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Sat 16th Sep

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POS TEAM 1 & BRISTOL

SAT 20TH JAN ECC-P4 14:15 MONTPELLIER

31ST MAR/1ST ARP ECC-QF TBC BRISTOL RUGBY

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**GUINESS PREMIERSHIP TABLE** 

Head Coach Steve Meehan

FINAL SCORE

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### TODAY'S | TEAMS

Head Coach Dean Richards

### **BATH RUGBY**

### **NEC HARLEQUINS**

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Nick ABENDAN		Mike BROWN				ļ
Joe MADDO		David STRETTLE				
Eliota FUIMAONO-SAPO		Hal LUSCOMBE	1			
Olly <b>BARK</b>	EY 12 CENTRE 12	Stuart ABBOTT	+			
Michael STEPHENS	ON 11 LEFT WING 11	Simon KEOGH				
Chris MALC	NE 10 FLYHALF 10	Adrian <b>JARVIS</b>				
Nick WALS	SHE 9 SCRUM HALF 9	Andy GOMARSALL	+			
David BARN	IES 1 PROP 1	Aston CROALL				
Lee <b>ME</b>	ARS 2 HOOKER 2	Tani <b>FUGA</b>	<b>VI</b>			
Matt STEVE	NS 3 PROP 3	Mike ROSS				
Steve BORTHWICK	(C) 4 LOCK 4	Ollie <b>KOHN</b>				
Danny <b>GREWC</b>	OCK 5 LOCK 5	Nicolas SPANGHERO				
Andy <b>BEAT</b>	TIE 6 FLANKER 6	Andre VOS	>=			
James SCAYSBRO	OK 7 FLANKER 7	Paul VOLLEY (C)				
Isaac <b>FEAUN</b>	ATI 8 NP. 8 8	Chris HALA'UFIA	+			
Pieter DIX	ON 16 REPLACEMENT 16	Jimmy RICHARDS				
Aaron <b>JAR</b>	VIS 17 REPLACEMENT 17	Ricky NEBBETT				
Peter SHO	ORT 18 REPLACEMENT 18	Jim <b>EVANS</b>				
Gareth <b>DE</b>	LVE 19 REPLACEMENT 19	Will SKINNER				
Michael <b>LIPM</b>	AN 20 REPLACEMENT 20	Steve S0'0IAL0	<b>(28)</b>			
Andy <b>WILLIA</b>	MS 21 REPLACEMENT 21	Mel <b>DEANE</b>				
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LONDON IRISH

TODAY'S OFFICIALS: Referee | Rob Debney | ouch Judges | Ashley Reay and Roger Baileff

FINAL SCORE



## CONSOLDATION PROCESS

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EC Harlequins put the ignominy of relegation to National Divison One in 2004/05 behind them by bouncing straight back into the Premiership at the first attempt.

They then bolstered their squad with an exciting blend of youth and experience. England centre Stuart Abbott, a member of the 2003 World Cup-winning squad, made the switch from local rivals London Wasps and has formed an exciting centre partnership with Welsh international Hal Luscombe, who joined from the Dragons. Youngsters such as Danny Care, Adrian Jarvis, Jordan Turner-Hall and Mike Brown have also impressed this season after making the most of their opportunities in the first team.

Since the season began Quins have also signed Craig McMullen and scrum-half Andy Gomarsall, who has rejuvenated his playing career at Quins with a string of their first four Guinness
Premiership encounters by defeats
to both Llanelli Scarlets and Sale
Sharks to end their interest in the
EDF Energy Cup. The Premiership
action in October saw Quins' losing
streak continue, as they went down
to league-leaders Bristol 33-20 at
the Memorial Stadium.

Next stop was Connacht in Galway, Ireland, for round one of the European Challenge Cup. An injurytime penalty from Adrian Jarvis broke the duck as Quins impressively beat the Irish province on their own patch 19-18. Quins then treated their fans to an eighttry mauling, including a hat-trick for Mike Brown, in a comprehensive victory over Montpellier 57-10 in round two of European action.

In November Quins secured their first Guinness Premiership victory of the season at the sixth attempt, with an impressive 34-19 home win over Northampton Saints. A first away league victory at Newcastle

of results, Dean Richards received the Director of Rugby of the Month award for November.

However, those five victories were followed by five losses, including back-to-back defeats against today's opponents in the European Challenge Cup, two results that effectively prevented Quins from qualifying for the knockout stages when the pool stages reached their conclusion last weekend.

After a disappointing defeat at home to Saracens (16-20), Quins completed the tough Christmas and New Year period with crucial victories away at Worcester (27-20) and at home against Newcastle (42-15), before getting the better of Bath in a low-scoring affair (9-3) at a rain-soaked Stoop three weeks ago.

With Quins out of both cup competitions, they can now focus all their energies on their remaining Guinness Premiership fixtures this season. They go into today's clash looking to extend their five-match