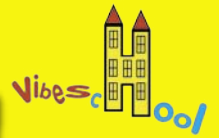


Activity Vibe



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Pick up a copy of this month's *Deadly Vibe* magazine, the special football edition, and complete the following activities.

★ READING

★ Read the article on *Smokin' Joe and the Comeback Kid* and answer the following questions.

Smokin' Joe and the Comeback Kid

Through hard work and determination, together with truckloads of talent, two young footy players have shown the NRL that they're better by half.

In 2004, two young Indigenous halfbacks stepped forward, putting all setbacks behind them, and kicked their careers into top gear by having standout seasons.

As well as possessing loads of potential, both men have faced and overcome their fair share of adversity in establishing and maintaining NRL careers.

Before the arrival of Joey Williams, Souths were a team lacking in attacking flair or direction. Similarly, the Tigers had long been crying out for a genuine play-maker before Scott Prince entered the fray and helped steer the team to their most successful season ever.

While Joey is the 'new kid on the block', boasting youthful exuberance and talent to burn, Scott is the hard-working prodigy turned journeyman player, who has sustained his career through perseverance and determination.

For 20-year-old Joey Williams, his dream of playing in the NRL couldn't have seemed more distant earlier this year as he watched a Jim Beam Cup match from the bench.

"I thought I may as well just go home," he admits. "It looked pretty obvious that I was never going to make it."

Born and raised in Wagga Wagga, the son of former St George and Easts player Wilfred Williams moved to Sydney at 17 to play with the Roosters' under-20 squad.

After several seasons, it was clear that with players such as Brett Finch and Craig Wing in front of him, it was going to be some time before the developing player would crack first grade at the star-studded club.

Eager for the opportunity to prove what he could do at the elite level, Joey signed with Souths at the end of last year.

At his new club, Joey still had to compete with two other halfbacks vying for the top spot – Dean Byrne and Willie Peters. As he continued to impress, a broken thumb kept him on the sideline for six weeks. After recovering, he found himself back at square one, facing the decision to fight his way back from scratch or to simply pack it in.

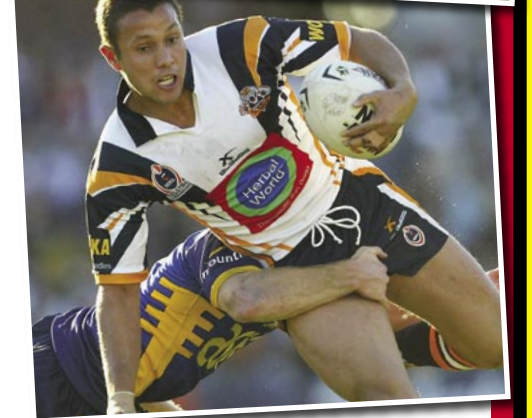
Through determination and focus, Joey found himself back starring in the premier league. His hard work was soon rewarded when he received the call to make his first-grade debut against the Sharks in round 12.

Following his debut, over the course of only a handful of games, Joey cemented his place as the first-grade halfback. His game-winning performance against Melbourne in only his second game proved to everyone that Joey was the real deal, and overnight he went from being a 'down-and-out struggler' to club saviour and fan favourite. And as the Bunnies look to regroup for the next season, it's clear that they will be building their future around their star halfback Joe Williams.

If all this wasn't motivation enough, Joey also has some extra-special incentive, with his girlfriend due to give birth to their first child in January. It caps off one of the most amazing years for one of the game's rising stars.

Like Joe, Scott Prince established himself as an exceptionally gifted player with endless potential at a young age. Since then, Scott's battle has been to fulfill that potential in the face of some major setbacks.

Scott made his first-grade debut with the Cowboys in 1998 at age 18. From the Cowboys, he joined the Broncos for three seasons before being lured to the Tigers by coach Tim Sheens.



When he joined the Broncos, Scott had the football world at his feet. Unfortunately, he would spend more time watching his new team from the sideline than showing what he could do on the field.

As well as trying to adjust to living in a new city and dealing with the loss of his father, in his three years at Brisbane Scott played only 28 games after suffering two broken legs and a shattered knee.

This run of injuries was a major reason why he opted to leave Brisbane for the Tigers, looking for a fresh start at a new club.

Some say that people make their own luck, and if that's the case, Scott has been working as hard as ever this year to get back to the top of his game.

With each week, his confidence grew as he slowly found his feet and began putting it all on the line, no longer letting the thoughts of injury hold him back. And his call-up to the Queensland State of Origin team this year capped an amazing comeback.

★ COMPREHENSION

★ Answer true (T) or false (F) to the following statement.

Joey Williams plays with South's Football Club? _____

★ In what town was Joey Williams born and raised? _____

★ Underline the correct answer.

With what team did Scott Prince make his first-grade debut?

- a) Roosters b) Cowboys c) Sharks d) Lions

★ For what reasons did Scott Prince only play 28 games over his three years with the Broncos?

★ The article states that "some people make their own luck." Do you think that people make their own luck? Explain your reasons why, using examples.

★ ADJECTIVES

An adjective is a part of speech that describes a noun or pronoun. Writers create images through the appropriate use of adjectives.

Eg: a *genuine* **playmaker**
after *several* **seasons**

The words in italics are the adjectives that describe the nouns printed in bold.

★ Underline the adjectives in the following sentences.

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It caps off one of the most amazing years for one of the game's rising stars.

This run of injuries was a major reason why he opted to leave Brisbane for the Tigers, looking for a fresh new start at the club.

Joey also has some extra-special incentive. His girlfriend is due to give birth to their first child in January.

★ Make a list of adjectives that could describe the game of football.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

★ DEFINITIONS

Definitions are used to describe or explain a meaning of a word.

★ Match each word to its definition.

focus	steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, a belief, or a purpose
debut	a state of hardship or affliction; misfortune
potential	to change so as to match or fit
adversity	a centre of interest or activity
perseverance	a favourable or suitable occasion or time.
adjust	a first public appearance, as of a performer.
opportunity	having possibility, capability, or power.

★ PUNCTUATION: Using the full stop

Punctuation helps a reader understand what you have written. Knowing where to place a comma, a full stop or a question mark in a sentence is very important. If placed incorrectly, it can completely change the meaning of the sentence.

A comma (,) indicates a slight break in the sentence. It is used to separate words in a list, to separate numbers, to indicate separate parts of a sentence and to separate adjectives in a list.

A full stop (.) indicates the end of a sentence.

★ Punctuate the following sentences taken from the article with full stops, commas and capital letters.

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APOSTROPHE

An apostrophe (') is used to:

indicate missing letters: cannot – can't

to show possession or ownership: Joey's football

(If you want to show possession of a word that is plural, the apostrophe is placed after the 's': the Roosters' under-20 squad.)

★ Write down three words from the article that use the apostrophe to indicate missing letters.

★ Write down three words from the article that use a word with an apostrophe to show possession or ownership.

★ Write a sentence of your own about the article that uses the apostrophe to show possession of a word that is plural.



PREPARE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Imagine that you are a writer for Deadly Vibe magazine and decide on a leading sportsperson whom you would like to interview. Prepare 10 questions that you would like to ask the sportsperson. You may need to re-write these a few times to get them right.

SPORTSPERSON: _____

QUESTIONS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

