

R.F.U.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
(SEMI-FINAL)



LANCASHIRE
RED AND WHITE STRIPES

VERSUS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
WHITE JERSEYS

VALE OF LUNE R.U.F.C.
Powderhouse Lane, Lancaster

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1977

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME - 15p

LANCASHIRE

- 15 D. GULLICK
ORRELL
- 14 R. T. J. BRIERS
WEST PARK
- 13 W. LYON
ORRELL
- 12 A. M. BOND
BROUGHTON PARK
- 11 M. SLEMEN
LIVERPOOL
- 10 J. HORTON
BATH
- 9 D. CARFOOT
WATERLOO
- 1 F. BLACKHURST
WATERLOO
- 2 C. D. FISHER
WATERLOO
- 3 F. E. COTTON
SALE
- 4 W. BEAUMONT
FYLDE
- 5 A. R. TRICKEY
SALE
- 6 R. CREED (CAPTAIN)
SALE
- 8 L. CONNOR
WATERLOO
- 7 A. NEARY
BROUGHTON PARK

Replacements

J. CARLETON
Chester College

M. WEIR
Fife

K. PACEY
Broughton Park

J. CROASDELL
Fife

J. SIDDALL
Broughton Park

I. BALL
Waterloo

Touch Judge:

A. WELSBY
(Manchester and District Referees Society)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

- 15 P. E. BUTLER
GLOUCESTER
- 14 R. CLEWES
GLOUCESTER
- 13 D. P. SORRELL
BRISTOL
- 12 C. J. WILLIAMS
BRISTOL
- 11 R. R. MOGG
GLOUCESTER
- 10 C. G. WILLIAMS
GLOUCESTER
- 9 P. KINGSTON
GLOUCESTER
- 1 D. G. NELMES
CARDIFF
- 2 J. V. PULLIN
BRISTOL
- 3 M. A. BURTON
GLOUCESTER
- 4 N. POMPHREY
BRISTOL
- 5 S. B. BOYLE
GLOUCESTER
- 6 J. A. WATKINS (CAPTAIN)
GLOUCESTER
- 8 D. M. ROLLITT
BRISTOL
- 7 M. RAFTER
BRISTOL

Replacements

S. G. F. MILLS or M. HAMLIN
Gloucester Cheltenham

A. SHEPPARD
Bristol

J. HAINES
Gloucester

R. JARDINE
Gloucester

I. WILKINS
St. Pauls College

R. NICHOLLS
Bath

Touch Judge:

E. J. F. STEPHENS
(Gloucester Referees Society)

Saturday
22nd January 1977
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

V

Referee:

D. JONES
(Notts., Lincs and Derby Referees Society)

— A Message —

from the President of
Lancashire County Rugby
Football Union

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE, on behalf of "Lancashire", to extend a very hearty welcome to Gloucestershire players, officials and supporters.

No two counties are more seeped in rugby lore than today's rivals. The meeting of Lancashire and Gloucestershire can provide historians (and statisticians) with a field day. For my part, I am certain that everyone on the ground today looks forward to seeing a game full of all the skills and thrills of modern rugby.

I leave it to others to write in detail of how Lancashire won the Northern Division Championship. However, I would like to put into print my own idea of how it was accomplished. One word tells the tale:— Dedication.

I am well aware of the hard work put in by the Vale of Lune RUFC to see that the first occasion of a semi-final on their ground is worthy of the occasion. My thanks on behalf of the County are real, not formal.

In conclusion, there are two points that I would like to mention. Firstly, someone asked me if today's game is a draw did I know where the replay would be. The answer is — nowhere. The ruling of the RFU for a draw is as follows:— "If after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, the team that has scored the most tries shall be the winner. If a result is not obtained by this method then the team that has scored the most goals from tries shall be declared the winner. If a result is still not forthcoming the decision shall be given in favour of the visiting team."

Secondly, on every ground that I have watched County rugby this season the behaviour of the spectators when kicks at goal have been taken has been exemplary. Of course that does not debar the welcome roar of "Come on Lancs" throughout the rest of the afternoon. The stimulating and encouraging effect on the XV is tremendous — that I can assure you — so don't forget.

Sincerely,

22nd January, 1977.

GORDON MACINTOSH.