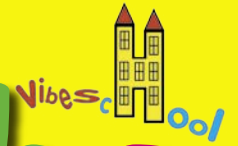


Activity Vibe



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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 following article on Gorden Tallis and answer the following questions.

Gordy goes large

The most feared player in rugby league will never say die.

One of the great sights in rugby league is watching a big player charge for the line, ball held tightly to his chest. Defenders converge on him from all sides, pulling at his arms, shoulders and torso, trying desperately to pin his legs together and bring the big man down. But he has a lot of momentum, and – try as they might – the defenders can't stop him. He sees the try-line draw ever nearer, and with superhuman strength he surges over, with three or four defenders hanging off him. He falls when he's ready, and the opponents come crashing down like pins in a bowling alley. Try time!

If you ask anyone who loves rugby league to name the player who first comes to mind in this scenario, the answer will be Gordy – Gorden Tallis, star forward (and sometimes captain) for the Brisbane Broncos, Queensland and the Australian Kangaroos.

Gordy has scored countless crucial tries in the awesome manner described above, and often when all seemed lost in the game.

More through strength of willpower than strength of body – although, at 189cm tall and 105kg, there's plenty of that, too – he has been the difference between winning and losing. He's a vital element in the ongoing success of every team he has played for.

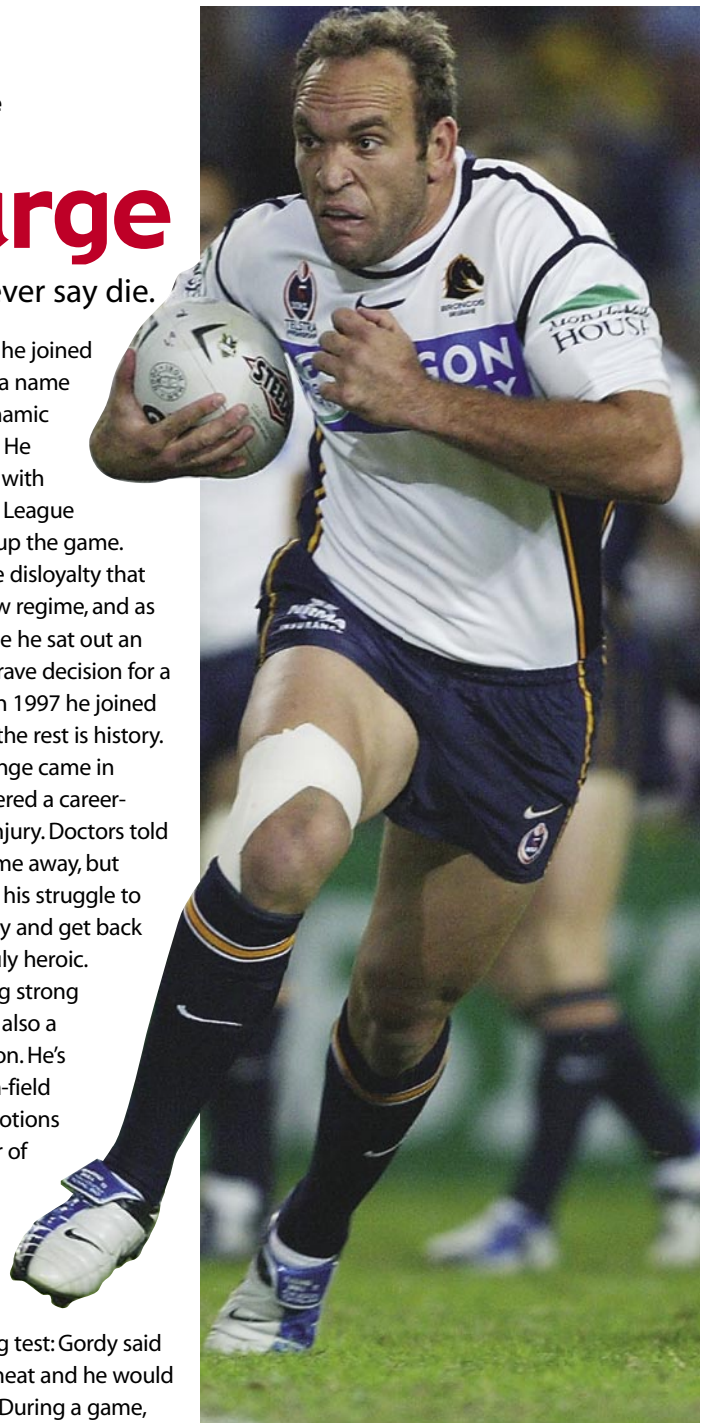
On the field, Gordy is an inspiration to anyone who pulls on a pair of boots. He plays it hard and fair. Off the field, he's just the same. Born in Townsville in 1973, he hit

the big-time when he joined St George, making a name for himself as a dynamic interchange player. He spent four seasons with them before Super League arrived and shook up the game.

Gordy hated the disloyalty that was part of this new regime, and as a matter of principle he sat out an entire season – a brave decision for a young man of 22. In 1997 he joined the Broncos – and the rest is history.

His other challenge came in 2001 when he suffered a career-threatening neck injury. Doctors told him to give the game away, but Gordy refused, and his struggle to overcome the injury and get back on the field was truly heroic.

As well as having strong principles, Gordy is also a man of great passion. He's been in the odd on-field brawl when his emotions have got the better of him. More telling is an incident that occurred when former Kangaroo Rodney Howe failed a steroid drug test: Gordy said that Howe was a cheat and he would never respect him. During a game, Tallis targeted Howe, calling to his Broncos teammates, "Watch out, you blokes. Here comes the chemist." Gordy was not prepared to let a cheat get off lightly.



Gordy is, without doubt, one of the most admired players of his generation – not only by the public, but also by his fellow players.

COMPREHENSION

★ Answer true (T) or false (F) to the following statements:

Gorden Tallis is a forward in the Brisbane Broncos. _____ Gorden Tallis was born in 1971. _____ In 2001 Gorden Tallis suffered a career-threatening neck injury. _____

★ Circle the correct answer.

How many seasons did Gorden Tallis spend with St George before Super League arrived and shook up the game?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

★ In your own words, describe why watching Gorden Tallis is described as one of the greatest sights in rugby league.

★ Write the sentence in paragraph eight that tells us why Gorden Tallis would never respect Rodney Howe.

★ Gorden Tallis is described as one of the most admired players of his generation, not only by the public, but also by his fellow players. Explain reasons why you think that Gorden Tallis is so admirable.

ADJECTIVES

Adjectives are descriptive words. They describe colour, size, feelings and qualities, as well as nationalities and characteristics.

★ List 10 adjectives you could use to describe Gordon Tallis.

PREFIX

A prefix is placed before the beginning of a word to form a new word. Prefixes often change a word to its opposite meaning.

un is a common prefix eg: challenged ➔ unchallenged

Other common prefixes include: anti, dis, en, ex, non, mis, re, sub

★ Underline the word(s) in the following sentence with a prefix.

Gordy hated the disloyalty that was part of this new regime, and as a matter of principle he sat out an entire season.

Born in Townsville in 1973, he hit the big-time when he joined St George, making a name for himself as a dynamic interchange player.

★ Add a prefix to the following words, to make a new word.

like _____

respect _____

occurred _____

★ SUFFIX

A suffix is placed at the end of a word to form a new word.

FUL is a common suffix eg: cheer → cheerful

Other common suffixes include: able, age, ate, ent, er, hood, less, ics, ive, ism, ory, some

★ **Underline the word(s) in the following sentence with a suffix.**

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Gordy is, without doubt, one of the most admired players of his generation, not only by the public, but also by his fellow players.

★ **Add a suffix to the following words, to make a new word.**

mind _____

respect _____

passion _____

★ PLURALS

If a word ends in **ey**, generally you only add **s** to form the plural.

★ Write the plural to the word **alley**. _____

When a word ends in **o**, you usually add **es** to form the plural.

★ Write the plural to the word **hero**. _____

When a word ends in **f** or **fe**, you usually change the **f** or **fe** to **v** and add **es** to form the plural.

★ Write the plural to the word **ourself**. _____

★ WRITING

★ **Read Episode 21 of Deadly Wes on page 23.**

★ **Write your own episode of Deadly Wes about an issue that faces you or people in your community.**

