

CORNWALL RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



CORNWALL

v.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

at

CAMBORNE

SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 1973

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

5p

CORNWALL

(15) ***G. BATE** (Falmouth)

(14) **J. L. HARVEY** (Redruth)

(13) **V. C. PARKIN** (Penryn & Bournemouth)

(12) **J. S. COCKING** (St. Ives)

(11) **F. JOHNS** (Penryn)

(10) ***T. PALMER** (Truro & Gloucester)

(9) **G. THOMAS** (Penryn)

(1) †**C. B. STEVENS** (Penzance-Newlyn) (Capt.)

(2) **R. T. TONKIN** (Redruth)

(3) **T. A. PRYOR** (Redruth)

(4) †**B. NINNIS** (St. Ives & Coventry)

(5) **R. CORIN** (St. Ives)

(6) **T. NICHOLLS** (Penryn & Cardiff College)

(8) **T. P. RULE** (Hayle)

(7) ‡**P. J. HENDY** (St. Ives)

‡ England Under 23 International

Touch Judge:

R. A. EDDY (C.R.O.R.S.)

Full Backs

Threequarters

Right - Wing - Left

Right - Centre - Left

Left - Centre - Right

Left - Wing - Right

Half Backs

Stand Off

Scrum

Forwards

Prop

Hooker

Prop

Second Row

Second Row

Blind Side

Lock

Open Side

Referee:

R. C. QUITTENTON
(Sussex Referees Society)

KICK-OFF: 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

P. E. BUTLER (Gloucester)

(15)

†**A. J. MORLEY** (Bristol)

(11)

P. JOHNSON (Clifton)

(12)

J. R. BAYLISS (Gloucester)

(13)

R. J. CLEWES (Gloucester)

(14)

R. F. AKENHEAD (Cheltenham)

(10)

C. THOMAS (St. Paul's College)

(9)

R. J. COWLING (Gloucester)

(1)

†**J. V. PULLIN** (Bristol) (Capt.)

(2)

†**M. A. BURTON** (Gloucester)

(3)

†**A. BRINN** (Gloucester)

(4)

J. FIDLER (Gloucester)

(5)

†**J. A. WATKINS** (Gloucester)

(6)

†**R. C. HANNAFORD** (Bristol)

(8)

J. HAINES (Gloucester)

(7)

† International

* Trialist

Touch Judge:

J. MORRIS (Glos. R.F.U.)

A WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Today's game is our third in this seasons County Championship matches. The first, as we remember regretfully, we lost to Somerset, this was a great disappointment to us all and especially to our team. Our second, another away game, was against Devon who, like Somerset, have during the past two years, made themselves a force to be reckoned with.

We were indeed thrilled with the game our team played at Exeter, the vocal encouragement of our supporters was a great incentive to them. We all thought a win was imminent, but unfortunately the Referee in the closing moments of the game decided to give a penalty to Devon under the posts, which robbed us of victory.

We give a most hearty welcome to the Gloucestershire Team and to their Officials, also to Cyril Gardner their popular and hard working President. We are delighted to see them here at Camborne and feel sure that this game will be a hard, fast, typical West Country County Championship encounter.

We, in Cornwall, well remembering that we were the only County to beat them in the seven County Championship games in 1971 are quietly confident that we can win today, sustained spectator support can be a wonderful spur to players, so I would ask all followers of Rugby in the Duchy to cheer on their County Team heartily in their efforts to achieve the victory that Cornish Rugby needs, but not to forget to applaud a good Rugby by either the opposition or ourselves. May the quality of this game satisfy the most ardent supporters of both counties and give all of us the feeling that we have seen an occasion worthy of the Rugby code, and to us in particular, the satisfaction of victory.

Gwary Whek yu Gwary Tek
Fair Play is Good Play

G. N. PEARCE,
President C.R.F.U.

A Message from the President of the Gloucestershire R.F.U.

Although there is always keen rivalry between adjacent counties, inevitably there is another county with whom games are vigorously contested and this is so with Cornwall and Gloucestershire. The friendship and hospitality which stems from and is consolidated by the contacts at these games only goes to prove, if any proof be needed, what a marvellous game Rugby Football is. It is also why the journey into the Duchy is always looked forward to by the Gloucestershire party.

Cornish Rugby has produced, and continues to do so, its own characteristics which have led to fame for the County and success for the individual. The most recent success being 'Stack' Stevens who together with John Pullin shared in England's exhilarating victory over New Zealand. Coming from Gloucestershire, I feel mention must be made of those two exiles, Tom Palmer and Ken Plummer, who are serving their adopted clubs so well.

Although Gloucestershire have progressed to the final of the County Championship in each of the past four seasons, it is Cornwall only who have defeated us in the South West during that period. Whether that victory will be repeated to-day remains to be seen but I am certain both sides will play with spirit and skill to ensure a most pleasurable game for all.

On behalf of Gloucestershire, I would express our thanks for the hospitality which will be extended to us and for which you are renowned.

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

TODAY'S GAME

He would be a brave or rash man who would lay odds on the result of today's game or, indeed, any game between Gloucestershire and Cornwall.

There have been twenty nine games between our two Counties from 1946/47 to 1972/73 season. Of these encounters, Cornwall has won eleven and Gloucestershire fourteen — the other three matches being drawn. The total points scored in those games have been — Gloucestershire 248 points and Cornwall 204 points. With a few notable exceptions, there are rarely many points between us when the final whistle goes, whichever side is the winner. Indeed, as the above figures show, the average difference in points over the whole of the above period was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ points per match. Looking back over these years, with the exception of the games played in 1964,

when we lost by 21 points to 6, and in 1972, when we lost by 24 points to 6, there has rarely been more than three or four points between us.

The games between our two Counties are always exceptionally close and our relative positions in the Table have little, if any, bearing on the result as was shown in 1971 when, on the Redruth ground, we defeated them by 13 points to 10 and were the only County to do so on their way to the Final.

Although we did not show up too well against Somerset at Taunton on 20th October, there are many who would agree that we were unlucky to lose against Devon and, with any luck, we should be able to prove ourselves this afternoon.

In greeting our friends from Gloucestershire we should like particularly to congratulate John Pullin, their captain, on the success of the England team which he captained in their three famous victories against South Africa, New Zealand and Australia during the last eighteen months or so. This must be a record no other captain of England can equal and we are proud to have him with us today and hope that he will convey our congratulations to all members of his victorious team.

Playing in these three games is a distinction which John Pullin shares with 'Stack' Stevens whom we should also like to congratulate on his selection. 'Stack' has now earned seventeen International caps and we hope that, despite rumours to the contrary, he will earn still more.

The Officers and Committee of the Cornwall Union and every member of our team would like to express publicly their appreciation of the wonderful support given by the public, not only at home but also at away matches. Anyone who was present at the games at Taunton and Exeter earlier this season will know, from the vocal support which they gave, that hundreds of our supporters made the journeys to cheer and encourage our team. These supporters, like those of you here today who have still come, despite the fact that we are at the bottom of the Divisional Table, cannot know how much your presence and vocal support means to every member of our team, especially at times such as this. We hope that you will enjoy the game and that the result will encourage your continued support and also that you will urge on our players as vociferously as only you know how for the full eighty minutes of the match, so please —

CHEER LIKE MAD — FOR CORNWALL !

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