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15.	P. Ford
	Three Quarters
* 14.	N. Price
* 13.	S. Parsloe
12.	C. O'Donague
* 11.	P. Pritchard
	Half Backs
* 10.	D. Pointon
§ 9.	S. Baker
	Forwards
*§ 1.	M. Preedy
*† 2.	Mills (Capt.)
* 3.	R. Pascall
* 4.	J. Orwin
*§ 5.	S. Boyle
6.	J. Bennett
* 7.	P. Wood
§ 8.	M. Teague
	REPLACEMENTS
	C. Dyke
	G. Mann <i>GM</i>

#### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

	Full Back
15.	A. Hample <i>Alan Hamper</i>
	Three Quarters
14.	S. Smith <i>Simon Smith</i>
13.	R. Boyd-Moss <i>Robert Boyd-Moss</i>
12.	T. O'Brien <i>Tim O'Brien</i>
11.	M. Bailey <i>M. Bailey</i>
	Half Backs
10.	R. Andrew <i>Robert Andrew</i>
9.	J. Cullen <i>James Cullen</i>
	Forwards
1.	<del>J. Kingston</del> <i>John B. Charlton</i>
2.	R. Murray <i>Rob Murray</i>
3.	W. Ng <i>William Ng</i>
4.	S. Attfield <i>Simon Attfield</i>
5.	W. Stileman <i>William Stileman</i>
6.	D. Taylor <i>David Taylor</i>
7.	R. Horner <i>Robert Horner</i>
8.	C. Avis <i>Charles Avis</i>
	REPLACEMENTS
	M. Breddy <i>David Orton</i>

Referee: R. MAYO (Bristol Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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### One for the Pundits

Anyone who is likely to be involved, in any way, with this year's 'Varsity Match (December 7th, if you're thinking of going), as player, supporter, or first aid man's girl friend's milkman, for example, will be watching for the result of tonight's game with more than usual interest.

They'll know that, last Saturday, Gloucester beat Oxford University by 34 points to 6, while Cambridge went to Northampton and came away with a 37 - 20 victory. So, if Cambridge win tonight, it doesn't look all that good for the Dark Blues. If Gloucester win by a street, then it's anyone's game.

We have our own reasons for watching carefully, too. Last season, tonight's visitors were one of the three teams to beat Gloucester, admittedly away from Kingsholm, but to make too much of that would be unjustified. On their last visit here, in 1981, the Light Blues went down by 16 - 4, on Fireworks Night, as a matter of fact, but University sides tend to have a rather larger turnover of players than most, so we mustn't read anything into that.

The arrival of the University sides, at this time of the year, often comes as a relief from an emphasis on games against Welsh sides, and while I have nothing against teams from over the border (I keep telling myself), it is pleasant to have the prospect of seeing a good, fit, running English team.

So Cambridge — you're very welcome. We'll do our best to do our usual job of giving you a stern workout, on the way to Twickenham.

### Hail and farewell

So Phil Blakeway has decided to give it all up. It's hard to blame him, after a representative career that stretches back nine years, has had its fair share of glory, and more than its fair share of bad luck — particularly as regards injuries.

It seems a lifetime ago, now, that Philip had his first taste of the Big Time, for England Under 23 against Japan in 1973, but nevertheless, few people outside the County had heard of him when, together with Mike Burton, Peter Kingston and Peter Butler, he was chosen for the — as it turned out, controversial — tour of Australia.

Many people will remember the match against South Wales Police, when he finished the game, but subsequently discovered that he had broken a bone in his neck. He finally got back into the game just before the final English Trial in 1979-80, and scrummaged to such effect that he went straight into the England side to play Ireland. Ironically enough, it was Gordon Sargent who suffered at that memorable trial, and freely admitted that, although he knew as much about propping as anyone, he couldn't handle Phil, on that day.

That Irish game was the first of eleven caps, and to those must be added such unconsidered trifles as this year's Fiji game, and the Captaincy of the County and of the South and South West against Australia — where he was punched out of the game.

When we look back, in a year or two, we'll class Phil Blakeway with the other two great post-war Gloucester props who played for England — George Hastings and Mike Burton. Although he would forgive me for saying that his all-round play was more limited than either of the others, he always did what England required of him superbly. As a tight scrummager, he had no superior, and probably only Graham Price who could claim to be his equal.

I was in the bar, one day, when Bill Beaumont, who wasn't playing, but had come down with, I think, the Fylde team, remarked that, of all the props he'd played behind, Phil Blakeway would be his first choice every time. "Like locking behind a brick wall", he said.

After England won the Grand Slam, coach Mike Davis was generous in his acknowledgement of Phil's contribution — as well he might be.

Any club is going to miss the services of Phil Blakeway. For most clubs it would be something of a disaster, but not so bad as that, happily, for us.

Probably, Phil is wise in making a clean break, with no hangovers. He still has a great deal to offer, however, and my own personal hope is that, not only will we still see him regularly at Kingsholm, but that he will use his great experience in giving Gloucester a hand on the administration side.

Hail and farewell, Phil! And thanks for everything!



### **That Lancashire game**

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to Malcolm Pready, John Orwin, Steve Boyle, John Gadd for retaining their County places, and commiserations to Nick Price, who for my money, has done nothing wrong in his two County games. It seems odd that the selectors didn't take the opportunity to slip Alan Morley back into the centre, and play both Nick and Richard Mogg on the wings. Obviously, we're delighted to see 'Moggy' back in his rightful place, for such an important game, but it's a shame that it has to be at the expense of his Gloucester team-mate.

Just to remind you that the match is on November 13th, at the Vale of Lune, when Gloucester are away to Plymouth, and that British Rail are running a train at the bargain price of £5.00 return. Timings at the Station.

At the time of writing, I haven't heard whether tickets will be available at tonight's game, but the dulcet tones of Tandy on the Tannoy will probably inform you about the matter.

### **... and for our next trick**

On Saturday we have a visit from Glamorgan Wanderers, who you may recall, created mayhem against Cardiff, earlier this season. Quite a tough test for the lads, who are showing signs of emerging from a lean spell.

On the following Wednesday, November 10th, the opposition will be provided by the fit, athletic students from St. Lukes — sorry! I really must get used to calling them Exeter University.

After that, the Cheltenham game been switched for the Llanelli one, we have a break for ten days until Broughton Park make the long trek down here on November 20th.

So we have a neat little package of games to look forward to. See you somewhere along the way.

### **Thanks again to Ducks, Son and Pinker**

I seem to have written that headline so frequently, over the past season and a bit, that you could almost take it as read. Only 'almost' though, because any company which supports us so wholeheartedly, and so generously as Gloucester's leading music store, deserves every mention we can give them.

Horrible though it may seem, we are having to start thinking about Christmas, and you could do very much worse than to stroll into Duck, Son and Pinker's attractive branch in Southgate Street, when you start the annual pilgrimage in search of presents.

You'll find that there is considerably more to Duck, Son and Pinker than music and musical instruments. All the audio and telly equipment is there, the staff, including Laurence Hull, the Rugby and cricket loving manager, are helpful in the extreme. Just by the way, I hear whispers about some rather special Christmas windows, displays etc., when we get to December.

Thanks again to all at Duck, Son and Pinker. You are getting to be as much part of Kingstholm as the corner flags.

### **Tailpiece**

Just a reflection on the Hastings — Burton — Blakeway comparison, mentioned early on. Phil, as I said, won 11 caps. Mike Burton won 17 — and it's generally recognised, now that it should have been more, while George Hastings tally was 13, but of course, there were fewer Internationals played in those days.

On the other hand, neither Mike Burton nor George Hastings had Phil's record of injuries. No doubt the arguments will continue, which is one of the attractions of the game.

PETER ARNOLD.