

SALE FOOTBALL CLUB



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
JOHN PLAYER CUP — SECOND ROUND
SALE versus GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 14th February 1976 Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

HEYWOOD ROAD . BROOKLANDS . SALE . Tel: 061-973 6348 **Price 10p**

SALE

Colours: Blue and White

15 R. BAKER	Full Back
14 J. DRAKE	Wing
13 M. SMAJE	Centre
12 A. PERCIVAL	Centre
11 A. DUNNING	Wing
10 S. RULE	Fly Half
9 S. SMITH	Scrum Half
1 A. HENRY	Forwards
2 J. LANSBURY	"
3 F. COTTON	"
4 R. KASCOW	"
5 A. R. TRICKEY	"
6 R. CREED (Captain)	"
7 M. MURRAY	"
8 B. WILKINSON	"
Replacements: G. Rhodes,	"
M. Smythe, S. Pagett, T. Simon	"
J. McFarland, G. Ormond.	"

GLOUCESTER

15 P. BUTLER
14 S. CLEWES
13 B. VINE
12 R. MOGG
11 R. JARDINE
10 D. POINTON
9 P. KINGSTON
1 K. RICHARDSON
2 R. DALDRY
3 M. BURTON (Captain)
4 A. BRYNN
5 J. FIDLER
6 J. WATKINS
7 M. POTTER
8 J. HAYNES
Replacements: R. Etheridge,
J. Bayliss, W. Bircheley,
M. Curran, K. Nicholls,
A. Auster

Referee: M. Common (Northumberland Society)

Linesmen: D. Hudson (M/cr. Society) H. Booth (Gloucester)

Match ball donated by the President of Sale F.C., Mr. Peter Tasker

IN EXTENDING a hearty welcome to Gloucester on only their fourth visit to Heywood Road, we hope their trip north will not prove as successful as two of the three previous encounters, which they won quite handsomely.

For today's match is something special—the first clash between the two clubs in the John Player Cup, a competition that is bringing new dimensions to the 15-a-side game.

Both Sale and Gloucester have been eagerly anticipating the game, and our hope is that it lives up to expectations and provides plenty of fast, open and entertaining rugby with victory and a place in the quarter finals draw going to the better team.

Although Gloucester have been visiting Heywood Road since only 1969-70 season, when Sale won 13-6, the clubs have a long and happy association going back to 1932-

33. On alternate years, invariably when on Easter tours, Sale have played at Gloucester, and with some success, especially in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

But that is now history, and of more immediate concern is the outcome of today's game. Both teams have been plagued by injuries, but the strength of a club lies in its ability to overcome setbacks of this nature.

It is a pity, though, that Chris Toone is prevented by a back injury from playing in this vital cup clash. It would have been interesting to compare him with another prolific points scorer, Peter Butler, who so far this season has amassed an impressive 337 points.

Sale's weakness has been the lack of an accurate and powerful place kicker when Toone has been absent, and this was the chief reason for their defeat by Liverpool last week.