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JOHN PLAYER CUP SPECIAL

GLO'STER GO FOR RECORD

GLOUCESTER hopes of a record-breaking fourth rugby cup victory at Twickenham hinged on to-day's semi-final draw in London. The Cherry and Whites went into the draw with holders Bath, Coventry, and London Welsh.

And after emphatic John Player Cup wins against Richmond, Saracens and Harlequins at home this season, Gloucester were keen on another tie at Kingsholm.

Around 6,000 spectators watched the 31-12 win against Harlequins and a home draw would give Gloucester another bumper crowd.

Secretary Terry Tandy said today "Any of the three at home would suit us now."

Gloucester, winners of the trophy in 1972, 1978 and 1982, have already earned a £2,800 cash bonus from sponsors John Player by reaching the last four, and they can add another £700 to that total by qualifying for Twickenham.

But there is another vital factor behind Gloucester's cup aim. They must reach the final to ensure they qualify for next season's competition.