



A HIGHER CLASS OF RUGBY

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# BATH v OTAGO

TEACHER'S



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WHISKY  
of character



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Tuesday  
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February  
1997



**TEACHER'S**  
SCOTCH WHISKY  
A measure of character

**BATH**  
Amber - Black, Blue & White

**OTAGO**  
Dark Blue & Gold

16	Christian Tyrer	Full Back	Brendan Laney	15
15	Matt Perry	Right Wing	Michael Hanning	14
14	Joe Ewens	Centre	Jason Wright	13
12	Jonathan Pritchard	Centre	Reuben Parkinson	12
11	Adedayo Adebayo (I)	Left Wing	Manasa Bari	11

*MIKE HORNGE*

10	Richard Butland	Outside Half	Tony McEwan	10
9	Andy Nicol (I)	Scrum Half	Brett McCormack	9

*CHARLIE HARRISON*

1	Kevin Yates	Prop	Michael Mika *	1
2	Gary French	Hooker	Davin Heaps	2
3	John Mallett (I)	Prop	Nick Moore	3
4	German Llanes (I)	Lock	Simon Maling	4
5	Brian Cusack	Lock	Justin Cullen	5
6	Andy Robinson (I) *	Flanker	Lio Falaniko	6
7	Richard Webster (I)	Flanker	Duncan Blaikie	7
8	Eric Peters (I)	No. 8	Kelvin Middleton	8

17	Graham Dawe (I)	Replacements	Michael Colling	16
18	Chris Horseman		Simon Culhane	17
19	Craig Gillies		Stu Forster	18
20	Richard Bryant		Kupu Vanisi	19
21	Charlie Harrison		Carl Hoeft	20
22	Ruan Nel		Kees Meuws	21
			Ace Tiatia	22
			John Blaikie	

Referee

(I) International

Touch Judges



COTTON OXFORD  
RUGBY







We offer a very warm welcome to our Southern Hemisphere visitors, Otago, who are visiting the UK between 14 January and 13

February. On Friday last they played an England A team at Bristol, so I am sure that some of you will already have seen them at The Memorial Ground. Otago play in a variety of competitions, notably the Super 12 and the New Zealand Provincial Championship. Their first game in the Super 12 is against Natal on 9 March, so this is an important pre-season tour for the Otago team.

The "club" base that we know in Europe is essentially the provincial union in New Zealand. There are 27 provincial unions competing in 3 divisions of 9, Otago compete in the first division along with: Auckland, Canterbury, Counties, North Harbour, Southland, Taranaki, Waikato and Wellington. The main competition used to be the Ranfurly Shield, which was competed for on a challenge basis, now the Shield is incorporated into the New Zealand Championship. Auckland dominate the Shield statistics, Canterbury come next and then Otago come in with the likes of Hawkes Bay, Taranaki and Wellington.

The Championship starts after the completion of the Super 12. Otago kick off against Waikato on the 15 August and the Championship Final is played on the weekend of 26/27 October. The Super 12 sees them play two games in South Africa and then play their remaining games in New Zealand apart from a trip to Brisbane to play Queensland in April. Those with satellite dishes can watch the Super 12 as it works towards its Final on 1 June, I wonder how those superb French men from Brive would get on? Those with access to the Internet can find out more on the urls. (<http://203.58.14.2/orfu/>, <http://rugby.phys.uidaho.Countries/NZ/>, <http://www.rugby.co.nz/>, you can even get the

Otago play at The Carisbrook Ground in Dunedin, which is the centre of major sporting activity in Otago. The ground was part of a large plot of land originally owned by the Presbyterian Church Board during the earliest days of the settlement of Otago. The name suggests its origins are based around a stream, known as Carisbrook Creek, which flowed from the Carisbrook estate founded by a James McAndrew in 1851, a Scottish emigre.

The first sporting fixtures on the ground were those of the Carisbrook Cricket Club, who began a ground share in 1884 with the Pirates Football Club. The first major fixture took place that year with a cricket match between Otago and a touring Tasmanian side, the ground was described as "heavy". For the next twenty years or so the area hosted

## Our Visitors

sports, arts and recreation before the Otago Rugby Football Union acquired an interest in the land in 1907.

After improving the ground the Union hosted the game between Otago and the touring Anglo-Welsh team in 1908, Otago winning by 9 - 6. Later that year the first international match between New Zealand and the Anglo-Welsh team was played at Carisbrook, with the New Zealanders winning by 32 - 5.

From those early years the Carisbrook ground played host to all the great rugby teams of the world. The Otago Union has made the ground available for other sporting activities. These activities have included cricket, lawn tennis, hockey, soccer, athletics, baseball, massed gymnastics, marching and band displays. The Otago Union has had a programme of continuous improvement over the years, frequently aiming to complete major works in time for touring teams,