





29th October 1996



## BATH

Black, Blue & White

Ade Adebayo

## **BRISTOL** Blue

Dean Wring E

16 Jason Robinson (I) rl Full Back Paul Hull (I) A
15 Jon Sleightholme (I) Right Wing Dave Tiueti B
14 Henry Paul (I) rl Centre Mark Denney C
12 Jeremy Guscott (I) Centre Kevin Maggs D

10 Mike Catt (I) Outside Half Paul Burke (I) F

Left Wing

9 Charlie Harrison Scrum Half Tony Down G

1 Dave Hilton (I) Prop David Hinkins H
2 Graham Dawe (I) Hooker Andrew Waddley I
3 Victor Ubogu (I) Prop Kris Fulman J
4 Martin Haag Lock Simon Shaw K

5 Brian Cusack Lock Chad Eagle L
6 Andy Robinson (I) \* Flunker Martin Corry \* M

8 Eric Peters (I) No. 8 Eben Rollitt N

7 Steve Ojomoh (I) Flanker David Corkery (I) O

17 Ian Sanders Replacements
18 Neil McCarthy

19 Matt Perry

20 Dan Lyle

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Dean Dewdney

Wayne Jenkin Q

Mark Tainton R

Andy Collins 5



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Half Time

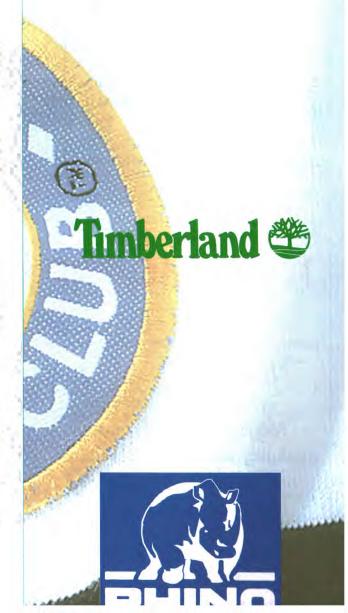
Referee

B Campsall (RFU)

(I) International \* Captain Full Time
Touch Judges

E Woodmason (RFU)





Contests between Bath and
Bristol go back well into last
century and can you imagine
that there is still a dispute as
to who won the first game
between the clubs! It's all to do

how the scoring was added up, tries and and all that sort of thing. It's a lot easier punt tries and conversions separately but y laws were never meant to be simple. I eliably informed by Bristol's John Harding tonight is the 210th game between Bath Bristol, Bristol lead the long term stics by 124 to 67 with 18 drawn, but in eague it's been Bath all the way so will 3ht be the night?

those who believe in historical cidences having a part to play it is fifteen

## ay's Visitors Bristol

s almost to the night since Bristol last ated Bath at The Recreation Ground. day 19th October 1981 was the date and ol won by scoring three tries and Gareth cott left for an early bath! Prior to that, in on 18th October, Bristol had defeated in a second round match in the JP Cup, Illy referred to then as the National ck-out Cup. The score was 24 - 15, 6 alties and a try to Bristol (David Sorrell ed 6 penalties and a conversion with Ken mer scoring the only try) with Bath's Davies scoring 5 penalties along with a Horton drop goal. So maybe October is tol's lucky month!

at is likely to be different tonight is the vd, 2,500 in 1975 with gate receipts lling 1,200, a packed house tonight should receipts rather more than a four figure. There is nothing like a good old.

consistency in the league this season so Bristol will fancy their chances.

Last season Bath chose this game to put on a scintillating display and they went to win the return at The Memorial Ground as well as the Cup quarter final so Bristol have a lot to avenge. This season Bristol have been a bit up and down and with some tough games to come will be looking to knock Bath off the perch as the local top dogs. Bath need to keep up their Title challenge so all the omens are good, but even without points or prizes at stake there will be no faint hearts out there tonight.

## Watch out for:



Paul Burke, part of a Celtic half back pairing with Robert Jones, and kicking the goals with regularity for Bristol. 23 years old, 5'8" (1.72m), 12st (76kg). Early representative career was in the English ranks, he captained the Colts XV and completed his England honours with an U21 cap, but then followed the land of his parents by plumping for Ireland. Joined London Irish in 1994 and came to Bristol at the beginning of this season. Seven caps for Ireland and a Barbarian to boot, is he in line for a recall to the Irish national team after falling out of favour in the autumn of last year? Don't give him any shots at goal tonight!

Courage League records:

