



INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A PLAYER



Section 1: Your Interviewee

Name: _____

Date of interview: _____

Interviewer: _____

Section 2: Huddersfield Rugby League: A Lasting Legacy Archive

Tell your interviewee: this interview will be added to the archive of Huddersfield Rugby League: A Lasting Legacy Archive. As part of the archive, the interview will be available to the general public.

Section 3: The Questions

1. First memories

- How did you become interested in rugby league?
- What is your first rugby league memory at amateur or professional level?
- When was this?
- What is your first memory of playing rugby league?
- When was this?

2. Supporting Rugby League

- Which rugby league team did you support when you were young(er)?
- What are your favourite memories of supporting them?

3. Mentors

- How did you first start playing rugby league?
- Which people have helped you the most to progress during your career?
- How did they help you?

4. Travelling to Matches

- Tell me about how you travelled to the first rugby league matches you watched or played in.
- What are the main differences between travelling to matches then and now?

5. Memorable Matches

- What is the most memorable match in which you have played?
- Why was it memorable?

6. Other Players

- Who was your hero/favourite player when you were young?
- Why was this player your favourite?
- Can you tell me about a memory of him playing in a particular match?
- Which player have you admired most during your career?
- Why did you admire this player?

- f. Which player has been your most difficult opponent?
g. Why was it difficult to play against this player?

7. Stories from Earlier Generations

- a. Did you have any older relatives who talked to you about watching rugby league in Huddersfield when they were young?
b. What did they tell you? (e.g. about players, teams, rugby league stories)

8. Then and Now

- a. Can you tell me about the similarities and differences between when you first started playing rugby league and playing today?

Prompts:

- i) the skills of the players
- ii) the fitness – speed, stamina and strength of the players
- iii) rules of the rugby league/the way it is played
- iv) the sportsmanship of the players and supporters
- v) the quality of the pitches
- vi) the quality of the grounds (facilities, catering, toilets etc.)
- vii) the kit worn by the players
- viii) the clothes worn by spectators
- ix) the number of women and children who go to matches
- x) the range of ethnic groups playing and watching rugby league
- xi) the smells of match day
- xii) how you find out about the results of matches

9. Funny Stories

- a. Tell me some of the funny rugby league stories you know.

10. Why rugby league?

- a. Why do/did you play rugby league? What is special about it?

Section 4: Signatures

Ask your interviewee:

1. Please confirm that you give permission for your interview, or extracts from your interview, to be:

- made public on the project website, in exhibitions, in resources for schools and transcribed for the project book
- converted into different electronic data formats, such as WAN and mp3.

2. Please can you tell me which of the following you would prefer:

I wish my name to remain on the archived interview.

I wish my interview to be added to the archive anonymously with my name removed.

Signed: _____ (interviewee)

Signed: _____ (interviewer)