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BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back	16	JONATHAN CALLARD
Right Wing	15	TONY SWIFT*
Right Centre	14	JOHN BAMSEY
Left Centre	12	ADEDAYO ADEBAYO
Left Wing	11	PETER BLACKETT
Outside Half	10	STUART BARNES* (Capt.)
Scrum Half	9	STEVE KNIGHT
Forwards	1	VICTOR UBOGU
	2	JIMMY DEANE
	3	RICHARD LEE
	4	JOHN MORRISON
	5	NIGEL REDMAN*
	6	ANDY ROBINSON*
	7	JOHN HALL*
	8	DAVID EGERTON*
Replacements	17	RICHARD NANCEKIVELL
	18	GARETH CHILCOTT*

PLYMOUTH ALBION

Colours: Cherry, White & Red.

Full Back	15	KEVIN TURTON
Right Wing	14	LEE YOUNG
Right Centre	13	MICK LEONARD
Left Centre	12	ANDY KELLET
Left Wing	11	STEVE WALKLIN
Outside Half	10	MIKE LYNN
Scrum Half	9	CRISPIN READ
Forwards	1	CHRIS HOCKING
	2	BRUCE FRIDAY
	3	NIGEL SAUNDERS
	4	BOB ANDERSON
	5	MARK WESSON
	6	IAN RUSSELL
	7	KEVIN NORRIS (Capt.)
	8	IAN GREGORY
Replacements	16	MARK THOMPSON
	17	ROGER BAILEY

Referee: Laurie Prideaux (Cornwall)

*Internationals

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

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Plymouth Albion is such a nice Club, such nice people and such old friends, that it would be easy to be lulled into thinking that this evening we could sit back and enjoy a nice easy-going game of rugby.

First, a lot of the 'United Boys' are in the Bath line-up; but this is not because we underestimate Albion, no, it is because our 'supposed' reserves are currently in electrifying form. In December (Divisional month) they did themselves very well indeed, with wins over London Scottish, Richmond and London Welsh; while two weeks back a total of 7 United men played against a Gloucester team lacking only Mike Teague. And the result of 12 - 9 to Bath reflects how superbly these same Bath men fit in whenever the call-up comes. It is conjecture only, but it would be interesting to play Nick Maslen's warriors in—say Division Three or even Division Two—and see how they would perform. Probably, they would more than hold their own.

And Albion? ... well a result against Bath would be something special to the Devonians. They won't let up today. But how nice to see Albion here in a fixture that is guaranteed because no cup game might, or might not be blocking its way.

Earlier this season it did seem that Albion might clinch promotion to Division 1. Their results were impressive. Unfortunately, they ended up just the wrong side of several key encounters, so suggesting their push will have to wait until next season. Yet Plymouth's time is surely due in the next few years. Assuming all goes well therefore, soon we will both field a 1st Division side.

Many congratulations to the players last week at Richmond. Six tries (against none) away from home in Cup rugby is surely cause for satisfaction. Anyway, it was good enough for us. And Moseley v. Bath for the semi-finals? Well, one doubts we will drop our guard as we did two years ago. The Midlanders have strong forwards and they'll play to that strength; but there will be no danger on this occasion that we'll underestimate them.

Meanwhile, give a great cheer for Albion and Bath.

Harry W. Barstow

Pilkington Cup

After our great win at Richmond last Saturday and the subsequent semi-final draw, no doubt everyone will be wondering what the ticket sales arrangements will be.

Members will be given priority to purchase tickets on Monday and Wednesday evenings next week (March 5th and 7th) between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. After this, tickets will be on open sale on Thursday and Friday next week and every day during the following week in the Portakabin adjacent to the Clubhouse. The hours of sale will be 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. In addition, match tickets will be obtainable from John Moore (Sports) Ltd., 13 Argyle Street, Bath, from Thursday.

Supporters' Coaches have been arranged and tickets can be obtained at the same time as match tickets.

Your support at the Richmond game was most appreciated by the players and they wish to thank everyone most sincerely for this. Both Players and Management hope that this can be repeated, or even increased at Moseley on March 24th.

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