

Rugby Football Union



THORN

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

DEVON

V

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Saturday 25th October 1980
at Torquay Recreation Ground
KICK OFF 2-45p.m.

(Programme 20p)



DEVON

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Colours: Green and White hoops

- Full-back* 15 K. Turton (Plymouth Albion)
- Three-quarters* 14 K. Butterworth (Torquay)
13 A. Watkinson (Brixham and London Irish)
12 S. Donovan (Exeter)
11 N. Bagge (Exeter)
- Halves* 10 S. Webb (Exeter)
9 K. Sumner (Exeter)
- Forwards* 1 B. Steer (Plymouth Albion)
2 J. Lockyer (Exeter) *Captain*
3 C. Mills (Exeter)
4 P. Ackford (Rosslyn Park)
5 T. Woodrow (Exeter)
6 R. Catchpole (Plymouth Albion)
7 S. Day (Exeter)
8 S. Hughes (Richmond)
- Replacements* 16 B. Fairgreaves (Plymouth Albion)
17 J. Widdecombe (Torquay)

Hon. Team Secretary: R. Ellis

Devon Coaches: C. Cross, A. Mackie, T. Fallon

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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Colours: Red shirts, White shorts

- Full-back* 15 P. Butler (Gloucester) 2 dg 1 con
- Three-quarters* 14 L. Dick (Cheltenham)
13 J. Carr (Bristol University) 1 dg
12 P. Taylor (Gloucester)
11 A. Richard (Lydney)
- Halves* 10 D. Sorrell (Bristol) 2 dg
9 P. Kingston (Gloucester)
- Forwards* 1 G. Sargeant (Gloucester)
2 K. Bogira (Bristol)
3 A. Sheppard (Bristol)
4 J. Fidler (Gloucester)
5 N. Pomphrey (Bristol) CORVET
6 M. Rafter (Bristol) *Captain*
7 P. Wood (Gloucester)
8 R. Hefford (Bristol)
- Replacements* 16 T. Davis (Stroud)
17 G. Trott (Stroud)

Referee: G. R. Crawford (London RRS)

Touch Judges: T. R. Friend (Devon RRS), A. E. White (Gloucestershire RRS)



President: B. R. HOMER

MATCH NOTES

There will be sincere wishes from the Devonian spectators present and the other rugby supporters in the County and elsewhere, that our side will manage to beat doughty Gloucestershire after their South West Group Championship success of the last eleven consecutive seasons. This is indeed a very good record to bring with them today and we are pleased to welcome their players, committee, and the many supporters who have made the journey. Of course, we have not forgotten how close we were to success last year by our failure, mathematically, of a $\cdot 01$ of a point.

Nevertheless all our four Counties are proud to be associated with our particular Group Championship which, for seventy-six past playing seasons has provided so many keen and exciting encounters. Long may the series last.

To provide suitable amenities for staging these matches and the expenditure of travel, etc., our treasurers are naturally concerned at the considerable increases in cost taking place. These financial problems are substantially aided by the generous sponsorship of Thorn Eletrical Industries, who are supporting the County Championship throughout the country, and of which we receive a share of the grant. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we offer our grateful thanks to the Directors.

We welcome the representatives and clients of Thorn here today and trust that they have a pleasant time. They will wish to express their thanks to the Torquay Cricket Club for allowing them the use of their Pavilion.

Our welcome is also extended to our referee, Mr G. R. Crawford, who has travelled from London for the match. His experience and able control should greatly help to keep the quality of play on a high level, to the benefit of players and supporters alike. We sincerely thank the members of the Torquay Rugby Club for allowing their ground and facilities to be used, and their kind and energetic efforts in making the numerous arrangements for our enjoyment. The Devon Committee and players would like to take this opportunity of recording our greatful thanks to the Brixham Club for so willingly allowing the coaching sessions to take place on their ground, to the three coaches and captain for their excellent and enthusiastic tuition.

Last of all to our spectators here today, we welcome you and thank you for your continued support.

G.L.W.