

New Rugby League Book hits the shelves

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“Down & Dirty:

A Rugby League Blogging Year”

with Chris Irvine

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Down & Dirty: A Rugby League Blogging Year is based on Chris Irvine's highly popular Rugby League Blog on Times Online, which attracts thousand of comments from readers around the world. Now in book form, it provides a unique and humorous insight on a season in rugby league, of battles on the pitch, bun fights off it, and readers venting their spleen and joining in the fun.

From Millennium Magic to fish & chips, from Perpignan to Pontefract, all aspects of the game gets the full treatment, and no club goes unnoticed from SuperLeague to National League. Also includes many of the stars of the game from Keith Senior to James Graham, with hiring and firing, black holes and mascots all making up a normal day at the office of the sport that is Rugby League.

The book, published in association with National League sponsors The Co-operative, has a foreword and contributions from England head coach Tony Smith, and England captain and Leeds forward Jamie Peacock.

Tony Smith says:

“The whole licensing process just illustrated the great divides in opinion in our game and the healthy, colourful debate that always ensues. It's why I've especially enjoyed reading and contributing to Chris Irvine's excellent and unmissable blog on Times Online.

“The blog and this book superbly reflects the ups and downs, funny and occasionally anarchic happenings over a season. Dwain Chambers in rugby league, who would have believed that?”

Chris Irvine, The Times's Rugby League correspondent since 1992, said:

“This is the alternative story of a season and a sideways take on The Greatest Game. It rejoices in the bizarre, scurrilous, plain daft and occasionally serious. With the blog and this book, everyone gets to have their say.”

From now on reading is a sport.

The book is available from yfppublishing.com at £10.99.

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