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HOME TEAM	F		AWAY TEAM	F	CORRECT SCORE
<b>ROUND: 1</b>					
 HULL FC		VS	 HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS		
 WARRINGTON WOLVES		VS	 LEEDS RHINOS		
 SALFORD RED DEVILS		VS	 WIGAN WARRIORS		
 ST HELENS		VS	 CASTLEFORD TIGERS		
 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS		VS	 WAKEFIELD TRINITY		
 WIDNES VIKINGS		VS	 CATALANS DRAGONS		
<b>ROUND: 2</b>					
 LEEDS RHINOS		VS	 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS		
 HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS		VS	 WARRINGTON WOLVES		
 WAKEFIELD TRINITY		VS	 SALFORD RED DEVILS		
 CATALANS DRAGONS		VS	 ST HELENS		
 WIGAN WARRIORS		VS	 HULL FC		
 CASTLEFORD TIGERS		VS	 WIDNES VIKINGS		
<b>ROUND: 12</b>					
 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS		VS	 CATALANS DRAGONS		
 WIDNES VIKINGS		VS	 WARRINGTON WOLVES		
<b>ROUND: 3</b>					
 SALFORD RED DEVILS		VS	 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS		
 HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS		VS	 ST HELENS		
 WARRINGTON WOLVES		VS	 WIGAN WARRIORS		
 CASTLEFORD TIGERS		VS	 HULL FC		
 CATALANS DRAGONS		VS	 WAKEFIELD TRINITY		
 WIDNES VIKINGS		VS	 LEEDS RHINOS		



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## HULL FC

- **01** Jamie Shaul
- **02** Bureta Faraimo
- **03** Carlos Tuimavave
- **04** Josh Griffin
- **05** Fetuli Talanoa
- **06** Albert Kelly
- **07** Marc Sneyd
- **08** Scott Taylor
- **09** Danny Houghton
- **10** Liam Watts
- **11** Dean Hadley
- **12** Mark Minichiello
- **13** Josh Bowden
- **14** Jake Connor
- **15** Chris Green
- **16** Jordan Abdull
- **17** Danny Washbrook
- **18** The Old Faithful
- **19** Nick Rawsthorne
- **20** Brad Fash
- **21** Sika Manu
- **22** Jez Litten
- **23** Mickey Paea
- **24** Jack Logan
- **25** Jansin Turgut
- **26** Jordan Lane
- **27** Jack Downs
- **28** Hakim Miloudi
- **29** Masimbaashe Matongo
- **30** Cameron Scott
- **31** Ross Osborne
- **32** Jack Sanderson

## HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

- **01** Jake Mamo
- **02** Jermaine McGillvary
- **03** Leroy Cudjoe
- **04** Jordan Turner
- **05** Aaron Murphy
- **06** Lee Gaskell
- **07** Danny Brough
- **08** Sebastine Ikahihifo
- **09** Kruiise Leeming
- **10** Shannon Wakeman
- **11** Tom Symonds
- **12** Michael Lawrence
- **13** Ryan Hinchcliffe
- **14** Dale Ferguson
- **15** Jordan Rankin
- **16** Oliver Roberts
- **17** Ukuma Ta'ai
- **18** Paul Clough
- **19** Daniel Smith
- **20** Adam Walne
- **21** Adam O'Brien
- **22** Alex Mellor
- **23** Darnell McIntosh
- **24** Tyler Dickinson
- **25** Colton Roche
- **26** Sam Wood
- **27** Matty English
- **28** Jared Simpson
- **29** Jake Wardle
- **30** Gene Ormsby
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