

BATH RUGBY

VS NEWCASTLE FALCONS

ZURICH PREMIERSHIP

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH 2000

KICK OFF 2.15^{PM}



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THE teams



	Matt Perry
	Iain Balshaw
	Kevin Maggs
	Mike Tindall
	Adedayo Adebayo
	Mike Catt
	Jon Preston
	David Barnes
	Mark Regan
	Chris Horsman
	Martin Haag
	Steve Borthwick
	Angus Gardiner
	Ben Clarke (c)
	Nathan Thomas

(15) Full Back
(14) Wing
(13) Centre
(12) Centre
(11) Wing
(10) Fly Half
(9) Scrum Half
(1) Prop
(2) Hooker
(3) Prop
(4) Lock
(5) Lock
(6) Flanker
(7) Flanker
(8) No.8

Ross Cook
Liam Botham
Tom May
John Leslie
Epeli Taione
Johnny Wilkinson
Gary Armstrong
George Graham
Ross Nesdale
Ian Peel
Stuart Grimes
Doddie Weir
Richard Arnold
Andrew Mower
Jim Jenner

replacements

	Gareth Cooper
	Andy Long
	Chris Horsman
	Phil de Glanville
	Rob Thirlby
	Gavin Thomas
	Dan Lyle

(16)
(17)
(18)
(19)
(20)
(21)
(22)

Hall Charlton
Inga Tuigamala
Chritian Balshen
Micky Ward.
Ross Beattie
Hugh Vyvyan
Rob Devonshire





VISITORS Newcastle Falcons

**ICE WINNING THE PREMIERSHIP TITLE IN 1998, THE
FALCONS HAVE STEADILY SWOOPED DOWNHILL.**

r season's campaign was disappointing for Rob Andrew's
n. Sorely missing the inspirational Jonny Wilkinson
ough World Cup commitments, and the leadership of Pat
n, Newcastle struggled to find any sort of form.

e Bath, youth is very much the key word at Kingston
k this season. The Falcons possess three of England's
ghtest prospects in the backs. Tom May, Michael
phenson and Jamie Noon have already begun to stamp
ir authority on the Premiership, and should be looking to
llenge for representative honours come the Autumn group
nternationals.

e only high-profile signing over the summer was former
diff winger Liam Botham who should prove to be a crowd
ler. However the sight of John Leslie in a playing
acity will also be new. The talented centre had been
elined with an ankle injury sustained following his
ning from Japan last season. The Scottish international has
ady impressed scoring a brace of tries against Sale Sharks.

The Falcons will miss the presence of Peter Walton in the
forwards. The former Scotland flanker has been forced to
retire through injury. The back row responsibility will now
pass to new Scotland cap Ross Beattie, who was recently
blooded on the summer tour of New Zealand. Beattie is
joined in a new-look Falcon's back row by Jim Jenner,
formerly of Worcester.

Gary Armstrong's fractured jaw sustained at the beginning of
the season, means that the former Scotland star may not be
fit to take to the field this afternoon. One man who is fit
and arguably one of the best fly-halves in the game is Jonny
Wilkinson. Following a memorable summer where he kicked
England to a historic victory over South Africa, the 20 year
old will be keen to cement his place as England's number 10.

Following a transitional season, the scene is set for the
Falcons to press for a top five finish in the Premiership. They
now posses the players to find some consistency in selection
and should be able to adapt a more expansive style of play
which is less reliant on one or two star players. Newcastle
will be difficult to beat at home and may just upset one of
the big clubs on their travels.



ACTION FROM LAST SEASONS FIXTURE AGAINST NEWCASTLE

Falcons

