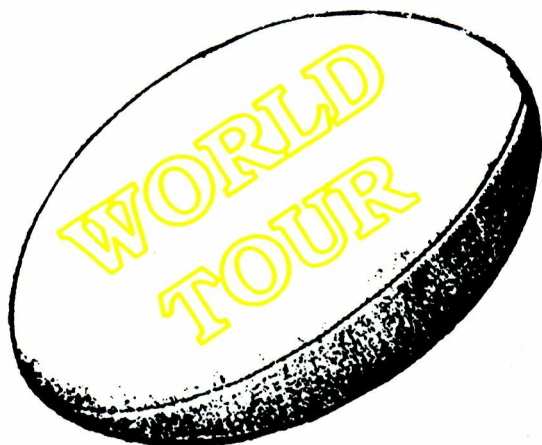


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TOUCHDOWN! The World

Trip Vision

*'The Quincentenary' they said. 'The what ?
'1487' had been a catchword at Stockport Grammar School
for - well I suppose centuries.
'How long has Mr. X. been at S.G.S. ?'
'Since 1487' or
'Why do you do it that way ?'
'Listen, it's been done like this since 1487' etc.
So were the rugby enthusiasts going to do anything special ?
The start of the academic year 1983 - 4 the idea was formed.
'A World tour' said S.H.D.
'---- !!!' replied L.P.K.
but gradually the vision took root.
An initial meeting with parents of the then 2nd, 4th, and 5th
year rugby players was called in the November. The most
crucial element was the formation of a steering committee of
keen, enthusiastic and extremely hard working parents. Our
thanks to these people are unlimited.
Gullivers Travels were contacted and eventually an
ambitious tour of 4 weeks was agreed.
The fund raising was both varied and interesting,
ranging from a sponsored run, wine tasting, the sale of Xmas
trees, through to an import of a 'quincentennial wine' Shaa
Vin (named after our founder) and many other ideas.
Without a doubt it's been hard work and fun but from
the 7th July 'til 9th August 1987 the vision will become a
reality and 26 Stopfordians will have an experience of a
lifetime.*

Len Kynyston and Steve Dunn.

THE COACHES PAGE

LEN KYNYSTON

EDUCATED: Prince Edward High School
Zimbabwe
William Hulmes' Grammar
School
Didsbury College of Education
Manchester

Head of P.E. S.G.School Master i/c RUGBY.

Rugby Playing Career:- N.W. Colleges Heaton
Moor , SALE
A Bad break of left leg brought playing career to
an end in 1977.
A Rugby Football Union Coach.

Interests: All sports, Reading, Music, Sub Aqua Nude Limbo Dancing!! -
Drives a yellow mini.

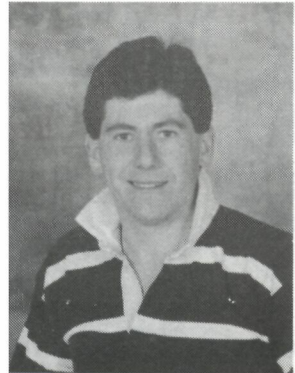
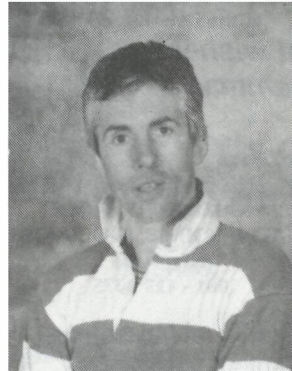
STEVE DUNN

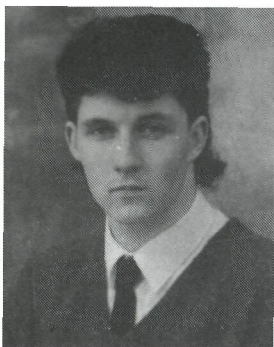
EDUCATED: Berwick Grammar School
University of Birmingham
BSc Joint Honours Physical Education and
Geography
ASSISTANT P.E. MASTER S.G.S.

Rugby:- Northumberland Schools U16 & U19
University of Birmingham 1st XV
Mosely R.F.C. Walsall R.F.C. Berwick
R.F.C. Davenport R.F.C.
Toured:- U.S.A. SPAIN, FRANCE,
HOLLAND, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG.

I began playing Rugby at the age of 11, initially
at No. 8, then prop and finally hooker. At school
I graduated to the 1st XV when I was in the fourth
year and played senior school rugby for 5 years having stayed on third year sixth. This
was invaluable experience which I put to good use as a player at University. A back
injury, and coaching commitments have prevented me from playing for the last two
seasons. I hope to return to the game in the not too distant future. Touring is one of the
great rewards of Rugby Football and I have been fortunate to have visited many
interesting places.

INTERESTS:- Sport obviously plays a major role in my life especially cricket.
My other interests include collecting records and listening to contemporary music,
Mountaineering, Skiing, Windsurfing, Motor Rallying, Photography, and DIY work





CAPTAIN
Anthony Carlin

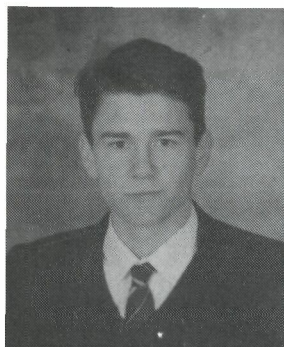
Born in Manchester

Living in Reddish.

Has one sister Angela studying Law

Hobbies: Cars, Snooker, everything else.

Position Centre/Full Back.



Vice Captain
Ian Millner

Born in Buxton, Derbyshire.

Has a sister Caroline.

Hobbies: Played Cricket for Cheshire + Derbyshire. 1986 winner of Keith Fielding Trophy. Collects Beer mats.

Ambition. To be a physiotherapist and specialize in sporting injuries.

Position Wing Forward.



Danny Adamson.

Born in Manchester lives in Cheshire.

Has a sister Katie (alias Mad Maxs')

only friends are Xavier and Fozzy

(best props alive, so keep me alive!)

Hoping to be an engineer.

Hobbies: Sailing, Skiing, Past teams, Cheshire U16's, Davenport, 1stXIS.G.S.

Position Hooker



Alastair Birt

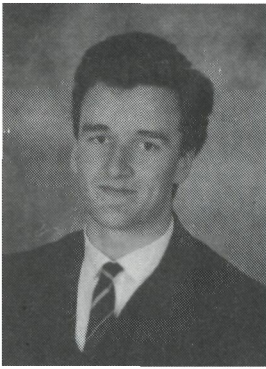
Born in Shropshire, living in Buxton.

Has Two brothers Matthew (17)

Andrew (13).

Hobbies: All sports, especially Skiing.

Position Fly Half

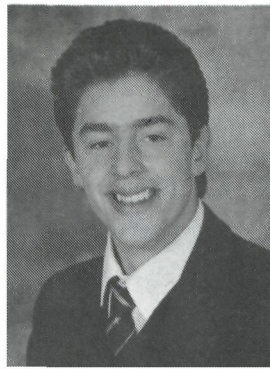


**Matthew
Birt**

Born in Somerset, Emigrated to West Africa, Now lives in Derbyshire. Younger brothers Alastair and Andrew.

Hobbies: All sports & Fund raisin, for this tour.

Position Fly-Half/Full Back



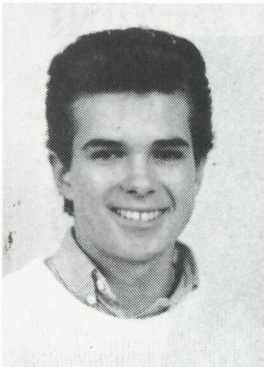
**Niall
Bisset**

**Born in 1970
Now lives in Davenport, Manchester.
One brother + sister.**

Ambition - to join R.A.F.

Hobbies: Saxophone playing, wine women and song.

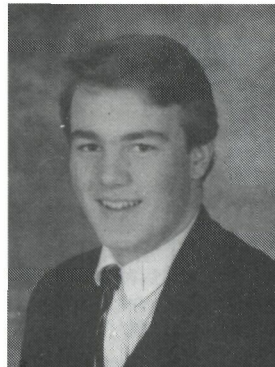
Position 2nd Row.



**Phil
Brown**

**From Stockport.
Has one sister Kirstie (17)
Ambition to join the Fleet Air Arm.
Hobbies: Athletics, Sailing, Wind - surfing, Music.**

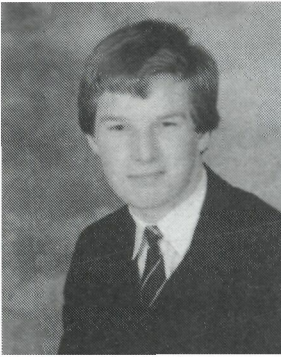
Position Scrum Half.



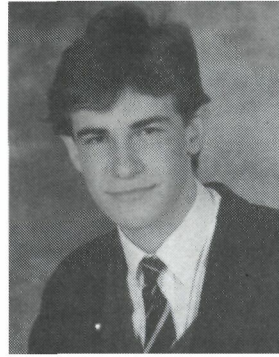
**Xavier
Brooke**

**Born & still lives in Manchester.
Has one sister Zoe (14)
Ambition - Business Study Course-
To join the Police Force.
Hobbies: Waterskiing, Drumming,
Golf, Tennis, Cars, Boats, Snow-
skiing & collecting Key fobs.**

Position Prop Forward (Loosehead)



**Steve
Graham**



**David
Burling**

Born in Manchester.
Has a brother Martin and a sister Janet.
Hobbies: Photography, Watersports,
Allergies, Kryptonite.

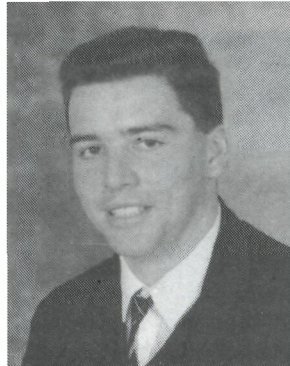
Position Hooker.

Born and lives in Stockport.
Has 2 brothers Richard and
Andrew.
Hobbies: Most sports, Tennis,
Squash.
Ambition- To study Medicine
at University.

Position 2nd Row.



**Trevor
Feehily**



**Steven
Foster**

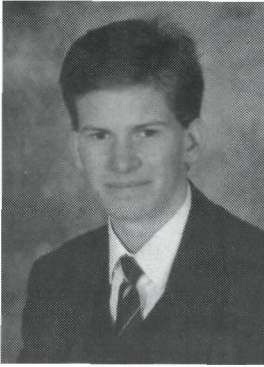
Lives in Manchester,
Aged 17 H. 6'1"

Hobbies: All sports.
Ambition - To go on tour and pass
Maths 'O' Level.

Position No. 8

Lives in Stockport.
Has a brother Stuart and a
sister Suzanne
Hobbies: Soccer, Sailing &
Cruising.
Ambition - To be a Quantity
Surveyor (of waist
measurements)

Position Prop Forward



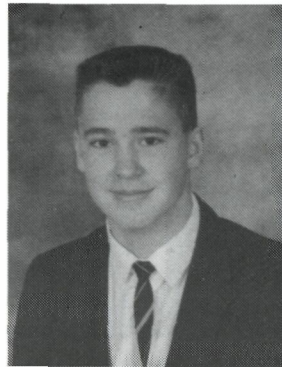
**Andrew
Gregg**

**Born in Somerset, lives in Stockport
Whole family goes to S.G.S.**

**Hobbies: Sailing, American -
Football.**

Ambition - A career in Medicine.

Position Wing Forward/Centre.



**Jeremy
Healey**

**Born in London now lives in
Dukinfield.**

Has a brother Jonathan

Hobbies: Playing guitar & Cricket.

**Ambition - To be an Architect
(Specializing in Barbershops)**

Position Fly Half



**Paul
Howarth**

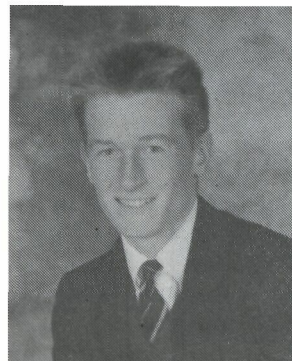
**Born in Manchester now lives in
Bramhall.**

Has 1 sister and 1 brother.

**Hobbies: All sports, Squash Theatre
& collecting Social Diseases
presently has (660).**

Ambition - To become a Solicitor.

Position Hooker.



**Sacha
Howell**

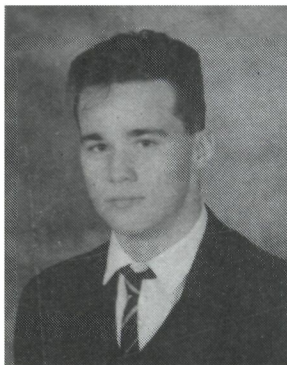
**Born in London, lives in
Derbyshire.**

Has a sister Nicola.

**Hobbies: Plays Bass guitar, Jazz,
Rock group, Music.**

**Ambition - To be a perpetual
Medical student.**

Position Centre



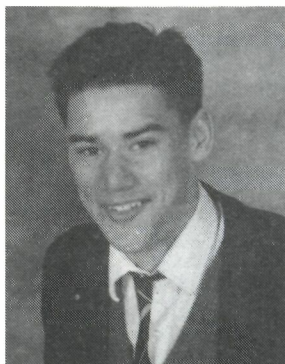
**Dominic
Huxley**

Born in Congleton now lives in Bramhall.
Has a brother Sean and 2 sisters Michele and Nicola.
Hobbies: Watching Man. United and other sports.
Ambition - To be an Electrical/Software Engineer.
Position Strum Half, Wing Forward or Full Back.



**Paul
Livesey**

Born in Manchester.
Has two elder brothers.
Hobbies: Active in most sports.
Ambition - To study Medicine at University.
Position Wing Forward.



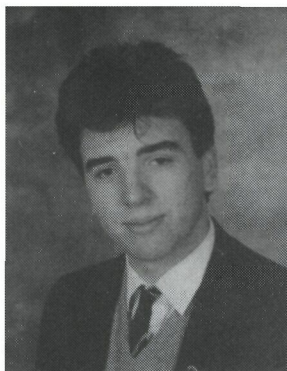
**Ian
Mehta**

Lived in Davenport for 17 years.
Has two elder brothers.
Hobbies: Doing as little as possible.
Ambition - To become a Doctor or join the Army.
Position - ?



**Peter
Mycock**

Always lived within the Stockport area.
Has a sister Angela (12).
Hobbies: Golf (handicap 14) represents County in Tennis. Playing the Piano.
Ambition - Still to be decided.
Position Inside Centre



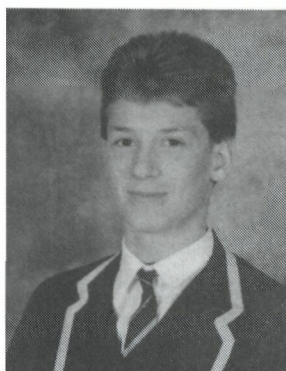
**Colin
Nevett**

Born in Stockport, lives in Disley.
Has 2 brothers Andrew and Graham.

Hobbies: Tennis, Snooker, Modern music, and enjoys other sporting activities.

Ambition - To have a job related to the sciences.

Position Second Row.



**Andrew
Oliver**

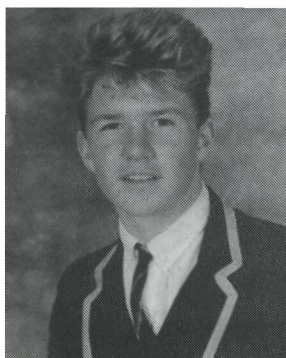
Grown up in Stockport, now living in Chinley.

Has a sister Susan (18).

Hobbies: Motor Cycle riding and playing all sports.

Ambition - Not yet decided.

Position Prop Forward.



**David
Schofield**

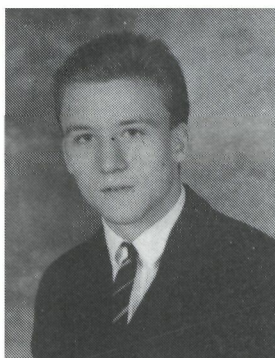
Brought up in Cheadle Hulme now lives in Bramhall.

Has a brother Chris.

Hobbies: Football, Cricket, other active sports. Travelling & music.

Ambition - A career involving Arts + Design.

Position Wing Forward.



**Lloyd
Setchfield**

Born in Bowden + now living in Stockport.

Has two sisters Paula & Deborah.

Hobbies: Music, all active sports, Cars.

Position Centre or Wing Three - Quarter.



**Mark
Simpson**

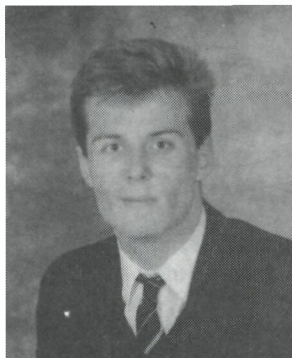
Lives in Manchester.

Has a sister Sarah.

Hobbies: Piano, Tuba, Swimming, Athletics, Music, Walking, Camping and Cars.

Ambition - Not yet decided.

Position Second Row.



**Darren
Steward**

Lives in Manchester.

Hobbies: Sports, Father's Cars, Travel and the opposite sex.

Position Centre Wing

The hard facts of touring

by MIKE BURTON

Played 17 times for England, represented the Barbarians and made 6 major overseas tours with Gloucester, Gloucestershire, England and the British Lions.

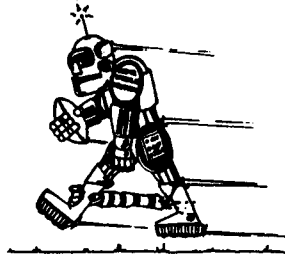
Nothing stirs the heart of rugby men more than the prospect of an overseas tour with the lads.

What better way to spend the summer?

The uncertainty of team selection, the relief when your name is called out. "I knew I'd go, I've been training for weeks you know". The extrovert prop bolts back another pint of flat beer (he'll be good value as a tourist), showing no consideration for the rejected players graciously nodding their "Well done's and "Have a good time" through plastic smiles that hardly begin to hide their disappointment.

The Tour Manager weighs in with his first speech of the tour.

"First of all let me say that selection was not easy with so many good players available (those not selected leave the room spitting sparks) and to those of you who are fortunate enough to be going, remember that you will be judged as much off the field as you are on it. You will not only be representing yourself and your families, but your country as well. You are to all intents and purposes ambassadors, make sure I have no occasion to reprimand any of you."



And so the tour begins, weeks before you have been measured for your tour blazer, tried it on in the privacy of your own room, and trained as if there was no tomorrow. You arrive at Gatwick as fit as a fiddler's bitch, sporting a fresh haircut and carrying 20 letters/messages for people who emigrated out there years ago and amazingly know half the people in your town. The Manager faces his first test. The star outside half has left his passport at home and the first team hooker has lost his air ticket. His face goes red and he struts, barking orders at the Assistant Manager who is really the Coach and has no administrative ability at all. The Coach shrugs, the Manager goes even redder and after much negotiation with airport officials his team finally boards the plane. The Manager poses for press photographs grinning broadly with his arms around the Coach and the 1st Team hooker

One piece of advice offered to me by a famous English hooker was always wear something casual on a long flight and change back into your uniform before you get off at the other end, because local dignitaries and other alickadoos will be there to meet you, and I well remember going off on my first tour when I sat for 18 hours in a posh blazer, flannels and tie while all the experienced tourists who had put a T-shirt and a track-suit bottom or jeans in their hand luggage enjoyed a much more leisurely journey than I. The flight itself always shows signs of things to come, the tour comedians begin

to emerge at this early stage and although it would not do to have 15 of them in a team these lads are always worth their weight in gold to a touring party for they make happy times happier and in the event of a catastrophe, an injured team mate or a lost match they have immense value as morale boosters.

Probably the lowest point of any tour is booking into a hotel in the early hours of the morning after a long and tiring flight. Everybody's off form and just needs bed. These are the times when team spirit faces its sternest examination. Your bag is last to be unloaded from the coach your number is not known to the busy receptionist who runs her finger up and down the list of names saying, "Well, I can't see you here". On top of that one of your team mates has taken your suitcase to his room by mistake and you have to find him before you can find your pyjamas. When you do find him he is asleep and annoyed that you have woken him up. Please don't SHOUT AT HIM, CALL HIM NAMES, MUMBLE UNDER YOUR BREATH YOUR HONEST OPINION OF HIM or THINK ANY WORSE OF HIM. In the morning you will be training together and last night doesn't matter.

The first session

The bus that is to take you to the training field fails to turn up and the Manager shows remarkable cool in arranging to borrow the two hotel mini-buses and getting the lads there on time. (Perhaps he is not going to be so bad after all). Props and locks hit the corner flag as they play at drop goals, wings and fly halves stretch off hamstrings and the Coach makes his first appearance.

Track-suited, whistle around his neck, "OK lads, come in, form a circle". He announces the team for that so vital first match, "I'm sorry we can only pick 15 of you at a time, and all the lads left out this time will be given a run in the second game".

The lads nod acceptance and begin the warm-up, lapping the field, forwards with that 'when are you going to stop' look on their faces, threequarters scuttling off lengths in the lead.

The selected team work-out together that morning and every morning up to match day. This is always the most important day of any tour, as the legendary W.J. McBride said, "This will put the show on the road". And what a day from the moment you wake up! The trip to the ground, the pre-match team talk, the smell of linament, the nervous dressing-room small talk, the clatter of studs in the tunnel as the team takes the field and the noise that hits your ears as you emerge into the daylight.

The game is on.

You have taken your first tackle, felt the joy of seeing that ponce of a winger with ten A levels, a sports car and a perfect hair-do, put your side 4 points up, only to be level at half time when their flanker crashes through after two knock-ons and a forward pass.

The game over, and now down to the business. Post-match functions normally so boring are really quite interesting when you have won. "Beer's nice, bit like our lager". The lads are set for a good night. The Captains heap praise on each others teams and the Manager makes a brilliant speech, (I think he's a good bloke really), thanks to our hosts and presents a shield and a tie.

Now, as one of yesterday's men and with my touring days behind me, I look enviously towards the lads of Stockport Grammar, young men going off to share the experience of a life-time, the sight-seeing, the friendship which as well as the rugby, will provide them with a cupboard full of memories to be treasured for the rest of their lives.

ENJOY YOURSELVES, LADS, AND GO CAREFUL!

GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECTS - DATE JULY 7 1987. CAPTAINS

LOG STAR.

SAN FRANCISCO is an important seaport situated on a peninsula, which encloses San Francisco Bay. The Golden Gate bridge which spans the entrance to the bay, has one of the longest suspension type spans in the world. (The second Biggest is on Fozzy' shorts !) The city is the chief financial centre of the West, and has scientific, educational and cultural institutions. It has several other institutions, and Blob our self appointed cultural attache will be providing a synopsis on arrival. The city lies on the infamous San Andreas Fault, a line of weakness in the Earth's crust that has been the cause of many earthquakes in the region, in particular in 1906 when a large proportion of the city was destroyed. The Seismological Institute has been informed of our arrival time due to our 'lightweight cargo' of Fozzy and Xavier.

HAWAII'S, home of the famous 5 0 (no not Deadly's form). The Hawaiian Island Group consists of more than 20 islands situated 2,000 miles south west of the U.S.A. The capital, Honolulu, is the base for our stay and is situated on the Island of Oahu. Hawaiians are descended from varied peoples, and include the early Polynesians, and later, Americans, Chinese, Europeans and Puerto Ricans. The economy is heavily dependant on tourism but was originally based on fishing and agriculture, to this day it still exports sugar cane and pineapples. A traditional Hawaiian greeting is given to all visitors, they are greeted by Hawaiian girls and garlanded with flowers. Our cultural attache will be given diplomatic immunity on arrival to avoid any embarrassing moments and for the safety of the Hawaiian girls. If we ever leave the Pacific Paradise and Blob gets his bail, the Tour moves on to New Zealand.

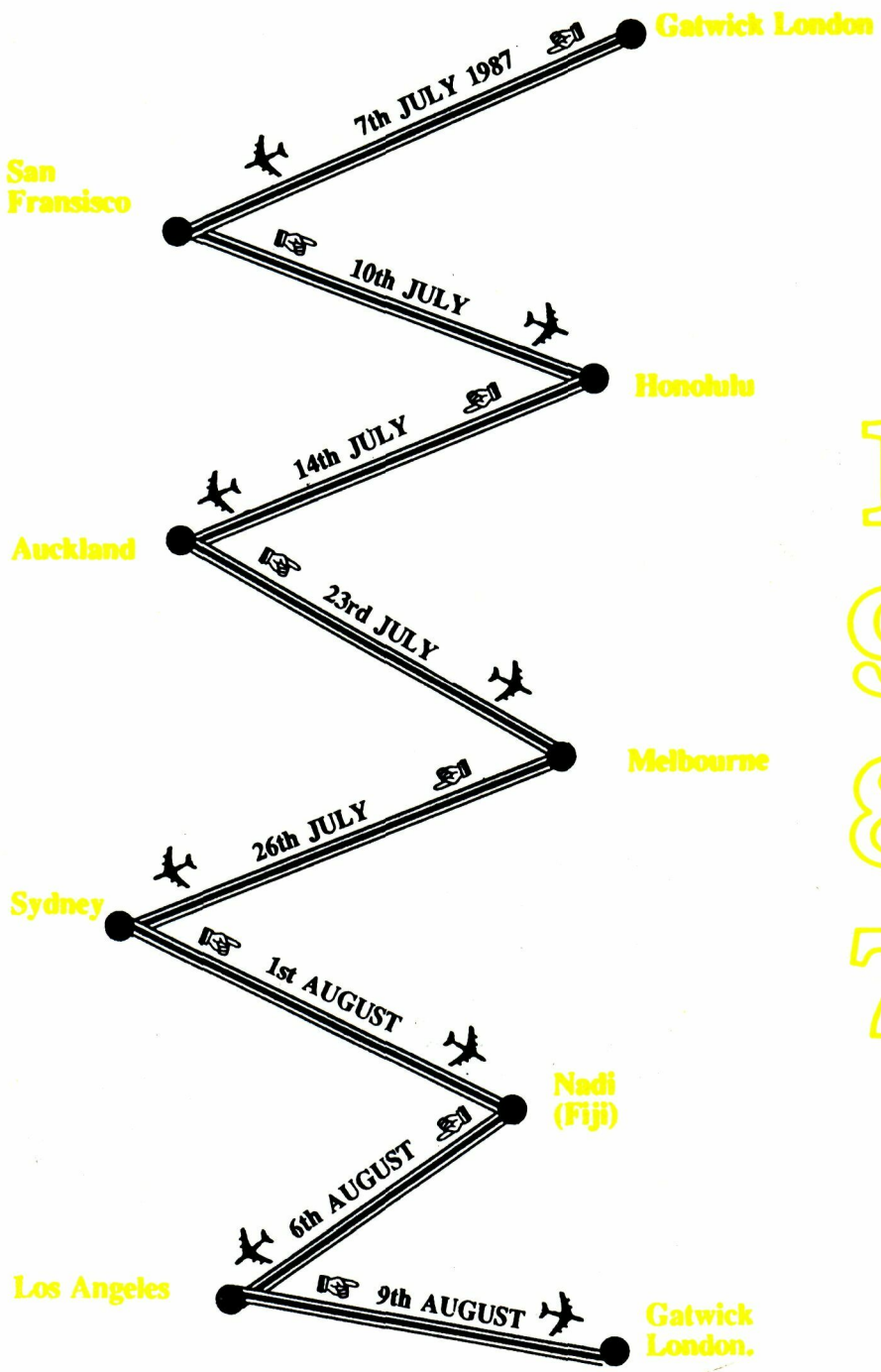
NEW ZEALAND lies 1,000 miles south east of Australia, and consists of two large islands with several smaller islands. North Island contains almost two thirds of the total population and extends 500 miles from north to south. South Island is sperated from North Island by the 16 mile wide Cook Strait. Both Islands are volcanically active, and on North Island there is an area around Rotorua where hot springs and boiling mud pools are found. A similar area can be found after Millns and Dom have been for a post match curry. Some of the hot springs are geysers, which periodically shoot up a tall column of hot water and steam. No doubt several of the Tour Squad will wish to participate in this thrilling natural sauna. Approximately 7% of the population are Maori, these are descendants of the Polynesian peoples who sailed to the islands some 700 years ago. It is believed that Biss will be making a concerted effort to trace his roots on this part of the visit. Communications are very good in New Zealand, and despite being geographically remote it is a very prosperous country due to its excellent international links.

AUSTRALIA: a country that is also an island continent. proximately 75% the size of Europe, Australia consists of six states, two mainland territories, and eight external territories. Our Tour is based in the South East around Sydney and Melbourne, unfortunately for Len, who is an expert on the sheep stations of Western Australia: despite this it is hoped he can broaden our horizons while down under. The two Birts will sadly be confined to the hotel in Australia because their rugby styles are so similar to the movements of the native kangaroo, it is feared they may disappear up a possums pouch. Once free from the clutches of the Sheilas (remember the song) the Tour moves to Fiji.

FIJI consists of 322 volcanic islands in the Melanesian Archipelago in the South Pacific. This island group covers some 7,083 square miles with a population of roughly half a million. The capital is Suva, which is situated on the Island of Viti Levu. The island economy is based on traditional agriculture supplemented by tourism. The most common crops are, bananas, coconuts, sugar cane, rice and cotton. Several members of the party will be making an in depth study into the factors which account for the size of the native Fijian. Trev will be devising the questionnaire and that well known professor of mathematics, Jez, will be analysing the data. From Fiji the final destination is Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES stands astride the river of the same name 18 miles from the Pacific Coast. The city has a population of approximately 3 million and is the third largest city in America. Los Angeles is best known as the centre of the American film industry. Nevett and Carlin are reputed to have been offered contracts by several of the major studios after their respective performances in last year's School Musical: Colin will be selling doughnuts and Tony ice creams. Due to the presence of a younger element in the party, a visit to Disneyland has been organised so that Ollie can meet Dumbo and Metz can meet Tinkerbell. If the party ever gets this far it will return on 9th August to England.

by *Darren Steward*
Steven Foster.



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San
Francisco

Gatwick London

Honolulu

Auckland

Melbourne

Sydney

Nadi
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