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Heineken Cup Round Two

Vs CSBJ Bourgoin

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FLATMAN**

Bath's popular prop
sets his sights on a return

**Ryan
DAVIS**

Young centre ready
for the Heineken Cup



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[today's teams]

Lee BEST	15	Full Back	15	Anthony FOREST	
David BORY	14	Right Wing	14	David JANIN	
Tom CHEESEMAM	13	Centre	13	Guillaume BOUSSES	
Olly BARKLEY	12	Centre	12	Irakli GIORGADZE	
Frikkie WELSH	11	Left Wing	11	Jean-Francois COUX	
Chris MALONE	10	Fly Half	10	Benjamin BOYET	
Martyn WOOD	9	Scrum Half	9	Mickaël FOREST ©	
Matt STEVENS	1	Prop	1	Olivier MILLOUD	
Lee MEARS	2	Hooker	2	Frederic MONTAGNAT	
Duncan BELL	3	Prop	3	Pablo CARDINALI	
teve BORTHWICK ©	4	Lock	4	Julien PIERRE	
Danny GREWCOCK	5	Lock	5	Carlo DEL-FAVA	
Andy BEATTIE	6	Flanker	6	Aurelien DIOTALLEVI	
ames SCAYSBROOK	7	Flanker	7	Laurent BALUC-RITTENER	
Gareth DELVE	8	No 8	8	Wesley JOOSTE	
Pieter DIXON	16		16	Davit KHINCHAGISHVILI	
Chris LOADER	17		17	Pascal PEYRON	
Zak FEAUNATI	18		18	Anthony MAZEL	
James HUDSON	19		19	Brice MONZEGLI	
Michael LIPMAN	20		20	Mickaël CAMPEGIA	
Andy WILLIAMS	21		21	Alexandre PEGLIER	
Salesi FINAU	22		22	Nicolas CARMONA	



Today's Officials Referee Nigel ... Touch Judges Phil ... Tony Howlands

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LES CHEVAUX NOIR

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Twelve months ago Bourgoin were the talk of the Heineken Cup after seemingly sacrificing their Heineken Cup campaign to concentrate their efforts on the French Top 16 – a competition in which they finished fourth after the play-offs.

After losing their opening Heineken Cup match against Bath Rugby last season, the French outfit went on to lose all five other pool matches, including a humiliating 92-17 defeat to Leinster. Such an ability to roll over had the competition organisers reeling, but this season Bourgoin are likely to turn heads for a very different reason. Most of the big French clubs are geared towards the Heineken Cup and Toulouse, Stade

Francais, Castres and Perpignan

are prime examples. They have big budgets and strong squads and are able to cope with the double demand of a long French Top 16 campaign and an assault on the Heineken Cup. The remaining French clubs are not so well-placed.

Bourgoin do not have the budget to compete with the big guns in France, and therefore their poor form in the Heineken came as a direct result of injuries putting strain on the playing squad as Captain Julien Bonnaire explains.

"Last year was disappointing for us because we simply did not have a big enough squad to make any impact in the Heineken Cup," said the France international back row forward. Despite their Heineken misadventure, Bourgoin still managed to finish a highly-respectable fourth in the Top 16 last season, reaching the semi-finals of the knock-out stages. It was a magnificent achievement for a side which is increasingly able to compete with the big sides in France and they now feel that they are ready for a full on assault on the Heineken Cup.

"The Heineken Cup is a very important tournament for us and is the closest thing we have to international rugby," said Bonnaire. "It is a great opportunity to play against some of Europe's strongest sides and help make our players even better in the Top 14.

Our ambition is to make at least the quarter-finals this time but we are in a tough pool. Leinster and Bath in particular are two very strong and solid sides – and although Brian O'Driscoll's injury means he might not play in either of the matches for Leinster against us, even without him they are a powerful team."

Reaching the quarter-finals is an obvious ambition for all sides who compete in the Heineken Cup, but Bourgoin can certainly back up such ambition with rugby ability. Their 16-3 victory over Glasgow Warriors last Friday night was a continuation of the excellent form that they have shown in the Top 14 (as it is known this season).

The French side currently stand fourth in the competition and have won

all of their home league matches. Indeed Bourgoin have one of the proudest home records in France and victories at Le Stade Pierre Rajon are a must if the club is to progress through to the knock-out stages.

The key to Bourgoin's success will be in the strength of their pack. This has been the cornerstone of their Top 14 campaign to date, but head coach and last season's captain Pierre Raschi will be a little concerned by a couple of key injuries within the forwards. Captain Bonnaire will probably miss this match, whilst the last minute withdrawal of France lock Pascal Pape from the squad that played Glasgow is also a concern heading into this match. Pape is at the heart of one of the best lineouts in France alongside Italian Carlo Del-Fava and Bourgoin will be hoping that Pape will be fit to face Bath. However, young Julien Pierre is a more than able deputy in the boiler room. Internationals Olivier Milloud, Davit Khinchagishvili and Augusto Petrilli are also extremely powerful ball carriers and are central to the Bourgoin forward effort.

However, Bourgoin offer far more than just a big pack. Behind the scrum they can field an array of talented players. Anthony Forest is an electric full back blessed with great pace. He is also a slippery customer and will be a big threat along with wingers Jean-Francois Coux and David Janin, the back three this afternoon, if Bath kick poorly out of hand. Close to France recognition, fly half Benjamin Boyet runs the game well,

whilst also having an incredibly accurate boot. In centre David Venditti they can also field one of the most experienced players in Heineken Cup history as he has won the competition with Brive in 1997 before playing for Stade Francais and Bourgoin. Bourgoin made Bath work hard at the Rec last season and will be looking for a big forward effort if they are to continue their good start to this season's competition.

THE CAPTAIN

Julien Bonnaire



Last weekend's victory over Glasgow Warriors got Bourgoin's Heineken Cup challenge off to a solid start, but the margin of victory was far from comfortable against a Glasgow side that have been stuttering of late.

A sizeable list of absentees through injury and suspension certainly played its part in an uninspiring victory, but no player was as sorely missed as Bourgoin's inspirational captain Julien Bonnaire. The France international, who is currently a central member of Bernard La Porte's French set up, had been the form back row player in France, up until he was suspended for his involvement in a massive brawl during his side's recent match against Agen.

A powerful ball carrier blessed with excellent footballing ability, Bonnaire is the very heartbeat of this Bourgoin side. A strong skipper who leads by example, the twenty-seven year old is also a fine exponent in the lineout, whilst also getting through a considerable amount of work around the park.

Indeed, so good was Bonnaire's form that the 6'4" back rower was already being considered as a show-in for Brenard Laporte's France side heading into the autumn international period. However, having received a 72 day ban, Bonnaire will now miss the opportunity to add to

QUADDETAILS



Team vs Bath Rugby

Name	DOB	Height	Weight	Position	Caps
Del-Fava, L	24/11/81	6' 2"	15st 1lb	Back Row	
Diotallevi, William	12/11/80	6' 1"	17st 8lb	Prop	
Bonnaire, Julien	20/9/78	6' 4"	16st 3lb	Back Row	
Forest, Nicolas	27/6/75	6' 4"	15st 6lb	Back Row	
Forest, Guillaume	12/10/81	5' 11"	12st 8lb	Centre	
Forest, Benjamin	8/8/79	5' 10"	13st 1lb	Outside Half	
Forest, Benoit	27/8/80	5' 10"	15st 3lb	Hooker	
Forest, Mickael	22/6/84	5' 8"	11st 11lb	Scrum Half	
Forest, Pablo	22/10/76	6' 0"	18st 5lb	Prop	
Forest, Nicolas	1/3/80	6' 2"	14st 4lb	Centre	

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Del-Fava, Carlo	1/7/81	6' 6"	18st 1lb	Lock	
Diotallevi, Aurelien	1/3/84	6' 4"	15st 12lb	Back row	
Forest, Anthony	16/1/79	6' 2"	13st 5lb	Full Back	
Forest, Mickael	3/7/75	5' 8"	13st 1lb	Scrum Half	
Frier, Julien	28/9/74	6' 4"	16st 7lb	Back Row	
Giorgadze, Irakli	17/12/82	6' 2"	16st 9lb	Centre	
Jacouton, J-P	2/3/81	6' 0"	17st 0lb	Prop	
Janin, David	9/5/77	6' 4"	13st 1lb	Wing	
Jooste, Wessel	12/7/83	6' 3"	18st 12lb	Lock	
Khinchagishvili, Davit	24/7/82	6' 0"	16st 11lb	Prop	

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Milloud, Olivier	9/12/75	6' 1"	17st 4lb	Prop	
Montagnat, Frederic	29/4/80	6' 0"	14st 13lb	Hooker	
Monzeglio, Brice	28/6/83	6' 3"	17st	Back Row	
Pape, Pascal	5/10/80	6' 5"	18st 1lb	Lock	
Payan, Romain	28/11/84	6' 2"	19st 2lb	Prop	
Peculier, Alexandre	26/1/75	6' 0"	12st 12lb	Outside Half	
Pesteil, Leonard	12/9/82	5' 10"	13st 7lb	Full Back/ Wing	
Petrilli, Augusto	5/5/74	6' 4"	14st 13lb	Back Row	
Peyron, Pascal	7/10/70	5' 11"	16st 9lb	Prop	
Pierre, Julien	31/7/81	6' 6"	17st 8lb	Lock	