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A full-page photograph of Martin Johnson, a professional rugby player, captured in action. He is wearing a white England rugby jersey with a red rose emblem on the chest and the word 'ENGLAND' printed below it. He is also wearing white shorts and white socks. His expression is one of intense focus, and his arms are outstretched as if he is communicating with teammates or reacting to a play. The background is blurred, showing a stadium setting with other players and spectators.

MARTIN JOHNSON

of Leicester, who has played in the senior side.

A Welcome from the President of the Rugby Football Union



A very sincere welcome on behalf of the Rugby Football Union to our friends from Spain. Today is the fifth encounter between the two countries and as always will be an exciting game full of entertainment.

There is a strong French influence and flavour in Spanish Rugby and the unexpected could well be the order of the day. England under 23 as a team has graduated through England B to the present name, England A and of course it will be the aspirations of all England A players to either win their first Full England Cap or indeed for those who played before to add to their present tally. From a selection point of view, the A Team is vitally important as a trial bed for future full internationals.

Moving from even the best club in the land to international level is a quantum leap. The imperceptibly quicker pace and power of international rugby can be very off putting to many otherwise splendid club players. It is one thing to play regularly with a group of friends at club level in a welcoming environment where spectators and local media generally view you in a charitable light, it is quite another to play at international level. Shortcomings, some of which a player had no idea he had, are ruthlessly exposed and this previously unchallenged ability questioned.

We can look forward to an afternoon of skill, commitment and enjoyment and I hope we shall be well rewarded.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Richmond Football Club for making their splendid facilities available for this match as well as the match organiser Roy Penman and interpreter Tony Bott.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. D. Serfontein'.

D. D. SERFONTEIN

Alphabetical Alterations

by David Hands
Rugby Correspondent, The Times

It will be as well for rugby lovers to keep their lexicons about them this year: for what was B has now become A, even in Wales who played a B team against Holland last month but have now changed its name to A. All clear so far? Good. What's in a name, you may ask, when all we are indicating is the national second team? Pride could be one answer but another is marketability, which is what England ran into in New Zealand last year.

The Rugby Football Union has run a B-international programme since 1978, inconsistently for nine years but with increasing regularity since 1988. It has served them well and no great exception was taken to being a member of a B squad until the first major tour was made at this level, to New Zealand in the summer of 1992.

There, as England performed in front of crowds which may have numbered as many as 15000 on a couple of occasions - and this in a country which once could not get enough rugby union - it was hinted heavily that it was difficult to sell a B team to the punters. As far as New Zealanders were concerned, B meant second class and at a time when money was short and the price of international-match tickets high, they were not going



Philip De Glanville, a full cap this season.

to take too great an interest in England. They had just seen the full Irish side and had not been unduly impressed while television was going to give them the real thing - All Blacks against Australia.

Nor did the New Zealand Rugby Union do a great deal to market the B tour either but the England tour management came home firmly convinced that, whatever the RFU chose to call its second string, B was probably not the best option. An England XV, Emerging England, Developing England, Off-Whites, Rosebuds.....? In the end they decided to call them England A - at least for domestic consumption - so January's game at Welford Road, Leicester, when England beat France 29-17, marked the first match in the A programme which

this season includes the game played on February 3 against Italy at Bath, Spain here today and Ireland in Dublin (March 19). Next season will include a game against the touring New Zealanders who will be able to see just what problems they have caused!

Whatever the name, the principle remains the same: the production of the next tier of full international players or the discovery that some, taken from their club context, have gone beyond the level of their genuine ability. So far this season England have offered a satisfactory return, having followed the victory over France (always the hardest of opponents at this level), by beating Italy 59-0, a record margin in "full" second-team internationals though surpassed twice on tour, against North Otago in Oamaru last year (68-4) and against a Basque XV in San Sebastian in 1989 (63-3).

Which brings us, rather neatly, to Spain who played host to a preliminary qualifying round in 1989 for the last World Cup before coming third behind Italy and Romania in the qualifying finals in Italy a year later. They have met England B four times but also proved an accommodating venue for a B party in May 1989 when England recorded 126 points in three games. The tour party included



Ian Hunter, another new international this year.



Stuart Barnes, a frustrating kicking experience.

two players who have subsequently made their name with Scotland, Ian Smith, the Gloucester flanker, and Alan Sharp, the Bristol prop who would have played for the Scots this season but for injury and has now moved to the Richmond Athletic Ground to play with London Scottish.

The first game against Spain was at Imber Court in 1988 when England included ten players who had been, or would become, senior internationals. Three years later they ran up 50 points at Gloucester with a XV including Ben Clarke, making his first B appearance and now England's first-choice No 8; the same team fielded Rupert Moon, who scored two tries from scrum half before deciding, eight months later, that his future lay with Wales. The most recent meeting was in Madrid in January 1992, when England won 34-3; since then Spain have struggled in the FIRA championship, coming bottom of the table in May 1992 with seven defeats out of eight - though that solitary victory was against Romania, 6-0.

The Spanish lost 35-14

to Scotland A in Madrid last September, scoring two tries to four by the Scots, and have also had a thorough examination by Argentina: they lost 38-10 in Buenos Aires after two up-country games and then, a month later, went down 43-34 to the Pumas in Madrid. Since the Argentinians went on to beat France three weeks later that result reflects quite well on Spain, whose last outing was against Italy three weeks ago. That, though, was another story as the Italians enjoyed a thumping 52-0 victory in Madrid.

This year England's selectors have leaned heavily on the party that toured New Zealand last summer, a party that enjoyed itself and played, at times, some promising rugby but which lost the two games that mattered: against a New Zealand XV

which was effectively that country's third team. The most frustrating memory of that tour remains the game at Hamilton which England could, and should, have won but because Stuart Barnes had one of those days with his place kicking - eight attempts, eight failures - they came off the field having scored four tries to two but losing 24-18.

Even so, for some it has been the launching pad that B (or rather, A) rugby is supposed to be. Of that party Ian Hunter, Tony Underwood, Philip de Glanville, Victor Ubogu and Ben Clarke have all gone on to win first caps this season. "There are maybe half a dozen players capable of stepping straight into the senior side," Mike Slemen, the assistant coach in New Zealand, said at the tour's end. He wasn't far wrong, was he?

England's record at B level against Spain:

1988 England 31 Spain 6 (Imber Court)
 1989 Spain 9 England 31 (Madrid)
 1991 England 50 Spain 6 (Gloucester)
 1992 Spain 3 England 34 (Madrid)

The following XV appeared for England B in Madrid a year ago:

I Hunter (Northampton), J Fallon (Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), J Buckton (Saracens), T Underwood (Leicester), S Barnes (Bath), S Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth), G Baldwin (Northampton), G Dawe (Bath), A Mullins (Harlequins), M Haag (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester), M Greenwood (Nottingham), N Back (Leicester), B Clarke (Bath), Ian Hunter (two), Steve Douglas, Ben Clarke, Tony Underwood and Neil Back scored tries for England B with Stuart Barnes kicking two conversions and a penalty, and Hunter dropping a goal. Jorge Moreno kicked Spain's penalty.



Dean Richards, captain of England A for today's match.

REFEREE

D. DAVIES
(W.R.U.)

KICK-OFF 2.30pm

FULL BACK

RIGHT WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

LEFT WING

STAND OFF

SCRUM-HALF

PROP

HOOKER

PROP

LOCK

LOCK

FLANKER

FLANKER

No. 8

TOUCH JUDGES

P. KINGHAM
(R.F.U.)

A. ROWDEN
(R.F.U.)

ENGLAND



JERSEYS
White
SHORTS
White

SPAIN



JERSEYS
Red
SHORTS
Black

P. HULL
(Bristol)

15

F. PUERTAS
(Bayona R. C.) (Captain)

H. THORNEYCROFT
(Northampton)

14

J. TORRES
(Ciencias Sevilla)

S. POTTER
(Leicester)

13

G. RIVERO
(Pollac R. C.)

D. HOPLEY
(Cambridge University/Wasps)

12

A. MIÑO
(Ciencias Sevilla)

S. HACKNEY
(Leicester)

11

P. GUTIERREZ
(C. D. Arquitectura)

P. CHALLINOR
(Harlequins)

10

M. SANCHEZ
(Ciencias Sevilla)

M. DAWSON
(Northampton)

9

J. HERNANDEZ-GIL
(C. D. Arquitectura)

C. CLARK
(Swansea)

1

JORGE GUTIERREZ
(Liceo Frances)

K. DUNN
(Wasps)

2

F. DE LA CALLE
(Valladolid R. C.)

D. GARFORTH
(Leicester)

3

R. LIZARZA
(Atletico Bera Bera)

M. JOHNSON
(Leicester)

4

A. MALO
(U. E. Santboiana)

A. BLACKMORE
(Bristol)

5

V. ESNAOLA
(El Salvador)

M. GREENWOOD
(Wasps)

6

A. BELOKI
(Atletico Bera Bera)

S. OJOMOH
(Bath)

7

JAIME GUTIERREZ
(C. D. Arquitectura)

D. RICHARDS
(Leicester) (Captain)

8

J. ETXEBERRIA
(Getxo R. T.)

REPLACEMENTS

16. N. BEAL (Northampton)

17. J. STEELE (Northampton)

18. K. BRACKEN (Bristol)

19. N. BACK (Leicester)

20. A. MULLINS (Harlequins)

21. R. COCKERILL (Leicester)

16. J. SAUDA (Ciencias Sevilla)

17. M. AUZMENDI (U. E. Santboiana)

18. I. LASKURAIN (Getxo R. T.)

19. J. DIAZ (Getxo R. T.)

20. J. M. PEREZ (Ciencias Sevilla)

21. M. VENTURA (U. E. Santboiana)

DAMIAN HOPLEY

Wasps' strong –
running centre.





SPAIN

OFFICIALS

<i>Manager:</i>	Carlos Orozco
<i>Official:</i>	Jesús Marquez
<i>Official:</i>	Alfonso Alonso
<i>Coach:</i>	Gerard Murillo
<i>Assistant Coach:</i>	Salvador Torres
<i>Doctor:</i>	Victor Marlet
<i>Physiotherapist:</i>	Joseba Geijo

PLAYERS

	Club	Position	Age	Weight	Height	Caps
Jorge Gutierrez	Liceo Frances	Prop	28	115kg	1.86m	-
Federico de la Calle	Valladolid	Hooker	23	88kg	1.77m	2
Jorge Sauda	Ciencias Sevilla	Prop	21	94kg	1.84m	-
Alberto Malo	U E Santboiana	Lock	28	97kg	1.93m	38
Victoriano Esnaola	El Salvador	Lock	20	105kg	1.95m	1
Inaki Laskurain	Getxo R T	Flanker	24	87kg	1.89m	6
Jaime Gutierrez	C D Arquitectura	Flanker	27	89kg	1.82m	33
Jon Etxeberria	Getxo R T	No 8	30	82kg	1.88m	15
Jeronimo Hernandez-Gil	C D Arquitectura	Scrum-Half	24	80kg	1.72m	2
Miguel Sanchez	Ciencias Sevilla	Stand Off	25	80kg	1.80m	7
Javier Torres	Ciencias Sevilla	Wing	26	90kg	1.81m	12
Gabriel Rivero	Pollac R C	Centre	32	85kg	1.79m	42
Marc Ventura	U E Santboiana					
Pablo Gutierrez	C D Arquitectura	Wing	24	90kg	1.81m	4
Francisco Puertas	Bayona R C	Full Back	27	81kg	1.80m	57
Roberto Lizarza	Atletico Bera Bera	Prop	28	103kg	1.80m	-
Mario Auzmendi	U E Santboiana	Lock	23	89kg	1.88kg	8
Aitor Beloki	Atletico Bera Bera	Flanker	20	92kg	1.86kg	-
Javier Diaz	Getxo R T	Scrum-Half	31	66kg	1.69m	53
Jose A Hermsilla	Valladolid	Wing	23	82kg	1.84m	6
Jose M Perez	Ciencias Sevilla	Wing	24	80kg	1.77m	1
Alejandro Miño	Ciencias Sevilla	Centre	23	80kg	1.84m	3

FRANCISCO PUERTAS

Captains the Spanish
team today.



Welcome to Richmond

by Chairman, Richmond Football Club and
Rugby Football Union – Captain Tony Hallett, Royal Navy

A very special welcome to the Spanish National Side, the England A team who return to this, their happy hunting ground after their excellent win against Ireland last year and to all the guests and spectators here this afternoon. It is a special privilege for us to stage this match and on behalf of Richmond, London Scottish and our managing partners the Richard Athletic Association, we thank the Rugby Football Union and you for supporting the occasion.

I firmly believe that visitors and club members are visiting a veritable rugby mecca here at Richmond. Between Richmond and London Scottish who share these facilities in typical healthy Anglo Scot rivalry we see over 800 players of all ages and both sexes pull on their jersey and play for their clubs each week. Both first teams are having a tough season in the respective Leagues One and Two campaigns but this front line belies the enormous and successful activities of the clubs. We have a Youth and Mini programme that must be among the best in the country. Currently Richmond's U21 are undefeated against all

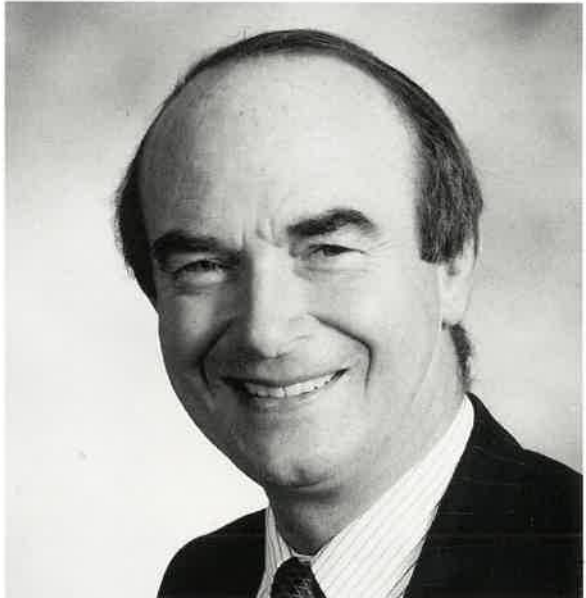
comers, the women's section is extremely successful and achieves notable international honours and all, in all, some 24 teams from U7 to the Heavies take the field from the Richmond Club alone. London Scottish echo this commitment but you don't enquire too closely about pitch allocation!

Like almost every club it seems we have substantial plans to develop and build on the facilities we have at the Athletic Ground. Floodlighting, a new north stand to replace the much loved "cowshed", improved shop, office and

spectator facilities and a new golf driving range to complement our activities and assist the financial load.

During the match a bucket collection will be made for the Gareth Savin Trust – Gareth aged 20 was paralysed in a rugby match here and we hope you will give generously for this brave young man.

I hope you have a good afternoon of rugby today and that tomorrow's international will set your own particular hearts desire alight with running rugby and, of course, the right result!



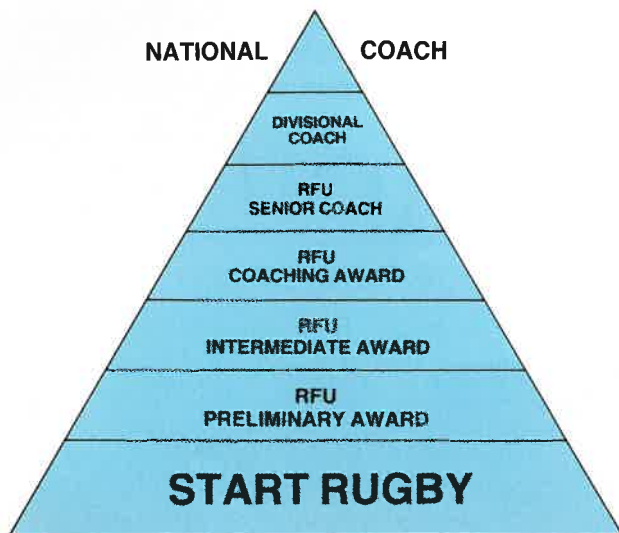
Tony Hallett.

JAIME GUTIERREZ

capped 33 times for
Spain as a flanker.



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