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GLOUCESTER v BATH

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-
- Full Back
- *† 15. P. Butler
-
- Three Quarters
14. P. Conway
- * 13. S. Parsloe
- * 12. P. Taylor
- *§ 11. R. Mogg
-
- Half Backs
10. C. Pryce
9. S. Baker
-
- Forwards
- * 1. G. Sargent
- * 2. S. Mills (Capt.)
- *† 3. P. Blakeway
- *§ 4. S. Boyle
- * 5. J. Fidler
6. J. Gadd
8. M. Teague
7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

R. Lewis
J. Haines *

BATH

-
- Full Back
- * 16. C. Ralston
-
- Three Quarters
- * 15. D. Trick
- *† 14. M. C. Beese
- *§ 12. J. A. Palmer
- * 11. D. Trevaskis
-
- Half Backs
- *† 10. J. P. Horton
- * 9. S. M. Lewis
-
- Forwards
- * 1. R. Lee
- * 2. S. Luxmoore
- * 3. G. Chilcott
- * 4. N. Williams
- † 5. M. Van Der Loos
- * 6. G. Parsons
- * 8. R. Lye
- * 7. R. Surrell

REPLACEMENTS

C. Martin *
S. Jones *

Referee: B. HEAD-RAPSON (Notts, Lincs. & Derby Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Keep it in the Family

One of the reasons why Gloucestershire seem to have a permanent place in the County Final, while having — well, difficulty let's say — in scraping through the South West Group, is that we have more consistently worthwhile opposition than virtually any other County. And one of the reasons for that is, that Somerset rely very heavily on Bath for their side.

This afternoon's visitors must surely represent one of the most successful English sides of the last few years, with among other things, very creditable runs in the last few John Players. Indeed, a look at the results from recent Gloucester v. Bath matches — usually with Merit Table implications — reveals a set of very memorable games, with the results defying most pre-match pundits.

Last season, Bath came here on December 10th, and came second by 10 points to 3. Bob Clewes scored a try, and Peter Butler kicked two penalties. The reverse fixture was played as late as March 26th, and Bath turned the tables with a vengeance, winning 24-9. Steve Boyle motored over the line, and Peter Butler duly obliged with a penalty and a conversion.

This season, Gloucester went down the A46 on December 13th, and came away with a very creditable 19-0 win, but the recent record doesn't suggest that that proves anything. International stand-off John Horton wasn't playing, and was replaced by Dr. Charles Ralston of Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, who much prefers to play full back, these days.

So today's game could be one to remember. I for one, wouldn't want to put money on the result.

Welcome, Bath. It's always good to see you.

Max Meets Brian Brain — at Kingsholm!

It won't have escaped your notice that the Welsh Wizard of the Warble, Max Boyce, will be in Gloucester on Thursday March 12th. Similarly, it won't surprise you that tickets for the occasion are scarcer than County Final Stand Tickets.

All is not lost, however. Max has another engagement after he's finished his stint at the Leisure Centre. He's coming to Kingsholm, to support a buffet supper occasion in aid of Gloucestershire fast bowler Brian Brain's Testimonial.

Let's face it — if you aren't already booked, then the only way you're going to get to see Max is by spending the ridiculously small sum of £10, which will entitle you to one of the best seats at the Leisure Centre, followed by a specially-arranged gourmet-style buffet at Kingsholm. The idea is that Max will meet and chat to as many Gloucester Rugby folk as he can — a chance to mention Gloucester v. Pontypool perhaps?

All in all, it should be a superb events, and one not to be missed, if you can avoid it. Furthermore, Brian Brain has been, over the past few years, just about the best servant the County Cricket Club could wish, and it's nice to give him some token of our appreciation.

Now — here's the bad news. There are only 125 tickets available for this gala package deal, so if you're tempted (and who isn't) better see Terry Tandy or Alan Brinn as soon as you can.

London Irish

Arrangements for the John Player match proceed apace. There will be a special train going along for the bargain price of £5.00, and we've heard of at least three coaches going from Kingsholm.

Andy Mitchell will be running a Patron's coach, as usual, leaving here at 10.30, stopping on the way to slake the dust of the journey, and also stopping on the way back to take in both solid and liquid refreshment. Cost £3.50.

Also £3.50 is one of the two coaches which Terry Close is organising. That one will leave at 10.00 am, and arrive back here at round about 7.30 pm. Terry's other coach also leaves at 10 am, but he's making no guarantees about what time it will get back, other than it's going to be late. That one costs £4.50, because, under the regulations, it's necessary to take two drivers.

As far as tickets go — they're limited, and there isn't time to make official applications to the Secretary, as usual. So:

TICKETS FOR THE GLOUCESTER v. LONDON IRISH JOHN PLAYER MATCH WILL BE ON SALE IN THE OFFICE, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER TODAY'S GAME. STANDS £2.00, GROUND £1.00. STRICTLY FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

Incidentally, there's no mention of half price for Juniors, so if you like to take a chance on getting a cheaper ticket on the gate for your lad, then that's your decision.

Winners Galore

Seems an awfully long time since I wrote one of these programmes — January 6th, in fact. Of course, the County Final did get in the way. Meanwhile, the list of various types of winners has been getting longer.

Mr. M. Russell of 3, Coral Close, Tuffley will remember that London Scottish match very well. He invested in a programme, found that he held No. 1105, and won himself a Fiver. Wonder if he's spent it all yet and is back here for more?

You'll also remember that the draw for the England v. Wales tickets — all four of them — was made on January 6th as well. The winner of the two Stand Tickets was our old friend R. R. Palton, who held mauve ticket no. 138. Also on the mauve ticket was Miss J. Saunders, who held no. 90, and thereby won the two Ground Tickets.

You'll be pleased to know that the exercise yielded £51.20 to the Players' Tour Fund, so the miserly ticket allowance did some good after all.

Finally, Andy Mitchell informs us that the result of the 200 Club Draw, held on January 30th was as follows.

The £25 prize went to Mike Potter who holds no. 178 (Funny — you'd have thought he'd have held No. 8!).

One of the four £10 went to — would you believe — Dr. Tom Durkin. We believe that there is no truth in the rumour that it is to be paid in dancing girls, and delivered by camel post. He held No. 3.

The other three £10 prizes were won by Bob Brown (No. 189), F. Ward (No. 97) and L. W. F. Russell (No. 247).

Bad luck Sarge!

As I said before, the ways of selectors passeth all understanding, and we must sympathise with Gordon Sargent for just missing out on his England Cap, after sterling service as a squad member and replacement. Never mind Sarge — your time will come. And there are those among us (including me), who believe that the result of the England v. Wales match would have been different if Sarge had been occupying his usual replacement spot.

Nevertheless, we still have one pillar of the England scrum in Gloucester. Congratulations to Phil Blakeway on, quite deservedly, holding on to his England place.

Tailpiece

Loyalty is an admirable quality. But it's a great way of losing County Finals.

PETER ARNOLD.