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vs
LEICESTER TIGERS

Saturday
3 April 1999
Kick-Off 3.00pm

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No.	PLAYER	POSITION	PLAYER	No.
15	Matt Perry	Full Back	Tim Simpson	15
14	Iain Balshaw	Right Wing	Leon Lloyd	14
13	**Jeremy Guscott - Capt**	Centre	Craig Joiner	13
12	Kevin Maggs	Centre	Pat Howard	12
11	Adedayo Adebayo	Left Wing	Dave Lougheed	11
10	Mike Catt	Fly Half	Geordan Murphy	10
9	Gareth Cooper	Scrum Half	Jamie Hamilton	9
1	Dave Hilton	Prop	Graham Rowntree	1
2	Mark Regan	Hooker	Richard Cockerill	2
3	Victor Ubogu	Prop	Darren Garforth	3
4	Martin Haag	Lock	Martin Johnson	4
5	Steve Borthwick	Lock	Fritz Van Heerden	5
6	Russell Earnshaw	Flanker	Lewis Moody	6
7	Eric Peters	Flanker	Neil Back	7
8	Dan Lyle	No. 8	Martin Corry	8

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REFEREE
Ashley Rowden
TOUCH JUDGES
Nigel Yates Ashley Reay

No.	PLAYER	Replacements	PLAYER	No.
16	Andy Nicol		Andy Goode	16
17	Lee Mears		James Ferris	17
18	John Mallett		Nnamdi Ezulike	18
19	Mike Tindall		Derek Jelly	19
20	Tokunbo Adebayo		Will Johnson	20
21	Deiniol Jones		Paul Gustard	21
22	Richard Bryan		Dorian West	22

Leicester Tigers

by Jennie McMahon

Ground: Welford Road Ground, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 7TR

Telephone: 0116 254 1607

Capacity: 16,500

Founded: 3rd August 1880

Internationals: 78 International players, totalling nearly 700 caps

1997-98 Season: Allied Dunbar Premiership One - 4th, Tetley's Bitter Cup - Lost to Saracens 13-14 (Round 5), European Cup - Lost to Pau (Quarter Finals)

First Capped Player - Jack Miles, England v Wales at Swansea, in 1903. Most capped player - Rory Underwood (91). Current international players include Martin Johnson, Graham Rowntree, Darren Garforth, Will Greenwood, Neil Back, Richard Cockerill and Craig Joiner.

History: First English team to reach the European Cup Final. Won the inaugural Courage League in 1987/88.

Now eight points clear at the top of the table, it seems Leicester are unstoppable. With only three league losses so far this season, they have almost guaranteed themselves the Allied Dunbar Premiership One title already, even with four league matches still to play after today. The last time these two teams met, Bath were just beginning their worst ever league run, and lost by 36-13. However, the last time they both played at the Rec, Bath were on a rampant winning streak, on the back of their European Cup victory, and won 16-5. Maybe Bath can delay the seemingly inevitable, however, whatever the result today, you can be assured of a classic game of rugby between these two traditionally fierce rivals.

Many people thought that this match wouldn't happen today, because it was naturally assumed that Leicester would be playing in the semi-finals of the Tetley's Bitter Cup. How wrong they were. Defeat at the hands of Richmond, came as a surprise to many, although the loss of Joel Stransky and Austin Healy showed, especially with Martin Johnson in the sin bin. Mind you, they still managed to beat Northampton with only thirteen players.

Many of you will have noticed the demise of the ABC club within Leicester this year, due to the ERP ruling last summer that all clubs must wear numbers on their shirts. However, the more keen eyed among you will notice that the Leicester still play with letters on their shorts. And you thought having a number 13 on the Bath squad was bad enough!

The loss of Bob Dwyer during the 1997/98 season made way for 'Deano', who, it is rumoured, has green, red and white blood in his veins, in the role of head coach. The impact that Dean Richards coaching style has had on the team has been astronomical, and one only needs to look at the current England pack to know that Leicester have some of the most impressive forwards around, in the shape of Martin Johnson, Neil Back, Richard Cockerill and Darren Garforth.