



# HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS 2008



Huddersfield Giants engage Super League XIII squad. Back row, from left: Richard Lopag, David Hodgson, Martin Aspinwall, James Martin, Michael Lawrence, Keith Mason, Stephen Wild, Leroy Cudjoe, Sam Barlow, Steve Snitch, Stuart Jones, Chris Lawson. Middle: Greg Brown (masseur), Keiron Purtill (assistant coach), Paul Anderson (assistant coach), Danny Kirmond, Andy Raleigh, Eorl O'Brien, Darrell Griffin, Shane Elford, Paul Whatuira, Tom Dalton (kitman), Gary Slade (physio), Barry Wilkinson (kitman). Front: Jamahl Lolesi, Paul Jackson, Rod Jensen, Thomas Hemingway, Chris Thorman (captain), Jon Sharp (head coach), John Skandalis (vice-captain), Ryan Hudson (vice-captain), George Gatís, Luke Robinson, Kevin Brown.

## Reserve team

Sat	Feb 23	Castleford	H (YMCA)	2.00
Sat	March 1	Hull FC	H (YMCA)	2.00
Sat	March 8	Harlequins	A	12.30
Sat	March 15	Wigan	H (YMCA)	2.00
Sat	March 22	Warrington	A	2.30
Sat	March 29	Hull KR	A	2.30
Sat	April 12	Wakefield	H	2.30
Sat	April 26	Hull FC	A	2.30
Sat	May 17	Hull KR	A	2.30
Sat	May 31	Leeds	A	2.30
Sat	June 7	Wigan	A	12.45
Sat	June 15	Wakefield	A	2.45
Sat	June 21	Harlequins	H	2.45
Sat	June 29	St Helens	A	2.45
Sat	July 5	Bradford	H	2.00
Sat	July 19	Warrington	H	2.00
Sat	August 9	Castleford	H	12.30
Sat	August 16	Leeds	H	2.00
Sat	August 23	St Helens	H	2.00



## FEBRUARY

10	Leeds	H	3.00	20	Wakefield (Sky)	H	6.00
16	Bradford (Sky)	A	6.00	27	Ch'linge Cup 4th round	A	3.15
24	Castleford	H	3.00		Hull FC	A	3.15

## MARCH

2	Hull FC	H	3.00	3	Warrington (Cliff)	N	3.00
8	Harlequins	A	3.00	11	Challenge Cup 1st round		
16	Wigan	A	3.00	18	Hull KR	H	3.00
21	Warrington	A	3.00	24	Catalans	A	7.30
28	St Helens	H	3.00				
30	Hull KR	A	3.00	1	Ch'linge Cup (2nd round)		

## APRIL

4	Catalans (Sky)	H	7.30	22	Wakefield	H	3.00
				27	Harlequins	H	3.00
					St Helens	A	8.00

## JULY

6	Bradford	H	3.00	27	Challenge Cup semi-final		
11	Leeds	A	8.00				
19	Warrington (Sky)	H	6.00				

## AUGUST

3	Castleford	A	3.30	24	St Helens	H	3.00
10	Hull FC	A	3.15				
17	Catalans	H	3.00				
30	Challenge Cup final						

## SEPTEMBER

7	Warrington	A	3.00				
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## Academy team

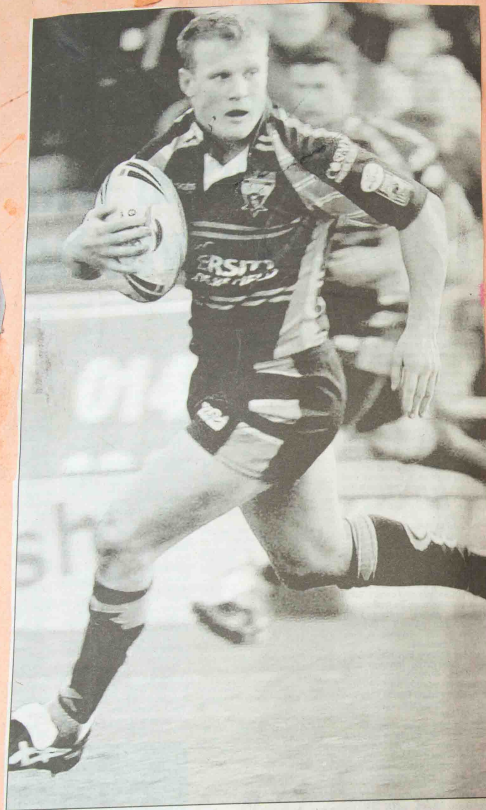
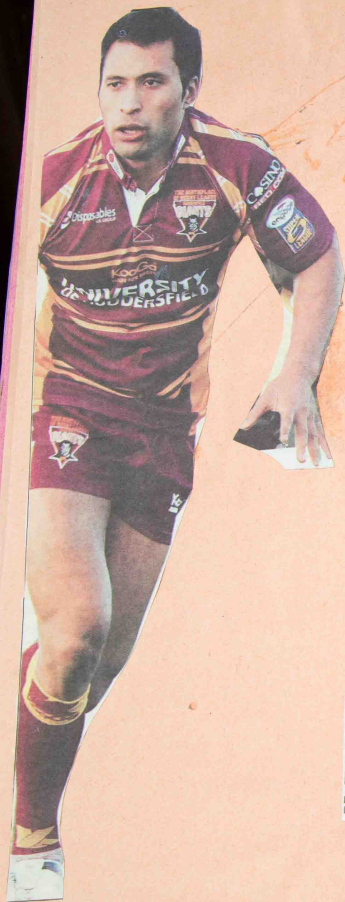
Sat	April 12	Hull	A	2.30
Thu	April 17	Castleford	A	7.30
Sat	April 26	Wakefield	H	2.00
Sat	May 10	Harlequins	H	2.00
Sat	May 17	Bradford	H	1.30
Sat	May 31	Hull KR	H	2.00
Sat	June 7	Castleford	H	2.00
Sat	June 14	Salford	A	2.30
Fri	June 20	Bradford	A	7.00
Sun	June 29	Wigan	H	2.30
Sun	July 6	Leeds	H	11.00
Sat	July 12	Warrington	H	2.00
Sat	July 19	Widnes	A	2.30
Sat	July 26	Wakefield	A	12.00
Sat	Aug 2	St Helens	H	2.00
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Sun	Aug 24	Leeds	A	12.00

• Competition for Under 18s.





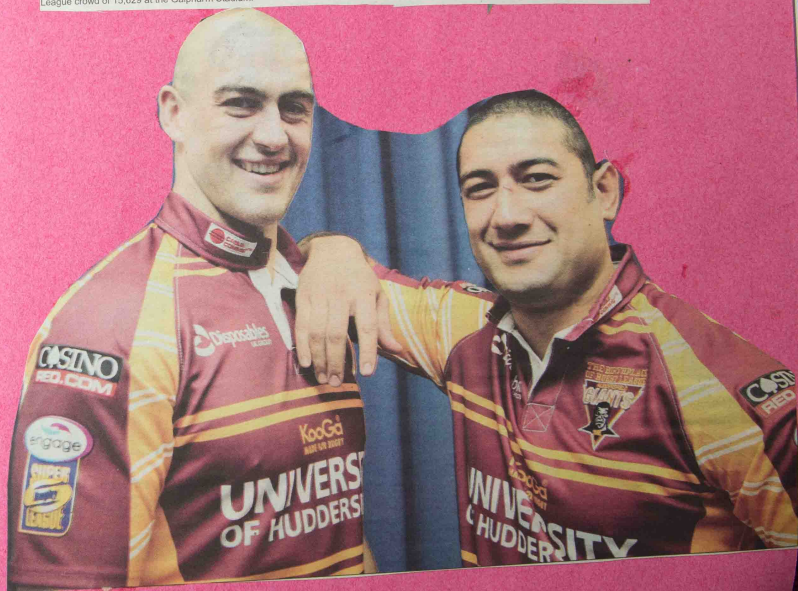
Huddersfield **GIANTS** ... 10 Leeds **RHINOS** ... 30



■ **BRIGHT SPOT:** Luke Robinson runs away to score his first Giants try in the second half of yesterday's Super League clash against Leeds Rhinos  
(pic: 10/10/2005/parts-10)



■ **WHAT A FEELING!** Rod Jansen celebrates his 10th-minute try with teammates (from left) Paul Whataura, Ryan Hudson and Jamahl Lolessi. But, unfortunately, that's as good as it got for the Giants against a far more accomplished Leeds Rhinos in front of a record Huddersfield Super League crowd of 15,629 at the Galpharm Stadium.  
Pictures by Paul Welch (pic: 10/10/2005/parts-10)

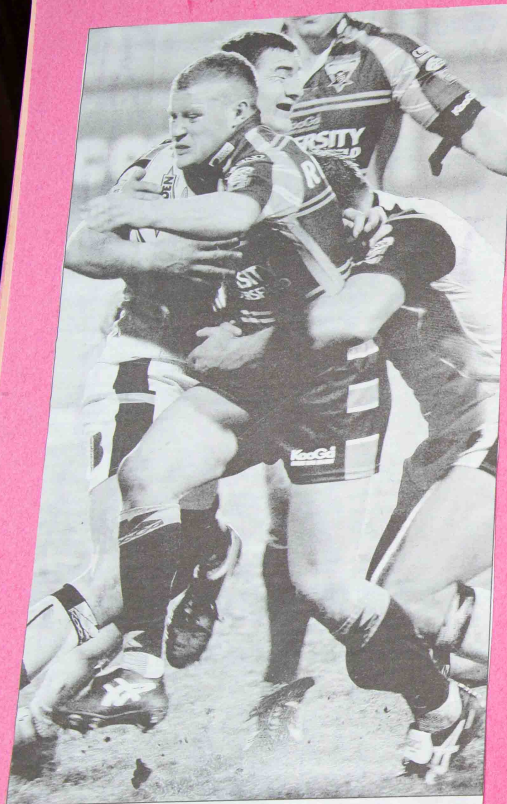






Bradford **BULLS** ... 38

Huddersfield **GIANTS** ... 12



■ **NO WAY THROUGH:** Giants scrum half Luke Robinson finds his path blocked by Bradford's Iestyn Harris (left) and Wayne Godwin during the Grattan Stadium, Odsal, Super League clash (PC/160208/Agf/16)



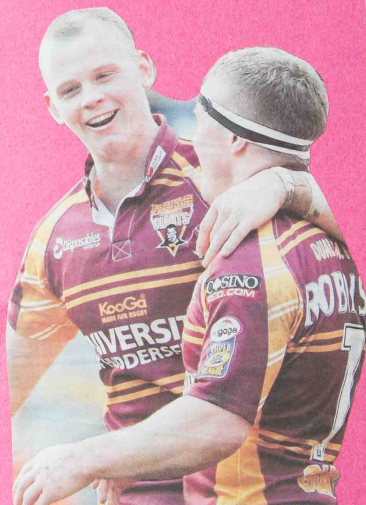
## Sevens Scheme is a real winner

OVER 60 young fans met Giants players Richard Lopp and Sam Barlow and collected their free shirts and tickets as part of the Sevens Scheme ahead of the Super League clash with Leeds at the Galpharm.

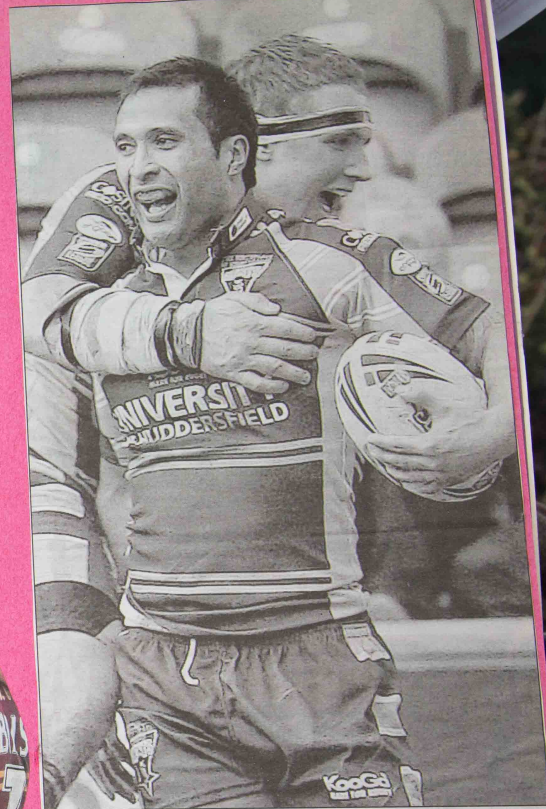
The scheme is one of the key elements of the new 'Fans of the Future' initiative, aimed at attracting the next generation of fans for both Town and the Giants.

As one of the best-known and community-focused companies in the area, Yorkshire Building Society are delighted to back the scheme that is now reaching a wider audience than ever before.

The scheme is aimed at children throughout the local area, who receive both Huddersfield Town and Huddersfield Giants replica shirts, along with match tickets around their 7th birthday.



■ **JOY WORK:** Huddersfield's Kevin Brown (left) celebrates with teammate Luke Robinson.



■ **WHAT A FEELING:** a delighted Paul Whataura celebrates his try against Castleford and is immediately mobbed by equally delighted teammate Ryan Hudson (AC/160208/Agf/16)



Huddersfield **GIANTS** ... 64

Castleford **TIGERS** ... 12







**GIANTS DELIGHT:** Huddersfield players (from left) Stephen Wild, Jamari Lowe and Chris Thorman celebrate their first Super League victory of the season. Picture by Andy Catchpool. (c) 2008 Sports Illustrated

By **CHRIS ROBERTS**  
Rugby League Writer

**DELIGHTED** Giants chief Jon Sharp is hoping yesterday's 64-12 triumph over Castleford will signal a rapid rise up the Super League XIII ladder.

His Huddersfield side put the big disappointment of their opening defeat to champions Leeds Rhinos and Bradford Bulls behind them with a 12-try demolition of the Tigers.

It equalled their highest winning margin in Super League, with the 68-16 win over Leigh in 2005 their previous best.

That was also the only other Super League game in which the Giants had scored 12 tries.

## Giants aiming to build on victory

But now Sharp wants to see his side kick-on and build on the solid performance, starting with next Sunday's Galpharm clash against Hull FC.

"I was absolutely delighted with the performance," said Sharp.

"I asked for a response from the boys after last week's performance at Bradford and got it.

"We played some really good attacking stuff and defended well. Our support play, in particular, was excellent."

"I said straight after the Bradford game that there were signs we were improving and, unfortunately for Castleford, it all came together in the one game."

"It's been a tough start for the

Tigers, but I've been very one-eyed in my approach this week.

"We've made sure it's been all about us, not about the opposition, and it paid off."

"But we know there's still a lot of work for us to do.

"After losing our opening seven games last season, a lot of people will say we've got a monkey off our back by winning this one."

"But, for us, it's always been about focusing on the performance rather than the result, and that's key."

"And what's important now is that we keep building on this latest performance."

"We've now got some momentum behind to take into the home game against Hull next week."

"It's vital we see a repeat."



**ON THE RUN:** in-form Giants stand-off Kevin Brown makes the break that leads to Earl Crabtree's try midway through the second half during Huddersfield's 28-8 Super League triumph at the Galpharm Stadium. Pictures by Peter Cottle. (c) 2008 Sports Illustrated

# SPARKLING!

Sharp hails super Giants as a lethal attacking force

By **CHRIS ROBERTS** Rugby League Writer

**DELIGHTED** Giants chief Jon Sharp believes his side have the ability to emerge as one of Super League's top entertainers.

The Huddersfield coach watched his in-form team back up last week's dazzling 12-try 64-12 thrashing of Castleford with a thoroughly deserved 28-8 triumph over Hull at the Galpharm yesterday.

The win will once again be remembered for the quality of the tries, with the second of the Giants' five tries from Kevin Brown on the stroke of half-time proving to be another breathtaking effort.

On top of that, Huddersfield's defence is also improving significantly, managing to prevent Hull from scoring a point in the second half.

And Sharp couldn't be happier with the way his side have improved after losing their opening two games to Leeds and Bradford.

"I'm delighted with the way things are now coming together," he said.

"Early on, Hull put us under a tremendous amount of pressure, but we defended very aggressively to keep them at bay."

"It showed we have fixed things up on that from after the opening two games."

"But what really impressed me is that we now have that cutting edge about us that we have lacked in the past."

"That was evident in the manner of our victory over Castleford the week before, and it was reinforced against Hull yesterday."

"Hull's defence was very dogged, which was a credit to them, and it took a special effort to break them down."

"But we now have the players in key positions capable of doing just that."

"Once again, we saw how much quality Paul Whaitira possesses, as well as seeing Shane Elford back to his best and Rod Jensen looking dangerous all the time."

"Back that up with the way Kevin Brown and Luke Robinson are coming together, and this team are starting to look very exciting."

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**THAT WINNING FEELING:** Ryan Hudson is the first to congratulate Luke Robinson after his second-half try set Huddersfield Giants on the way to Super League success over Hull at the Galpharm Stadium yesterday. Picture by Peter Cottle. (c) 2008 Sports Illustrated

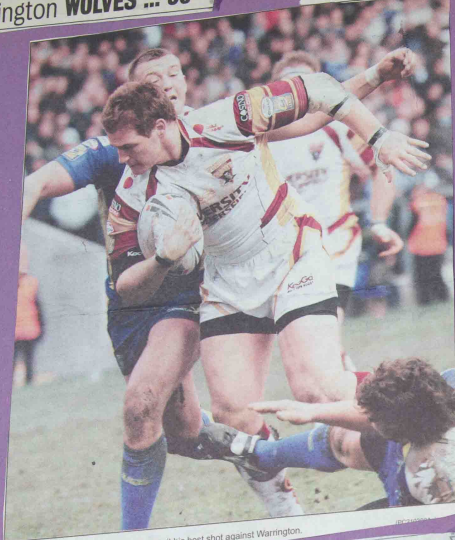






Warrington **WOLVES** ... 30

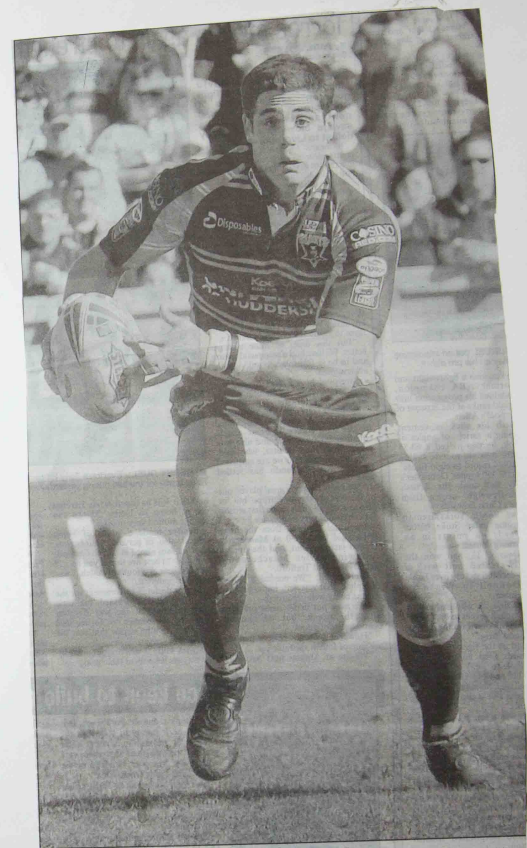
Huddersfield **GIANTS** ... 14



BATTLING HARD: Stuart Jones gives it his best shot against Warrington.

Hull **KR** ... 24

Huddersfield **GIANTS** ... 24



MAKING PROGRESS: in-form Giants hooker George Gatís makes valuable ground through the heart of the Hull KR defence. The Greek international celebrated the game with his first try of the season.