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GLOUCESTER v CLIFTON

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Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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GLOUCESTER

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	Full Back	
	15. P. Ford	
	Three Quarters	
*	14. P. Pritchard	
*	13. P. Taylor	
	12. C. Dyke	
*§	11. R. Mogg	
	Half Backs	
	10. M. Hamlin	
§	9. S. Baker	
	Forwards	
*§	1. M. Preedy	
*†	2. S. Mills (Capt.)	
	3. R. Phillips	
*§	4. S. Boyle	
§	5. J. Brain	
	6. J. Bennett	
*	7. P. Wood	
	8. J. Woodhouse	

REPLACEMENTS

R. Ellis
G. Mann

CLIFTON

	Full Back	
	15. P. Pearce	
	Three Quarters	
	14. C. Starr	
	13. M. Wilcox	
	12. M. Herbert	
	11. T. Davis	
	Half Backs	
	10. J. Masters (Capt.)	
	9. I. MacLeod	
	Forwards	
	1. D. Morgan	
	2. M. Williams	
	3. P. Lewis	
	4. P. Brown	
	5. D. Snell	
	6. D. Hone	
	7. A. Johnson	
	8. D. Mason	

REPLACEMENTS

D. Owsley
M. Hammersley

Referee: H. JONES (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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A friend in need

Fixtures between Gloucester and Clifton seem to have the permanency of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's famous bridge itself. The season would certainly not seem the same without our friends from down the motorway, and that is specially so this year. When things haven't been going precisely according to plan, and you've had to face a whole string of tough, unrelenting struggles, against Welsh clubs, hiding behind their own fortifications, and in miserably wet and windy conditions, the arrival of old friends at Kingsholm comes like a breath of fresh air.

Last season, the result of the equivalent match was 39-0, with Clifton hanging on to the silver medal position, but the fact that tonight's visitors haven't actually managed to win one of these games for a few seasons, has nothing to do with the enjoyability of the game. If they run true to form — and I know of no reason why they shouldn't — then they'll be trying their damndest from kick-off to final whistle, and if they get a chance to run the ball at Gloucester, then they'll do just that.

Admittedly, you won't find tonight's game featuring in the 'Daily Mail's' Anglo Welsh Merit Table, nor yet in 'Rugby World's' Superleague, but that just goes to show the dangers of believing too strongly in that sort of device. There's more to the game than totting up tables, and Gloucester v. Clifton is a prime example of that fact.

It's good to see you again, Clifton. Hope you enjoy your visit as much as we intend to.

Looking forward to '83

I've just seen the set of photographs which Peter Denham has assembled to make up the proposed Gloucester RFC calendar for 1983. I hope you'll take it from me that they really are a remarkable dozen pictures, and you certainly won't want to tear them off and throw them away as the months go by.

The proposed price of £1.50 is a super bargain, and you can be sure that as soon as the calendars are available — we'll be letting you know.

I also hear whispers about a Christmas card

Quiet time-ahead

Rugby players — even Welsh ones — aren't robots, so we mustn't complain about the lads (some of them) being given a day off on Saturday, which is, of course, County day. No doubt, you'll be taking the opportunity to support Gloucestershire, without the sneaking feeling that you really should be shouting for Gloucester.

One week tonight, you could take a trip to Llanelli — the first opportunity of seeing the first team at Stradey for some years. On Saturday 30th, we're away to Oxford University, so we have to wait for a home game until November 3rd — oddly enough, Cambridge University, who were one of the few sides to beat Gloucester last season.

United-wise, we have a visit from Ebbw Vale on Saturday week, and it will be interesting to see if they can do better than their seniors did down in the valleys.

However, if the fare is a bit sparse, for a week or two, you can stave off withdrawal symptoms by reflecting that it's going to be a busy November, with only two away games out of eight first team fixtures.

Reflections on Twickenham

While some of you were braving the rigours of a rain-swept Newport, I had the pleasure of watching the Fiji match at Twickenham. I put it that way, because, even if it was all a bit one sided, it was good to watch John Gadd making his home International debut — as I think I'm justified in calling it, even if full Caps were not being awarded.

Naturally, I was biased, but far better judges than me seemed to think that John had done himself proud, and that he is now a very serious contender for the No. 6 jersey when the home internationals roll around. The opposition may have been relatively weak, but you still have to know what you're doing, be in the right place at the right time, and take your chances when they come. And 'Gaddy' did just that.

As for Phil Blakeway, well — he was just Phil Blakeway, and I can't think of a better compliment to pay him than that.

. . . . and the County

And talking about Philip, congratulations on keeping his captaincy of the County. All the best, too, to Richard Mogg, recalled after injury, Nick Price, keeping his spot after a late call-up, and to John Orwin, Steve Boyle and John Gadd.

At the time of writing, the replacement for the suspended Doubleday hasn't been announced, but a well-informed little bird from Bristol whispers that it will probably be Malcolm Preedy. If so — congratulations again. If not, forget I said anything.

Commiserations, too, to Phil Pritchard. But even the County can't play three wingers. Can they?

Last chance for Patrons

Patrons night is on Thursday, November 28th, and you can't get a ticket without a receipted Patrons Card. There being no home match between now and then, in practical terms, this means that your last chance to pay up and look happy before that date is tonight.

Now you wouldn't want to miss the most memorable social soiree since Nero set fire to his old home town, would you? 'Nuff said.

Lucky two

Seems a long time since I've had a chance to catch up with the lucky programme winners, so here goes.

On Saturday, October 2nd, Mr. T. J. Warner of 22, Hudson Street, St. Pauls, Cheltenham, decided to come and see the Bedford game. During the process he expended good money on purchasing programme No. 568.

The game mightn't have been calculated to stir the pulserate, but there was nothing wrong with Mr. Warner's luck. As a useful £5 note testified.

The following week — October 9th — Mrs. M. Bentley, strolled down from her home at 37, Fairmile Gardens, Longford to take a look at the Harlequins. I think she must have got here a bit early, because her programme number was 042. Nevertheless, it proved to be an inspired choice, because she too went back home with an extra fiver in her purse, or wherever else ladies store unexpected cash windfalls these days.

Well done, both of you.

250 Club

Andy Mitchell tells me that he might still have one or two numbers left in the 250 Club by the time you read this. If you haven't joined up yet, now's your chance.

Club funds are augmented significantly by this means, which, in the long run, is good for all of us. Quite apart from that, your investment could make a very real impact on your beer money, when your number comes up.

See Andy.

Tailpiece

There's nothing like rugby to inspire gems of timeless wisdom. How about this, overheard recently in one of our local clubhouses — I won't name the club concerned, because I faint at the sight of blood, especially mine.

"We'da won that game — if we'da scored more points!"

There's no answer to that.

PETER ARNOLD.