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LONDON IRISH**

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LONDON IRISH
Green & White

BATH
Amber - Black, Blue & White

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back	Conor O'Shea (I) *	15
15	Jon Sleightholme (I)	Right Wing	Niall Woods	14
14	Phil de Glanville (I) *	Centre	Justin Bishop	13
12	Jeremy Guscott (I)	Centre	Nick Burrows	12
11	Adedayo Adebayo (I)	Left Wing	Tyrone Howe	11

10	Mike Catt (I)	Outside Half	David Humphreys (I)	10
9	Charlie Harrison	Scrum Half		9

1	Kevin Yates	Prop	Justin Fitzpatrick	1
2	Graham Dawe (I)	Hooker	Rob Kellam	2
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop	Liam Mooney	3
4	Martin Haag	Lock	Gabriel Fulcher (I)	4
5	Nigel Redman (I)	Lock	Jeremy Davidson (I)	5
6	Andy Robinson (I)	Flanker	Ken O'Connell	6
7	Richard Webster (I)	Flanker	Kieron Dawson	7
8	Dan Lyle (I)	No. 8	Richard Yeabsley	8

17	Ian Sanders	Replacements	Tony Redmond	16
18	Federico Mendez (I)		Sean Burns	17
19	Nathan Thomas (I)		David Charles	18
20	Richard Butland			19
21	Victor Ubogu (I)		Ian McLoughlin	20
22	Matt Perry		Barry Walsh	21

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SCOTCH WHISKY
A measure of character



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Referee

International

Touch Judges



This is the third time this season that Bath and London Irish have met, so far the honours have gone to Bath, once at Sunbury and once in the Cup at The Rec. Both teams have a great need for points today, Bath to maintain the pressure on Wasps and Leicester and Irish to attempt to pull out of the automatic relegation zone. Both teams were away two weeks ago, Bath having a difficult game at Bristol but gaining the points while Irish lost a tight match with Orrell. London Irish have won two games this season, beating Northampton early on and putting 52 points on West Hartlepool in a high scoring game, both wins have been at their Sunbury ground.

London Irish have been one of the up and down teams of the top Divisions. Spending four years in League 2 they gained promotion at the end of the

Welcome to London Irish

1990 - 91 season with an impressive record of 12 - 9 - 1 - 2. Three seasons then followed in League 1, the middle season being their best, coming sixth with a won 6 and lost 6 record. The Irish have yet to beat Bath in the League, the nearest being a nail biting match a week before the 1994 Cup Final when the score was 31 to 32. League 2 in 1994 - 95 was a consolidation season, Irish equalling the number of points of Newcastle and London Scottish but coming fifth on points difference. (Saracens were promoted). Last season was a thriller, after losing the first two games Irish only lost one more game and were promoted in second place behind Northampton.

Irish always offer 100% enthusiasm and passion, post match entertainment at Sunbury is one of the best in the Country, professional or amateur. Once the home of most Irish players based in England London Irish now hosts the majority but by no

at its most dangerous when it is given no hope at all! Bath will not find the team in acquiescent mood, always combative and capable of devastating counter attacking London Irish will be looking for some points today, they are not here to make up the numbers!

Key Player:



Conor O'Shea

Born Limerick 21.10.70 1.88m (6'2") 92kg (14st 6lb)

First Capped against Romania in 1993 and seems to alternate with Jim Staples in the Irish national side this season! A fast running full back who loves to score tries and has scored 6 in the Courage League this season. Previously played for Lansdowne and is a thorn in the flesh of opposition defences, had a good game for the Irish against Bath in the Cup in December.

Courage League records to date: