



**SUPPORTERS'
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Bath Rugby vs. Bristol Bears, at the Rec.

Many Bath Rugby supporters may have seen Charlie Minty, Bath plein air artist, at the Rec. on a match day.

Now is your chance to purchase one of his fantastic, limited edition fine art prints or original paintings, titled and signed by Charlie himself.

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The season so far...

(since our October Newsletter - Issue 6)

On Saturday 23rd November 2024, Bath Rugby made it three wins from three in the Premiership Rugby Cup after overpowering a determined Bedford Blues side 7-21 in tricky weather conditions.

SAT 23 NOV - 15:00 - FULL TIME

BEDFORD BLUES  7-21 ▸  BATH RUGBY

SAT 9 NOV - 13:00 - FULL TIME

BATH RUGBY  ◀ 78-19  BRISTOL BEARS

SAT 2 NOV - 13:30 - FULL TIME

AMPTHILL  0-73 ▸  BATH RUGBY

SAT 26 OCT - 15:05 - FULL TIME

BATH RUGBY  ◀ 40-13  SALE SHARKS

SAT 19 OCT - 17:30 - FULL TIME

HARLEQUINS  24-26 ▸  BATH RUGBY



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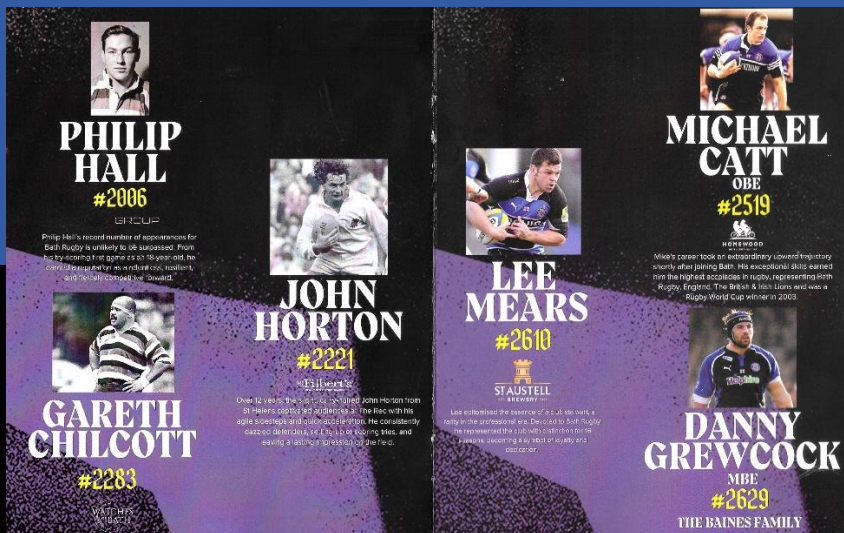
Bath Rugby

Hall of Fame Celebration 2024

On 14th November 2024, 6 players were inducted into the Bath Rugby Hall of Fame.

Philip Hall (posthumously), Gareth Chilcott, John Horton, Lee Mears, Mike Catt OBE and Danny Grewcock MBE, all join the original 6 members of the Hall of Fame: Jack Rowel OBE, Jeremy Guscott, John Hall, Roger Spurrell, Frank Soane and Major Ronald Anderson Gerrard D.S.O.

To celebrate the event and honour the players, a dinner was held at Farleigh House. In attendance were a host of players, officials and guests who enjoyed a fantastic evening hosted by John Hall, the Club President and Chairman of Bath Rugby Heritage.



Members Area

Share your match day photos and supporter news stories with us and you could be featured in our Christmas Newsletter, as well as being in with the chance of winning some free BRSC merchandise...



Send your photos, messages and Bath Rugby stories to:
news@allez-bath.co.uk



**Bath Rugby Supporters' Club Mini Bobble Hats:
£6 each – Pick up yours at the BRSC gazebo on
Match Days**

Memory Lane: Kevin Coughlan

Kevin Coughlan, journalist, author and in-house resident Historian for Bath Rugby Heritage has very kindly allowed us to re-publish some of his match day reports within our BRSC Newsletter.

With the start of the European Cup approaching, we have included the Match Report from that memorable day in 1998.

Kevin's Match Report is on the following page. Happy reading.

It's the most expensive real estate on a rugby pitch – that 5-metre strip just short of the try-line. Some days just an inch can cost more in blood, sweat and tears than 60 metres upfield.

It's where a scrummage can win or lose a game, as France and Wales demonstrated in more than 20 minutes of gripping (literally) arm-wrestling on the final day of the 6 Nations Championship.

Sometimes, of course, it's not the scoring of a try that wins the game. It's the sheer, bloody-minded refusal to concede a seemingly inevitable score. The psychological impact is worth much more than five, or even seven points on the board. So it proved on a bright January afternoon in Bordeaux 19 years ago, still the most illustrious day in Bath's rugby history.

For the 1998 Heineken Cup final against holders Brive, Bath coach Andy Robinson had left Argentina hooker Federico Mendez on the bench, preferring the raw competitiveness of a young Mark 'Ronnie' Regan. Victor Ubogu packed down at tighthead and the Bristol butcher, Dave Hilton, was at loosehead.

Behind them was as tight a pair of mauling, scrummaging locks as the club has ever produced – Martin Haag and the old warrior, Nigel Redman. And there was plenty of 'Welsh dog' in the back row too as Richard Webster and Nathan Thomas complemented the more refined skills of US Eagle Dan Lyle at No 8.

Just as important was the cool head of skipper Andy Nicol at scrum-half, chivvying, cajoling and also making sure that he had the ear of referee Jim Fleming at crucial moments. But the three-quarters were spectators with the rest of us for the big test, which came five minutes into the second half with Brive leading 15-6.

It began with Lyle being caught offside from a clearing kick by Mike Catt. At first it looked as if Brive were opting for an attempt at goal, but instead skipper Philippe Carbonneau instructed Alain Penaud to kick for the line-out.

In throwing down the gauntlet, Carbonneau was possibly aware that this was do-or-die. For the next seven minutes, the packs played out an ultimately match-deciding battle of weight, wit and will.

The sequence was as follows: penalty to Brive; line-out catch-and-drive halted; penalty to Brive; line-out catch-and-drive; scrum to Brive; collapsed scrum reset; wheeled scrum reset; wheeled scrum reset; Bath front row stands up, scrum reset; scrum reset; penalty to Brive; wheeled scrum reset; and finally a penalty to Bath.

Having cleared their lines, Bath turned the tables dramatically. Within five minutes they had won a penalty on the Brive 5-metre line, an eminently kickable one at that – as Robinson's touch-line reaction confirmed.

But Nicol, far closer to the action and sensing vulnerability in the opposition pack, opted for a scrum. A slick transfer of the ball sent a jubilant Jon Callard over for a try on 58 minutes. With the conversion they trailed only 15-13 and although Penaud dropped a goal, Callard narrowed the gap again.

That left the game as a shoot-out, which was all Bath needed. Meat and drink for a side that had never lost in 10 domestic finals. And, famously, Callard stepped up again before the nerve-tingling finale.

Kevin Coughlan is author of the two-volume history of the Bath club. Signed Copies of *After The Lemons* are available at the BRSC Match Day gazebo.