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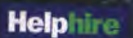
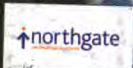
The Official Matchday Programme Of Bath Rugby



Powergen Cup
Vs Bristol Rugby
Saturday 1 October 2005
Kick-off 2.15pm

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A FLIGHT

Up for
THE OLD

Duncan
DELL



Bath RUGBY



Bristol RUGBY



Matt PERRY	15	Full Back	15	Sean MARSDEN	<input type="checkbox"/>
David BORY	14	Right Wing	14	Marko STANOJEVIC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom CHEESEMAN	13	Centre	13	Sam COX	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ryan DAVIS	12	Centre	12	Mark DENNEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy HIGGINS	11	Left Wing	11	David LEMI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Olly BARKLEY	10	Fly Half	10	Danny GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martyn WOOD	9	Scrum Half	9	Greg NICHOLLS	<input type="checkbox"/>

Matt STEVENS	1	Prop	1	Mark IRISH	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pieter DIXON	2	Hooker	2	Neil CLARK	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan BELL	3	Prop	3	Wayne THOMPSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
teve BORTHWICK (C)	4	Lock	4	Olly KOHN	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny GREWCOCK	5	Lock	5	Ollie HODGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy BEATTIE	6	Flanker	6	Roy WINTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>
James SCAYSBROOK	7	Flanker	7	Joe EL ABD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gareth DELVE	8	No 8	8	Dan WARD-SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lee MEARS	16		16	Danny HOWICK	<input type="checkbox"/>
David BARNES	17		17	Alun HIETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris GOODMAN	18		18	Dave ATTWOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>
James HUDSON	19		19	Redford PENNYCOOK	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy WILLIAMS	20		20	Jacob RAULUNI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris MALONE	21		21	Jon PRITCHARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salesi FINAU	22		22	Andy REAY	<input type="checkbox"/>



Today's Officials Referee Rob Debney Touch Judges David Rose & Stuart Terheege



BACK IN THE BIG TIME

Words: Duncan Wood – Bristol Rugby



Even the most ardent and one eyed Bath supporter will freely admit that life is never dull being a Bristol supporter!

Relegations and bankruptcies?

All water off a duck's back to a Memorial Stadium regular! And this season has been no different even if rugby matters have been relatively calm compared to life at the two football clubs recently....

After the transfer merry go round of the close season and the guesswork derived from Bristol's preseason friendly

performances, it's actually been a relief to get down to some proper rugby.

And, as we enter the Powergen Cup campaign, Bristol currently occupy seventh place in the Guinness Premiership table which is higher than any of the pundits gave them a chance of achieving prior to the opening weekend kick off.

I won't dwell on the events of the opening weekend as it's all been very well documented and Lee Robinson ended up giving more interviews in a week than he had done in the whole of his career to that point.

Yet, when Bristol went to Kingston Park and won, the Premiership newcomers had the audacity to peer down on their rivals from the top of the table.

The 'old lags' like Gareth Llewellyn and Mark Regan were proving that they were far from past it and seemed to be taking great pleasure from making the doubters eat their words.

QUADDETAILS



Team vs Bath Rugby

	DOB	Height	Weight	Caps
Ross	29/12/79	5' 9"	12st 7lb	
Neil	8/10/84	5' 11"	16st	
e, Alex	9/1/81	5' 11"	17st	
mpomi, M.	20/8/77	6' 2"	14st 2lb	Argentina
Sam	12/11/80	6' 0"	13st 10lb	
ptom, Darren	12/9/72	6' 2"	18st	
ey, Mark	25/1/75	6' 0"	17st 4lb	
d, Joe	23/2/80	6' 2"	16st	
l, Vaughan	26/8/72	5' 11"	14st 2lb	Hong Kong
Danny	21/5/83	5' 10"	13st	
s, Tommy	13/12/73	6' 0"	14st 4lb	Cook Islands
tt, Rob	12/8/81	6' 2"	14st 7lb	
y, Alex	3/4/70	5' 11"	16st 10lb	Scotland

Name	DOB	Height	Weight	Caps
Irish, Mark	25/8/81	6' 0"	16st 8lb	
Kohn, Olly	19/3/81	6' 7"	19st 7lb	
Lemi, David	10/2/82	5' 9"	11st 12lb	Samoa
Lewis, Gerraint	12/1/74	6' 3"	15st 8lb	Wales
Lima, Brian	25/1/72	6' 0"	15st 4lb	Samoa
Llewellyn, Gareth	27/2/69	6' 6"	17st 7lb	Wales
Marsden, Sean	17/1/80	6' 0"	14st	
Martin-Redman, R.	18/1/82	6' 3"	17st	
Mockford, Alex	3/5/81	6' 0"	15st 11lb	
Morgan, Chris	11/6/81	6' 2"	16st 4lb	
Nelson, Saul	11/4/80	5' 10"	14st 9lb	
Nicholls, Greg	10/12/83	5' 8"	12st	
Perry, Shaun	4/5/78	5' 10"	15st	

Factor into the equation that Bristol United had also won their first two fixtures to top the table and it has been a start beyond the wildest dreams of most Bristol followers.

Those who hadn't played at the highest level before, Shaun Perry and Lee Robinson for example, were performing quite nicely thanks very much and striking a blow for advocates of the quality First Division Rugby.

Gloucester was a wake up call, of that there's no doubt. The little things that had gone Bristol's way in the opening two fixtures went the way of the Cheery and Whites and the men from Kingsholm ruthlessly exploited the chances that they were given.

London Irish last weekend was a big test and the team responded by almost sneaking a late win at the Madejski which would have gone some way to exorcising the demons of May 2003.

So, all in all, two wins from

four games and nice points in the bag. It could have been a worse start to the season!

And so on to this afternoon and, I think it's fair to say, that no-one really knows what to expect from this competition.

At the time of writing this, the two starting lineups are unknown. However, rumours are already starting to emerge that many Guinness Premiership teams will be resting some of the regulars from the first four weeks of the league season and giving others a chance to shine.

The Welsh regions were certainly more in evidence at the competition launch earlier this week although the fact that the launch took place in Cardiff may have been a factor.

One thing is for certain, however. It's Bristol vs Bath and, whatever the competition and whoever is playing, both teams will be giving it 100%. May the best side win.



Flying High...Bristols win against Bath kick started their season

THE CAPTAIN

Matt Salter



Matt Salter epitomises this Bristol Rugby side; a player with great heart and an extremely competitive nature, and also a player who leads from the front and leads by example. Alongside coaches Richard Hill and Martin Haag, this stalwart of Bristol Rugby has been a massive factor behind the rise from the ashes of the club over the past couple of seasons.

Matt returned to the club last season after a spell with Leeds following Bristol's relegation from the Premiership, was appointed captain, and had a massive role to play in gelling a side for an assault on the National One title. No easy task when you consider that trips to Otley and Rotherham on wet Friday evenings are never easy, the back row player impressed with his ability to motivate a talented squad throughout a long National One campaign.

At home either at number eight, where he played a lot of his National Division One rugby, or at blindside where he has been most effective in the Guinness Premiership this season. Matt is a powerful, robust forward whose strong ball carries are pivotal to Bristol's brand of quick