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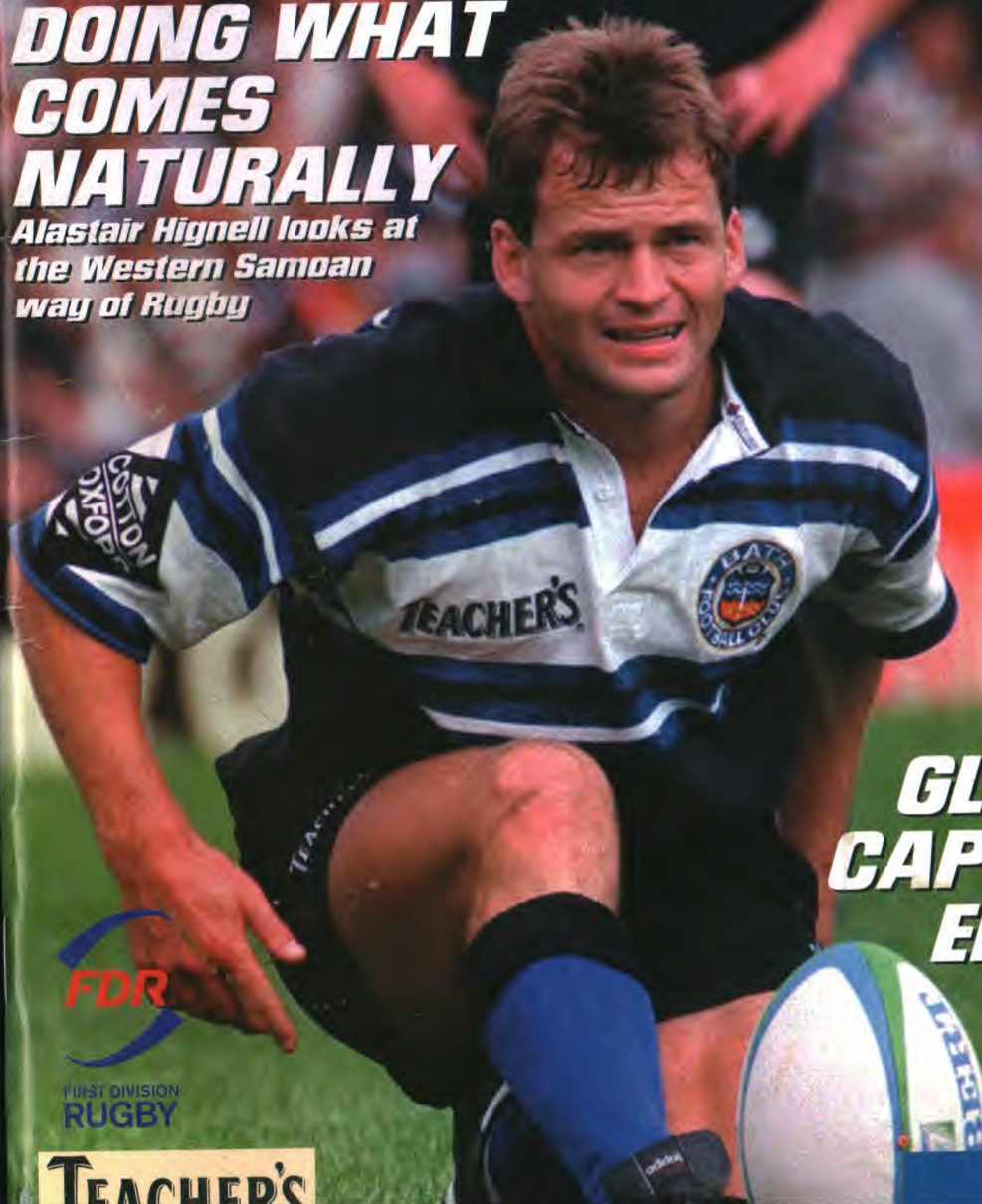
A HIGHER CLASS OF RUGBY

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DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY

*Alastair Hignell looks at
the Western Samoan
way of Rugby*



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GLANVILLE
CAPTAIN OF
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TEACHER'S

BATH
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A HIGHER CLASS OF RUGBY

Monday
2nd
December
1996

To be
picked
from

BATH

Black, Blue & White

WESTERN SAMOA

16	Jon Callard (I) *	Full Back	Mataio Leupolu/Veli Patu	15
15	Jason Robinson (I) rl	Right Wing	Vaimoso Fa'aofa/Filipo Toala	14
14	Christian Tyrer	Centre	Mark Fatialofa/To'o Vaega	13
12	Jon Pritchard	Centre	George Leaupepe	12
11	Mike Horne	Left Wing	Pailate Fili/Afato So'oalo	11

10	Rich Butland	Outside Half	Joe Filemu/Va'a Vitale	10
9	Charlie Harrison	Scrum Half	Siaosi Vaili	9

1	Kevin Yates	Prop	Robbie Ale/Afa Le'uu	1
2	Federico Mendez (I)	Hooker	Tala Leiasamaivao/Trevor Leota	2
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop	George Latu/Brendan Reidy	3
4	Brian Cusack	Lock	Mark Birtwhistle/Opteta Palepoi	4
5	Dan Lyle (I)	Lock	Potu Leavasa/Fa'avaivai Tanoa'i	5
6	Andy Robinson (I)	Flanker	Terry Fanolua/Sene Ta'ala	6
7	Richard Webster (I)	No. 8	Pat Lam */Isaac Feaunati	8
8	Eric Peters (I)	Flanker	Stephen Smith/Kalolo Toleafoa	7

17	Ian Sanders	Replacements		16
18	Gary French			17
19	Roaun Nell			18
20	Chris Horsmann			19
21	Will James			20
22	Richard			

Half Time

Full Time

Referee

Touch Judges

D Chapman

E Morrison

(I) International
* Captain

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Timberland



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Welcome to our visitors from Western Samoa, making a second visit to the country in twelve months and also welcome back to The Rec regulars who have gone several weeks without a game of rugby. The Western Samoans have defeated Ireland at Lansdowne Road and will prove excellent and attractive opposition for Bath as the show gets on the road for the visit of top of the table Harlequins on Saturday.

I thought the Cardiff match a tremendous occasion, the atmosphere was terrific; the bands, the crowd, the stadium all made it like a Wales v England clash, I hope the Cardiff club will be able to buy a mower now and do something about the grass! Full marks to Cardiff they were good value for their win although it was a brave Bath performance away from home on a wet, gray-slate, Welsh afternoon. I was impressed with the Cardiff team and I hope they give a good account of themselves in Brive, it will not be easy just ask Harlequins! A small flutter on The Tigers might be in order. With both the flair English teams, Bath and Harlequins, back in the pavilion, we should send our good wishes to Leicester to carry the flag for St George, but a Toulouse v Brive final would be a lot more

exciting than any other combination!

Harking back to the last game of any consequence on The Rec, what a night that was against Bristol, everything about the Bath performance was quick, slick and effective - a most enjoyable spectacle and when we feel low about not progressing in Europe or about losing to Northampton we should remember that we have seen some spectacular rugby at The Rec this season and there are still some 5 months left, so we have every chance of more excellent sport to come.

So what about tonight? The Western Samoans are famed for their running rugby and uncompromising tackling. I remember watching them a couple of times last season and their running out of seemingly impossible defensive positions was breathtaking and their

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tackling knocked the stuffing out of several opponents. Sit back and get warm by watching a feast of rugby, let's hope the weather is dry and still and we should be in for a treat.

And finally, but most importantly, on behalf of all at The Rec I would like to congratulate our Club Captain, Phil de Glanville on his appointment as England Captain; an honour which is richly deserved and the best wishes of Bath Rugby and all Bath supporters to you, Phil; we really would love to see with your hands

