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TIGERS v GLOUCESTER

Wednesday 24th April 1996

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President's Message

LEICESTER v GLOUCESTER

We welcome tonight Gloucester for the re-arranged Courage League match at a time which is difficult for both of us, Gloucester having a crucial battle with Saracens on Saturday and Leicester are in the middle of probably its most demanding sequence of matches ever with four league games and the Sanyo Cup being played in fifteen days. Gloucester's great win over Bath a week ago was one of the great performances of the season reigniting their season and giving us a very slim chance of retaining the First Division title.

I sincerely hope that Gloucester are not relegated this year. As clubs we have always had a strong affinity in our makeup and attitudes and the First Division needs their presence as much as it needs ours.

With the exception of the result I am sure all who went to Twickenham on Sunday enjoyed an occasion unique in the present era when baking in the sunshine, we were able to afford to sit with who we wanted and watch world class players from both teams play in a way that probably impossible in a competitive league or cup structure, but is well worth straining to achieve. We were grateful to the players who made big sacrifices to come from many parts of the world during a busy

season as well as to the Leicester players who willingly accepted the extra demands that fitting in this game brought on them. They all did rugby proud and sent everybody including Sanyo sponsors home happy.

You will be pleased to know that despite the professionalism that exists today the world team players in true amateur rugby tradition were up celebrating until five in the morning during which time various cakes and buns were propelled across the restaurant in the Hilton and rather large props were seen attempting Polynesian dances.

The next Sanyo Cup could well be with us quicker than expected as it may be changed to September in order to more easily accommodate the Southern Hemisphere players. It is of course a game between the English club champions and so if Leicester are to be involved again, we will need two good performances tonight and Saturday and sail to emulate Gloucester's recent performance and to win again at Bath on Saturday like they did on the last game of the season last year.

Peter Wheeler
President



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Colours: Cherry, White & Black

O	John Liley
N	Steve Hackney
M	Stuart Potter
L	Richie Robinson
K	Rory Underwood*
J	Niall Malone*
I	Jamie Hamilton
A	Graham Rowntree*
B	Richard Cockerill
C	Darren Garforth
D	Martin Johnson*
E	Matt Poole
F	John Wells
G	Dean Richards* (Capt.)
H	Bill Drake-Lee
P	Jez Harris
Q	Garry Becconsall
R	Dorian West
S	Chris Tarbuck

Full Back
Right Wing
Centre
Centre
Left Wing
Fly Half
Scrum Half
Prop
Hooker
Prop
Lock
Lock
Flanker
No.8
Flanker
Replacement
Replacement
Replacement
Replacement

From
 Mark Mapletoft
 Peter Hart
 Tim Smith
 Paul Holford
 Don Caslike
 Martin Roberts
 Mike Lloyd
 Mike Peters
 Martyn Kimber
 Bruce Fenley
 Scott Benton
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 Tony Windo
 Andy Deacon
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TODAY'S VISITORS

Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Don Rutherford, the RFU Technical Director, may be a familiar name to many members, but perhaps the younger ones amongst you may not know that he is a former Gloucester Captain, as well as an England and British Lions full-back. The following is an extract from an article he wrote:-

"It is inevitable that players and playing methods change. To hold the same entrenched position in any sport, in this case Rugby football, is to invite disaster." These two sentences invite - indeed, insist on - closer inspection because so many people in Rugby, players and administrators alike, seem to think that they have the divine right to continued success. "Sticking the ball up in the air and chasing it was good enough for us, so its good enough for them," some of the retired players seem to think...

I believe the present generation of players to be basically much fitter than their predecessors, but I am less convinced that they are intrinsically any more skilful. And here, I believe, is the real crunch! The answer to making a style or pattern

of play more successful is not just greater fitness - or, to coin a modern phrase, higher work rate. The real solution lies in making players more skilful. Players must be trained and coached to harness their individual skills for the good of the team... What style or pattern of Rugby are we aiming for in the British Isles? Essentially we are trying to involve the whole team in a running and handling game."

He concludes by saying "What a challenge for a club like Gloucester! The enthusiasm is there; I believe the players are there ...and the supporters are mad keen. The question is : Is the club prepared to suffer minor set-backs in the worthwhile pursuit of the 15-man attacking game? For the sake of English Rugby, I sincerely hope so."

This article appeared in 'ONE HUNDRED CHERRY & WHITE YEARS', a centenary celebration book produced by Gloucester RFC in 1973. The words still seem quite appropriate today!

GLOUCESTER COURAGE LEAGUE FORM 1995/96

1995/6	Opps	Result	Scorer(s)
9 Sept	Sale(H)	Lost 17-22	D Sims(T) L Osborne(2C,P) T Smith(D)
16 Sept	Bath(A)	Lost 11-37	P Holford(T) L Osborne(P) M Kimber(D)
23 Sept	W Hartlepool(A)	Won 27-19	P Holford(2T) A Deacon(T) M Kimber(2C,P) D Sims(T)
30 Sept	Leicester(H)	Lost 14-27	P Holford(T) M Kimber(3P)
7 Oct	Orrell(A)	Lost 3-21	T Smith(P)
14 Oct	Wasps(H)	Lost 15-26	T Smith(4P) M Kimber(D)
21 Oct	Bristol(A)	Lost 16-22	M Kimber(T) T Smith(C,3P)
28 Oct	Harlequins(H)	Lost 13-24	B Fenley(T) T Smith(C,2P)
4 Nov	Saracens(A)	Lost 16-19	A Windo(T) T Smith(C,2P) M Kimber(D)
11 Nov	Sale(A)	Lost 13-21	P Miles(T) D Sims(T) T Smith(P)
6 Jan	W Hartlepool(H)	Won 17-16	T Beim(T) T Smith(3P) L Osborne(P)
17 Feb	Orrell(H)	Won 27-0	M Roberts(T) A Windo(T) G Fenwick(C,4P) M Kimber(D)
30 Mar	Wasps(A)	Lost 10-21	Penalty(T) G Fenwick(C,P)
6 Apr	Bristol(H)	Won 18-14	G Fenwick(3P) M Mapletoft(2P) M Kimber(D)
10 Apr	Bath(H)	Won 16-10	P Holford(T) T Smith(C,3P)
13 Apr	Harlequins(A)	Lost 19-33	C Raymond(T) T Smith(T,3P)