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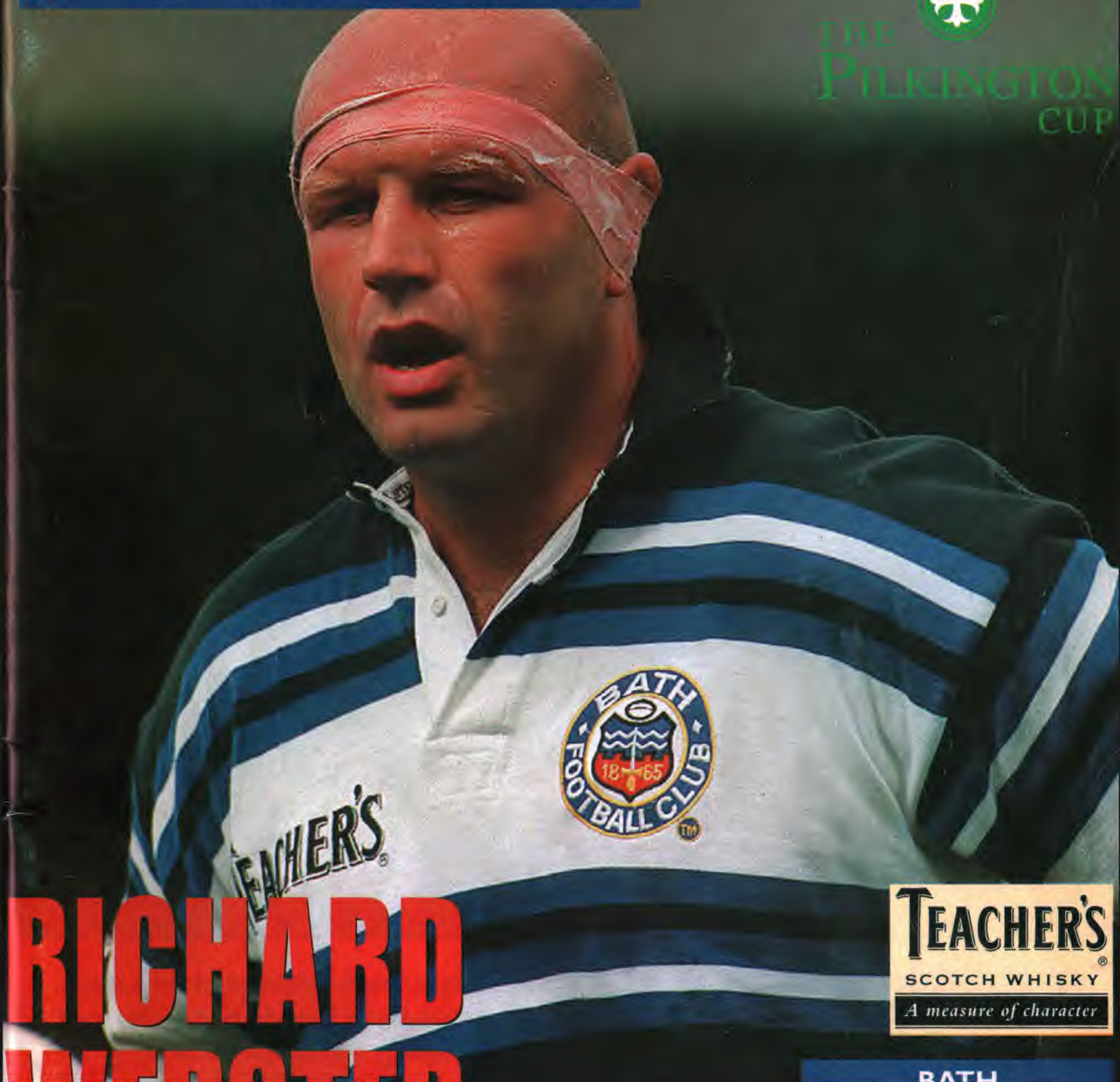
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**Saturday
21st
December
1996**



LONDON IRISH
Green & White

BATH
Black, Blue & White

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back	Conor O'Shea (I)	15
15	Jason Robinson (I) rl	Right Wing	Niall Woods (I)	14
14	Phil de Glanville (I) *	Centre	Rob Henderson (I)	13
12	Jeremy Guscott (I)	Centre	Paul Flood	12
11	Jon Sleightholme	Left Wing	Justin Bishop	11

10	Rich Butland	Outside Half	David Humphreys (I)	10
9	Ian Sanders	Scrum Half	Peter Richards	9

1	Dave Hilton (I)	Prop	Liam Mooney	1
2	Gary French	Hooker	Rob Kellam	2
3	Victor Ubogu (I)	Prop	Craig Halpin (I) *	3
4	Martin Haag	Lock	Malcolm O'Kelly	4
5	Dan Lyle (I)	Lock	Jeremy Davidson (I)	5
6	Nathan Thomas (I)	Flanker	Ken O'Connell (I)	6
7	Eric Peters (I)	Flanker	Kieron Dawson	7
8	Steve Ojomoh (I)	No. 8	Barry Walsh	8

17	Charlie Harrison	Replacements	Tony Redmond	2
18	Neil McCarthy		Sean Burns	16
19	John Mallett		Victor Costello (I)	5
20	Richard Webster		Justin Fitzpatrick	35
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Referee

E Morrison (RFU)

(I) International
* Captain

Touch Judges

A Reay (RFU)
G Williams (RFU)

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London Irish had a poor record in the knock out Cup in its early years never getting beyond the second round until 1979/80, when

only it all went right for them. The Exiles made it all the way to the Final without conceding a try, then came up against The Tigers, who with Cusworth and Hare mixing in drop goals and penalties certainly seemed destined to change that record. So Irish went down by 21 points to 9 scoring the game's only try but not having one scored against them in the competition. There followed barren years before a quarter final slot in 2000/01 and then last year a run to the final saw them come up against Gloucester yet again, after that Bath readers will remember the Cup events with feeling!

Day's Visitors London Irish

It would be fair to say that the Irish have delivered more than they have delivered at Bath, but that shouldn't make Bath complacent, Moseley and Waterloo are probably written on the changing room wall for anyone who thinks it's all too easy and the effort only starts against the Tigers at Twickenham! This season London Irish have had the best of runs, following last season's excellent performance in League 2, conflicting demands from the national organisation have left players exhausted by constant travelling and representative calls.

Last season's cup performance still goes long in the memory no doubt the Irish were spurred on to great heights today, Bath always had to work hard against less talented sides and that is just the situation the

road to Twickenham, stand by for some Christmas fireworks!

Key Player:



David Humphreys

1.78m (5'10") 74kg (11st 10lb) dob 10.9.71

Fly Half

Shot to fame last season after scoring a "full house" in the Varsity match, including a brilliant individual try, but still ended up on the losing side! Picked up 3 caps in last season's 5 Nations and scored an early drop goal against England. One of the leading Courage League points scorers this season, don't give him too many shots at goal or else he will scupper your chances!

Overall Knock Out Cup Records:

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