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# RICHMOND ATHLETIC GROUND



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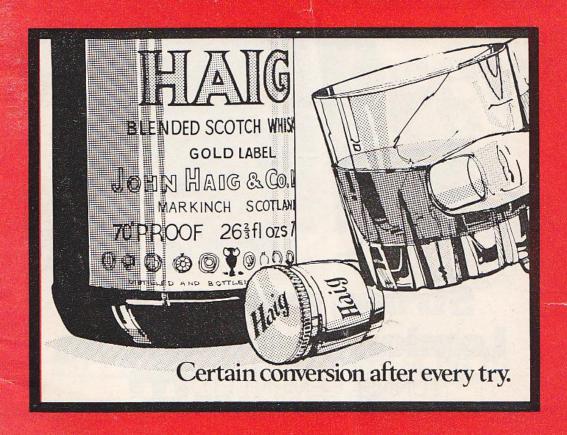


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# GLOUCESTER

Richmond (Old Gold, Red & Black)  Glouceste (Cherry & White				
16	D. F. WHIBLEY	Full Back	I pen P. BUTLERt	15
15	A. D. MORT	R. Wing	R. CLEWES*	14
14	tn. J. PRESTON 2 Pen	R. Centre	R. MOGG	13
12	†I. R. SHACKLETON	L. Centre	D. POINTON	12
11	D. WILLIS	L. Wing	P. TUNSTALL	11
10	P. WINDER	Fly Half	1 Doop god B. RUSSELL	10
9	J. P. PICKIN	Scr. Half	S. BAKER	9
1	A. J. SHORTLAND	Forwards	M. PREDDY	1
2	C. SEXTON		S. MILLS	2
3	W. DICKINSON		P. BLAKEWAY†	3
4	*M. A. H. HESS	*	S. BOYLE	4
5	†C. W. RALSTON		J. FIDLER	5
6	R. C. PEARSON		J. WATKINS†	6
7	C. SHARP		P. WOOD	7
8	G. GREENWOOD		A. TURTON	8
	Replacements:		Replacements:	
17	A. WATKINSON		P. KINGSTON	16
18	P. M. WILLIAMS		F. REED	17

† International \* Captain

Referee: PETER HUGHES (Lancashire Society)

Today's Match Ball is kindly presented by Mr. Richard Holloway, Managing Director, Chemco Equipment Finance Limited



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#### **OUR VISITORS**

When the gods that determine the fates of rugby clubs decreed that Richmond should play Gloucester in the first round of the John Player Cup Competition, there was many a sharp intake of breath at either end of the M4

We all recall that at this stage last year Richmond 'won' a 3-3 draw on the technicality of being the away side at Kingsholm, but these things are never satisfactory as we ourselves had discovered when 'losing' 9-9 to Wasps the previous year.

So it is with a feeling of tense anticipation that we welcome Gloucester and their many supporters to the Athletic Ground this afternoon for the

Since that bitterly cold day last February, Gloucester have not fared well here, losing the the return match by 7-3 after the pressure was off, and more recently going down to London Scottish by 19-10. However on that day four of Gloucester's much respected pack were on England trial duty, and at full strength they will no doubt be as formidable as always.

#### **HONOURS**

Congratulations to Gloucester's Phil Blakeway on his remarkable recovery from a serious neck injury, which had threatened to put him out of the game, and particularly on going on to win his first cap in that magnificent victory over Ireland last week. Also congratulations to our own Nick Preston who won his second cap in the same match.

#### FOR THE RECORD

Although little went right for us last week in the home defeat by 9-37 by a remarkably good all round Gosforth side, a major plus was the form of scrum-half Joe Pickin on his debut. Also the front five produced plenty of good ball from the set pieces, and today with Nick Preston back in the side after a six week absence appearing at various representative levels, we should be able to consolidate our hard work and reverse the trend of recent moderate results.

The team will no doubt be encouraged by the Saxons who last week defeated Maidenhead Extra 1st by 72-9 in the only other game played.

### CUP RECORDS (1972-1979)

Richmond P13 W 7 L6 F128 A127 Quarter Finals 1974, 1975 & 1979 Gloucester P22 W16 L6 F316 A145 Won Cup 1972 & 1978, Qtr. Finals 1977

### RICHMOND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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