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Senior still believes in Super League licensing

Leeds Rhinos veteran Keith Senior is still a strong believer in the Super League Licensing despite his profile upset as a result of this year's decision.

Senior had signed for Crusaders just 20 days before the Welsh based Super League outfit decided to withdraw from the latest application process on the eve of the decision, with everyone outside the club and the RFL finding out through the televised announcement, leaving the former England star without a club for next season having not been offered a new deal with the Rhinos.

However, having made his feelings publicly known through social media website Twitter on the day of the announcement, Senior told the Independent's Rugby League podcast, PROBIZ Tryline, that he had moved on from that event, concentrating on himself through his rehabilitation to get back to full fitness.

Senior told the latest episode of the podcast: "I do believe in the licensing system because I don't believe there is enough strength in English Rugby league to support promotion and demotion.



"The clubs coming up would try and buy there way up and would spend a lot of money and get themselves in debit and if it didn't come off then they would end up being bankrupt."

However, he does believe that the situation that has occurred with Crusaders withdrawing from the process at the last minute has created a disappointing scenario and made the game "a laughing stock".

Senior is, however, keen to move on and is looking to the future as a fit rugby league player and will be looking for a new club in due course, although he still in limbo at present with no new deal finalised. When pushed on whether he planed to go on to management within the game, however, the answer was much more definite.

The former Great Britain and England International said: "This will be short and sweet, and no.

"It's a ruthless industry, I've always said that, and the amount of abuse that you get as a player from opposition fans as well as your own fans sometimes, its something that makes you very thick skinned. Why would I want to put myself in the position of being a head coach and receiving even more?"

The former Sheffield Eagles Challenge Cup winner also gives his views on how his team-mates will respond to their latest cup final defeat, his views on the quota system and the best and worst moments in his career.

You can hear the views of the Independent's Chief Rugby League writer Dave Hadfield on the Challenge Cup Final and his predictions for the coming round of Super League matches and there's a look at the latest news from all the Super League clubs.

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