

PLYMOUTH ALBION R.F.C.



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



MATCH NOTES

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to **Gloucester**, joint holders of the John Player Cup.

Last season was a 'marvellous' one for Gloucester who won 41, drew 4 and lost only 3 of the 48 matches they played. In doing so they scored 154 tries and run up a total of 1,045 points against the 338 conceded. To crown this record breaking season they drew with Moseley in the final of the RFU Club Competition to share the John Player Cup.

It therefore comes as something of a surprise to know that Gloucester have already lost 9 matches this season and it must have been a shock to their followers when they lost the first match of the season, at home to Stroud. However, we can hardly anticipate a collapse of the formidable Gloucester Club as most of their defeats have been away to Welsh clubs and they have still managed to record 11 wins against top class opposition. In fact their last 3 matches have all been wins; away at Oxford University by 44 points to 6, home to Cambridge University 33 points to 9 and Glamorgan Wanderers last Saturday by 19 points to 9.

The last meeting between Albion and Gloucester was at Kingsholm in November last year when Albion were soundly beaten by 58 points to nil (enough said). That day both teams were depleted due to the County Championships and, by agreement, the result did not count towards the South and South West Merit table. The same situation applies for today's match, both teams being without a number of first choice players. Gloucester provide 5 players for their County with Albion coming off slightly worse in losing 7 players to Devon for the County Championship match at Leicester.

Although the result of today's match does not count towards the Merit Table, Albion have the added incentive of defending an unbeaten home record, having:

P	W	D	L	F	A
14	12	1	1	274	143

(The only defeat being away at Maesteg)

VICE PRESIDENTS LUNCH

Last Saturday's Vice-Presidents lunch was a splendid, friendly affair, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

It is obvious that considerable planning went into making the event such a resounding success. Special mention must be made of the efforts and hard work of **Jim Bentley, Charles Shepherd, John Bentley, David and Margaret Morgan**, and last, but not least, wine waiter **Geoff (Mario) Morris**, who added that little touch of the Fawlty Towers.

On behalf of the Vice-Presidents, "Sincere thanks to all concerned in providing a most memorable day."

PLYMOUTH ALBION v. GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 13th November — K.O. 2.45p.m.

Colours: Cherry/White/Green

Colours: Red and White Hoops

County: *	U23: ‡	International: †
15 K. Turton*	Full Back	15 P. Ford <i>T. Ford →</i>
14 R. Westlake* (Capt.)	L. Wing	14 P. Pritchard <i>CONWAY</i>
13 G. Pearson	L. Centre	13 P. Taylor
12 S. Parford	R. Centre	12 C. Dyke
11 M. Newton	R. Wing	11 P. Conway <i>O'Dea → Gove</i>
10 P. Carter* <i>PP</i>	Fly-Half	10 D. Pointon <i>D</i>
9 B. Fairgrieve	Scrum-Half	9 S. Baker‡
1 C. Rockey	Prop	1 R. Phillips
2 I. Martin	Hooker	2 S. Mills† (Capt.)
3 B. Steer*	Prop	3 S. Ashmead
4 J. Sneyd	2nd Row	4 J. Brain‡
5 T. Chapman*	2nd Row	5 A. Turton
6 K. Norris	Blind	6 J. Bennett
7 A. Robson*	Open	7 P. Wood
8 S. Stevens	Lock	8 M. Teague‡†B

Replacements:
S. Deasey T. Williams

Referee:
R. Harding

Replacements:
C. O'Donoghue | G. Manns

Medical Officer in Attendance: Dr. Mike Dash

Plymouth Albion R.F.C. are grateful for the attendance and services provided at every match by **Plymouth Central Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.**

Forthcoming Matches: Saturday, 27th November. Cheltenham — K.O. 2.45p.m.
Saturday, 11th December. South Wales Police — K.O. 2.45p.m.

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