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	Full Back
15.	P. Ford
	Three Quarters
14.	P. Pritchard
* 13.	S. Parsloe
12.	R. Ellis
* 11.	R. Clewes
	Half Backs
* 10.	D. Pointon
§ 9.	S. Baker
	Forwards
*† 1.	G. Sargent
*† 2.	S. Mills (Capt.)
§ 3.	S. Ashmead
4.	J. Brain
* 5.	A. Turton
§ 6.	J. Gadd
§ 8.	M. Teague
7.	M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

J. Watkins *†
 R. Jardine *

PLYMOUTH ALBION

	Full Back
15.	C. Trout
	Three Quarters
* 14.	R. Westlake
13.	G. Pearson
* 12.	A. Phillips
* 11.	P. Marsh
	Half Backs
10.	E. Budgeon
9.	N. Coombes
	Forwards
* 1.	C. Hocking
2.	I. Martin
* 3.	B. Steer
* 4.	G. Lovell
5.	T. Chapman
6.	S. Hurding
8.	S. Deasey
7.	R. Oliver

REPLACEMENTS

C. Brigland
 B. Fairgrieve

Referee: G. CRAWFORD (London Society)

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* County



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Back to basics

Much as your average Kingsholm supporter enjoys the 'big' Rugby occasion, such as last week's invasion of Leicester, it is always nice to get back to an honest-to-goodness club game, with little to aim for other than a good game of football. And this is especially true when the opposition is provided by such a fine old Club with such a strong tradition in the game as today's visitors.

Plymouth Albion have been playing Gloucester for a very long time, and are certainly one of those Clubs which have provided a very great deal of pleasure, as well as building up strong links with us. Of recent years Gloucester has proved just a bit too strong for them — but it's always unwise to take anything for granted in this game

Last year, at Plymouth, Gloucester won by 26 points to 6. On their last visit to Kingsholm, I'm afraid that the visitors were on the wrong end of a 45-3 scoreline, partly attributable to one of Brian Russell's better displays for Gloucester. He scored one try, kicked 3 penalties and converted 4 goals.

Paul Wood also grabbed a couple of tries that day, as did Fred Reed. Bob Clewes and Paul Williams added the others.

Let's not worry too much about that sort of thing, however. Let's just sit back and enjoy the Cream of Devonshire.

Nice to see you again, Albion! Hope you enjoy this season's visit as much as we intend to.

Peter Lewis

Many people — from Kingsholm and from many other spheres of the Gloucester sporting scene — will have been saddened by the news of the tragically early death of Peter Lewis, who played on the wing for Gloucester during the '50's. It's only right that our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and three boys be extended through the medium of the first match programme available after the sad news arrived.

Peter was one of that exclusive breed of Gloucester sportsmen who would probably have been very good at any game he chose to play. He was the last leg-spinner of real stature left in local cricket, regularly taking awesome numbers of wickets for both the City teams and for the Old Cryptians. He was a cross country runner of legendary attainments, in his young days, something of an equestrian, and not the worst badminton player in the world, either.

As a Rugby player, he played over 300 games for the Old Cryptians, quite apart from his very creditable run at Kingsholm. His lack of inches probably precluded him from the highest class, although he did play for the County. He could be blindly fast, and as many old opponents will testify, tackled like a terrier.

Tony Coates rang me all the way from High Wycombe to remind me of one game against Bedford in which Pete played — this was in the days when the drop goal had come down to three points, but the try had not yet become four.

Peter scored a try quite early on, in a very tight game. Around half time, the scrum half retired with an injury, and Peter, being the right size and shape, took over. Towards the end, with the score 3-3, Peter attempted a drop goal — something for which he was not renowned. He didn't hit it right, but the ball eventually just about staggered over. The final result was Bedford 3, Lewis 6.

This was the sort of thing which always seemed to happen when Peter Lewis played anything. The sporting world is undoubtedly the poorer for his passing.

On the other hand, those of us who knew him are certainly the richer for the experience.

A vote of thanks . . .

The players in last week's epic encounter at Leicester would like me to express their thanks for the level of support they received during that game. British Rail estimate that some 900 travelled up by train alone, quite apart from the various coachloads, and those who went up by car, bike or rickshaw.

Who knows — with a scoreline like 12-9, the encouragement which the lads received could just have made the difference.

Of course, we shall have to do it all again at Kingsholm in January. And dare we hope for a draw which delivers them into our hands for a home tie in the John Player?

. . . and a vote of censure

You really expect the Club Treasurer to get his administration right. So what was Doug Wadley doing allowing his daughter to get married on the afternoon of the Leicester match? That's the trouble with parents, these days. No control over their kids.

The affair did lead to one singular event, however. An informant called Terry Tandy, who shall remain nameless, tells me that our highly respected Club President was actually seen smoking a cigar—something which no one had ever seen before—after the news of the result reached the wedding reception.

Is that what's known as 'firing a Canon'?

Australians — Stand Tickets

At last we can confirm arrangements for Stand tickets for the S. and S.W. Counties v. Australia match on December 22nd. Ground tickets, as you know, have been available for some time at £2.00 each (£1.00 for Juniors).

We still don't know the exact size of our allocation, apart from the fact that it will be small. It will therefore only be possible to offer them to Grandstand Season Ticket holders, and only one will be issued on each application.

Tickets cost £4.00 each, and you should send your application to Terry Tandy, 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, enclosing the traditional SAE, as well as your cheque, or whatever, for £4.00.

Even so there is no guarantee that you'll get a ticket—the number available will probably mean that there has to be a ballot. Most important, applications must be in by Wednesday December 2nd. So you have just over 2 weeks to get your skates on.

Fiver to the Forest

About the most memorable thing about the South Wales Police match, as far as Roy Smith of Coleford was concerned, was the fact that he bought programme number 606, which turned out to be the lucky programme that night. So the 'fortunate five' winged it way over Westgate Bridge.

The Oxford University fiver, however, stayed firmly at home, being won by Mr. A. J. King of 78, Finlay Road. 46 points and five quid too! Can't be bad.

To 'B' or not to 'B'?

Congratulations to the round half-dozen Gloucester players who have won places in the England 'B' Squad. Together with the five already announced in the full England Squad — admittedly with some overlap — this is a record which cannot have been bettered in the annals of the Club.

It's an old scene for Richard Mogg and Steve Boyle, of course, but none the less welcome for that. Malcolm Preedy, Mike Teague and John Gadd deserve any honour which comes to them, but surely pride of place must go to Les Jones, of whom virtually no one outside Gloucester (and perhaps Pontypool) had heard at the start of the season.

How many will make the final selection, from a squad of 32 remains to be seen, but we're keeping everything crossed for you lads!

Duck, Son & Pinker again

You will have noticed that this is the sixth game which Duck, Son & Pinker are sponsoring this year—and, again, the match will be video taped. Speaking of which, Manager Laurence Hull asks us to apologise that many supporters haven't been able to see the films yet. The reason is simple and gratifying. Since the promotion started, Laurence just hasn't been able to hang on the video recorders long enough to keep the films on view for any length of time. They're snapped up as soon as they arrive!

The store window is worth a glance, however. Centrepiece of the Rugby display is the actual ball with which Gloucester beat Pontypool. I also note that the boots on the dummy have been supplied by Alan Brinn. Who else?

Tailpiece

A couple of quotes:

'Daily Mail', Friday, November 6th, 1981: "Gloucester's chase after Pontypool for the Daily Mail Anglo Welsh Pennant lead could be slowed tomorrow. Leicester, rated England's No. 1 club are Gloucester's visitors . . ."

'Sunday Express' Sunday November 8th: "Bob Clewes kicked the best of Gloucester's three penalties . . . This was the sort of game which does nothing for the development of the game."

So we have one reporter who doesn't know which ground he's on, and another who can't tell the difference between a wing three-quarter and an outside half.

Perhaps it isn't the development of Rugby which needs looking at, so much as the development of certain Rugby *writers*.

PETER ARNOLD