



HAYDOCK HIGH SCHOOL IS AWARDED SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE STATUS!

Over 18 months of planning, fundraising, discussions with potential sponsors and bid writing has culminated in this prestigious award. Staff and pupils at Haydock High School were 'over the moon' when they heard recently that they had been successful in their bid to be a Sports College from September 2005.

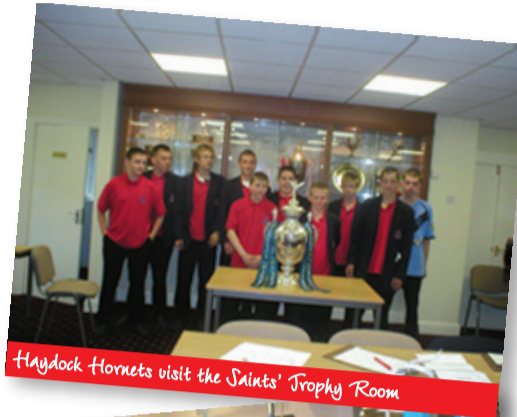
The new status means lots of exciting new developments will be taking place. These include: the total refurbishment

of changing and shower facilities a new dedicated PE classroom which will also double up as a 'Well Persons' Clinic' staffed by members of the Primary Healthcare Trust, a floodlit all-weather pitch, a state of the art climbing wall in the Sports Hall, thanks to a successful £75,000 bid from Cory Environmental Trust. Talks are already taking place to secure the building of a £750,000 multi-gym and dance studio.

Steve Fullerton, Headteacher at

Haydock, is absolutely delighted with the news:

"This is a wonderful opportunity, not just for Haydock High School, but also for our local community which stands to benefit considerably from this award. The success of our bid is a true reflection of a vision becoming a reality through solid teamwork. The real winners will be the students and local community members of Haydock Sports College."



Haydock Hornets visit the Saints' Trophy Room

HAYDOCK HORNETS WING THEIR WAY TO KNOWSLEY ROAD

Haydock Hornets is the name of a group of Haydock High students aged 12 to 15 who have taken part in sports journalism activities.

The Hornets buzzed into life as part of a joint venture between the EAZ, St. Helens RLFC and Haydock High School. After applying for a place on the programme, 26 lucky students were selected to form the Haydock Hornets team.

The first activity took place when the team visited Knowsley Road and met Gordon Pennington.

Upon arrival, two of the Hornets were invited to attend a live press conference prior to that week's forthcoming match with arch-rivals Wigan. This was then followed by a variety of activities including seeing the Challenge Cup; taking part in a fitness test; having a tour of the team's training gym and listening to a fascinating talk given by Gordon on health and fitness during which the Hornets were educated on the diet tips of the Saints' stars. Adam Harris, 14, a

diehard Saints fan, was impressed by the whole experience: "I was fascinated to learn about how the players train and how they keep healthy through their diet. I couldn't believe how many spoonfuls of sugar there are in a can of pop - I'll certainly be drinking less Dr. Peppers now!"

Last July some of the team attended a Sports Journalism workshop where they learned how to write a match report. These skills were crucial when they reported on the League home game between Saints and Bradford Bulls. Not only did the Hornets write the match report but they also rubbed shoulders with real journalists in the press box. You can read their report on this page!

Haydock High students have been given plenty of tips about health and fitness from the Saints team regarding a balanced and healthy diet. Did you know that scoffing 3 packets of crisps is the equivalent of eating a golf ball sized piece of lard? The Haydock Hornets

certainly didn't - before their trip to Knowsley Road. The team are looking forward to learning more and helping to educate their fellow students in the art of healthy eating.

Another exciting event was the recent arrival of the BBC Radiobus. Members of the team interviewed Saints players and are now turning this into a radio programme with the help of the BBC. With a bit of luck, this programme may even air on Radio Merseyside...Keep listening!

Yet another exciting opportunity for the Hornets is a Masterclass provided by Saints Academy staff later this month - we're hoping they'll spot some budding stars of the future!

Haydock Hornets want to thank Saints and St Helens EAZ for all of their help with the project so far. We're looking forward to lots more exciting events in the future so watch out for us buzzing about!



The Hornets visit the Saints' gym



We interview the cheerleaders



Adam interviews Gordon Pennington



Adam, Robert and Danny in the Press Box



Danny and Adam record the match atmosphere

RAMPAGING BULLS STUN SAINTS Saints 18 Bradford 32

By Haydock Sports College reporters Robert Hughes, Daniel Mills, Adam Harris

Bradford scored 5 rampaging tries in the last 13 minutes to pull off a remarkable victory by 32-18 that earned them a third-placed finish in the Super League and condemned St Helens to a first League defeat under Daniel Anderson.

Injury-plagued St Helens looked to have completed a hat-trick of wins over the Bulls in 2005 when Willie Talau's second try after 61 minutes gave them an 18-8 lead in the last match of the regular season.

But makeshift winger Paul Johnson touched down twice in five minutes and full-back Leon Pryce, who is joining St Helens next season, scorched 60 metres for a glorious solo score to seal a tremendous triumph and help Bradford avenge a 66-4 humiliation at the Odsal Stadium.

St Helens, who were presented with the League leaders' shield after the match, were without 5 first-choice players because of injury and coach Daniel Anderson left Keiron Cunningham on the bench until 10 minutes from the end, when the game had begun to slip away.

Saints produced an error-strewn first-half performance highlighted by some woeful kicking but they made sure there were no easy pickings for their visitors.

The Bulls had Great Britain forward Adrian Morley making his second appearance and he demonstrated his danger from the start

with a rampaging run that lifted his new team-mates. Stand-off Iestyn Harris had claims for a penalty try ruled out by video referee Steve Cross but the visitors' persistence paid off after 18 minutes when blockbusting winger, the volcano, Lesley Vainikolo took an inside pass from Pryce and exploded his way past a trio of Saints' defenders for his 26th try of the season.

Paul Deacon, who had opened the scoring with a sixth-minute penalty, added the conversion to make it 8-0 but Saints struck back on the half-hour when loose forward Jon Wilkin snapped up a sloppy pass by Bulls' substitute Joe Vagana and sent Talau tearing 40 metres for his first try.

Jamie Lyon kicked the conversion but, from the same position, missed the chance to level the scores when he put a penalty wide of the mark.

Bradford ought to have extended their lead when prop Andy Lynch burst clear but fellow substitute Robbie Paul dropped the pass with the line beckoning and they continued to look the better side early in the second half.

But the Bulls lacked force up front and were made to pay when St Helens scored from their first meaningful attack to take the lead for the first time.

Lyon had one of his least distinguished games but he showed his class after 50

minutes by producing a miracle pass out of a two-man tackle to get the supporting Wellens over for his side's second try.

Lyon further demonstrated his immense value to the Saints side with a conversion from a difficult angle to make it 12-8 but that was the signal for Bradford's amazing fightback.

Johnson, switched from the wing because of injury to Michael Withers, finished decisively at the corner after Pryce had twice been involved in the move after 67 minutes and two minutes later Vainikolo forced his way over from dummy half for his second try after his centre partner Shontayne Hape had been held short.

Deacon shaved the outside of the left-hand post with his first kick and was wide with his second to leave his side trailing by two points but Pryce jinked his way through the first line of defence and sidestepped a gob smacked Wellens. He had the pace to hold off the cover in a dramatic race for the line. The finishing touches were then applied by centre Ben Harris, who grabbed Bradford's sixth try just before the end, with Deacon kicking his fourth goal.

This secured Saints' first loss under Anderson in Super League with the final score of 32 -18. This dramatic win for Bradford attracted an impressive crowd of 11,064. But still nowhere near the likes of 17,000 of the Wigan cup match.

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- To improve key skills, particularly in literacy, numeracy and ICT
- To develop continuity of learning experience and support transition stages.
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