“THE PIRATES”

GLOUCESTER

At the MENNAYE FIELD

On SATURDAY, 27th APRIL, 1974

KICK-OFF 6.00 p.m.
PENZANCE
15 R. PASCOE
14 R. BRIGTON
13 M. THOMAS
12 J. JOHNSON
11 G. JEFFERY
10 A. INNIS
 9 G. MICHELL
 8 C. DYMOND
 7 J. WHITE (Capt.)
 6 C. WALSH
 5 T. MATTHEWS
 4 K. STIRLING
 3 J. TELLAM
 2 C. THOMAS
 1 B. STEVENS

GLOUCESTER
15 P. BUTLER
14 R. ETHERIDGE
13 R. JARDINE
12 R. MORRIS
11 R. CLEWES
10 T. PALMER
 9 J. SPALDING
 8 D. SPEGLER
 7 R. NICHOLLS (Capt.)
 6 N. CURRAN
 5 A. BRINN
 4 J. FIDLER
 3 J. WATKINS
 2 M. POTTER
 1 J. HAINES

Reference: A. R. EDDY, C.R.O.B.S.

SUPPORTERS’ NOTES

Tonight we take on the might of GLOUCESTER, a very heavy commitment, particularly after the rigours of last Saturday. Our guests can, by virtue of results, rightly be included not merely in the “Top Ten” of British Rugby clubs, but in the innermost select circle of champions. Their power, form and aft, is not limited to the undoubtedly formidable forward strength, but includes incisive three-quarter play and record-breaking goal-kicking ability at full-back.

Last April the PIRATES (having run them in 1972 to 13–21) suffered a heavy reverse, 19–48. Tonight, I venture to forecast, we shall do better, because our display against NEWPORT induces optimism. The mere numerical result, nil–22, suggests a one-sided game. Not a bit of it!

All our team deserve congratulations on a really tremendous performance — at times heroic. Newport could score only once in the second half; courageous tackling — despite a bone-shaking hard ground — came from all, from full-back (full marks!) to hooker, who gained a most commendable share of possession. All our out-weighted pack gave a splendid account of themselves. Well done, indeed, PIRATES! Play like that and you’ll lose few games anywhere.

We all enjoyed, too, the most entertaining Rugby served up by our Juniors and the Newport boys before the senior game.

All responsible for this Hors d’Oeuvre deserve our thanks.

Desmond James, the enterprising Hon. Treasurer of Mount’s Bay Colts R.F.C., was naturally delighted at the £31 collected at the Newport game for our lads, who are well worthy of your support, and they thank you one and all, for your generosity.

B.G.B.