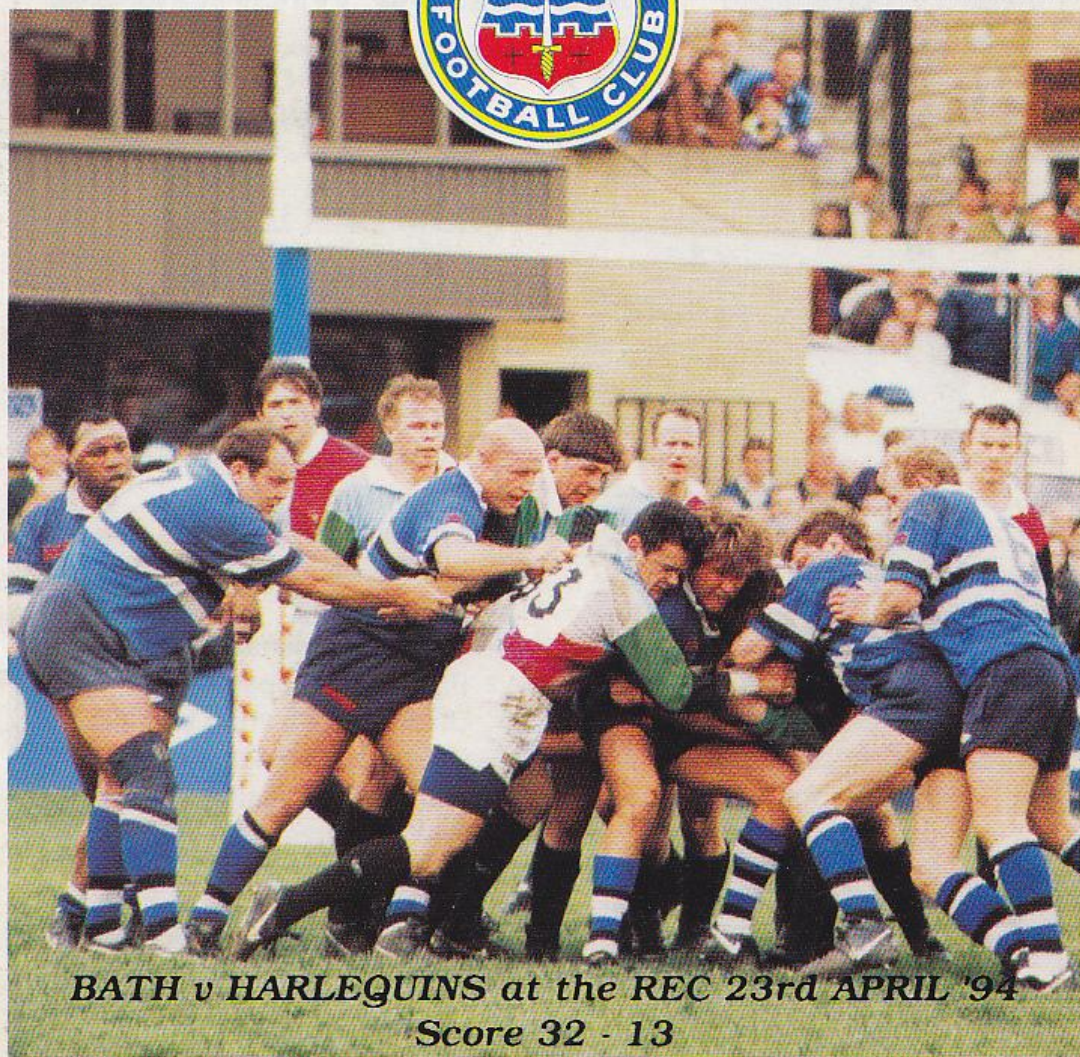


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BATH v. GLOUCESTER

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BATH

COLOURS: BLUE - WHITE & BLACK

FULL BACK	16	J. CALLARD	0
RIGHT WING	15	T. SWIFT	0
RIGHT CENTRE	14	P. DE GLANVILLE (Capt.)	0
LEFT CENTRE	12	M. CATT	0
LEFT WING	11	A. ADEBAYO	A
OUTSIDE HALF	10	R. BUTLAND	
SCRUM HALF	9	I. SANDERS	
PROP	1	C. CLARK	A
HOOKER	2	G. DAWE	0
PROP	3	V. UBOGU	0
LOCK	4	M. HAAG	A
LOCK	5	N. REDMAN	0
FLANKER	6	A. ROBINSON	0
NO.8	8	B. CLARKE	0
FLANKER	7	S. OJOMOH	0

REPLACEMENTS

17	S. JOHNSON	19	K. YATES
18	G. ADAMS		

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Cover picture courtesy CAROLINE HOLDER - This was the game in which we trounced Harlequins and gained the Championship for the fourth successive year.

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GLOUCESTER

COLOURS: CHERRY & WHITE

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Welcome



LIONS, TIGERS – AND ELVER EATERS

LET'S start with a quotation, annexed from a press report following the Harlequins v Gloucester match earlier in this season.

'Neither of these sides are going to go down this season. Harlequins are too flash, and Gloucester too proud'.

The author was Stuart Barnes, who knows Gloucester rugby as well as any opponent ever has. However, even he must be cocking a quizzical eyebrow at recent results.

It has always been a fact that one of the charms – if that's the right word – of supporting Gloucester RFC is that the Elver Eaters can often contrive to lose to sides they ought to brush aside without drawing breath, and then immediately put to the sword teams against which the pundits wouldn't have given them a light. But even against that background, recent events seem more appropriate to an episode of 'The X Files' than anything rooted in what is fondly called Real Life.

Just how do you explain an ignominious defeat at the hands of Rugby Lions followed, the very next week, by a thoroughly deserved victory over Leicester Tigers?

I'm not even going to try. Decades of experience has taught me that to

speculate on anything a Gloucester side may do on any specific occasion is likely to leave one with egg on the face.

One thought does strike me, however. Gloucester must be the most popular side to visit the Recreation Ground this season. I would have thought that any team which can defeat Leicester on the very day on which Bath struggled to get away with a draw up at Orrell certainly qualifies for their after-match free beer.

I'll give you a word of warning though. If conditions are the same as they were at Kingsholm on the day of the Tigers match, they'll do it to Bath, too. Mind you: it isn't likely. The last time we had as much water falling throughout a match at Gloucester, Ham, Shern and Japheth were playing in the front row.

Nevertheless, the Leicester game was a great one to watch, and one in which some of the Bath forwards would have revelled. Not least, John Hall. We've always had a great respect for his talents at Kingsholm, and the annual visit of Bath, quite simply, won't be the same without him. Try and stay in the game, somehow, John. Rugby Union needs your continued involvement in some capacity.

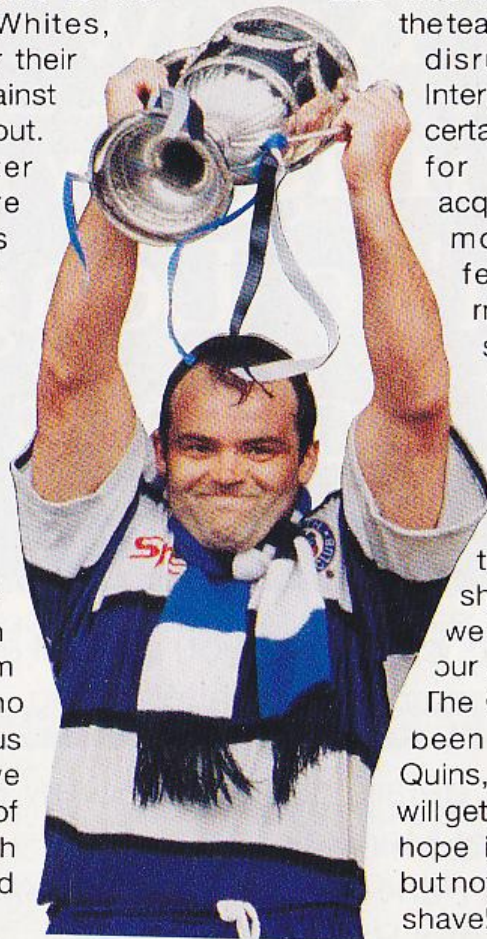
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Captain's Call by John Hall

A very warm welcome to the Cherry and Whites, particularly so after their impressive win against Leicester last time out. Bath v Gloucester matches are traditionally tight as befits two West Country teams. Our game at Kingsholm was a tough one and I was particularly impressed by the wider approach Gloucester have grafted on to their more well known forward game. I am sure today will be no different from previous encounters and we look forward to lots of support from both sets of committed spectators.



Last week's Cup match had the team reunited after the disruption of International calls and it certainly took some time for us to get re-acquainted! A win is the most important feature of a Cup match but there is some work for us to do and I am sure that Gloucester will be out to exploit any weaknesses today. We look to showing you all that we have the rust out of our system.

The Cup draw has just been made, away to Quins, well one day we will get a home draw! Let's hope it's another thriller but not quite such a close shave!

League Details BATH v GLOUCESTER

Gloucester are one of League 1's original members and with an average score of 19 - 10 to Bath you can see that games are traditionally tight. Gloucester have beaten Bath at Kingsholm (in 89/90 en route to a second place) but never at The Rec.

87/88	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95
16-9	19-9	6-13	17-15	29-9	20-0	46-17	16-6

Bath scores first, home games in bold.

P9 W8 D0 L1 Pts F 174 A88 Average 19 - 10

Club Call

A few words from the Chairman...

It took less than two minutes, but again at the Semi Final stage the number one ball – Bath – would not come out first and we travel once again to the Stoop. John Quin and I were at Twickenham for the Draw and have requested our full allocation of tickets for the match – so let's give John Hall and his Team our full support. My first six months in the Chair has whistled by and I have learned a great deal about the complex and exciting enterprise which is our Club. I hope you agree that your Management Committee are going in the right direction, in a purposeful and harmonious fashion, in the many aspects of the business we have to conduct. Our relationships with the Press (with just one exception!), with the City Council and our sometimes vociferous neighbours are much improved – to our mutual benefit.

The way in which the pitch has stood up to the constant drenching right from the first week of the season is due to the new drainage and in no small way the care and attention of Richard Seaman and his crew, for which we are most appreciative. In the Teacher's Stand we have a superb acquisition which has not only given the Club a splendid facility at the south end, but has enabled the Members Bar to be extended into the accommodation previously set aside for sponsors. Now we are planning for a new West Stand, but only if and when the funding is in place – watch this space! However, our first priority is to find the alternative for Lambridge as Bath City Council is looking to develop its Park and Ride. Rest assured, we are working closely to provide enhanced facilities for our Players for playing and training with adequate lighting and Club facilities. The discussion and options are going forward with the City Council; with both sides looking at the developments as an opportunity for more and better facilities for the Club, not simply as a replacement. It is imperative that we provide simply the best conditions for our players to train and play and we shall not waver from this objective.

Richard Hill has advised and influenced the way forward with the development of our young players. With some reluctance, but with the belief in our foresight, Bath has abandoned its

Under 21 side to concentrate on the Emerging Players and reorganising the needs and planning to strengthen the 18 year old group and also the Spartans. We are concerned with the care and welfare of the young players coming to the Club and hope we can provide the accommodation and counselling, besides the playing and training facilities, as we encourage the best young players in the country to come to Bath.

Following the proposals at the last AGM to bring about changes in the Club's Rules, I have a small working group looking at the Model Rules recently published by the RFU. This move towards "Incorporation" may not be the most exhilarating of our activities in the Club, but in parallel with the Inland Revenue examination of our income and expenditure going back over the last six year, running a rugby club is not all excitement I can tell you!

In keeping with the high profile of Bath, what a pleasure it has been to congratulate our new Internationals this season: Mike Catt, Dave Hilton and Eric Peters, together with the numerous A Internationals, Emerging Players and England Colts. Who will forget the look on Dave's face after that fantastic last minute Scottish win in Paris? I look forward to fifteen such faces on May 6 at Twickenham. (English I hope! Ed.)

There are numerous other matters to which I would have liked to refer, but space does not permit. However, just one little matter with which I might leave you: "Why doesn't somebody in the Club come up with a Club song for us to sing around the terraces?" The President has tried to persuade me on several long journeys to away matches that he has the answer to this, but he has not been able to persuade me that those words he keeps warbling measure up to Jerusalem or Sweet Chariots!!

Today we welcome our great rivals from Gloucester. We are privileged to have as our guests, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bath, and the President of the RFU, Mr Dennis Easby and his wife.

I look forward to maintaining our winning ways.

Richard Mawditt
Chairman

Club Call

NEWS FROM THE PULTENEY MUSE

Last week's comments about home and away games appear to have started a debate, and, not about money.

Several people have contacted me and asked, "Who runs the game?", consensus seems to be that it is the individual country RFU's. But if that is the case what about the International Rugby Board, or the Rugby World Cup, or the Senior Clubs Association or the County Unions, or the club committees. Confusing isn't it, I suppose it's amazing that anything happens at all.

The RFU for *the first time ever* decide to send an England team to the Hong Kong Sevens, in the year we have a World Cup, I ask you. What is more the date of the Sevens clashes with Courage League fixtures, so not surprisingly one team, who might be relegated, have said "you can't have our players". Isn't it about time the RFU gave up? Wedded to their county background they have little idea what on earth is going on in the game outside their beloved counties. OK they have done a wonderful job with Twickenham, but it has to be said that is where their achievements appear to end. It almost seems they are oblivious to the Leagues, but love the Divisional and County Championships ... says it all doesn't it! And guess what, they want to mess about with the dates of the Five Nations now, so they can have "more time for the jolly" before the game.

I say chaps do move out of the way and

let others who have some idea that we are almost in the 21st Century take over. If you don't, there is going to be a break away group setting itself up and if you think we have confusion now it will be nothing like what will happen when the League clubs decide to look after their own destiny!

Good to see Gloucester here again, and to see the type of rugby they are playing. I know we would rather see Gloucester staying in Division 1 than some other clubs, who apparently have some good sevens players!!

Talking of which, eight cup wins and eight semi-finals away from home and here we go again. Our ninth away semi-final this time at Harlequins, never an easy place to go and win, remember Jon Webb's last minute conversion and Tony Swift's equally late try winning act, in two of our recent games up there?

We really are a very refined lot of spectators, let's see if we can rediscover our voice, having been out-shouted by a few Northampton supporters last week.

BATH, BATH, BATH, BATH

As we approach the end of the season (2 more home league games to go, after today) could you let me know who is your Bath Player of the Season, I'll announce the result in the magazine on April 29. Write to me care of the club.

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