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WELCOME CHERRY AND WHITES

The County Championship made it necessary to postpone the home fixture with Gloucester until this evening. The original date arranged was December 8th, 1979, the day

of the County Championship Semi-Finals.

We are grateful to our friends from Kingsholm for their ready co-operation in agreeing the new date. As is usual Gloucester are having a good season. On December 10th last, at Kingsholm the result was Gloucester 2 Penalty Goals 1 Try. Bath, a Penalty Goal by John Palmer. This evening's game is a South West Merit Table game and no doubt both sides will be all out to record a victory. Bath and Gloucester can consider themselves unlucky to find themselves onlookers in the John Player Semi-Finals. Gloucester have over the years always produced a first rate pack and this year is no exception. Many famous Gloucester names come to mind, the late Tom Voyce an outstanding forward in the 1920's. A. Brinn, M. A. Burton, A. D. Carpenter, P. J. Ford, J. A. Watkins, to mention a few and Micky Booth, probably the best English scrum half with a cap. The late Arthur Hudson was another fine player and an outstanding administrator in the Club. It is good to see his son carrying on the tradition.

The latest forward to arrive on the International scene is of course Philip Blakeway, who proved very successful in the England Grand Slam Team and has since been selected for the

Lions Tour of South Africa.

OURSELVES

After the disappointment of the John Player London Irish game, the Bath side are almost back to top form and with the return of John Horton, the Club Skipper, they have a very good chance of recording a record number of wins in a season for a Bath XV.

David Trick scored 6 Tries at Richmond last weekend, 2 on Saturday and four on Sunday.

Derek Wyatt is gradually getting back to form—he scored one Try at Richmond and it is

still possible for him to beat George Haydon's record of 31 Tries in a season.

FORECAST THE SCORE IN THIS EVENING'S GAME. Tickets 10p each now on sale around the Ground. Prize £20.00

SEVENS

Bath will be entering strong teams in the following Sevens Tournaments:

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

OXFORDSHIRE SOMERSET, at Weston-super-Mare MAJOR CLUBS at Exeter SUNDAY, 27th APRIL SATURDAY, 3rd MAY

BRIDGEND SATURDAY, 10th MAY

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We hope they enjoy the game and we take this opportunity of thanking them for their interest in our Club and the game.

SATURDAY, 3rd MAY, 1980 - County Ground, St. Thomas, EXETER. K.O. 11 a.m. GRAHAM REEVES SEVENS by invitation of the SOUTH-WEST MAJOR CLUBS Tickets now on sale in the Clubhouse.

SATURDAY NEXT - 29th March, 1980 EXETER v. BATH K.O. 3 p.m.

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GLOUCESTER BATH Colours: Cherry & White Colours: Blue, White & Black Full Back 15 *P. E. BUTLER Full Back 16 J. S. WATERMAN 14 R. CLEWES (Captain) Right Wing 15 D. M. TRICK Right Wing Right Centre 13 R. MOGG Right Centre 14 *M. C. BEESE Left Centre 12 J. A. PALMER Left Centre 12 D. POINTON Left Wing 11 P. TUNSTALL Left Wing 11 *D. M. WYATT Outside Half 10 C. PRICE Outside Half 10 *J. P. HORTON (Captain) Scrum Half 9 S. BAKER Scrum Half 9 D. MURPHY 1 G. SARGENT Forwards Forwards 1 D. BUTCHER 2 S. MILLS 2 A. MASON 3 S. ASHMEAD 3 R. LEE 4 S. BOYLE 4 B. J. JENKINS 5 J. FIDLER 5 M. VAN DER LOOS 6 *J. A. WATKINS 6 R. SPURRELL 7 P. WOOD 7 G. PARSONS 8 M. TEAGUE 8 R. LYE Replacements from 16 F. REED 17 I. WILKINS Replacements Two, to be named. 18 R. JARDINE Referee: Mr. T. R. Friend, (Devon Soc.) Brixham *International Kick-off 7.15 p.m