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. QULLICK
14  B. T. J. BRIERS
13  W. LYON
12  A. M. BOND
11  M. SLEEMEN
10  J. HORTON
 9  D. CARFOOT
 8  F. BLACKHURST
 7  C. D. FISHER
 6  T. E. COTTON
 5  W. BEAUMONT
 4  A. R. TROCKEY
 3  R. CREED (CAPTAIN)
 2  T. CONNOR
 1  A. NEARY

Replacements:
  J. CARLETON
  M. MOOR
  C. FACET
  J. CROCKFORD
  J. SIDWELL
  T. BALL

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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

Replacements:
  S. G. F. WILLS
  A. SHEPPARD
  J. HARRIS
  P. JARROLD
  J. WILKINS
  P. NICHOLS

Referee:
  B. JONES

Touch Judge:
  E. J. F. STEPHENS

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


GORDON MACINTOSH.