

THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME OF BATH RUGBY - PRICE £2.50



VS EDINBURGH RUGBY

HEINEKEN CUP SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER KICK OFF 3.00^{PM}





TODAY'S TEAMS



 MATT PERRY	(15) FULL BACK	CALVIN HOWARTH
 IAIN BALSHAW	(14) WING	CAMMIE MURRAY 
 KEVIN MAGGS	(13) CENTRE	MARCUS DI ROLLO
 OLLY BARKLEY	(12) CENTRE	KEVIN UTTERSON
 TOM VOYCE	(11) WING	CONAN SHARMAN
 MIKE CATT	(10) FLY HALF	DUNCAN HODGE 
ANDY WILLIAMS	(9) SCRUM HALF	GRAEME BURNS (C) 
DAVID BARNES	(8) PROP	ALLAN JACOBSEN
 MARK REGAN	(7) HOOKER	STEVE SCOTT 
 JOHN MALLET	(6) PROP	GRAIG SMITH
 STEVE BORTHWICK	(5) LOCK	NATHAN HINES 
 DANNY GREWCOCK	(4) LOCK	RICHARD METCALFE 
 GAVIN THOMAS	(3) FLANKER	GRAHAM DALL
MARK GABEY	(2) FLANKER	MATT TAYLOR
 DAN LYLE (C)	(1) NO.8	ANDREW DALL

REPLACEMENTS

 GARETH COOPER	(16)	JOEL BRANNIGAN
 ANDY LONG	(17)	CARLO DI CIACCA
SIMON EMMS	(18)	MATT JOLLY
SIMON DANIELLI	(19)	TONY WALKER
ALEX CROCKETT	(20)	IAIN FAIRLEY 
ADAM HOPCROFT	(21)	GORDON ROSS
ANDY BEATTIE	(22)	DERRICK LEE 

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE JOEL DUME (FRA)
TOUCH JUDGES DANIEL GILLET, DANIEL PRUVOT

Heineken Man of the Match Award



WELCOME TO EDINBURGH



Edinburgh Rugby's slim chances of qualification for the quarter-finals of the Heineken Cup may have realistically ended with defeat to Bath Rugby last weekend at Myreside, but Frank Hadden's side arrive at the Recreation Ground with a lot still to play for.

With Scotland* playing Autumn Internationals against Tonga, Fiji and New Zealand, and several Edinburgh

Edinburgh have one of the most exciting up-and-coming talents in Scottish rugby in International squad member Gordon Ross, whilst 2000 Calcutta Cup hero Duncan Hodge is a useful player to have as a replacement.

However, like Northampton Saints and London Wasps, the district has struggled to field a full-strength side during the Heineken Cup such has been the crippling list of injuries.

One such absentee so far in the competition is Lions and Scotland Number Eight Simon Taylor. Possibly Scotland's player of the 2001 Six Nations, the 22-year-old has been plagued by injuries since breaking his hand last autumn. Another influential player currently on the injury list is Flanker Martin Leslie. Martin is a fine open side, and his loss has been felt dearly by Edinburgh who have failed to pressurise opposition fly halves in his absence. A further blow has been the lengthy absence of prop Alan Jacobsen.

Therefore, it is hardly surprising that it has been a disappointing start to the season for the district who finished sixth in Pool B of the inaugural Celtic League, and therefore out of the play-offs. However, it is certainly not all doom and gloom for the Scottish side who will shortly be boosted with the arrival of Todd Blackadder after the completion of the NPC competition in New Zealand. Although he will not be available for the remainder of the Pool stages of the Heineken Cup, the presence of the vastly experienced former All Black Captain should lift the side.

Although they are effectively out of the competition, Frank Hadden's side are more than capable of an upset with fixtures against Bath Rugby this afternoon, Swansea and Biarritz. They certainly possess the talent and are likely to have a say in the final outcome of Pool Three. So sit tight as this promises to be a cracking match between two sides who



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players involved in the National squad, a live televised match against in-form Bath Rugby will provide an important opportunity to impress Ian McGeechan ahead of the Tonga match on November 10th.

The 1999 Scottish Tri-Nations Champions have a tremendously talented squad capable, on their day of giving any side in Europe a run for their money. When on song, Edinburgh play a very similar style of game to Bath Rugby. Blessed with talent in the back line, the Scottish district possess a lot of attacking impetus from deep with much of their play based around the silky running of