





Black, Blue & White

10 Richard Butland

John Mallett

Kevin Yates

Brian Cusack

Martin Haag Steve Ojomoh

17 Andy Nicol

19 Eric Peters 20 Joe Ewens

18 Neil McCarthy

Nathan Thomas

Richard Webster

Graham Dawe

Charlie Harrison

Saturday 14th September 1996

SWANSEA

Anthony Clement 15

Adam Palfrey 14 Mark Taylor 13 Scott Gibbs 12

White

16 Jon Callard	Full Back
15 Ade Adebayo	Right Wing
14 Phil de Glanville	Centre
12 Henry Paul	Centre
11 Jason Robinson	Left Wing

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Outside Half Scrum Half

Prop

Hooker

Prop Lock

Lock

Flanker No. 8

Flanker

Replacements

Mark Taylor	13
Scott Gibbs	12
Simon Davies	11
Aled Williams	10

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Aled Williams	10
Robbies Jones	9

lan Bucket	1
Garin Jenkins	2
Stu Evans	3
Richard Moriarty	4
Steve Moore	5
Danzy Nibb	6
Colin Charis	8
Rob Appleyard	7

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Today's SWANSEA

The way to success for English clubs in pre Courage league days was to travel west, across the Severn. The successful Coventry side of the sixties certainly founded its prowess on the Celtic flavoured fixture list and Gloucester was another team which gained from playing in South Wales. This at a time when many English clubs played the likes of Old Rubberduckians and HMS Pinafores. Bathonians will recall the momentous games against Cardiff, Llanelli and Swansea and will be delighted that tonight sees a competitive game against a Welsh team for the first time in many years.

There are many connections between Bath and Swansea, I offer two; Tony Swift, who gained all his England caps while playing for Swansea and then went on to become a darling of the Rec. Now he is the non executive Chairman of Bath Rugby plc. The other is more esoteric. I note from an old programme which has come into possession that neither Bath nor Swansea used to play a No. 13 - still the case of course at the Rec. On 8 Mar 1958 both teams were numbered from I (Full Back) to 14, 15 & 16 (Wing Forwards & "Middle of the Back"). When did Swansea acquire a No 13 I wonder: when did Bath

BATH

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March 8th

Swansea Vs

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Forwards

Blue, White and Black

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B. R. RICHARDS

J. TRELEVAN-THOMAS

D. G. ROBSON

J. W. P. ROBERTS (Capt.) 10

D. G. OGDEN

J. R. DOLMAN

R. F. FARNHAM

P. J. HILL

A. H. GUEST

start with the Loose head as No 1? Swansea had a disappointing season in 95/96. The club prides itself as one of Wales big clubs, indeed I quote from the Swansea programme

"The All Whites, or Jacks, have beaten all the major international touring teams of New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Swansea have always been one of the "Big Four" in Welsh club rugby".

(No hiding the light under a bushel at St Helens!) With such a pedigree it was a blow to be only sixth in the Heineken League last season, but a semi-final place in the European Cup losing to eventual winners Toulouse was some consolation.

Well to tonight, it's Bath's first home game of the season and who could ask for more? A great opportunity for both teams to put out some players the crowd is not so familiar with as well some old favourites. The first salvo in the Anglo-Welsh League kicks off here, sit back and enjoy it!

