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BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back 16 JONATHAN CALLARD

Right Wing 15 TONY SWIFT*

Right Centre 14 SIMON HALLIDAY*

Left Centre 12 JEREMY GUSCOTT*

Left Wing 11 PETER BLACKETT

Outside Half 10 STUART BARNES* (Capt.)

Scrum Half 9 RICHARD HILL*

Forwards 1 GARETH CHILCOTT*

2 GRAHAM DAWE*

3 RICHARD LEE

4 NIGEL REDMAN*

5 DAMIAN CRONIN*

6 ANDY ROBINSON*

7 JOHN HALL*

8 DAVID EGERTON*

Replacements 17 STEVE KNIGHT

18 VICTOR UBOGU

Referee: Ian Bullerwell (East Midlands)

Home Touch Judge: Roger Simon(Somerset)

HARLEQUINS

Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate,
French Grey, Black, Light Green.

Full Back 15 ~~ROB GLENISTER~~ *STUART THRESHER*

Right Wing 14 JON EAGLE

Right Centre 13 WILL CARLING*

Left Centre 12 ~~GAVIN THOMPSON~~ *WOOD*

Left Wing 11 EVERTON DAVIS

Outside Half 10 DAVID PEARS

Scrum Half 9 ~~CRAIG LUXTON~~ *Rob Glenister*

Forwards 1 SIMON HENDERSON *PAUL CURTIS*

2 JOHN OLVER (Captain)

3 ANDY MULLINS*

4 ~~NEIL EDWARDS~~ *RICHARD LANGHORN*

5 PAUL ACKFORD*

8 ~~MICKEY SKINNER*~~

7 PETER WINTERBOTTOM*

6 ~~RICHARD LANGHORN~~ *CITRIS BUTCHER*

Replacements 16 ~~PAUL CURTIS~~

12 ~~STUART THRESHER~~

CITRIS STEARNSBY

CRAIG LUXTON

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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BATH v. HARLEQUINS Pilkington Cup — 3rd Round

England Captain Will Carling may not know it, but he has a tenuous link with that other "ex-military" man Private Godfrey when it comes to making fixtures between Bath and Harlequins.

(Carling was responsible for the latest when he made the draw for the third round of this season's Pilkington Cup and paired the clubs together.)

The Dad's Army TV man was, I understand, responsible for the first. He was Arnold Ridley, a product of the old City of Bath Boys' School who, shortly after the First World War used his vision to try to broaden Bath's fixture list as soon as he became the club's fixture secretary.

He was particularly interested in establishing friendships with London clubs which he maintained long after he had become a successful author and playwright and moved to live in the capital. For years afterwards, too, he was an ever present at matches whenever Bath came to Town. Bath recognised his contribution by making him their President which he enjoyed long before his death a few years ago.

Ridley could not have dreamed what he started, for Bath now play all top London clubs including regular games with Harlequins with whom their link has been unbroken since those early days apart from the second World War.

Until recently in fact there used to be two games a season and for several decades Bath's home game used to be at the start of Easter when Quins called in for a 'pipe-opener' before setting off on their traditional Welsh tour.

Over such a lengthy period, of course, results between the two clubs have been of the swings and roundabouts variety, with both having their periods of dominance.

Win or lose, however, Harlequins have always been popular visitors because of their fluent style of play which was very akin to the sort of rugby which the Barbarians try to produce.

Researching into past Bath - Quins matches I was disappointed to discover that there was not a Carling in the 1959 game. No! I am not trying to suggest that the England captain is a good deal older than he looks. I am referring to his father Bill who was a member of the Bath front row around that time. He was a Wiltshire-stationed Army officer which probably explains why his son was born at Bradford-on-Avon.

In 1959, however, Carling was not playing—and probably happy he wasn't because the score was Bath 12 pts, Harlequins 62, which was—and in fact still is the heaviest defeat of Bath's entire history dating back to 1865.

One man who was in that match though was Roger Whyte, a goal-kicking hooker who popped goals over with monotonous regularity—and then had the temerity to join Bath!

That was just one of the links between Bath and Quins strengthened in the last decade or two by people like David Gay, who played briefly in London before returning to his home town and maintained even today by wing three-quarter James Johnston who moved to Bath only this season.

It just adds to the friendships which will be only briefly forgotten as the two clubs lock horns today in what is probably the most important game ever between them. It is virtually a mini international which with a different draw would have been worthy of a Twickenham final in May.

John Stevens, Bath Evening Chronicle

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