

LOVE OF THE GAME



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Adrian Morley may be in the twilight of his career but after over 320 games he is still a force to be reckoned with, leading the Warrington Wolves to the Challenge Cup final again in 2010.

Morley, 33, has long been regarded as one of the best forwards in Rugby League and is one of the only players to achieve the Rugby League trifecta, winning a Challenge Cup, Super League Grand Final and NRL Grand Final.

Starting his first contract in 1998 at the Leeds Rhinos, Morley played for 6 seasons amassing 149 games and winning his first Challenge Cup. He earned his first test cap in his debut year, bursting onto the scene.

"The Challenge Cup in 1999 was incredible because Leeds had not won the cup since 1978," said Morley reminiscing about the game.

"It was the last final to be played at the old Wembley Stadium and we ran up a record score against the London Broncos."

In 2001 Morley took up the challenge to play in what is seen as the best Rugby League competition in the world, joining the Sydney Roosters.

"I signed with the Sydney Roosters to test myself in what is regarded in England as the toughest Rugby League competition in the world," said Morley of his stint at the Roosters.

In only his second season at the club he was part of the team that won the NRL Premiership, the first for the club in 27 years, and then went on to win the World Club Challenge.

"The NRL Grand Final was great because the Roosters had not won the comp since 1975," said Morley.

"I didn't realise how big Rugby League was in Australia and especially Sydney until we made that Grand Final. The whole city went crazy!"

"The 2003 World Club Challenge was particularly good for me as I got to play on home soil with my Australian team mates against the best British team at that time. We won very convincingly and I actually scored a try in front of my family and friends."

"My time in Australia was fantastic, the club really looked after me and we also had a lot of success in my time there. I made some great friends in Australia and have some incredible memories."

The Roosters 2005 season ended in early September and to keep fit ahead of the upcoming tri-nations tour, Morley played 6 games for the Bradford Bulls, eventually helping the side to win the UK Super League premiership.

"The Grand Final in 2005 with Bradford was a great bonus," said Morley.

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"Luckily we went all the way and managed to beat my old club Leeds in a great final at Old Trafford. However out of all my achievements this is the only one that didn't feel as sweet in victory as I hadn't played the full season with the team."

After playing one more season with the Roosters, Morley headed back to England and joined the Warrington Wolves, signing a four year deal and taking on the captaincy.

"The last four years at the Wolves have been great," raves Morley about his most recent club.

"I started my time there with a couple of bad injuries and I wasn't happy with my form over the first year but since then I've been really pleased and we are now just starting to become a force to be reckoned with."

Through all of these achievements, Morley has also represented his country over 30 times.

"My greatest achievement in Rugby League is representing my country," he says.

Which is a pretty big statement considering what he has achieved in club football.

Morley is not done yet, signing for another two years with the Wolves.

"When I retire I'm not sure what path I will take," said Morley.

"I'd like to stay in the game if at all possible but in what capacity remains to be seen."

"The most enjoyable thing about playing League is the team spirit and the good friends I have made along the way."

Hopefully for Morley and the Wolves faithful, sunset is still a couple of years away ▶



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