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RICHMOND ATHLETIC GROUND



SEASON
1978-79



RICHMOND versus GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY 10 MARCH 1979

KICK-OFF 3 pm



Richmond Club Notes

A MONTH AGO, Gloucester met us at Kingsholm in the John Player Cup and by achieving a draw, Richmond went on to the Second Round when we beat another side from the West Country city — Matson. No doubt the 'Cherry and Whites' will feel that they have to redress the balance this afternoon and a keenly fought match will, no doubt be the outcome. We welcome Gloucester to the Athletic Ground for their first visit for some years as this date clashes with Quarter-Final matches and their last visit here was in 1973 when we won 29-21 with a team comprising Howland, Maxwell, Janion, Davies, Sale, Whitcomb, Ryan, Buchanan, Russell, Hinton, Ralston, James, Kitchin, Steyn and Hadman.

Last Saturday we were forced to make changes to the selected side because Roger Shackleton and Mike Hess developed severe head colds on Friday and Chris Ralston was stuck at London Airport, but their replacements David Croydon — making his debut since joining us from Saracens, John Davidson and Peter Harding served us very well and in spite of some early morning lethargy at first against London Scottish, Richmond came out well on top with a most convincing 23-8 win. Nick Mallett — also on debut — fitted well into the side and the XV was very well led by Ian Ray who celebrated by scoring twice himself. The other tries were scored by David Croydon and Saxons skipper Charlie Yeomans who also celebrated a debut in good style. Two goals were kicked by David Whibley and he put over a penalty goal also. For today's game our missing trio of last week come back and Chris Sharp appears in the back row.

From the changes in the First XV the Vikings suffered alterations to the chosen side against London Scottish Extra 1st and they shared 14 points with them and this is the first time since 21 October that they have not won. For today's game against Bedford Wanderers they bring in Tony Watkinson in the centre so that with David Croydon they have two ace goalkickers in the side and hope to resume winning ways.

International opposition was the order of the day last week for the Saxons when they took on A S Fature and in spite of many changes they pulled out a splendid performance to win 62-14 with the XV very well led by Vinny Codrington. The devastating back row of Ray Edwards, Gary Greenwood

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and Phil Williams led the way to excellent Rugby and it was good to see the reappearance of lock Neil Dobson after being away most of the season.

A London Scottish 3rd XV faced the A XV and notwithstanding seven changes the A XV did well to hold them to 7-9 and these changes meant that five flankers were in the Richmond side. There was fine running by Jeff Banister on the wing, good solid performances at half-back from John Frank-Keyes and Robin Bell and a most welcome reappearance after long injury from hooker Colin Ashby. Today they face Rosslyn Park Roebucks and in the absence of skipper Gus Kinnear the captaincy falls for the second week on the timeless Martin Wood and it is hoped that Jerry Smith will be fit to take his place after being absent since October through injury.

How are the mighty fallen? For the first time this season the 'Heavies' had to give best to another side and they went down 11-13 to London Scottish Picts in spite of the fact that Ian Botes ran 25 yards for a try. This unique effort was too much for Ian and he has this week to rest up and observe the team from the touchline when they take on Rosslyn Park Extra A at Roehampton. We wish Ian a complete and speedy recovery.

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RICHMOND	23	9	2	12	296	276
VIKINGS	21	17	1	3	460	165
SAXONS	21	20	0	1	623	144
A XV	21	11	0	10	349	286
EXTRA A XV	19	17	1	1	467	137
LONDON SCOTTISH	24	12	0	12	398	471
GLOUCESTER	32	21	2	9	506	344

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March

Tues.	15	2.30	HOSPITAL CUP FINAL
Saturday	24	3.00	LONDON SCOTTISH v MOSELEY
Saturday	31	3.00	RICHMOND v METROPOLITAN POLICE

April

Saturday	7	3.00	LONDON SCOTTISH v SARACENS
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Richmond

(Old Gold, Red and Black)

16	D. F. WHIBLEY	<i>Full Back</i>
15	H. GLEAN	<i>R. Wing</i>
14	I. RAY	<i>R. Centre</i>
12	I. R. SHACKLETON (Captain) International	<i>L. Centre</i>
11	C. M. YEOMANS	<i>L. Wing</i>
10	N. J. PRESTON	<i>Fly Half</i>
9	C. J. PRITCHARD	<i>Scr. Half</i>
1	A. J. SHORTLAND	<i>Forward</i>
2	N. J. VINTER	<i>Forward</i>
3	W. DICKINSON	<i>Forward</i>
4	M. A. H. HESS	<i>Forward</i>
5	C. W. RALSTON International	<i>Forward</i>
6	C. SHARP	<i>Forward</i>
8	D. M. ROLLITT International	<i>Forward</i>
7	N. MALLETT	<i>Forward</i>

Replacements:

17	R. MAYLE
18	P. M. WILLIAMS

Gloucester

(Cherry and White)

P. BUTLER	15
International	
R. GLEWS	14
R. MOGG	13
D. POINTON	12
L. DICK	11
International	
B. RUSSELL	10
P. KINGSTON	9
International	
G. SARGENT	1
S. MILLS	2
A. BROOKES	3
S. BOYLE	4
J. ORWIN	5
J. WATKINS	6
(Captain)	
J. SIMONETT	8
P. WOOD	7

Replacements:

S. BAKER
K. WHITE

Referee: **J. TRIGG** (London Society)