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in world rugby

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**BATH v
WASPS**

at The Recreation Ground

TEACHER'S
SCOTCH WHISKY
A measure of character



**Saturday
14th
September
1996**



COTTON OXFORD
RUGBY

BATH

Black, Blue & White

WASPS

Black with Gold Wasp

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back
15	John Sleightholme (I)	Right Wing
14	Jeremy Guscott (I)	Centre
12	Henry Paul (I)	Centre
11	Jason Robinson (I)	Left Wing

15	Gareth Rees (I)	15
14	Paul Sampson	14
13	Nick Greenstock	13
12	Va'aiga Tuigamala (I)	12
11	Shane Rosier	11

10	Mike Catt (I)	Outside Half
9	Andy Nicol (I)	Scrum Half

10	Alex King	10
9	Andy Gomarsall	9

1	Dave Hilton (I)	Prop
2	Graham Dawe (I)	Hooker
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop
4	Nigel Redman (I)	Lock
5	Brian Cusack	Lock
6	Nathan Thomas	Flanker
8	Eric Peters (I)	No. 8
7	Steve Ojomoh (I)	Flanker

1	Will Green	1
2	Simon Mitchell	2
3	Darren Malloy	3
4	Damien Cronin (I)	4
5	Matt Greenwood	5
6	Mike White	6
8	Chris Sheasby	8
7	Lawrence Dallaglio (I) C	7

17	Gareth Adams	Replacements
18	Victor Ubogu (I)	
19	Charlie Harrison	
20	Ade Adebayo	

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Today's Visitors WASPS

Wasps excite a tingle of apprehension when they visit The Rec, games between Bath and the London club are normally tight and frequently hinge on one or two critical and often controversial decisions.

There has been the Clough sending off, the Clarke try and the Ryan "disallowed" try to name but a few - all vital incidents which turned the games round. On the plus side there have been some fantastic games, a 12 points to 9 win for Bath two years ago was one of the best games seen on The Rec; no tries, it was all penalties which just shows - you don't need bonus points to have excitement, just commitment and a desire to play rugby.

Wasps form part of an elite group along with Bath and Leicester, they have all been winners of the Courage League Title. That was in 1989 - 90 when both Bath and Gloucester fell in the run-in and the Sudbury team came up on the rails to take the title, last game, last minute stuff and much rejoicing in Repton Avenue. Since those heady days Wasps have been a thorn in the side of would be title holders, seemingly destined to make life difficult but not quite having the power to come first. Second or third has been their lot, although last year the club weathered the exodus to Newcastle and came 4th along with a

known to Bathonians; Leicester and Wasps fall into this category. Rec regulars will be able to recognise the opposition players almost as well as their own, although in some instances it will be in shirts of a different hue. Captained by Lawrence Dallaglio, players such as Norm Hadley (you know who is Andy Robinson's number one fan!), Kevin Dunn, Matt Greenwood, Buster White and Andy Gomarsall are well respected in Bath. New recruits include; Damien Cronin (now where have we heard that name before?), Chris Sheasby (shirts are a bit plain aren't they?) and Gareth Rees. Those with long memories will remember a young Harrow schoolboy in the 1985 - 86 Cup Final, since then he has represented Canada with distinction. Exciting talent such as Va'aiga Tuigamala, Alex King and Paul Sampson has been recruited to the club by Director of Rugby, Nigel Melville which gives Wasps a real chance of a second title.

This season Wasps opened with a narrow win at Sale and last Sunday at Loftus Rd they played Saracens.

BATH v WASPS						
	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGAINST
Home	6	5	0	1	125	70
Away	6	4	0	2	101	70
Total	12	9	0	3	226	140
Average score: 19 - 12						