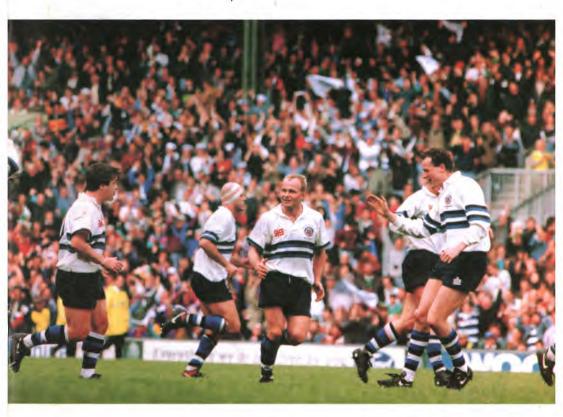
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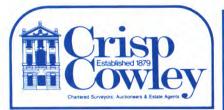


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#### BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

16 JON WEBB\* Full Back

Right Wing 15 TONY SWIFT\*

**Forwards** 

Right Centre 14 IESTYN LEWIS Left Centre 12 PHILIP de GLANVILLE 11 ADEDAYO ADEBAYO Left Wing

Outside Half 10 STUART BARNES\* (Capt) 9 RICHARD HILL\* Scrum Half

1 GARETH CHILCOTT\* 2 GRAHAM DAWE\* 3 VICTOR UBOGU 4 NIGEL REDMAN\*

5 SEAN O'LEARY 6 JON HALL\* 7 STEVE OJOMOH

8 BEN CLARKE

Replacements: 17 IAN SANDERS 18 JOHN MALLETT

LONDON IRISH

Colours: Green

15 JIM STAPLES\* Full Back

Right Wing 14 SIMON GEOGHEGAN\* Right Centre 13 JOHN KEOHAN Left Centre 12 DAVID CURTIS\*

Left Wing 11 MICHAEL CORCORAN

Outside Half 10 OWEN COBBE 9 ROB SAUNDERS\* Scrum Half

> 1 NEIL DONOVAN 2 JOHN McFARLAND

**3 GARRY HALPIN\*** 

4 COLIN HALL 5 MAT KEENAN\*

6 PAUL COLLINS\* (Capt)

7 DAVE PEGLER

8 BRIAN ROBINSON\*

Replacements 16 MICK LEONARD 17 PAUL BURK

Referee: BRIAN WALLIS (Welsh R.F.U.)

\* = Internationals

**Forwards** 

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Touch Judges: T. G. GRINDLE (R.F.U.); S. A. HOSKIN (R.F.U.)

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### LONDON IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



## PREPARING TO "MOVE UP THE TABLE"

LONDON Irish's aim last season was First Division. They finished ninth which could have been sixth after Northampton, Rugby and Rosslyn Park and to a loss in extra time against Gloucester. Indeed we took Bath very close in that memorable TV encounter in glorious sunshine at Sunbury last November.

Brian Robinson adds mobility to an

already powerful pack which again to survive their debut in the English includes Mat Keenan, the mighty Western Samoan World Cup star who made such a significant impact letting wins slip to draws against from February onwards. Several other exciting new young players have joined the squad as well.

New coaching co-ordinator, Dean Shelford, brother of former All-Black captain "Buck" and 40-cap All-Black hooker, Mika Reid, as 1st This season London Irish intend XV coach intend to add additional to consolidate and move up the skills and team discipline to a side table. The arrival of Ireland No. 8, they rate as "potentially very exciting."

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### **BATH AND THE IRISH**

LAST season for the London Irish was to be the time when a dream came true. They were now in Division One of the English Courage League, probably the strongest Club League in the Rugby Union world.

If we at Bath are not mistaken, we first encountered the Irish at Bath in 1932. And the result? Well, Bath won it by 28 - Nil. Our form slipped the following season. Result? Well, Irish won it 5 - 6 . . . again at Bath.

We've enjoyed friendly rivalry always. And the charm of it is that London Irish are indeed a reflection of all that is the soul of the game back in Ireland. Some of us have played Club rugby over there. Poetic Club names abound: Old Crescent, Athlone, Bohemians, Collegians, Young Munster . . . it's endless. It can be brutally tough though; and don't I know it, hit once too often by lumps of granite called Irish rugby footballers.

Two seasons ago we got the result against Ulster (25 - 6), and last season we came out winners by 13 - 3 over Cork Constitution. We won up at Sunbury last season too (26 - 21). But as Wellington would doubtless have remarked: 'it was a damn close run thing'.

So today it's a West Country welcome to the Irish. They are led by Paul Collins, with hopefully their top scorer of last season Michael Corcoran (56 pts) in their line-up. They've got a Kiwi touch now, with New Zealanders Hika Reid and Dean Shelford (yes, Dean's brother) up there in the control tower.

Irish, it's good to see you back in town.

Harry W. Barstow

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