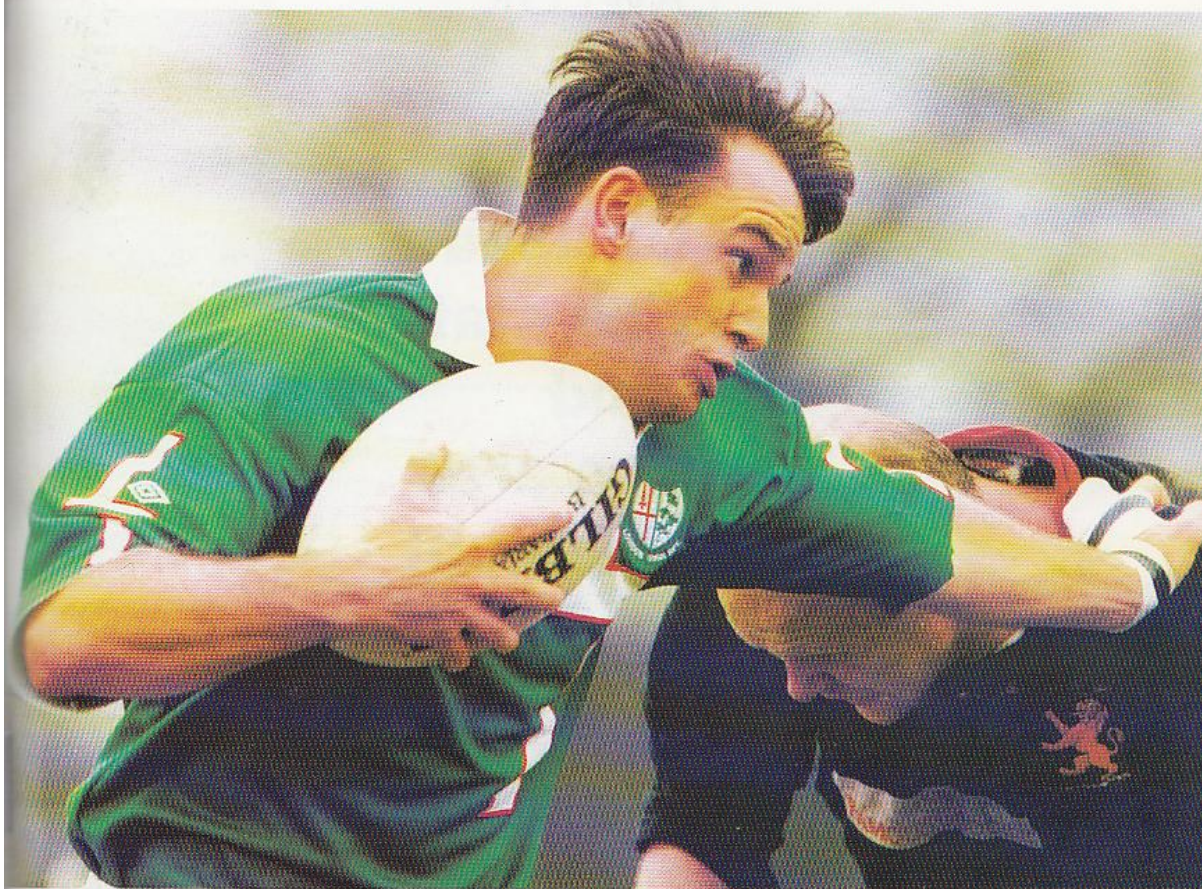




The London Irish Rugby Football Club



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MATCH PROGRAMME – SEASON 1993-94

The Avenue, Sunbury on Thames



Today's Match

Saturday, 12th March 1994 at 3pm

London Irish

JIM STAPLES*

15 *Full Back*

SIMON GEOGHEGAN*

14 *Wing*

ROB HENDERSON

13 *Centre*

DAVE CURTIS*

12 *Centre*

MIKE CORCORAN

11 *Wing*

PAUL BURKE

10 *Fly-half*

ROB SAUNDERS*

9 *Scrum-half*

NEIL DONOVAN

1 *Prop*

ROB KELLAM

2 *Hooker*

GARY HALPIN*

3 *Prop*

ROB SUSSUM

4 *Second Row*

COLIN HALL

5 *Second Row*

CIARAN BIRD

6 *Flanker*

RORY JENKINS

7 *Flanker*

PAUL COLLINS* (Capt)

8 *No. 8*

*International

Replacements

Conor McGauley

John McFarland

Sean Burns

Referee:

E Morrison (RFU)

Replacements

Ian Morgan

Tony Windo

Rob Baxter

Touch Judge:

P Dickens

Touch Judge:

B Suttle



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First Team Talk

This afternoon we welcome Gloucester to Sunbury for our second league meeting this season. We overcame them at Kingsholm by a solitary point way back in October and unlike most Irish supporters this season, we have a goal post to thank. Since that date we have secured no more than two league points. Meanwhile, Gloucester are only one place on the table and four points above us having played one more match than us. There is nothing that can be written about today's game that is likely to contribute one whit to our winning of it save to say that having beaten Gloucester away why should we not win at home? The condition of our pitch is more likely to favour our visitors' emphasis on powerful forward play — not that they lack expertise outside the scrum as they have demonstrated frequently in this season's campaign. At the time of penning these notes it is a fervent hope that the pitch will dry out sufficiently to give our speedy three quarters an opportunity to show their paces.

It is pleasing to report that the Wild Geese have not only enjoyed a number of notable successes in the first half of the season but they have continued their

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winning ways into 1994 and have seen off the likes of London Scottish, Saracens, Metropolitan Police, London Welsh with a 19-20 points loss to Bristol and a 19 all draw with Harlequins. We congratulate their captain and his players for those achievements.

Easter is just a few weeks away and there is the annual feast of Under 21 rugby talent on display at Sunbury for all enthusiasts on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April. Ray McLennan tells me that the participants this year include Gloucester, West Hartlepool, Newcastle/Gosforth, Dungannon and the holders Loughborough Students who beat London Irish in the final last year. London clubs include Harlequins, Rosslyn Park, Saracens, Wasps, our own Under 21 side plus a cluster of other clubs from around the country.

The competition commences at 11.00 am on each day with the final being played at about 5.30 pm on Sunday.

We should like to express our gratitude to Guinness Plc who are Sponsors of this year's event and to commend them for their interest in this important age group of players.