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### BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back	16	JON WEBB*
Right Wing	15	TONY SWIFT*
Right Centre	14	IENTYN LEWIS
Left Centre	12	PHILIP de GLANVILLE
Left Wing	11	ADEDAYO ADEBAYO
Outside Half	10	STUART BARNES* (Capt)
Scrum Half	9	RICHARD HILL*
Forwards	1	GARETH CHILCOTT*
	2	GRAHAM DAWES*
	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
	19	

### LONDON IRISH

Colours: Green

Full Back	15	JIM STAPLES*
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
Scrum Half	9	ROB SAUNDERS*
Forwards	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
	18	

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

\* = Internationals

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## LONDON IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



### PREPARING TO "MOVE UP THE TABLE"

LONDON Irish's aim last season was to survive their debut in the English First Division. They finished ninth which could have been sixth after letting wins slip to draws against 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.

This season London Irish intend to consolidate and move up the table. The arrival of Ireland No. 8, Brian Robinson adds mobility to an

already powerful pack which again includes Mat Keenan, the mighty Western Samoan World Cup star who made such a significant impact 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 XV coach intend to add additional skills and team discipline to a side 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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