



HARLEQUIN FOOTBALL CLUB

HARLEQUINS

v

GLOUCESTER

STOOP MEMORIAL GROUND
CRANEFORD WAY, TWICKENHAM

Saturday, 4th December 1976

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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HARLEQUINS

Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate,
French Grey, Black and Light Green

15	K. M. Bushell	Full Back
14	C. W. Lambert	R. Wing
13	D. A. Cooke*	R. Centre
12	P. Grant	L. Centre
11	M. Fujiwara*	L. Wing
10	A. J. Wordsworth*	Fly Half
9	P. R. Rawle	Scrum Half
1	M. F. Claxton	Forward
2	D. M. Barry	Forward
3	J. Sass	Forward
4	C. Barrett	Forward
5	N. O. Martin* (Capt.)	Forward
6	D. H. Cooke	Forward
8	A. C. Alexander	Forward
7	I. Howard	Forward

Reserves:

W. Jenkins

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

P. Butler*	15
R. Clewes	14
R. Jardine	13
D. Pointon	12
R. Mogg	11
C. Williams*	10
P. Kingston*	9
K. Richardson	1
S. Mills	2
M. Burton*	3
S. Boyle	4
P. Winnel	5
J. Watkins* (Capt.)	6
E. Pinkney	8
J. Cook	7

Reserves:

Ethridge, Corriea, Birchley,
Sargeant, Read, Simmonett

*International

Referee: Mr. B. Head-Rapson (Notts., Lincs., Derbys.)

Our Visitors . . .

Those of you who saw last Saturday's fine open game against Cambridge University will have very different expectations today, when we receive the first ever (1972) winners of the R.F.U. Club Competition. Not that that final was one which lingers in the memory for the right reasons but all credit is due to Gloucester for being so swiftly off the mark. Their style of play has certainly changed since those days, becoming more overtly attractive, but one necessarily wonders whether this fresh attitude can withstand the cribbing tension of a knock-out match.

The Harlequins will not be cast down by their defeat by Cambridge, who incidentally held Gloucester to a draw at Kingsholm, nor will they be deceived by their earlier win over Gloucester, on a day when Gloucester county took one step on their as yet successful march to retain their championship title.

To conclude, how's this for an indication of how rugby has recently changed?

In April 1953, on one and the same day, the Quins won the Surrey Sevens, qualified for the finals of the Middlesex Sevens and beat Gloucester (themselves recent conquerors of Swansea and Cardiff, among others). How on earth did all the players know all the moves? Perhaps they didn't bother.
