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GLOUCESTER Cherry & White	SALE
Full Back	Full Back
15. P. Ford	*§ 15. S. Lowden
Three Quarters	Three Quarters
* 14. R. Clewes	14. H. Benjamin
* 13. P. Taylor	* 13. A. Wright
* 12. S. Parsloe	†* 12. A. Bond
*§ 11. R. Mogg	* 11. P. Stansfield
Half Backs	Half Backs
* 10. L. Jones	* 10. A. Phillips
§ 9. S. Baker	9. H. Fitton
Forwards	Forwards
*† 1. G. Sargent	* 1. T. Simon (Capt.)
2. K. White	* 2. A. Simpson
*† 3. P. Blakeway	3. M. Higgs
*§ 4. S. Boyle (Capt.)	* 4. C. Genders
*† 5. J. Fidler	* 5. I. McKie
§ 6. J. Gadd	* 6. P. Sherratt
§ 8. M. Teague	* 8. A. Lawson
* 7. P. Wood	7. C. Milne
REPLACEMENTS	REPLACEMENTS
C. Dyke	* M. Richardson
N. Payne	

Referee: R. PARKER (Liverpool Society)

† International

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* County



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Welcome Back!

If it only seems a few weeks ago that Sale were here last, I have a surprise for you — it was. Yet so many things have happened since, that the memories of that very fine John Player Quarter Final seem to have faded into the mists.

Which is an injustice to today's distinguished visitors. They gave us all we could handle, that day, and we've all seen worse games at both Semi Final and Final stages of the Competition.

However, none of those stresses exist today. We're back to a good, old fashioned Club game — even if, quite understandably, Sale will be out to prove that they could have done at least as well as Gloucester did, at Coventry, and have just as good a chance of beating Moseley as we have.

I did notice that Sale went down by the odd two points in 22, over last weekend, against a tough Northern side — but that was Easter, when, as we have reason to know, anything can happen.

Sale always were a good side, and are always welcome here, JPC or no JPC. Certainly, on their last visit, they showed us that they have a fine appreciation of the convivialities of life as well as of the sterner stuff that takes place on the field.

We've no reason to think that those attitudes will have changed in the few weeks since they visited Kingsholm. So all seems set fair for an excellent game.

Welcome back Sale. It's a bonus for the Kingsholm crowd to have the opportunity of seeing you again so soon.

The Twickers Trail

You'll have a fair idea of the prices of the JPC tickets by now — ranging all the way from £5.00 down to £2.00, depending on where you want to stand or sit.

Terry Close tells us that he now has arrangements in hand for running 5 coaches, and seats were beginning to look a bit full by last Monday, so don't hang about if you intend going with the Social Club.

Coach no. 1 will be the 'night out' coach, stopping at somewhere convivial to celebrate or drown sorrows on the way home. The other four coaches will go straight there and back, which makes for a good party in the Club when you get home.

Terry also asks me to remind everyone who went to Coventry on a Social Club coach of an offer which, apparently, all passengers were told about on that memorable trip.

If you can produce your (whole) Coventry coach ticket, you will get your seat to Twickenham at 50p off — for £2.50 instead of £3.00.

British Rail will, as usual, be running special trains for the occasion, at a cost of £5.50. At the moment, there are two definitely arranged, but BR is geared to run as many as anyone wants — last time, they ran 5! Times are uncertain until they know just how many trains are needed.

This is all, of course, in addition to the 'special' chartered by Severn Sound, more details of which can be obtained from their reception in Southgate Street.

It was interesting to see a press report that Moseley are 'alerting the whole city of Birmingham' in an effort to get as much support as possible. They hope they might get as many as 10,000 voices along. The record gate for the Final is 24,000, shared by the last Gloucester/Leicester match, and last year's Leicester/Gosforth game.

Well — we can't let the 'Brummies' out-shout us can we? And remember — this is the one game where the RFU pays us a commission on all tickets sold.

What's 10% of £1,000?

Before the New Arithmetic came into schools, it used to be £100. Anyway — it's worth having.

The point is, that anyone who sells the winning £1,000 ticket in the pilot scheme for our big, new lottery, will get just that.

This is just one good reason for taking up Raisden Limited's offer, and becoming an Agent for this scheme. In any case, you'll get 10% of any tickets you sell as 'expenses'.

The idea is to set up a pilot lottery, within an already established scheme, and finance the full lottery, to operate next season, by this means.

Raiseden need Agents in shops, factories, garages . . . in fact, anywhere where a fair few people can be persuaded to have a flutter. Equally welcome, are people who can sell tickets to friends, relatives and neighbours. The only limitation is that you have to be over 16 years old.

This is an important project for Gloucester RFC; in fact the whole future of the Ground's development plan may well depend on it. So why not become an Agent? — you certainly won't lose by it.

Terry Tandy can give you details, or you could ring 021-501 2716, or 0633 842615.

Blowing our own trumpet

You'll have noticed that Duck, Son & Pinker are sponsoring yet another game today. We're eternally grateful for their generosity over the whole of this, most memorable, season — and they still have two sponsored matches to go.

It's nice to know who your friends are, and they deserve all our support. If you're thinking of buying a trumpet, glockenspiel or euphonium to enliven affairs at Twickenham still further, then, do us a favour — get it from Duck, Son & Pinker.

Sticking your neck out

And talking about essential equipment for Twickenham, Terry Tandy tells me that there is to be a special Gloucester RFC scarf produced for the Final. It's red and white (of course) with words something like 'GLOUCESTER RFC, TWICKENHAM 1982' emblazoned on it. Perhaps the best thing about it is that it will be on sale for the derisory price of £1.00, the idea being to increase committed support, rather than raise money.

We hope it will be available for the Bath game, next Wednesday.

Full House!

Congratulations to Malcolm Preedy on his late call-up to the England party to tour the U.S. and Canada. Colin Smart's loss is Malcolm's gain, but it does give us the distinction of having a complete Gloucester front row in an England party. Pity full caps are not to be awarded this time.

The sands of time . . .

. . . may be running out, but there are still a few worthwhile grains lingering in the bottom of the glass — quite apart from the Final.

As mentioned, we have the postponed Bath match, next Wednesday. Our Somerset visitors need to draw, at least, with Gloucester to be sure of getting into next season's John Player, so they won't be taking any prisoners.

Next Saturday, the home season comes to an end with our traditional visit from Exeter, and that will be your last chance to cheer the boys on, before their epic visit to Twickenham. You won't want to miss that opportunity, I'm sure.

On the table

As of last Monday, Gloucester were top of the 'Daily Telegraph' Anglo-Welsh Table, which is an achievement, however you look at it.

Even more meritorious, the players have been invited to the presentation of the 'Daily Express' — City Link "Team of the Year" awards in London, during the week of the Final. Contrary to some reports, this is not a brand new award; it was won by England in the Grand Slam year, and by Leicester last season.

The contenders this year, are Gloucester, Leicester, Moseley and Coventry — the four JPC Semi-Finalists, of course.

We must be in with a good chance, when you consider that we have beaten Moseley and Coventry, at home and away, and Leicester on their own patch. Fingers, and everything else, crossed please.

Tailpiece

Talking of Merit Tables, did you notice that the 'Daily Mail' didn't print theirs over the two weeks either side of Easter? Wonder why?

PETER ARNOLD.