

"THE SAINTS"



Founded 1880

FRANKLIN'S GARDENS

NORTHAMPTON v. GLOUCESTER

15 P. RAYBOULD	Full Back	15 P. BUTLER
14 K. PARKER	Right Wing	14 R. CLEWES
13 D. CLARKE		13 B. VINE
12 I. GEORGE		12 J. BAYLISS
11 B. OLDHAM	Left Wing	11 R. MOGG
10 I. WRIGHT (Capt.)	Fly Half	10 C. WILLIAMS
9 J. PAGE	Scrum Half	9 P. KINGSTON
1 D. POWELL	Forwards	1 K. RICHARDSON Cpt.
2 C. SEXTON		2 R. DALDRY
3 S. WATSON		3 M. CURRAN
4 G. WRIGHT		4 S. BOYLE
5 I. LUTTER		5 J. FIDLER
6 P. SWEET		6 J. WATKINS
8 V. CANNON		8 M. POTTER
7 G. PHILLIPS		7 J. HAINES

SATURDAY, 6th MARCH, 1976 Kick-off 7 p.m.

Referee—Mr. L. Prideaux (North Midlands Society)

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CLUB NOTES

There is a fascinating twist to tonight's game with our visitors from the West Country, Gloucester. For victory in our last "league" game would strengthen the Saints position at the head of the Anglo-Welsh pennant table.

But a win over our old enemy Gloucester, will not assure the club of the title... unless Rosslyn Park slip up in one of their final three pennant games against Bristol, Bridgend and London Welsh.

ANGLO-WELSH TABLE (the top two)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	%
NORTHAMPTON	12	10	0	2	83.33
ROSSLYN PARK	8	6	1	1	81.25

The players' main concern though, will be to avenge that dreadful 51 pts. - 10 defeat by Gloucester, at Kingsholm last season. It was one of the club's worst ever results, although the situation became gloomier at Swansea the following week when we slumped 47 pts. - nil.

However, the boot has been on the other foot, so to speak, this season of remarkable re-emergence, and the players will be wanting to set off on another winning run against Gloucester after last Saturday's defeat at Leicester which ended a 13 match winning sequence.

The Saints weren't quite the same XV. we have been used to seeing this campaign, but doubtless coach Andy Johnson has picked the players up off the floor.

Gloucester, however, with their secret weapon in Peter Butler at full-back, will provide us with pretty tough opposition as the Saints battle to get back on the winning trail. This promises to be an intriguing battle between Butler and Phil Raybould, who is close on 200 pts. this season,

Both full-backs are in tremendous form of late, and rated by many as above England's current holder of the No. 15 jersey.

On the question of England, most of us were disappointed to learn that not a single Saints player was at Twickenham this afternoon in view of the side's form in recent months. Perhaps next season Northampton will be different.

Tonight we welcome back prop forward David Powell, who missed his first game of the season against Leicester with a leg injury. Ian Lutter, now 20, returns in the second row for Dave Mason.

Next Saturday, of course, is Cup Day for the Saints who travel up to Yorkshire for the John Player quarter-final against Wakefield. We wish the players the best of luck against the side that Ko'd Moseley in the previous round.