

## THE CITIZEN

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### GLOUCESTER NEAR CUP MILESTONE

Gloucester could pass a major John Player Cup milestone in their tie against London Club Saracens at Kingsholm tomorrow (3 p.m.).

The Cherry and Whites have scored 495 points in the Cup, which gives them a marvellous chance of passing the 500 mark.

Their impressive Player Cup record suggests they will prove too strong for a Saracens' side who have lost their last six matches against Gloucester.

Saracens have won 10 of their 20 cup matches, while Gloucester have won 25 and drawn one of their 35 ties. The one draw which counted was against Moseley in the 1982 final, when the clubs shared the trophy.

Gloucester also won the Cup in 1972 and 1978, but they missed out completely last season when they failed to qualify and could do so again next term.

Currently lying bottom of the South West Merit Table, Gloucester may not be able to clamber among the five qualifying places. The only way to make sure they are in the 1985-86 competition is to win the final at Twickenham on Saturday, April 27.

That makes Gloucester keener than ever to make sure they take full advantage of the home draw against Saracens.

Wigan referee Alan Turner, from the Lancashire/Manchester Society, will be in charge of Gloucester's match at Kingsholm.

Gloucester official Tony Fisher takes the Liverpool-Leicester tie at the St. Michael's Ground.

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