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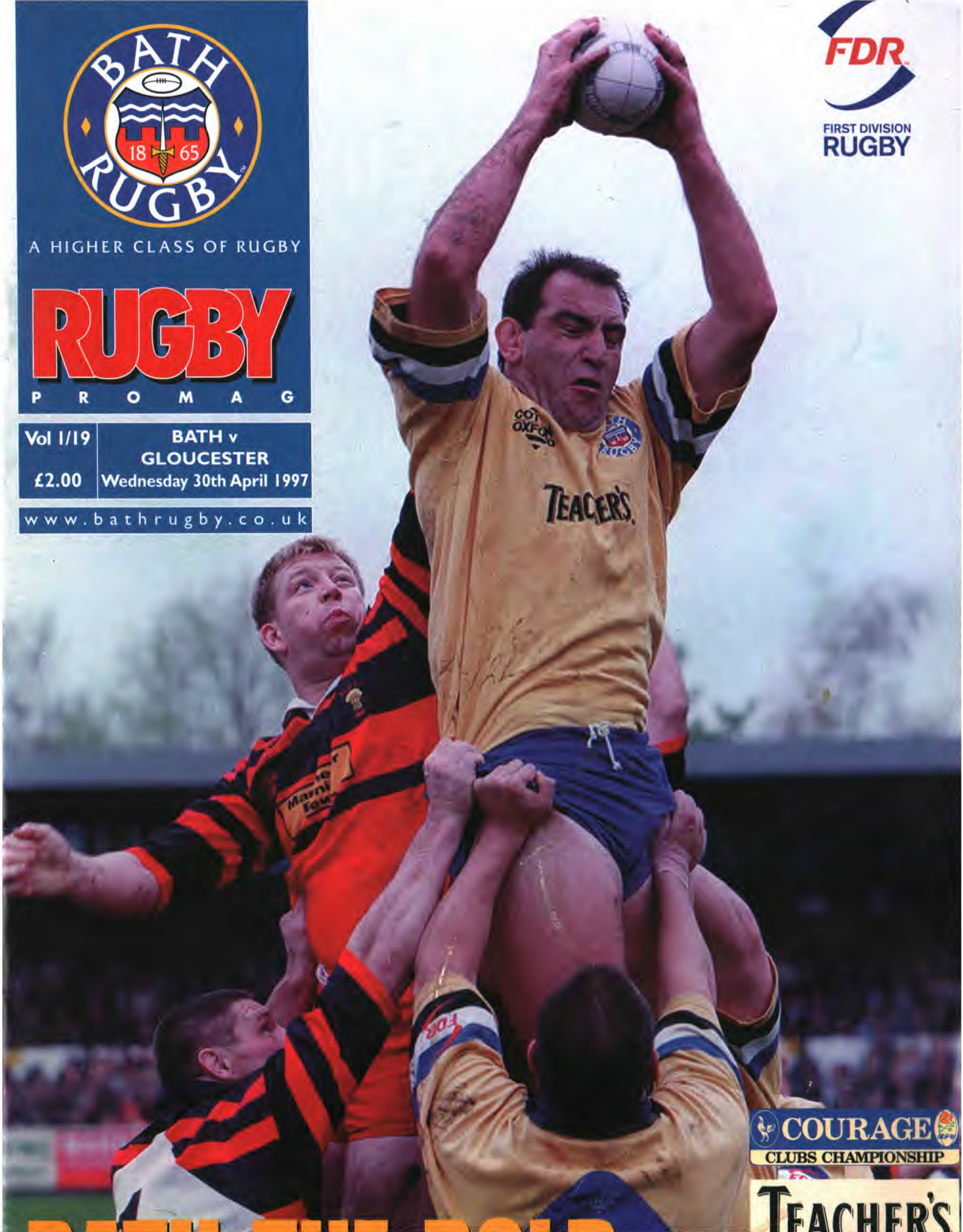
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BATH v  
GLOUCESTER

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**BATH RUGBY**

Black, Blue & White

**GLOUCESTER**

Cherry & White

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back	Chris Catling	15
15	Jon Sleightholme (I)	Right Wing	Audley Lumsden	14
14	Matt Perry	Centre	Craig Emmerson	13
12	Phil de Glanville * (I)	Centre	Don Caskie	12
11	Adedayo Adebayo (I)	Left Wing	Mike Lloyd	11

10	Mike Catt (I)	Outside Half	Mark Mapletoft	10
9	Andy Nicol (I)	Scrum Half	Laurie Beck	9

1	Kevin Yates	Prop	Tony Windo	1
2	Federico Mendez (I)	Hooker	John Hawker	2
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop	Andy Deacon	3
4	Martin Haag	Lock	Rob Fidler	4
5	German Llanes (I)	Lock	Dave Sims *	5
6	Nathan Thomas (I)	Flanker	Pete Glanville	6
7	Richard Webster (I)	Flanker	Andy Stanley	7
8	Dan Lyle (I)	No. 8	Simon Devereux	8

17	Charlie Harrison	Replacements	Charlie Mulraine
18	Gary French		Alastair Saverimutto
19	Dave Hilton (I)		Alex Morris
20	Richard Butland		Mark Cornwell
21	Eric Peters (I)		Trevor Woodman
22			Lee Fortey

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Half Time

Referee

G Hughes (RFU)

(I) International  
\* Captain

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One of my most endearing memories of the season is being at Kingsholm a few weeks ago when a breakaway try by Audley Lumsden (in Cherry and White remember!) put Gloucester in front of apparently Champions elect, Leicester. The collective belief in a home win was tangible, no matter what the Tigers did after that 10,000 people simply willed their team on and very successfully too! That is of course Gloucester rugby, deeply rooted in the City, Kingsholm is a Cathedral in much the same way as the ecclesiastical version a few hundred yards away. The saints of Kingsholm are of a rather more earthy version than their heavenly brothers, not for The Shed the ethereal delights of complex interpassing movements, but a more direct robust version of the game. None for the worse for it either, rugby needs all sorts to paint its rich tapestry.

Gloucester were the leading light in the first competitive steps in English rugby, Cup winners in

## Welcome to Gloucester

71/72 and indeed have played one more game in the Cup than Bath, 75 to Bath's 74. The 1989-90 season had them challenging for both League and Cup, only for them to come second to Wasps in the League and similarly to Bath in the Cup. Take this team lightly at your peril! This season promised poorly for Gloucester and a dreadful start at Harlequins followed by more losses had them looking down the barrel of relegation. A win against subsequent Champions Wasps made all things possible and for a brief spell a week or so ago there was even an outside chance of a place in Europe, some recovery!

The team is based firmly round a combative and highly effective pack with excellent half backs in Scott Benton and Mark Mapletoft, both well known to Bath spectators. Mapletoft has been rewarded for his efforts this season with an England tour position and deservedly so. The mastermind behind Gloucester these last two seasons has been Richard Hill, thought of by many as possible England manager in due course, he will be scheming to undo Bath tonight just as he schemed

That represents the dilemma for professional rugby, how does a team founded on spirit and home town commitment add in the much needed talent, not just from abroad but from other English clubs, without diluting the very things which made it so passionate? Answers on a postcard to all Directors of Rugby!!!



For tonight we can expect Gloucester to be trying to bring the try scoring Bath machine down to more earthy levels and remembering that victory at Kingsholm last March when relegation seemed inevitable for the Cherry and Whites! No trivial matter, a Bath v Gloucester encounter, this should be a thriller!

### Courage League Records:

	P	W	D	L	%	PTSF	PTSA
<b>GLOS.</b>	142	68	8	66	51	2427	2409
<b>BATH</b>	143	114	7	22	82	3772	1741

### This season:

**Glouc:** 41 tries, 26 conversions, 51 penalties and 6 drop goals.

**Bath:** 101 tries, 66 conversions, 40 penalties and 2 drop goals.

### Leading scorers:

**Mark Mapletoft:** 5 tries, 24 conversions, 51 penalties, 5 drop goals 241 points

**Jon Callard:** 3 tries, 45 conversion, 33 penalties