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# TODAY'S TEAMS



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	OLLY BARKLEY	(15) FULL BACK	JOSH LEWSEY	
	SIMON DANIELLI	(14) WING	SHANE ROISER	
	MIKE CATT	(13) CENTRE	STUART ABBOTT	
	MIKE TINDALL	(12) CENTRE	MARK DENNEY	
	TOM VOYCE	(11) WING	KENNY LOGAN	
	CHRIS MALONE	(10) FLY HALF	ALEX KING	
	GARETH COOPER	(9) SCRUM HALF	ROB HOWLEY	
	DAVID BARNES	(1) PROP	CRAIG DOWD	
	JONATHAN HUMPHREYS	(2) HOOKER	TREVOR LEOTA	
	ALESSIO GALASSO	(3) PROP	DARREN MOLLOY	
	ANDY BEATTIE	(4) LOCK	SIMON SHAW	
	DANNY GREWCOCK (C)	(5) LOCK	JOE BEARDSHAW	
	GAVIN THOMAS	(6) FLANKER	JOE WORSLEY	
	ADAM VANDER	(7) FLANKER	PHIL GREENING	
	NATHAN THOMAS	(8) NO.8	LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO (C)	

## REPLACEMENTS

	ROSS BLAKE	(16)	BEN GOTTING	
	LEE MEARS	(17)	WILL GREEN	
	SIMON EMMS	(18)	RICHARD BIRKETT	
	ALEX CROCKETT	(19)	PAUL VOLLEY	
	JOHN MALLET	(20)	HARVEY BILJON	
	ROB THIRLBY	(21)	WILL WIGRAM	
	DAN LYLE	(22)	PAUL SAMPSON	



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 TOUCH JUDGES PAUL EMERSON,  
 DAVID GRASHOFF (RFU)





# Bath Rugby v London Wasps

Connections by Russell Gibbs

**P**rior to the professional era players rarely moved clubs, and if they did it was mainly down to the fact that their 'proper' jobs brought them into close proximity to the club for which they eventually signed. However, the dawn of the professional era signalled massive change in the way in which rugby was viewed. The game became a valid full-time profession, and as such players were less inclined to stay 'loyal' to one particular club over the course of their careers. In this, the first of a regular series of articles, we trace the players who have represented Bath Rugby in the professional era who have a special connection with today's visitors.

Surprisingly, given the fact that both clubs have been members of the top flight since the advent of league rugby, very few players have turned out for both London Wasps and Bath Rugby. Indeed, the only player to don the first-team shirt of both sides during this era is England scrum half Andy Gomarsall. Gomarsall, who has eight caps for England and four tries to his name for his country, had the briefest of Bath Rugby careers answering a call from the club during the scrum half crisis of 1998/1999. The energetic, bustling half back arrived on loan from London Wasps and proceeded to make just three appearances in the blue, white and black during a short spell. Indeed, he only ever started one match for the club, with the other two appearances coming as a replacement.

Gomarsall made his Bath Rugby debut as a replacement for Steve Hatley in a comfortable 30-17 win over the Bedford Blues at Goldington Road. Andy went on to play further matches against London Wasps (as a replacement) and his one and only start came in the 30-13 home win in a friendly against Bristol. After his loan

period had expired, Andy returned to Loftus Road, but spent most of the rest of the season on loan at, ironically, the Bedford Blues. After failing to establish himself with Wasps, and following Bedford's relegation, Andy moved to Gloucester, where he is still playing his club rugby. Andy is also a Barbarian, having donned the famous jersey on eleven occasions, scoring three tries.

Despite the paucity of players that have played for the two sides, two members of the Bath Rugby squad from the professional era, one current and one former, made their Bath Rugby debuts against the men from London, strangely enough in the same fixture.

Both centre Kevin Maggs and number 8 Ben Sturnham were selected for Bath Rugby for the first time in the Allied Dunbar Premiership match at the Recreation Ground on 5 September 1998. Sturnham, the highly rated back row forward who had signed from Saracens in the summer, started the match, while Maggs came on as a replacement. Sturnham made 39 appearances over a two-year spell with the club, crossing for six tries, before a lack of first-team opportunities saw him take his considerable talent 'up the road' to the Bristol Shoguns. There he continues to display his awesome charges from the base of the scrum to good effect. Ben also represented England on three occasions prior to joining Bath Rugby.

Kevin, of course, is still with the club and up to the end of last season had clocked up 100 first-team appearances, scoring 17 tries - an excellent strike rate in the formidable atmosphere of the English Premiership. Maggs arrived at Bath from local rivals Bristol amidst a wave of publicity, and the 39-times capped Ireland international (he has eight tries for his country) has been almost an ever present since. Kevin's

stylish performances and bullocking runs have made him a popular figure at the club and beyond, hence two appearances for the Barbarians club, recognising his potent ability.

## For the Record



Season	Home	Away	Other
1985/86	None	None	25-17*
1986/87	None	None	19-12*
1987/88	None	15-19	
1988/89	16-6	None	
1989/90	None	18-9	
1990/91	15-16	None	
1991/92	None	24-12	
1992/93	22-11	None	
1993/94	24-8	19-13	24-11**
1994/95	12-9	10-11	36-16*
1995/96	36-12	15-6	
1996/97	36-40	25-25	
1997/98	43-27	31-17	
1998/99	36-27	0-35	
1999/00	27-16	21-23	
2000/01	16-13	36-12	36-31***
2001/02	22-24	10-23	

\* NCF - Neutral & Cup Final

\*\* H&C - Home Cup

\*\*\* AP - Away Play Off

### OVERALL

P	W	D	L	F	A
29	20	1	8	669	501

### LEAGUE

P	W	D	L	F	A
24	15	1	8	529	414

### LEAGUE - HOME

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	9	0	3	305	209

### LEAGUE - AWAY

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	6	1	5	224	205

### CUP OVERALL

P	W	D	L	F	A
5	5	0	0	140	87

### CUP - HOME

P	W	D	L	F	A
1	1	0	0	24	11

### CUP - AWAY

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	4	0	0	116	76

### AVERAGE LEAGUE SCORE -

Home: Bath 25 Wasps 17

### AVERAGE LEAGUE SCORE -

Away: Wasps 17 Bath 19

### AVERAGE LEAGUE SCORE -

Bath 22 Wasps 17