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GLOUCESTER 34 PTS

Cherry & White 4G; 1T; 2PG

	Full Back
15.	G. Thomas
	Three Quarters
*§	14. R. Mogg
	13. C. Dyke
*	12. S. Parsloe
	11. N. Price
	Half Backs
	10. P. Webb
§	9. S. Baker
	Forwards
	1. M. Preedy
*†	2. S. Mills (Capt.)
	3. R. Phillips
*	4. J. Orwin
*†	5. J. Fidler
*†	6. J. Watkins
§	8. M. Teague
*	7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston *†

J. Brain

HEADINGLEY 4 PTS

1T

	Full Back
15.	A. Peebles
	Three Quarters
	14. J. Eagle
	13. P. Gray
	12. G. Pickersgill
	11. M. Roundhill
	Half Backs
	10. J. Howarth
	9. J. Harrison
	Forwards
	1. A. Thundercliffe
	2. J. Webster
	3. A. Machell
	4. J. Riozzi
	5. J. Panter
	6. K. Higgins
	8. T. Donovan
	7. P. Barker

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: I. BULLERWELL (E. Midlands)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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No let up

Quite often, when Easter rumbles around, there is an 'end-of-term' feeling about things but there's no sign of it this year. Indeed, it's difficult to see how there could be, with the season's highlight coming up at Twickenham on May 1st.

Trainer, Ivor Oakes, I'm told, sees his main problem as keeping the boys 'psyched up' over the intervening weeks, not forgetting that there's the tantalising prospect of a meeting with Cardiff, on the neutral territory of South Africa.

If that's so — and I'm not going to argue with Ivor — then we could have far worse opponents today than our visitors from Yorkshire. A glance at recent results will show you why.

Last year, in the equivalent game, we came away from Headingley having held on to a 6-6 draw. On their last trip to Kingsholm, Headingley were runners up, but only by 12 points to 7, with Adrian Turton scoring a try, and Ian Wilkins converting it, and adding 2 penalties.

So you mustn't regard today's effort as a happy little run-out following the epic events at Coventry. There's bound to be some reaction, and anything could happen.

Anyway, Headingley are always welcome at Kingsholm, and we always know we're in for 100% effort from them.

So — have a good visit lads. We'll look forward to seeing you in the bar.

Postscript

We must obviously add our fervent admiration and congratulations to everything else which has been said, and written, about the Cup Semi-Final — although it's difficult to know what to add. Perhaps we could look at it this way.

We beat an excellent Coventry side, full of fire and expertise, by 2 tries to nil — both of them scored by the backs.

Where's yer '10-man Rugby' now?

Thanks

Some thanks are certainly in order. First of all, to the Coventry Club, who made an excellent job of looking after the cherry-and-white hordes who descended upon them — I heard no criticism of the arrangements from anyone.

Secondly, the Committee ask me to thank everyone who went from Gloucester and the surrounding area. As far as we know, there was no loutish behaviour from our section of the crowd — some 3,500 people — and that's the way we want it to stay.

Of course, if you're reading this programme, then you're not going to be indulging in 'yobboism' at Twickenham — but if you know anyone who is likely to offend in that respect, do us a favour and tell him he's not wanted. There are always enough people ready to criticise Gloucester without our having to suffer self-inflicted wounds.

Mayday! Mayday!

Now to the nitty gritty. Terry Tandy tells me that there should be no shortage of tickets, and anyone who wants some should write to him at 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens Gloucester, enclosing your remittance and an SAE please.

Details are as follows:

Reserved Stand Tickets — West and East Lower Centre: £5.00

Unreserved Stand Tickets — West and East Upper Stand, Centre — £4.00 (under 14 — £2.00)

North and South Stands, East and West Stands — Wing, Upper Ringside £3.00

Ground enclosure Tickets — £2.00 (Under 14 50p).

Obviously, tickets will be on sale in the Office at all appropriate occasions between now and the match. However you get yours, Terry asks you to buy them from us. This is about the only match in the year, when we get a commission on them, so the Club might as well have the benefit.

Just one more thing. If you're thinking of running a coach, it would be a good idea to get booked up fast. I'm told that the supply of such transport is rapidly running out. In addition, if you can, buy all your tickets 'en bloc' from Terry. Obviously, he'd rather sell 50 tickets at

once, than deal with 50 individual requests. Normally, Terry would like the cash in advance, but it's worth talking to him about it.

More information, as it comes in.

There's more to life than Twickenham

On Monday, of course, we have a visit from Birkenhead Park, so if the Lady Wife will let you off twice over the weekend, you know where to come.

A week today, we welcome — yet again — Sale, who will be out to prove that they could have got into the final, if they hadn't had an accident or two at Kingsholm. And don't forget, the postponed Bath match will take place on Wednesday April 21st.

It's a pity that the Final, among other things, causes the cancellation of the away match to Pontypool, but some consolation can be gathered from the United Game against their opposite numbers from 'Pooler' on Wednesday next. This is the last scheduled United home game of the season, so we owe it to them to support them. After all, they have had as much to do with the Club's success this year as anyone.

And, talking of success

Congratulations to Malcolm Preedy, Mike Teague and Steve Baker for winning England Under 23 Caps, and to Steve Ashmead for gracing the reserve benches at Sheffield. This must surely mean that they all have excellent chances of making the U23 trip to Italy later on.

Add that to the fact that Messrs. Mills, Blakeway and Gadd are all going to Canada and the United States, and we'll have quite a multi-lingual side, come the end of the close season.

Can we expect the lads to have picked up a few words of Italian, Afrikaans and, perhaps, Cherokee?

Not forgetting the Welsh swearwords which, no doubt, Gordon Sargent is learning right now on the Barbarians tour.

Dutstone Motors

Our thanks to our generous friends from Dutstone Motors, who are donating the ball for today's game, and another for the Birkenhead Park match on Monday.

Dutstone Motors, in case you don't hail from the City, have magnificent showrooms, and will be delighted to show you the Datsun 'Sunny' and, for that matter, the whole range.

Well worth a visit, and, surely, anyone who supports Gloucester RFC in the way that Dutstone have, deserves a chance to show us their wares.

Why not drop along?

Fruit and Nut

Speaking personally, I thought the Press treated us quite well, before and after the Coventry match. However, every rule has its exception, they say.

I must confess to being a little incensed by the report from an obscure 'Mirror' reporter — Bowen or Bevan, or something, I think — not a name you immediately associate with high-class Rugby expertise, anyway who awarded Gloucester his "raspberry of the year" for picking Peter Butler for the Semi-Final. He said that Gloucester had given up all hopes of entertaining the crowd, and were back to their bad old ways.

Well — I hope he was there to eat his words — fruity or otherwise.

Perhaps the only appropriate comment is "Nuts!"

Tailpiece

Not wishing to get political, I must report a comment made on the way to Coventry, last week. We were listening to 'Severn Sound's' report on the Falkland Island situation, and I expressed my concern over the whole issue. "That's all right," came the reply, "They'll send in the Gloucester pack! After all 'Millsey' and 'Fid' sorted the b-----s out last year!"

Perhaps Coventry would have been happier if the Epic Eight had got their calling up papers.

PETER ARNOLD.