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		15. G. Thomas
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	Three Quarters	
*		14. P. Pritchard
*		13. S. Parsloe
		12. C. O'Donogue
		11. N. Price
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	Half Backs	
*		10. D. Pointon
		9. W. Hall
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	Forwards	
*§		1. M. Preedy
		2. K. White
*		3. R. Pascall
*		4. J. Orwin
§		5. J. Brain
		6. J. Bennett
*		7. P. Wood
§		8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

CHELTENHAM

	Full Back	
		15. C. Minett
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	Three Quarters	
		14. G. Owen
		13. P. Boyle
		12. P. Wiles
†		11. L. Dick (Capt.)
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	Half Backs	
		10. S. Cairns
		9. N. Bloom
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	Forwards	
		1. A. Torkoniak
		2. I. Morton
		3. D. Jones
		4. P. Waite
		5. N. Smart
		6. L. Cummins
		7. R. Roper
		8. P. Poulton

REPLACEMENTS

I. Cutler
P. Geenty

Referee: G. DAVIES (W.R.U.)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Tale of the Unexpected

It may not have escaped your notice that this is not Stradey Park, and we aren't about to see the scarlet and white of Llanelli coming down the steps, but the red and black of our old friends and rivals from Cheltenham.

The arrival of our neighbours is always welcome, of course, but doubly so tonight, because of their co-operation in switching their Kingsholm fixture at short notice. The game was to have been played on November 17th, but on that day, we shall now be travelling to Llanelli.

The 'Scarlets' asked for the switch — not wanting to disrupt the fixtures which have taken so long to reintroduce — because they consider that they must have a properly structured schedule of training for their prestige game against the Maori tourists. Perhaps Llanelli are taking Haka lessons.

Be that as it may, we are grateful to Cheltenham for making the switch, which is reminiscent of the similar arrangement we made at equally short notice, to allow them to accept a fixture, earlier this year, from London Irish, on Cheltenham Gold Cup Day.

So it's co-operation all round — and what are neighbours for if you can't ask each other for favours now and then?

There is also a fighting chance that we shall have a long-standing argument settled — or at least, re-opened — tonight. If our old friend Peter Kingston is playing, and Steve Baker is turning out for Gloucester, then the constant wrangle among supporters as to their relative merits might receive some new light. In any case, it would be nice to see Peter in action again.

So, thanks and welcome, Chelt. You're as much a part of the Gloucester scene as the changing room clock.

Count down to the County

The Gloucestershire match against Lancashire, on November 13th, is all set to become a real cracker. North Midlands have been duly disposed of, and Yorkshire having had the good taste to beat Lancashire, the whole restructured Championship could rest on that game.

If Gloucestershire beat Lancashire — no problem. If they don't, and if Yorkshire, as seems likely, take care of North Midlands, then it could all come down to points — and remember, the division sum by which Gloucestershire goth through the Group, in the old days, by 0.01 of a point, no longer applies. Now it's a straightforward points for and points against difference that matters.

People who went down to Bristol tell me that, although Gloucester's win was comprehensive enough, far too many chances went begging, a fact which we could yet live to regret.

Anyway, the stage seems set for a memorable game at Vale of Lune on the 13th. We haven't actually received them yet, but it is almost certain that we shall have tickets on sale, before and after home games any time now.

David Foyle is the man to look for, but the tickets will be available at the Office as soon as possible.

As for getting there, British Rail is running a special train for the excellent bargain price of £5 return. Timing is uncertain, at the moment, but they'll give you full information at the Station, as soon as they have it themselves.

Home again, home again . . .

Rugby fare has been a little sparse, lately — one reason we're so pleased to be here, tonight. You'll be glad to know, however, that the drought is nearly at an end, and we'll soon be in for a good run of home fixtures.

We usually get a bit academic, at this time of the year, and 1982 is no exception. We're away to Oxford University on Saturday, but at home to their deadly rivals one week tonight. You probably won't need reminding that Cambridge University was one of the very few teams to beat Gloucester, last season, so there's a little dispute to settle.

A week on Saturday, November 6th, we have a visit from Glamorgan Wanderers, who, I believe, beat Cardiff earlier on this year, and on Wednesday, November 10th we complete our educational programme by offering a seminar to Exeter University — who I still persist in thinking of as 'St. Lukes'.

Later this month we have visits from South Wales Police and Broughton Park, followed, in rapid succession, by Leicester and Moseley.

United

The United aren't idle, either. On Saturday they are expecting a foray from Ebbw Vale — always a toughie — while on Monday, November 1st there is an invasion from Newport High School Old Boys.

One way and another, there's plenty to look forward to. Better get your tonsils lubricated.

Appeal

Following the announcement at the Patrons' Night, last Thursday, John Bick has now given us some details of the Appeal he is organising on behalf of the Club, to finance the imaginative new programme of development at Kingsholm.

Most Kingsholm regulars will have heard some details about what is proposed, but for irregular visitors and others, the idea, basically, is to extend the present Clubhouse and run it right under the existing main stand. This will allow room for improved changing facilities—ours aren't very good, by the standards of many leading clubs, these days — including showers and baths. We also need a large Doctors' Room and improved toilet facilities.

We're short of a Referee's Room (well, you have to know which one to set fire to, don't you?), and could do with an improved Secretary's Office and Committee Room.

Not that the whole thing is for the benefit of players and officials. There are plans for a Dining Area with a much better kitchen. There will also be a new Bar.

The proposal is that interested Companies and individuals make an interest-free loan to the Club for ten years. Firms are being asked to lend £600 and individuals £250, repayable in full after the period of the loan.

For that, supporters of the appeal will have unlimited use of the new bar facilities — after all, it's only fair that them as pays for it, gets the benefit of it.

The new facilities will be available for general use — for Company functions, shotgun weddings etc. — and will be duly advertised as such.

So if you know a company that's looking for a piece of sponsorship which will give them permanent publicity, then put them in touch.

John Bick will always be glad to hear from anyone, on Ross-on-Wye, 2895.

Apologies

I'm told that the date which appeared in the Clifton programme, for the Patrons' Night was incorrect. I don't know whether it was a Printer's Gremlin, or my own incompetence — probably the latter.

Anyway, if you came to the Clifton game, don't turn up on the date you were given there. We shan't be here. Apologies all round.

Tailpiece

My thanks to J. V. Smith for inviting me to Twickenham for the Fiji game. There's no point in anyone flashing their International tickets at me — I've got one marked 'Royal Box'. So there.

PETER ARNOLD