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	Full Back
15.	P. Ford
	Three Quarters
* 14.	P. Pritchard
* 13.	P. Taylor
* 12.	S. Parsloe
*§ 11.	R. Mogg
	Half Backs
* 10.	L. Jones
§ 9.	S. Baker
	Forwards
	1. M. Preedy
*† 2.	S. Mills (Capt.)
§ 3.	S. Ashmeard
*§ 4.	S. Boyle
* 5.	J. Orwin
§ 6.	J. Gadd
§ 8.	M. Teague
	7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

N. Price
N. Payne

BRISTOL

	Full Back
A. 15.	P. Cue
	Three Quarters
† 14.	B. A. Morley
	C. J. Watson
	D. J. Carr
	E. A. Rudd
	Half Backs
	F. D. Sorrell
	G. R. Harding
	Forwards
§ 14.	H. J. Doubleday
	I. K. Bogira
† 13.	J. A. Sheppard
§ 12.	K. N. Pomphrey
	L. P. Stiff
† 11.	M. M. Rafter
	N. M. Baker
	O. P. Poleori

REPLACEMENTS

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† International

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* County



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Honours Even!

If you had to write down a list of games most eagerly anticipated, year after year, I'd be very surprised if the annual Gloucester v. Bristol matches weren't somewhere near the top of your list.

Other clubs have similar fixtures, of course — Swansea v. Cardiff, Moseley v. Coventry, Leicester v. Northampton, for example — but surely, our regular West Country encounters bow to no other match in terms of commitment and prestige.

A glance at recent results will show you one reason why. Two years ago, Gloucester lost at Bristol, 16 - 9, but reversed the result at Kingsholm, 15 - 7. Last season, just by way of a change, we switched things round a bit. Gloucester won at Bristol, 7 - 0, having already been on the losing end of a 6 - 12 scoreline at Kingsholm.

This season, as you won't need reminding, we're looking to reverse a 12 - 6 beating at Bristol.

So honours couldn't be more even. But this isn't the only reason why everyone looks forward so much to a Gloucester-Bristol match. The fact that the two sides combine so effectively when wearing County shirts, adds spice to the occasion.

It's also intriguing to note how much competition there has been for England places, of recent years. Should England play Rafter, Watkins or Gadd? Shepard or Blakeway? Teague or Hesford? The fact that the selectors have often ignored the claims of all of them may not be so much a misjudgement as a cop-out.

Anyway — for one reason or another, not forgetting Merit Table considerations, tonight's game is one of the big occasions of the season, so far as Gloucester — and I suspect, Bristol — is concerned.

Words of welcome from me are superfluous. Bristol know how much we look forward to seeing them, and there's no doubt that the game will live up to the traditions established over many, many years. And long may those traditions flourish.

... and not before time!

The heartiest of all hearty congratulations to Phil Blakeway on his reinstatement in his rightful place in the England team for tomorrow. Perhaps, after his conk got busted, we couldn't really expect him to be picked against Australia, but anyone who saw the English pack being wheeled against Scotland will agree that Philip should have been there on that occasion.

It also occurs to me that the Chairman of Selectors is on record as saying that Blakeway wasn't considered earlier because he had not proved his fitness, yet John Scott was included in the squad before he'd even played a game!

It would be interesting to know what Bob Hesford and our Bristol friends think about that!

Once again, we must give our condolences to Mike Teague and John Gadd, for reaching the final hurdle, and then not quite making it. Plenty of time yet lads — you'll get there eventually!

Well done Trevor!

Having said Nasty Things about the Powers that Be — by no means for the first time — it's nice to be able to give credit where it's due.

You might, like me, have waxed blasphemous, on several Saturdays recently, when for some reason best known to themselves, BBC TV haven't even given us the minimal courtesy of gabbling their usual disinterested way through the Rugby results. After a reasoned lengthy analysis of the 0 - 0 draw between Darlington and Scunthorpe, or whatever, it has been straight into the signature tune, and into Kung Fu, without the option.

Unlike most of us, our ardent and ubiquitous Patron, Trevor Crutwell, who travels from Northleach every week, decided to DO something about it, and wrote in strong terms to the Rugby Football Union. Somewhat to his surprise, he received a letter from the Secretary himself, heartily agreeing with his sentiments, and reporting that the RFU has already made representations to the BBC about it.

More power to their elbow. We hope the efforts bear fruit.

Sandoe Luce Panes — thanks a million!

Once again, tonight, our friends from Sandoe Luce Panes are generously sponsoring the match. We're extremely grateful, and hope the occasion turns out to be all you would wish, from whatever point of view you regard it.

We note, from the Company's letterhead, that they have been operating as chartered surveyors, in this neck of the woods, since 1846, which makes them even older than Gloucester RFC.

Actually, the present-day company was formed, over two years ago, from the amalgamation of Sandoe & Son, and Luce Panes & Company, both of whom had been in business for well over a century.

Nowadays, they have offices all over the area — not only in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud, but in Wotton-u-Edge, Dursley, Nailsworth, Thornbury, Yate and Berkeley. The amalgamation means that the Company can supply a tremendous range of services, from building surveying to estate agency, from furniture and fine art valuations to auctions, and from property management to auctioneering.

So, if you're ever in need of those services — well, we know who our friends are.

The Company did ask me to add the following:

"The Partners and Staff wish both teams, and their supporters an enjoyable evening, and a game played in the tradition of two great Clubs."

And they can't say fairer than that, can they?

Thanks again, chaps.

Harking back — and forward

I feel I really must take space to congratulate the High Wycombe Army, which descended on us a fortnight ago, for their contribution to a memorable day. Their team played it's heart out, and was quite deservedly applauded off the field. Their supporters were noisy, cheerful and meritoriously partisan. We really couldn't have asked more.

I got the impression that, although they would die on the rack rather than admit it, they knew they weren't going to win, and were determined to have a very good day out, while they were here.

That they certainly did — and good luck to them.

Unfortunately, I believe that Doris, the inflatable female fan, who upstaged the Mayor by fluttering from the top of a lighting standard, while he was trying to hoist the new club flag, didn't survive the trip. They tell me that a puncture in the Club, sent her home in a flattened condition. Nothing — I'm told — that a cycle repair outfit won't put right.

Now for the next round. Exeter will provide tougher opposition than the Bucks, representatives could, and one should never disregard the challenge of a Devon Club. It should be another memorable day.

Terry Tandy tells me that the arrangements on that day, February 27th, will be precisely the same as for the High Wycombe game. £1.50 Stand, £1.00 Ground, all pay at the gate — no tickets issued before the match. And again; please get into the ground a reasonable time before kick-off — which will be at 3.00 p.m. again — so as to avoid a last-minute scrum at the turnstiles.

Price of a Pint?

Might have been, but it's a bit late now. The lucky programme winner at the High Wycombe game was Mr. J. Price, who took home a fiver for buying programme no. 268. Mr. Price lives in St. Leonards Park, Gloucester.

Tailpiece

Noticed something the other day, which I must have seen many times before, but which just hasn't registered.

On the way down Horton Road, you'll see two very large notices absolutely side by side. The first one reads:

'WELCOME TO THE STADIUM — HOME OF GLOUCESTER A.F.C.'

The neighbouring sign bears a large arrow, and declares succinctly:

'FERTILISER DEPOT'

And in case our Soccer friends think I'm being a bit snide, I should point out that the same entrance also leads to one of our leading local Rugby Clubs — one of which I'm a Vice-President.

PETER ARNOLD.