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WA REDS CONFIRM STAR ENGLISH SUPERLEAGUE SIGNING

WA Reds Chairman Geoff Baldwin, today confirmed that English Super League and ex NRL second rower, Shayne McMenemy has now been officially signed to play in the Reds inaugural Jim Beam Cup side next year.

We are extremely pleased to sign a marquee player of Shayne's caliber, depth of talent and experience and he is sure to be an integral part of our success on the field, Mr Baldwin said.

"Shayne was born and started his Rugby League career in Sydney culminating in him playing with NRL side Western Suburbs where he played through the grades from Juniors between 1993 to 1999.

"He moved to England for the 2000 season where he joined Oldham and then Halifax in the English Super League (the equivalent to the Australian NRL).

"In 2004 Shayne was signed by Hull going on to play an instrumental role in winning the Challenge Cup at Millennium Stadium, Cardiff against the Leeds Rhinos in 2005.

"He will always be a firm favourite with Hull fans for his innovation and hard work and for his kick in the Challenge Cup final which enabled them to win the game. He also played a starring roll in the 2006 Grand Final between Hull and Leeds Rhinos.

"Shayne has signed a two year deal and will arrive to join the squad early in the New Year topping off a successful recruiting campaign by the Reds over the past three months.

Shayne McMenemy commented that although he was saddened at leaving Hull he was very excited about coming to Perth to join the Reds.

"My only regret is I just missed out on playing 100 games for Hull. I made 97, just three short and I'd have loved to have been a member of that privileged 100 club but it's now time to focus on giving the Reds 100%." he said.

"The WA Reds have put together a squad that will shake the life out of the Jim Beam competition in 2008 and one that will certainly make the Eastern Staters sit up and take notice." According to Mr Baldwin.

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