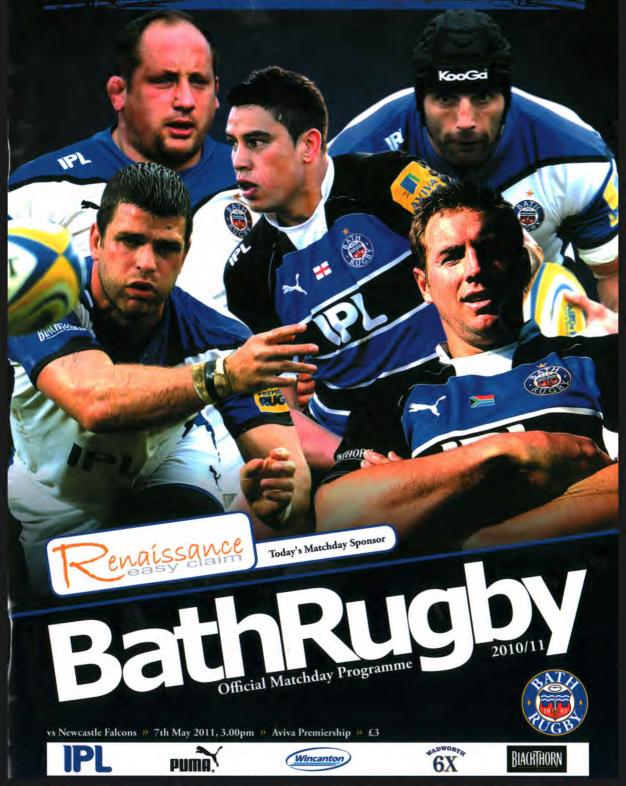
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### Alan Tait

#### The Scotland

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Playing for the formida Widnes outfit and then Leeds in league, Tait's return to union saw him earn selection for the Br and Irish Lions in 1997 their tour to South Africa where he started in both Test match victories over the Springboks, scoring a memorable try in the process.

His time coaching with the Scotland national tea included the 2008 Calcut Cup triumph over Englar and two Rugby World Cu



the Falcons as assista coach in the summer 2008, having worked previously as defence coach with the Scotlar

A Premiership-winner as a player with Newcast back in 1998, Tait becam the first ever Scottish rud union international to go to the international XV n



#### Northampton Saints 15-22 Home Leeds Carnegie 29-30 Home Gloucester Rugby 34-9

Helleur and Richard Mayhew, as well as rugby league convert Rikki Sheriffe all signing. The Northeasterners are

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even drooling at the prospect of further additions, as the club enters an exciting phase in its history. However, there is only one current objective that the

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Falcons are keen to achieve, and that is survival.

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Newcastle will be keen to move on from this season which has been a big learning curve for many of Alan Tait's men. Four wins from an inexperienced unit has meant a nail biting climax to the

campaign, but victory's a Gloucester and high flyin Wasps have been the mc positive aspects of the se

At the start of the seas Wasps succumbed to a superb second half fight back from the Falcons to 29-17 at Kingston Park.

### Team information

Full Name: Newcastle Falcons

Founded: 1877

Location: Newcastle upon Tyne

Ground: **Kingston Park** 

Capacity: 10,200

Head Coach: Alan Tait

**Club** Captain: James Hudson

**Club Top Scorer:** Jonny Wilkinson (1489)

**Club Badge:** 



### Did you know?



The four Newcastle based sports teams are Newcastle United FC, nicknamed the Magpies, the Newcastle Eagles basketball team, the Newcastle Wasps ice hockey team and the Newcastle Falcons rugby union team.

# The Opposition

**Ambitious Aviva** Premiership outfit, Newcastle Falcons will be hoping to secure their status in the elite league and build for next season.

Despite their relatively poor position in the table, there is a real sense of optimism in the North-East as the club look to reshape itself as a major rugby force.

# Newcastle Falcons

lock forward, Andrew van der Heijden and Scotland international, Euan Murray, coupled with a restructure of the Kingston Park hierarchy, has enthused fans on Tyneside. Not only that, the Falcons have already started preparations for next season with Gloucester half-back Jordi Pasqualin, Kiwi trio Ryan Shortland, Jamie

The signings of giant Kiwi

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