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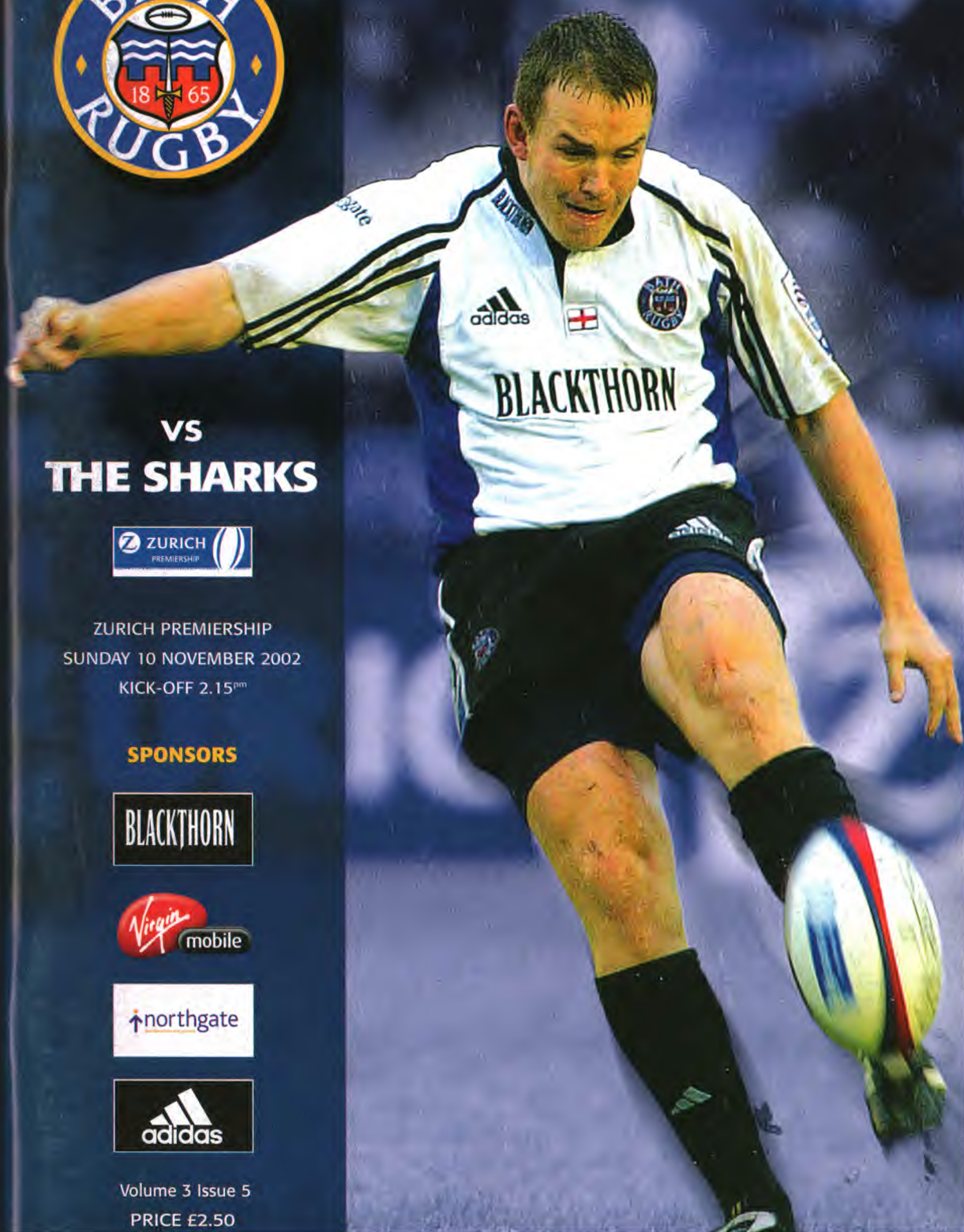


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Connections - The Sharks

By Russell Gibbs

Four players who have represented Bath Rugby during the professional era have also worn the colours of today's visitors to the Rec, the Sharks.

A Bath Rugby stalwart for many years, Graham Dawe transferred to Sale at the end of the 1996/97 season having run out in the blue, white and black on 245 occasions - a phenomenal feat. The Cornish farmer, who was famed for his long journeys to the Rec for both training and matches, switched to the Sharks when it became evident that he could no longer command a regular place in the Bath Rugby line-up. Signed from Launceston, the likeable hooker started a ten-year affiliation with the club when he made his debut in a 6-29 defeat at the hands of London Welsh at Old Deer Park on 11 January 1986. Prior to the professional era, Dawe crossed for 23 tries, failing to add to the tally when the game went 'open'. After a successful spell with Sale, Graham returned to his native Cornwall and played for Plymouth Albion, where he later became head coach. Dawe was capped five times by England (regularly sitting on the bench as cover for Brian Moore) and played 12 times for the Barbarians, crossing for two tries. Graham was also a proud try scorer in the 1990 Pilkington Cup final demolition of Gloucester.

Prop forward Kevin Yates was a solid member of the Bath Rugby front row for six successive seasons in the early to mid nineties, with his aggressive style of scrummaging taking him to the top of the list of quality scrummagers in England. Kevin, who won two caps for his country during

his time with Bath, signed for the club from local side Chippenham RFC, making his debut in an inauspicious 20-18 home win over Newbridge in a friendly in February 1994. Kevin was very much a regular after that, making a total of 98 appearances (81 starts and 17 as a replacement) and scoring a not unsubstantial ten tries. His powerful running ability ensured that when he left the club at the end of the 1998/99 season there was no shortage of bidders for his services. Kevin eventually signed for the Wellington Hurricanes and thus became the first Englishman to play Super 12 rugby. When he returned to these shores Bath made a concerted effort to re-sign the prop, but he decided to try his luck with the Sharks, for whom he now possesses a Parker Pen Shield winner's medal.

The first season of professional rugby in England brought much change to the game, not least the arrival of rugby league players, in an ironic twist to the 'poaching' stories of the amateur era. One of the first to try his hand at the union code was Wigan wing Jason Robinson. 'Billy Whizz', as he is known, came to Bath for a loan spell at the beginning of the 1996/97 season, along with club comrade Henry Paul. Robinson, who was to re-sign for Wigan after the loan period, made his debut in a memorable 87-15 thrashing of Swansea in an Anglo-Welsh Cup fixture in September 1996. He marked his first start with a brace of tries and went on to play 17 matches in total with a strike rate of seven tries. After more success with Wigan, Robinson made a much-publicised move to union full time, signing for

the Sharks. He has since played ten times for England (and has scored seven tries) and was leading scorer on the 2001 British Lions tour with ten, including two in the test series.



■ 'Billy Whizz' - Lions leading scorer

Much-travelled scrum half Steve Hatley also had spells with both clubs. Hatley made 23 appearances for Bath (scoring three tries) from 1997 to 1999, making his debut as a replacement in a 60-15 win over Oxford University. Originally with Western Province in his native South Africa, Hatley was used in a rotation system and thus was freed to join London Irish in 1999, before signing for Sale.

Of the six players who have made their debut against Sale, unarguably the most famous is the man crowned the 'Prince of Centres': Jeremy Guscott. Guscott, who was to play 268 times for Bath (scoring 710 points, including 143 tries), was a fresh-faced youngster when running on to the field for the first time in a 7-25 defeat in December 1984. 'Jerry' was a regular at representative level, playing 65 times for England (30 tries), 23 times for the Lions (including tour matches, scoring eight tries) and nine times for the Barbarians (four tries).