

Buckinghamshire County Rugby Football Union

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - QUARTER FINAL

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

**V**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

AT

AYLESBURY R.F.C. WESTON TURVILLE

AYLESBURY

ON

**SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1974**

KICK-OFF—2.30 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

15	J. BICKNELL	..	..	..	..	Marlow
14	R. FOLLET	..	..	..	..	Marlow
13	R. BACON	..	..	..	..	Harlequins (Captain)
12	A. PACKHAM	..	..	..	..	Chiltern
11	P. SMITH	..	..	..	..	Esher
10	R. HAMMOND	..	..	..	..	Marlow
9	G. REYNOLDS	..	..	..	..	Buckingham
1	M. HANN	..	..	..	..	Aylesbury
2	N. BARKER	..	..	..	..	Bedford
3	B. CLARK	..	..	..	..	Marlow
4	R. BEVIS	..	..	..	..	Met. Police
5	T. ROBERTS	..	..	..	..	Rugby
6	A. KIRK	..	..	..	..	Aylesbury
7	S. PEARMAN	..	..	..	..	High Wycombe
8	G. RAWLINGS	..	..	..	..	Aylesbury

(Red and White Stripes, Black Shorts)

Touch Judge: A. C. SLOW (*Buckinghamshire C.S.R.F.U.R.*)

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

15	P. BUTLER	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
*14	A. J. MORLEY	..	..	..	..	Bristol
13	J. BAYLIS	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
12	R. JARDINE	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
*11	P. M. KNIGHT	..	..	..	..	Bristol
10	D. POINTON	..	..	..	..	St. Pauls College
9	R. HARDING	..	..	..	..	Bristol & Cambridge Univ.
1	B. I. NELMES	..	..	..	..	Cardiff
*2	J. V. PULLIN	..	..	..	..	Bristol (Captain)
*3	M. A. BURTON	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
4	J. FIDLER	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
5	R. HUGHES	..	..	..	..	St. Pauls College
*6	J. A. WATKINS	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
7	J. HAINES	..	..	..	..	Gloucester
*8	R. C. HANNAFORD	..	..	..	..	Bristol

(All White)

Touch Judge: J. F. MORRIS (*Gloucestershire R.F.U.*)

Referee: R. F. JOHNSON (*London S.R.F.U.R.*)

\* Denotes International

May I take the opportunity on this unique occasion, unique for Buckinghamshire that is, to extend a very warm welcome to Gloucestershire R.F.U. and all spectators to Aylesbury R.F.C. today.

It is the first time we have reached the quarter final in our nine years as a championship county. Although it is a round which some look upon as unnecessary, to us it is very welcome. Surely it does no harm to rugby football in general, for the less fashionable counties to play more illustrious opponents, once a year.

It may be that county rugby will change in the future, many wise words and proposals have been uttered, but few offer any real improvement to the present system, but no doubt others would claim to the contrary.

The achievements of Gloucestershire are too numerous to relate in detail, so suffice to say, ten times County Champions and eight times runners up; an awesome thought, but evidence of their qualities when the chips are down. Our progress has been somewhat more modest but our team today can be relied upon to give of its best. This day's match is a reward for the loyalty of our team, both on and off the field, and also to our helpers who always respond in full when ever called upon. No county can function without such support and to each and every one I pay tribute. They can be assured that by their efforts they have added a new spirit to rugby in Buckinghamshire.

Let us hope that today's game will prove good entertainment to all, and, although we cannot wish Gloucestershire success, we do sincerely hope their visit will prove enjoyable and memorable.

PETER PREVITE

President.