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■ **YOU LITTLE BEAUTY!** Giants second-rower Chris Nero celebrates after scoring his side's third try which gave Huddersfield an 18-8 lead within three minutes of the second half. Captain Ben Roarty (left) and Marcus St Hilaire close in to join the celebrations (1900-24-05)

Match facts

Giants

Tries Gene (9), St Hilaire (35), Nero (43), White (65).

Goals De Vere 3 from 4.

Scrums won 8.

Penalties conceded 6.

On-report Gilmour and Fa'asavalu (high tackle, 29).



Key moment

VIDEO replays showed that Darren Albert lost the ball under the challenge of Chris Nero, pictured, as he crossed for a try in the 49th minute. However, the try was awarded and Saints went on to score three tries in five minutes to take control.

Ref watch: Ronnie Laughton (Barnsley)

THE Giants were fuming when Laughton got the nod to take over the game from original referee Ian Smith. After this performance, it was easy to see why!

SEASON SO FAR ...

Tries White 7, Gene 5, St Hilaire 5, Crabtree 3, Evans 3, Grayshon 2, O'Hare 2, Thorman 2, Donlan 1, Gannon 1, Jones 1, Nero 1, Pienkiewicz 1, Reilly 1, Roarty 1, Smith 1.

Next match Wigan, home, engage Super League X, at the Galpharm Stadium on Friday (8.00)

Saints

Tries Gilmour (16), Albert (49 & 54), V Anderson (52).

Goals Lyon 5 from 6.

Scrums won 3.

Penalties conceded 7.

Attendance 7,105.

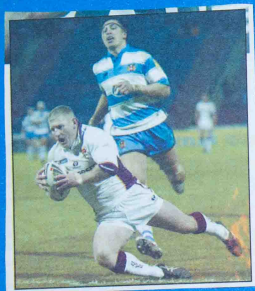
Half-time 12-8.



■ **CLOSE UP:** Giants prop Paul Jackson is halted by former Huddersfield man Nick Fozzard (1900-1-08)

Huddersfield Giants ... 24

Wigan Warriors 16



Star man
PAUL REILLY

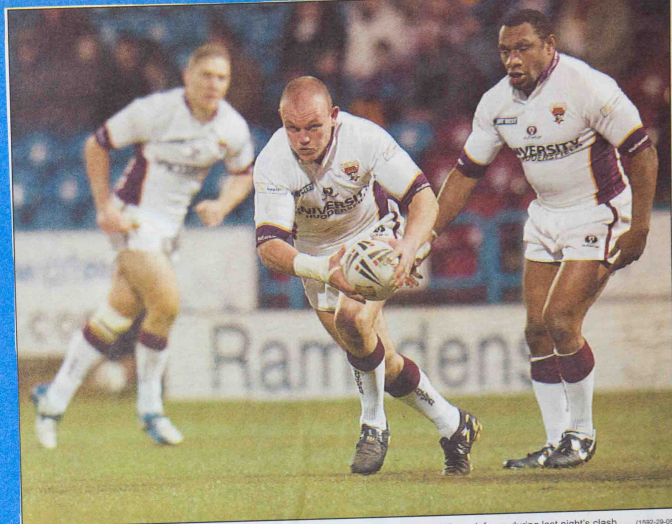
PROVED he is one of the best full-backs in the business by upstaging Wigan and Great Britain's Kris Radlinski in a stunning hat-trick display.

Drew gets slice of glory in 90m dash



■ **CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!** Giants hooker Brad Drew leaves the Wigan defence trailing in his wake as he bursts downfield to score his spectacular 90m try in last night's stunning Super League win

Pictures by Julian Hughes (1592-4-0)



■ **THE LOOK SAYS IT ALL:** determined Giants captain Ben Roarty gets ready to take on the Wigan defence during last night's clash

(1592-29-06)



■ **BROUGHT TO GROUND:** Giants playmaker Stanley Gene is halted by a two-man Wigan tackle

(1592-29-06)



■ **MAN ON A MISSION:** Michael De Vere gets ready to take on the Wigan defence

(1592-30-05)



Bulls 54

Giants 10



■ **WELL HELD:** The Blackford referee does his job as he gets off a charge from Giants prop Earl Cripps in the final phase.

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■ **LOOKING ON:** Giants second rower Paul Smith gets ready to offload in a challenge during the Blackford debut.



Saints 36



Giants 22



■ **GOING THROUGH:** Paul Smith makes Darren Hunt. Picture by Paul Smith.



■ **STUNNING JUMP:** Hunt is in the air, ready to offload in a challenge during the Blackford debut.



■ **PAUL SMITH:** The second rower has a big performance with Blackford and has been named 'man of the match'.

LEEDS 54 HUDDERSFIELD 10



► **REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL:** Chris Thompson (above) charges over to score his side's first try against Huddersfield while behind the Giants will back substitute for scoring of his second with his delighted teammate Paul Warrick.



► **LEADS THE WAY:** The former St George's player has scored from a lateral pass in his partnership with Ben Thorne.

Giants ... 34

Broncos ... 24



► **KEEP THEM TIGHT:** Stuart James charges over to score his team's second try after a long pass from the back of the field. He is joined by Paul Warrick for a second point.



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Wigan Warriors ... 24

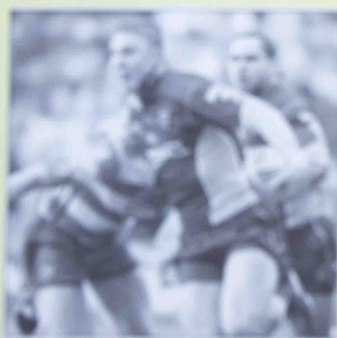
Huddersfield Giants 26



WIGAN TRIUMPH - Wigan Warriors' Matty Smith (7) celebrates with his teammates after scoring a try during the match against Huddersfield Giants at Wigan. (Photo: Wigan Warriors)



WIGAN TRIUMPH - Wigan Warriors' Matty Smith (7) runs with the ball during the match against Huddersfield Giants at Wigan. (Photo: Wigan Warriors)



WIGAN TRIUMPH - Wigan Warriors' Matty Smith (7) is tackled by Huddersfield Giants' player during the match at Wigan. (Photo: Wigan Warriors)

Widnes Vikings 40

Huddersfield Giants ... 12



WIDNES TRIUMPH - Widnes Vikings' player (10) is tackled by Huddersfield Giants' player during the match at Widnes. (Photo: Widnes Vikings)



WIDNES TRIUMPH - Widnes Vikings' player (10) celebrates after scoring a try during the match against Huddersfield Giants at Widnes. (Photo: Widnes Vikings)



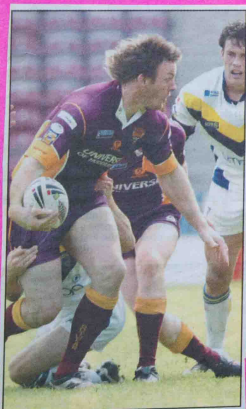
WIDNES TRIUMPH - Widnes Vikings' player (10) is tackled by Huddersfield Giants' player during the match at Widnes. (Photo: Widnes Vikings)

Huddersfield Giants ... 22

Warrington Wolves ... 24



■ **GOING OVER:** Giants man-of-the-match Brad Drew plunges over the Warrington tryline, despite the attention of former Huddersfield centre Martin Gleeson during the Super League clash at the Galpharm
Pictures by Julian Hughes (2008-14-05)

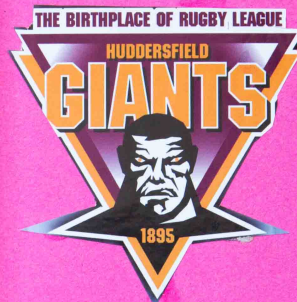


■ **ACTION MAN:** Wayne McDonald looks to offload to a teammate during a highly promising debut in the Giants' narrow 24-22 defeat to Warrington Wolves



Giants 40

Wildcats 22



■ **POWER PLAY:** in-form prop Eoin Crabtree makes life difficult for the Wakefield defence
(2007-15-05)



■ **FINAL ACT:** Chris Thorman races in unopposed to score the Giants' match-winning try against London (2008-2-05)

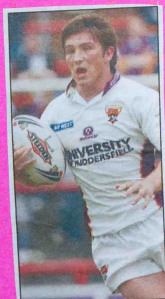


■ **TOUCHING DOWN:** Chris Nero stretches out to score his first try in yesterday's victory over Wakefield, with Wildcats full-back Mark Field desperately trying to keep the Giants man away from the whitewash.
Pictures by Julian Hughes (2007-15-05)

Broncos 35 Giants 26



■ **DEFENSIVE DUTY:** Huddersfield Giants duo Brad Drew (left) and Paul Jackson combine to halt the progress of London's Joe Mbu, a former Giants loan player, during the Broncos' 35-26 Super League triumph in the capital. *Pictures by Julian Hughes* (03/04-16/05)



■ **BURSTING THROUGH:** full-back Thomas Hemmings tries to spot a gap in the London Broncos defence. (03/04-05)



THE BIRTHPLACE OF RUDDY LEAGUE
GIANTS

■ **RAY OF HOPE:** Heff O'Hare celebrates as Chris Thorman touches down for his solo try against London Broncos. But it couldn't prevent the Giants suffering a 35-26 Super League defeat. *Picture by Julian Hughes* (03/04-15/05)

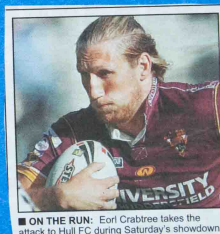
Hull FC ... 34 Giants ... 24



■ **CLOSE CONTACT:** fellow players quickly become involved as Huddersfield hooker Brad Drew (head down) scuffles with Hull stand-off Paul Cooke after the latter aimed a headbutt at his opponent. Cooke was red carded after the second-half skirmish.



■ **DELIGHT:** Lee Greenwood celebrates his try with Paul White

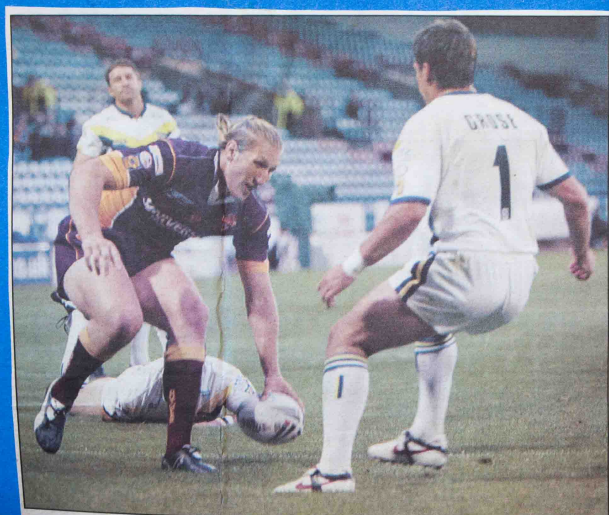
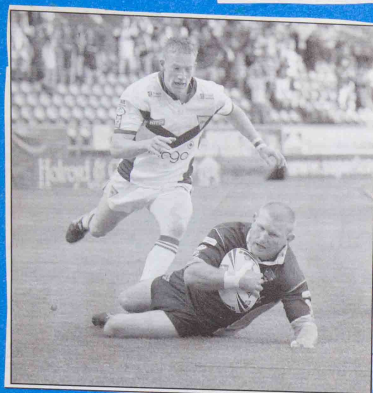


■ **ON THE RUN:** Eorl Crabtree takes the attack to Hull FC during Saturday's showdown.



Giants 38

Wolves 22



■ **TRY TIME:** In-form Giants forward Eoin Crabtree touches down for his second try as Huddersfield opened up a match-winning 26-6 half-time lead against Warrington Wolves at the Galpharm Stadium last night

Pictures by Julian Hughes

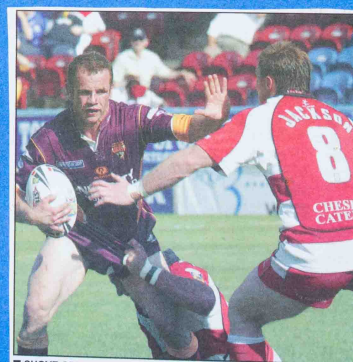
Giants ... 68

Leigh ... 16



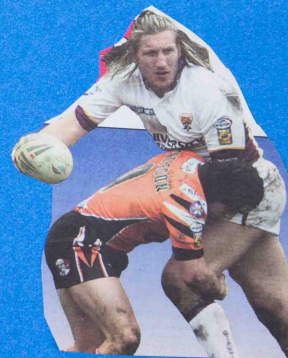
■ **OVER HE GOES:** Chris Nero dives under the posts to score the second of his two tries in the win against Leigh

(2005-11-05)



■ **SHOVE OFF:** Hefin O'Hare prepares to hand-off Leigh's Rob Jackson as the Giants rattle up their record Super League score

(2005-3-05)



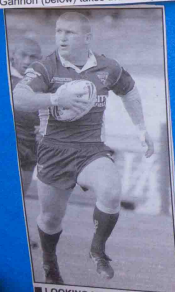


Bulls 52

Giants 34



■ **MIXED MOMENTS:** Eorl Crabtree (above), dummies his way over for a try despite the close attention of Bulls' Great Britain prop Stuart Fielden, while Jim Gannon (below) takes the ball up before suffering a knee injury. (A311-0-02 & A311-19-09)



■ **LOOKING UP:** Brad Drew prepares to send out a kick for James Evans to score. (A311-18-05)



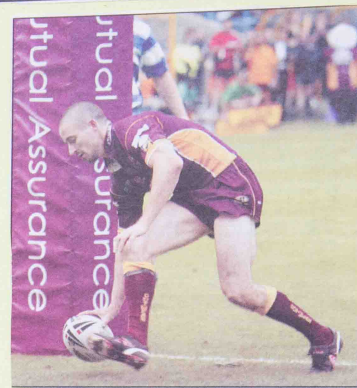
■ **ON THE ATTACK:** Paul March looks to get the Giants moving. (789-3-06)



■ **ON THE CHARGE:** Paul Reilly tries to get past Thomas Leuluai. (A311-18-06)

Giants ... 22

Wigan ... 36



■ **TRY TIME!** Chris Thorman (above, right) is the first to congratulate Paul White after the winger celebrated his final game for the Giants with a try, while (below) Thorman gets in on the act himself to touch down for the 19th time this season. (A439-0-05 & A439-24-05)



■ **VITAL MOMENT:** Jon Grayson plunges over for his third Super League try of the season to give Huddersfield Giants a huge lift at the start of the second half against struggling Leigh Centurions at the Galpharm
Pictures by Malcolm Howarth (12/09-9-09)

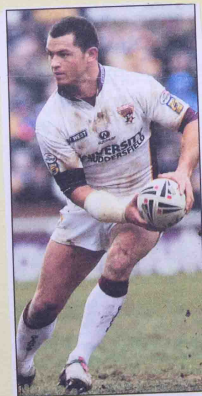
Giants ... 32 Centurions ... 22



■ **WORKING HARD:** Stephen Wild had a solid game (04-17-06)



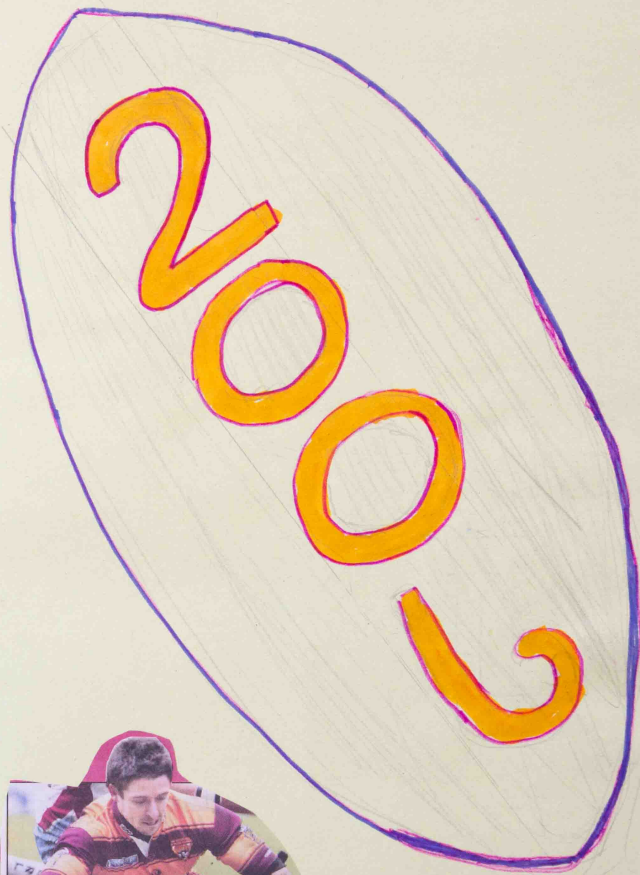
■ **PROVING A HANDFUL:** In-form Giants centre James Evans makes it tough for the Leigh defence. (24/09-5-06)



■ **ON THE ATTACK:** Robbie Paul gets the Giants moving (04-14-06)



■ **IN THE POINTS:** Giants captain Chris Thorman scores his first try on the way to a 25-point haul against Harlequins (11/17-9-06)



GENE QUILTS THE GIANTS

Versatile star released and wing duo also leave

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Sports Reporter

FANS' favourite Stanley Gene is leaving Huddersfield Giants.

Despite the club's attempts to persuade him to stay, the 31-year-old Papua New Guinean international has turned his back on the final year of his Galpharm contract.

And he has been given permission to look for another club who would be willing to offer him a two-year deal.

Also leaving the Giants is Marcus St Hilaire, who has spent the last three years with his hometown club but has not been offered a new contract, while fellow winger Lee Greenwood is another to depart, following his move from London Broncos towards the end of the last Super League season.

The decision to allow these players to leave suggests the Giants must have replacements lined up, with Bradford Bulls star Robbie Paul and Wigan's Martin Aspinwall continuing to be linked with the Galpharm club.

However, despite recent rumours that Gene could be on his way, his exit will still come as a shock to many fans.

In his five seasons at the club — he made a try-scoring debut in a 22-22 Super League draw against London Broncos in June 2001 — the versatile Gene, who is on holiday in his native PNG, has become a massive crowd favourite.

But with injuries increasingly taking

their toll — he missed nine matches last season — the Giants felt unable to meet his demands for a one-year extension.

"Stanley approached the club looking for a contract extension beyond his existing term of next season," said Giants general manager Richard Theobald.

"That is something we were not prepared to commit to at this stage. We wanted to review his position at the mid-point next year.

"Stanley indicated that he believed he would attract offers elsewhere for a longer-term contract and, given that we couldn't at this stage give him any more than one year's security, he wanted to look elsewhere.

"We indicated to him and his agent we wanted him to stay. However, given his unhappiness with our position in relation to him long-term, we have agreed to release him from his contract.

"This was a tough decision to come to, but we felt we owed it to Stanley for him to move on if that was what he wished.

"I am sure that all supporters like us will wish him well and thank him for his sterling service to the Giants, and we await to see whose colours he will be wearing next season."

■ **FINAL ACCOLADE:** Stanley Gene has been hugely popular at the Giants but he now hopes to find a Super League club to give him a two-year contract

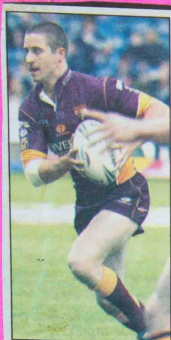


HE'S HERE!



■ **NEW COLOURS:** Robbie Paul shows his delight at the Galpharm Stadium after signing for the Giants.

Picture by Paul Welch. (5027-17-06)



■ **GOING THROUGH:** Chris Thorman makes the run that led to his first-half try
(2700-2-05)



■ **ON THE WAY:** Stuart Donlan races away to score the Giants' third try in Saturday's 38-20 Super League defeat to Bradford Bulls at the Galpharm Stadium
Picture by Paul Welch (2709-9-05)

Giants ... 20

Bulls ... 38



■ **SPECIAL MOMENT:** Giants winger Stuart Donlan shows his delight after scoring his early second-half try against Bradford Bulls, with try creator Thomas Hemingway the first to congratulate him
Picture by Paul Welch (2709-12-05)



■ **GIANTS DELIGHT:** Albert Torrens (with the ball) is congratulated by Paul Reilly after scoring the Giants' first try of the season at Leeds, with the look on the face of Rhinos' skipper Kevin Sinfield saying it all
Picture by Julian Hughes (0504-8-0)

Rhinos ... 20

Giants ... 12



■ **ON THE RUN:** In-form Giants centre James Evans makes a break, with Robbie Paul looking to move up in support
0504-12-05



■ **MOMENTS TO SAVOUR:** Stephen Wild (above) outpaces Warrington duo Richie Barnett and Chris Bridge to score his superb long-range try, while Martin Aspinwall (right) shows his delight after crashing through Mark Gleeson's try to score (left: 32-06 & right: 21-06)

Giants 26

Wolves 20



■ **SOMETHING TO CHEER:** Paul Smith congratulates Albert Torrens for backing up his first try at Leeds a week ago with another at the Galpharm (left: 4-06)



■ **FINALLY ON THE WAY:** Albert Torrens beats Lee Briars to the ball to score the Giants' first try on home soil in Super League XI. It helped put Huddersfield back in contention after conceding two early tries (left: 1-06)

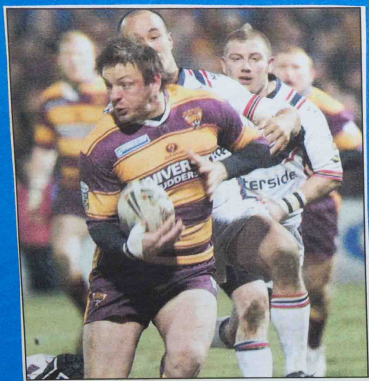
Wigan Warriors ... 36

Huddersfield Giants 20





■ **ON THE ATTACK:** Giants scrum half Robbie Paul (above) looks to break clear of Wakefield centre Kevin Henderson, while visiting prop Wayne McDonald charges through a double Trinity tackle (022-4-08 & 022-4-08)



■ **MATCH WINNER:**
Albert Torrens celebrates with Chris Nero



■ **CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:** Giants winger Mat Gardner looks to race away from St Helens scrum half Scott Moore in what proved to be a highly encouraging home Super League debut for the 21-year-old former Leeds player. Pictures by Andy Catchpool (1029-33-06)



■ **THREE-MAN CLAMP:** Giants trio, from left, Stuart Jones, Eorl Crabtree and Chris Nero show their side's collective determination.



Giants 64

Quins 14



■ **COME HERE!** Harlequins' second rower Karl Temata looks to halt the progress of Giants hooker Brad Drew, although the smart No.8 gets ready to step back inside and launch another Huddersfield raid
Pictures by Paul Welch (1777 4-06)



■ **WHO WANTS IT?:** big Eorl Crabtree looks to find a colleague after running in to Castleford's Andy Henderson
Pictures by Peter Cottle

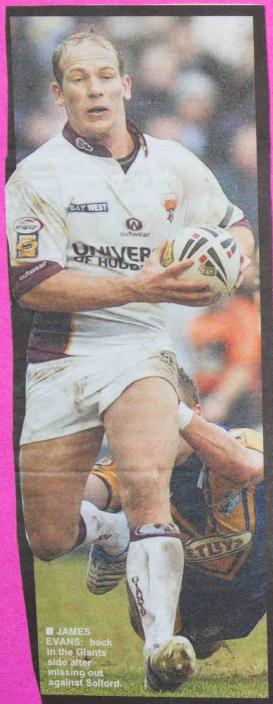
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Giants 36

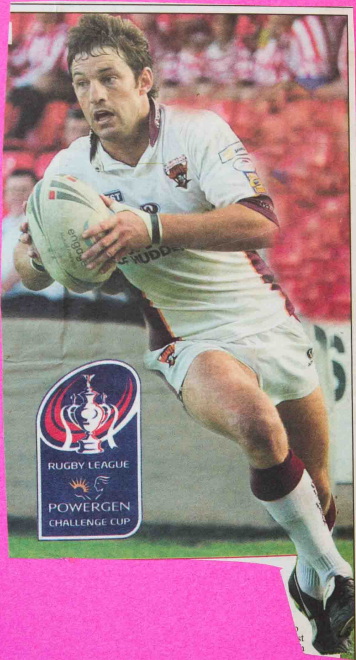


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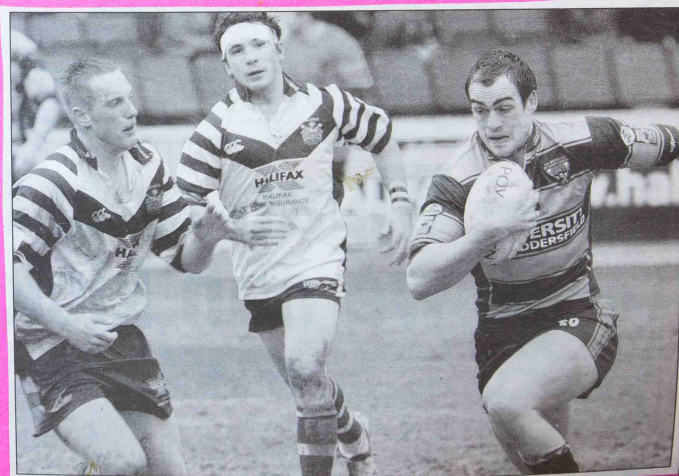
Giants 40



■ JAMES EVANS: back in the Giants side after missing out against Salford



■ OUT OF MY WAY!: Robbie Paul brushes past two Halifax markers on his way to racing in for his first-half try. Huddersfield won the scrum against the head with an almighty forward push to make it happen, with the New Zealand ace admitting it was the first time in his career he has ever scored a try in that manner
Pictures by Paul Welch (1402-14-00)



■ GOLDEN MOMENTS: Andy Raieigh (above) races away to score the second of his two tries against Halifax, while Mat Gardner (below) crosses for the opening score
(1402-04-06 & 1402-04-05)

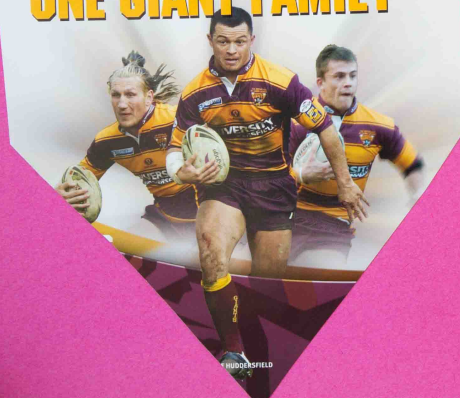
Salford City Reds ... 36

Huddersfield Giants 18



■ COLLARED: Huddersfield's Paul Jackson is hauled back by Salford duo Andy Coley and Stuart Little.

ONE GIANT FAMILY



Huddersfield



■ NO WAY THROUGH: Paul Reilly and Paul March combine to halt a Salford raid during the Challenge Cup quarter-final triumph. Solid defence of this nature was a key feature in the victory