



VS
ROTHERHAM
TITANS



ZURICH PREMIERSHIP
SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2003
KICK-OFF 2.15^{pm}

SPONSORS

BLACKTHORN





Bath Rugby

Rotherham Titans



LINEUPS

Lee BEST 15

Andrew HIGGINS 14

Jamie WILLIAMS 13

Olly BARKLEY 12

Tim BRASHER 11

Chris MALONE 10

Martyn WOOD 9

David FLATMAN 1

Jonathan HUMPHREYS (C) 2

Duncan BELL 3

Steve BORTHWICK 4

Rob FIDLER 5

Andy BEATTIE 6

Michael LIPMAN 7

Isaac FE'UNATI 8

REPLACEMENTS

Ross BLAKE 16

Lee MEARS 17

Matt STEVENS 18

Robbie KYDD 19

James SCAYSBROOK 20

Scott GRAY 21

David BARNES 22

HEAD COACH:

John CONNOLLY

BATH RUGBY



LINEUPS

15 Jonathan BENSON

14 Anthony ELLIOTT

13 Peter JORGENSEN

12 Jon PRITCHARD

11 Michael WOOD

10 Jason STRANGE

9 Jacob RAULUNI

1 Nick LLOYD

2 Chris JOHNSON (C)

3 Simon BUNTING

4 Dan COOK

5 Leon GREEFF

6 Craig SHORT

7 Neil SPENCE

8 Geraint LEWIS

REPLACEMENTS

16 Peter SMYTH

17 John RAWSON

18 Glen REMNANT

19 James COCKLE

20 Charlie HARRISON

21 Matthew OLIVER

22 Dave STRETTLE

HEAD COACH:

Mike SCHMID

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TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE Wayne BARNES (RFU)

TOUCH JUDGES Andy MELROSE & Andrew PEARCE



Today's visitors

Rotherham Titans

By Tony Ashton

The newly-titled Rotherham Titans arrive at the Recreation Ground keen to make an impression on the Zurich Premiership rankings. National One champions last season, and the season before, the Titans are here and ready to improve on their first spell in the top flight. That season they struggled and ended up being relegated, but coaches Mike Schmid and Mike Umaga have wisely set about reshaping their squad over the summer with

Premiership survival firmly at the forefront of their thinking.

Their welcome back was a bit of a baptism of fire, as they were sent to Kingsholm to face last season's table-toppers Gloucester. The home side won but the Titans by no means disgraced themselves. Many sides fared far worse in front of the Shed last season and surely more will struggle this time. A visit from Quins followed and then there was the first ever white rose derby in the Zurich Premiership as they faced the Leeds Tykes.

All this must be exciting times for the Rotherham club after the struggle they faced to earn their place in the Zurich Premiership. It is a just reward for the on the field efforts of the players, but also for the patience of their faithful supporters. Rotherham is a very popular club on the circuit. The players and coaches are all very approachable and the fans are more than friendly and hospitable.

They will, however, face a tough battle this season. Thanks to the format of the play offs and the Zurich Wildcard tournament every game is meaningful for every club and it will be a pretty intense competition. Rotherham Titans are tipped to be involved in the relegation battle but thus far the club has shown great heart and spirit, but more importantly there is plenty of talent up there.

In the backs you have the promising talent of Phil Jones alongside the competition at scrum half between Jacob Rauluni and Ireland's Guy Easterby (when he returns from the World Cup). Those are half back combinations that should prove a handful for any defence and that will

