

FIRST DIVISION

# RUGBY

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BATH  
V





**Saturday  
28th  
September  
1996**



**WEST HARTLEPOOL**

**BATH**

Black, Blue & White

Green & White

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back
15	Jon Sleightholme (I) *	Right Wing
14	Phil de Glanville (I)	Centre
12	Henry Paul (I)	Centre
11	Ade Adebayo	Left Wing

Matthew Silva	15
Gerald Cordle	14
Stephen John	13
Chris John	12
George Truelove	11

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

Mark Ring (I) *	10
Mark Roderick	9

1	Dave Hilton (I)	Prop
2	Gareth Adams	Hooker
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop
4	Martin Haag	Lock
5	Brian Cusack	Lock
6	Andy Robinson (I)	Flanker
8	Eric Peters (I)	No. 8
7	Steve Ojomoh (I)	Flanker

Wayne De Jong	1
Andrew Peacock/Tim Herbert	2
Virgil Hartland	3
Dave Mitchell	4
Chris Murphy	
Alan Brown	6
Ivan Morgan	8
John Ions	7

17	Charlie Harrison	Replacements
18	Neil McCarthy	
19	Nathan Thomas	
20	M Perry	

Kevan Oliphant	16
Paul Whitelock	17
Tim Herbert/Andrew Peacock	18
Geoff Wappett	19
	20
	21

Half Time	
Referee	
C White	

Full Time	
Touch Judges	
G Warren	

**COTTON OXFORD**  
RUGBY

**Timberland**



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of character

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The slings and arrows of rugby fortune are well known to the men from Brierton Lane, promotion, relegation, restructuring they have seen it all, not for them the peace and comfort of League 1 status from start to finish. Starting life in League 3 in 87/88 West spent 4 years in the nether regions before gaining promotion to League 2 for the 91/92 season. That season saw them winning all but one game and that only a 7 - 6 loss away from home and promotion to League 1 was their justified reward. The season was marred for the club by the tragic death of John Howe

season beating high flying Wasps by five points and they did the double over Bristol, as well as beating Quins, Gloucester and Sale. Last season was a nightmare and best forgotten as West limped towards a whitewash losing games and players as the pre-professional shuffling hit them hard, but spirits were high for the beginning of this season. Player coach Mark Ring has a hard task to ensure survival but he has recruited some streetwise players from his native Wales as well as trawling the Antipodes for support. Until last Saturday the team were living down to all the pundits' expectations but then came one of those victories which live long in the

## Today's Visitors *West Hartlepool*

on the pitch during a match, and the team now play with no number 5 as a tribute.

Promotion was a poisoned chalice and West had a poor season winning only three games all season and were quickly back in the lower division from whence they came. As if to highlight the gulf between the two Leagues West took only one bite at the cherry before returning on the rebound, to League 1. The 94/95 campaign was a nail biting affair as West bumped along towards the bottom however they survived albeit in ninth place but in actuality only three points worse off than Sale who were fourth. The trip to Brierton Lane was traumatic for Bath who only just came

memory. Big spending Saracens were expected to run up the points but came a cropper by 25 points to 16. Wouldn't West love to do that again

today? Watch out for Chris and Steve John from Cardiff as well as the rest of a no-nonsense outfit who will rise to the challenge of playing on The Rec, you have been warned!



### BATH v WEST

	P	W	D	L	For	Against
Home	2	2	0	0	87	39
Away	3	3	0	0	78	43
Total	5	5	0	0	165	84

Average score: 33 - 17

**Overall Courage League:**