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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1986*

ABERAVON

Colours: Red and Black

Full Back	15	<i>GARY MATTHEWS</i> KEVIN GEORGE
Right Wing	14	PETER JONES
Right Centre	13	GARY MATTHEWS <i>Harold Jenkins</i>
Left Centre	12	JOHN DEVONALD
Left Wing	11	STEPHEN JONES <i>Don Burgess</i>
Outside Half	10	MIKE LEWIS
Scrum Half	9	RAY GILES* (Captain)
Forwards	1	DAVID JOSEPH
	2	BILLY JAMES
	3	PAUL KNIGHT
	4	MARK WATTS
	5	ALLAN MARTIN*
	6	PAUL YARDLEY <i>North</i>
	7	JOHN O'CALLAGHAN
	8	ANDREW THOMAS
	7	DAVID LING <i>David Ling</i>
Replacements	16	To be named.
	17	<i>Harold Jones</i>

Referee: John Cole (Ireland)

BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back	16	CHRIS MARTIN*
Right Wing	15	TONY SWIFT*
Right Centre	14	JOHN PALMER*
Left Centre	12	SIMON HALLIDAY* <i>Ben Cundy</i>
Left Wing	11	BARRY TREVASKIS
Outside Half	10	STUART BARNES*
Scrum Half	9	RICHARD HILL (Captain)*
Forwards	1	GARETH CHILCOTT*
	2	GRAHAM DAWE
	3	DAVID SOLE* <i>Richard Lee</i>
	4	NIGEL REDMAN*
	5	DAMIAN CRONIN
	6	ANDY ROBINSON
	7	JON HALL*
	8	PAUL SIMPSON*
Replacements	17	BEN GUNDY <i>Paul Cole</i>
	18	RICHARD LEE <i>Roger St. Leger</i>

*Internationals

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



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In one hundred and twenty years of Bath rugby, a total of 27 players have been honoured with International caps. Yet until this season no Bath player had ever been called upon to Captain his Country.

Well, Richard Hill has changed all that! and although so much already will have been written and discussed about his elevation to this supreme honour, today affords the City of Bath the opportunity of saying: "congratulations Richard, we all wish you every possible success".

Our feelings of pride extend yet further, for in addition another Bath man—namely Graham Dawe as replacement— has received the call-up to step forward and place the white shirt of England over his shoulders in the forthcoming encounter with the Japanese.

Good luck lads!!!

As for today, we have the matter of Aberavon to think about, and if glittering successes at Pontypool, Moseley and Newport had led us somewhat astray in our dealings with 'the Scarlets' last Saturday, then the same is not likely to be repeated. For Aberavon have let it be known that they mean business this season, and just to emphasise the point they defeated Cardiff last weekend to the tune of 26 - 22! (Yes.)

Such results make the rugby world sit up, and it is perhaps interesting to reflect upon the foundations of this great Welsh Club. Their Port Talbot ground is among the best, most spacious and well equipped in British rugby, while their loyal followers are among the most knowledgeable in the game. Steel, docks and the like form a part of their culture, yet they generally show a liking too for Georgian surroundings on The Rec. They rank among the most attractive sides in Wales . . . today could be interesting.

Next, a word about Bath Youth, that most enthusiastic team of 16 - 19 year olds who train down at Lambridge on Tuesday evenings and who on Saturdays this season have already defeated the likes of Moseley Youth. Now you may or may not qualify for so youthful a band as this, but if you do or if there happens to be someone whom you know who does, then Bath Youth would love to meet you. Remember, training commences at 7 p.m. under Steve Richards. Hope you get there.

And finally, amid all the talk of the England team selection, 'a word' about David Sole. Well, this teak tough Aberdonian prop has already played in Scotland ranks this season, and on October 7th he turns out against Newport as a Barbarian. Great stuff!

Harry W. Barstow

Today's game is sponsored by **RESTORATION SOUTH WEST** who have also sponsored the match ball and donated a bottle of Scotch whisky for the lucky programme prize. Their generosity is very much appreciated.

At the time of writing Frank Cottle is hopeful of arranging luxury coaches to Twickenham next Saturday (October 11th) for the International game with Japan. A ticket for the game will be included in the cost. By the time you read this, the arrangements should have been finalised. Please see Frank at the Club Shop today or contact him at the Lansdown Brokerage, Monmouth Place (Telephone Bath 311359).

Tickets for the Barn Dance on November 21st (price £3.00 including Buffet) are also available at the Club Shop.

The collection last Saturday on behalf of the Club Old Players' Association Benevolent Fund raised the magnificent sum of £536.31. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Clive Howard