

SALE FOOTBALL CLUB



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SALE v GLOUCESTER

Saturday 20th April 1974

Official Programme

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5p

SALE**GLOUCESTER**

Referee D. LINDSAY (Manchester Society)

Colours: Blue and White

15	C. TOONE	×
14	H. BINGLEY	×
13	M. SMAJE	×+
12	S. MIDGELOW	×
11	G. GRAHAM	×
10	S. RULE	×
9	A. MORRITT	×
1	D. WARD	
2	J. LANSBURY	×
3	T. SIMONS	
4	R. TRICKEY	×+
5	J. A. GARDINER	×
6	R. CREED	×★
8	J. DAVIES (Capt.)	×
7	G. ORMOND	

Full Back
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Fly Half
Scrum Half
Forwards

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15	P. BUTLER	×
14	R. CLEWES	×
13	R. JARDINE	×
12	R. MORRIS	×
11	J. HORNER	
10	T. PALMER	×
9	J. SPALDING	×
1	R. COWLING	×
2	M. NICHOLLS (Capt.)	×
3	P. BLAKEWAY	×
4	A. BRINN	★×
5	J. FIDLER	×
6	D. OWEN	×
7	M. POTTER	×
8	J. HAINES	×

R. BUTLER
J. HERVIMAN
R. SMITH

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Today we have great pleasure in welcoming our old friends, Gloucester, to Heywood Road. Gloucester and Sale have played each other for a long time with only the occasional fixture being missed through fluctuations to Easter. Last year the match was not played because of this, and we are therefore more pleased than usual to see Gloucester here today. Being an end of the season fixture, we normally find that the grounds are dry, if not bone hard, and this, together with the natural desire of all the players to play open and attractive rugby, normally allows the spectators both at Gloucester and at Sale to enjoy some spectacular rugby.

Gloucester over the years have proved themselves to be a pretty formidable force, and certainly any team playing against them has to regard them as mighty tough opposition. They come to us again this year with a pretty impressive record, and perhaps a record which in the light

of our recent displays may induce our spectators to don rose coloured spectacles in the hope of seeing an evenly fought match.

I suppose it is fair to say that Easter was kind to Sale, although judging by some of the burn marks on some of the players on Easter Monday night they may not have regarded the festive period as being quite so kind. The grounds have indeed become hard, and the only alternative they seem to offer at the moment are bruises or burns. Let us hope that a spot of rain will have fallen between the time these notes are written and 3 p.m. on Saturday. Not enough to provide the Gloucester forwards with a quagmire or a slippery ball, but sufficient to provide a little give in the ground to encourage our players to tackle low.

As I say, Easter was kind to Sale, and in fact, as I now look at the results, I still cannot believe that we managed to record three wins in three matches. I think it is

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