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**On Saturday, 28th April, 1973**

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PIRATES			GLOUCESTER		
15	R. PASCOE		Full Back	15 P. BUTLER	
14	M. OATS		Right Wing	14 R. ETHERIDGE	
13	G. MUNGLES		Right Centre	13 R. SMITH	
12	J. JOHNSON		Left Centre	12 R. WHITE	
11	P. RUBERRY		Left Wing	11 R. CLEWES	
10	A. INNIS		Stand-off Half	10 T. PALMER	
9	P. PENROSE		Scrum Half	9 J. SPALDING	
8	R. MUNGLES	}	Back Row	}	8 J. WATKINS
7	C. DYMOND				7 J. HAINES
6	M. BOLITHO				6 C. WALFORD
5	A. WILLIAMS (Capt.)	}	2nd Row	}	5 J. JARRETT
4	K. STIRLING				4 P. WINNELL
3	B. STEVENS	}	Hooker	}	3 M. BURTON
2	C. THOMAS				2 F. REED
1	P. WESTREN				1 R. COWLING (Capt.)

*Referee:*

#### SUPPORTERS NOTES

BY any standards of excellence and achievement GLOUCESTER must be included in the élite of British Rugby clubs, and in recent seasons the club and county sides have added to the lustre of their name.

Many Pirate supporters here this evening will recollect the match against Gloucester on April 27th, twenty years ago, when our Queen Elizabeth Stand was officially opened by 'Carps'. The souvenir programme then published makes splendid reading, with its details of our great unbeaten run under Harvey Richards' captaincy, and the tremendous amount of voluntary work and fund-raising for the Stand. All profits from that big occasion were donated to the Borough's Coronation celebrations, and with the fine stand also given to them the Borough did well that evening!

One hopes that the Pirates will not be overawed tonight by our guests' reputation. After several recent results, which can mildly be described as unfortunate, the Pirates put on splendid displays over Easter. We could well have defeated Wasps had we not been slack in defence on two vital occasions.

Against St. Thomas's Hospital Alan Innis achieved a club record with his 34 points, and a better display of kicking has rarely been seen here, far better than that at many internationals. I did admire Tommy's spirit in their heavy defeat, showing no petulance, and continuing to play the open game. Tuesday's win over St. Mary's was clear-cut and well-deserved. This match often results in anti-climax, but not so this year. Congratulations, Pirates, on your 98 weekend points total, and Ron Mungles, Keith Stirling, 'Dumbo' and the evergreen Alvin were in great fettle. These recent games must have considerably raised morale and confidence, so we wish the Pirates good fortune in the County Sevens at St. Ives on Sunday. A final note—in the 1953 Souvenir Programme the names of Pirates for team selection included A. Williams! The visitors included J. Gwilliam, D. Ibbotson, P. Ford and R. Hodge.

*Ben Batten.*

P.S.—MONDAY, 30TH APRIL, last home game—TREDEGAR, 6.00 P.M.