



# HARLEQUIN FOOTBALL CLUB

**HARLEQUINS**

v

**GLOUCESTER**

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION GROUND - TWICKENHAM

Saturday, 10th October, 1981

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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## HARLEQUINS

*Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate  
French Grey, Black and Light Green*

15	R. Dudman	Full Back
14	S. Moriarty	R. Wing
13	G. Birkett* (Capt.)	R. Centre
12	D. Hodgkiss	L. Centre
11	S. Simson	L. Wing
10	B. Riley	Fly Half
9	J. Gilmer	Scrum Half
1	T. Claxton	Forward
2	I. Thomas	Forward
3	A. Barker	Forward
4	N. Heath	Forward
5	R. Riddell	Forward
6	M. Russell	Forward
8	E. Weekes	Forward
7	D. H. Cooke*	Forward

Replacements:

16	I. Klyne
17	R. George

## GLOUCESTER

*Colours: Cherry and White*

A. Durkin	15
P. Conway	14
P. Williams	13
P. Taylor	12
R. Clewes	11
D. Pointon	10
S. Baker	9
M. Preedy	1
S. Mills* (Capt.)	2
S. Ashmead	3
A. Turton	4
J. Brain	5
J. Gadd	6
M. Teague	8
M. Longstaff	7

Replacements:

Referee: Mr. M. K. Frary (London Society)

\*International

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## **Programme Notes . . .**

We extend a welcome to Gloucester today. We have had many hard games against this famous club and in the corresponding fixture last season, Gloucester won at Kingsholm.

This year, J. V. Smith is Senior Vice President of the RFU and is aiding and abetting our own David Brooks in his presidency year. No doubt they will be having a lot of fun as well as working very hard.

Our weekly round-up of the injured players is now showing an encouraging downward trend. However, now that we are in the full swing of midweek County games, it means many players are training on Sunday and Monday, playing Wednesday, training Thursday and playing on the Saturday. It does not seem too long ago that one training session a week and a Saturday game still appeared too much for the likes of Starmer.

Still, it has an advantage for our Team Manager who, at least, now finds that he has a full set of kit to put back into the suitcase at the end of the game - could it be that by Saturday everyone is too exhausted to have devious thoughts about extra kit required for training.

The 1st XV showed a lot of determination against Swansea last week and, although this game is full of "ifs", if we had kicked our goals and not given away the two last penalties, we could have achieved a comfortable victory.

The other four senior sides won with the Wanderers beating Blackheathans and the U.19 Colts opened up their season with a good win against Marlow.

Next Saturday we have our first Merit Table game against Rosslyn Park and with all the discussion about leagues, Merit Table games take on even more significance. As we said earlier, it seems only yesterday that rugby players did not feel they should put away their whites until the end of September and hunt for those boots that settled into the cupboard back in April - some of the players on the field today will be playing something like their twelfth game of the season!

### **NEXT HOME MATCH**

# **HARLEQUINS** versus **ROSSLYN PARK**

**Saturday 17th October, 1981**

**Kick-Off 2.45 p.m.**

at the

## **RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION GROUND TWICKENHAM**

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