

BATH VS MANCHESTER SALE

Saturday 24 October 1998
Kick-Off 3.00pm



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£2.00



Bath Rugby



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No.	PLAYER	POSITION	PLAYER	No.
15	Matt Perry	Full Back	Shane Howarth (Capt)	15
14	Ieuan Evans	Right Wing	Steve Hanley <i>STEVE DAVIDSON</i>	14
13	Kevin Maggs	Centre	Barrie Jon Mather	13
12	Jeremy Guscott	Centre	Jon Devereux	12
11	Iain Balshaw	Left Wing	Tom Beim	11
10	Mike Catt	Fly Half	Jos Baxendell	10
9	Steve Hatley	Scrum Half	Richard Smith	9
1	Dave Hilton	Prop	Duncan Bell	1
2	Andy Long	Hooker	Damien Geraghty	2
3	Victor Ubogu	Prop	Andrew Smith	3
4	Nigel Redman	Lock	Simon Raiwalui	4
5	Ben Sturnham	Lock	Dave Erskine <i>CHRIS MURPHY</i>	5
6	Nathan Thomas	Flanker	Alex Sanderson <i>STEVE DAVIDSON</i>	6
7	Richard Webster (Capt)	Flanker	Pat Sanderson <i>Alex</i>	7
8	Eric Peters	No. 8	Dion O'Cuinneagain	8

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REFEREE
Ashley Rowden
TOUCH JUDGES
Stuart Terheege
Geoffrey Williams

No.	PLAYER	Replacements	PLAYER	No.
16	Andy Nicol		Kevin Ellis	16
17	Mark Regan		Chris Yates	17
18	Kevin Yates		Jim Mallinder <i>17-18</i>	
19	Adedayo Adebayo		Matt Moore <i>18-19</i>	
20	Phil de Glanville		Chris Murphy <i>DAVE BIRCHALL</i>	20
21	Russell Earnshaw		Paul Smith <i>DAMIAN GILLIGAN</i>	21
22	Martin Haag		Steve Diamond	22



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GRAHAM DAWE was once famed for making a 300-mile round trip to train and play with Bath three times a week from his farm on the Devon/Cornwall borders and since he left the Rec last year, his daunting travelling routine has hardly changed.

The 39-year-old former England hooker is still hitting the road on a 280 mile journey to Manchester Sale where he is now a player coach. And he is looking forward to today's game if only because he will be halfway home, although he is relishing the thought of putting one over his old team mates as he did last season when he played a full part in a shock Sale victory at the Rec.

Dawe has played a couple of early season games, but currently he is concentrating on coaching forwards, under coaching director John Mitchell and he admits he is enjoying the role, especially when it comes to confrontations with his old adversary, Sale hooker Steve Dymond with whom he has many a set-to in the past.

"He's fine. I quite like him as a bloke, so it's not really a problem. We had a few tussles when we played against each other but he knows what he is doing and he seems quite happy with what I'm doing," says Dawe with a chuckle.

Sale's form has been inconsistent so far this season, with two wins and three defeats in their opening five games, but Dawe is hopeful that his new club can give Bath a few problems, although, barring injury, he is unlikely to play himself.

"It's going to be very tough, but I'm optimistic that we will give them a reasonable game. Obviously they will be favourites to win but knowing Bath they won't be taking us lightly," he says.

Sale have added to their playing resources by recruiting five new players to the squad this season while seeing only one major departure - the transfer of New Zealand fly half Simon Mannix to Gloucester.

Former Wigan rugby league player Barrie-Jon Mather, a former lock forward for England Schools, has been signed up from Castleford, while Czech Republic international number eight Jan Machecek has joined the club from Newport.

The other three newcomers all have experience at England junior level. Joe Shaw, last season's England Schools full back is one for the future, while wing/centre Steve Hanley an England Colt recruited from Cumbrian side Aspatria made his senior debut against Cardiff a fortnight ago and scored a try within six minutes. Alex Sanderson, a 19-year-old back row forward, has joined his brother Pat, an England international flanker, in the Sale squad and captained England Schools to a grand slam last season.

Sale have missed the services of two leading England stars so far this season - winger David Rees has been sidelined since March by a serious groin injury and captain and full back Jim Mallinder has been out of action since August when he broke five ribs in a pre-season friendly against Cardiff.

by Dick Tugwell

