

Today, I welcome the Eastern Counties to Gloucestershire and to Bristol in particular for one of the Semi-final games of this season's County Championship. The two counties last met in the corresponding round in 1948 when our visitors went on to contest the Final. Incidentally the other Semi-final on that occasion was between the same two counties who are meeting in Lancashire today.

The Eastern Counties made a clean sweep of the South East Group by winning all five games this season. Although the Counties may not be well known here in the West Country, such members as Sandy Sanders, present Chairman of the English selectors and Dickie Jeeps, holder of 37 English and British Isles caps should need no introduction.

The County Union is grateful to the Bristol Football Club for the facilities to stage today's game and acknowledge the help and co-operation received from the club's officials.

Whilst I hope for a Gloucestershire victory, I trust, that regardless of the final result, this afternoon's game will produce much good and exciting rugby, pleasurable for players and spectators alike and a credit to all concerned.

C. GARDNER, President, G.R.F.U.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (ROAD TO THE SEMI-FINAL)

v Cornwall at Gloucester	W	24 - 6
v Devon at Exeter	D	18 - 18
v Somerset at Bristol	W	23 - 12
v Devon at Gloucester (Replay)	W	22 - 19
v Oxfordshire at Gloucester	W	39 - 12

EASTERN COUNTIES

v Hampshire (A)	W	32 - 3
v Sussex (A)	W	65 - 4
v Surrey (H)	W	25 - 9
v Kent (A)	W	18 - 15
v Middlesex (H)	W	12 - 9

Don't forget tomorrow—Sunday, 18th February, on this ground, Bristol v. Richmond, kick-off 3.15 p.m. Admission for non-members will be by programme.

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1972-73
SEMI-FINAL



GLOUCESTERSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
 v.
EASTERN COUNTIES

at
MEMORIAL GROUND, BRISTOL

on
Saturday, 17th February, 1973

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 5p

Today the holder of the prize winning programme will receive a £5 prize. Listen at half-time for the winning number, the prize being obtained from the office under the main stand after the game.

G. E. Wright, Hon. Secretary

