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STRUCTURE WHAT STRUCTURE?

Alastair Hignell examines the
Rugby international structure



TEACHER'S

BATH
v



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NEC HARLEQUINS

Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate,
French Grey, Light Green & Black

BATH

Black, Blue & White

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back	Jim Staples (I)	21
15	Jason Robinson (I) rl	Right Wing	Spencer Bromley	4
14	Phil de Glanville (I) *	Centre	Peter Mensah	15
12	Jeremy Guscott (I)	Centre	Will Carling (I)	13
11	Adedayo Adebayo	Left Wing	Dan Luger	14

10	Mike Catt (I)	Outside Half	Paul Challinor	6
9	Ian Sanders	Scrum Half	Huw Harries	29

1	Dave Hilton (I)	Prop	Jason Leonard * (I)	1
2	Federico Mendez (I)	Hooker	Keith Wood (I)	25
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop	Laurent Benezech (I)	3
4	Martin Haag	Lock	Glyn Llewellyn (I)	12
5	Dan Lyle (I)	Lock	Gareth Llewellyn (I)	11
6	Nathan Thomas	Flanker	Rory Jenkins	28
7	Eric Peters (I)	Flanker	Laurent Cabannes (I)	27
8	Steve Ojomoh (I)	No. 8	Bill Davison	33

17	Charlie Harrison	Replacements	Gareth Allison	2
18	Gary French		Andy Mullins (I)	16
19	Victor Ubogu (I)		Hilton Brown	5
20	Matt Gillies		Robbie Paul (I) rl	35
21	Rich Butland			
22	Jon Sleightholme (I)			

Referee

S Lander (RFU)

(I) International
* Captain

Touch Judges

J Pearson (RFU)

C White (RFU)

COTTON OXFORD

RUGBY

Timberland



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The ubiquitous presence of those replica rugby shirts in various colours bears evidence that Harlequins are moving away from their image as more interested in social activities than rugby into a position where they are favourites for this year's Courage League Title. Over the years the Harlequins have moved away from playing at Twickenham to The Stoop Memorial Ground across the Chertsey Rd. Once better known as a car park on the A316 The Stoop is now being built up to an impressive level and the team and ground are moving forward together showing the way for rugby in the professional age. League rugby has always been a case of promise rather than delivery, third place being the best the Harlequins have ever managed in the competition.

Today's Visitors *Harlequins*

Two seasons ago the club reached its nadir, having staved off relegation only by dint of a last match win at Kingsholm, that being their first away win of the season. That though was two years ago and last season saw an upturn in fortune. Shocked by the dismal performance of 94-95 the Quins turned it on and came in third, beating Leicester at Welford Rd into the bargain, and thank goodness for Bath for it was that result which allowed Bath to win the League.

Quins has long been a home for itinerant Irish players and Jim Staples and Keith Wood are the pick of the bunch this year. A further Celtic presence is the Llewellyn brothers giving strength and height to their second row, one Trivial Pursuit point: As the Bros. Llewellyn and Will Carling were all born in

flair and some steel to the pack and this has been put to good use with a storming ride to the top of the table with six wins out of the first six, although it all came to grief one damp night in Cheshire. In Europe Quins had a similar run to Bath, qualifying for the knock out stages but lost out to Leicester on a wet afternoon at Welford Rd in a game they had in the bag at half time.

Key Player:



Keith Wood

6ft/1.83m 15st 12lb/101kg dob 27.1.72
Captained Ireland v Australia
Debut v Australia 1994 and 5 Nations deb
England 1995

Overall Courage league records:

Bath	131	105	6	20	82%	3355	1!
	120	10	4	57	55%	2821	2