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	Full Back
15.	T. Smith
	Three Quarters
14.	D. Morgan
* 13.	P. Taylor
*§ 12.	R. Mogg
* 11.	N. Price
	Half Backs
10.	M. Hamlin
§ 9.	S. Baker
	Forwards
*† 1.	G. Sargent (Capt.)
*† 2.	S. Mills
*† 3.	P. Blakeway
* 4.	J. Orwin
§ 5.	J. Brain
*§ 6.	J. Gadd
7.	D. Spencer
*§ 8.	M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

M. Wilkinson
G. Mann

PONTYPRIDD

	Full Back
15.	P. Jenkins
	Three Quarters
14.	A. Cartwright
13.	R. Lewis
12.	R. Chilcot
11.	M. Owen
	Half Backs
10.	P. Jones
9.	C. Jonathon
	Forwards
1.	R. Lott
* 2.	D. Young (Capt.)
3.	J. Pugh
4.	J. Butts
5.	H. Casey
* 6.	M. Shellard
* 7.	G. Jones
8.	C. Groves

REPLACEMENTS

R. Evans
R. Dyer *

Referee: R. G. JAMES (Leicester Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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First and not least

Our friends from Pontypridd have the distinction of being the first of no less than ten Welsh teams due to play at Kingsholm this season — and they're certainly not the least formidable. You may have noticed, for example, that they had a very handy 24 - 13 win at Exeter, last Saturday, and we, of all people, know how fatally easy it is to come unstuck against the Devonians on their own patch.

Ever since their first game here (four years ago, was it?) we've enjoyed our encounters with today's visitors, both at home, and away where their clubhouse hospitality is awesome.

Last season, on their ground, Gloucester won by 10 points to 6, thanks, if I remember correctly largely to a copybook display of line kicking by Les Jones. I also recall that we had a tough time of it winning 16 - 12 when they last came here — and that was the season when Gloucester were sweeping all before them.

Perhaps it's also appropriate to point out that the next side to visit Kingsholm will be Cardiff, whose fixtures Pontypridd readily adopted following Cardiff's regretted departure. It's nice to have both of them!

It's always good to see Pontypridd, and we're certainly going to give them a heartfelt welcome.

And it'll be a good game, too.

Twenty-one grand!

John Bick tells me that the Appeal Fund has now broached the £21,000 figure, which is excellent, and that it won't close down for another three or four weeks, so you can get involved if you want to.

He also tells me that the draw for the gallon of brandy will take place within the next fortnight, so if you have the odd 50p, which you would care to invest in the cause of conviviality, then you ought to think about doing it fairly soon.

John's latest project, however, concerns a Grand Christmas Draw which he is about to launch. The top prize will be a limousine trip for two, tickets included, to the England and Wales game at Twickenham, which is certainly doing things in style, particularly when you consider that an appropriately stuffed hamper is part and parcel of the deal.

There are a lot of other good prizes too. Like a meal for two at a well-known hostelry. For the full list, better ask John.

Of course, this is a major draw, so John will be looking for people to sell tickets, as well as buy them. To encourage that thought, the seller of the top prizewinning ticket will receive a bottle of Scotch, with the compliments of the Club, free, gratis and for nothing. Worth a go? John Bick will be delighted to see you.

Message from the Captain

"Do us a favour!" said Sarge,

"Sure!" I replied "What do you want? a pint of blood? The loan of my left leg?"

"Nothing like that. Just thank the supporters for the tremendous backing they're giving us."

"Isn't it a bit early in the season for that?"

"Not on your life! You really have to be out there to realise what a difference crowd support makes. All the lads appreciate it a lot!"

Conversation reported.

Deadline for Patrons

David Foyle has been consulting with his colleagues and come up with the decision that Patrons' tickets will cease to be valid after the end of September, unless they bear the official receipt.

In other words, pay up by the Llanelli game or you'll find you have to pay to get into the Pontypool match.

The reason why this deadline is earlier than last year, is that there are no less than 6 home fixtures in September, and that's considered quite enough before you have to pay.

Anyway, it helps the Club's cash flow to have money in reasonably early, so you may as well pay up, and at least try to look happy.

... and don't forget the Social Club ticket

I did remind you, last week, that you need a Membership card for the Social Club, if you like to imbibe the odd elixir and hold post mortems or 'do you remember when' type conversations after the game. Or, for that matter, if your vocal chords require lubrication before the game.

The moment of truth is now here. I'm told that it will be 'Members only' in the Clubhouse for both the Cardiff and Llanelli games, in the anticipation of big crowds. Which means that sometime between now and next Wednesday, you'd better drop into the Club and get one.

If you're not a Club Member it will cost you a quid, and well worth it. If you are, then your subscription is included in your Membership, but you'll still need a ticket. Flourishing your season ticket won't get you in.

It's worth pointing out that this isn't a piece of bureaucracy — it's a legal requirement. And you know how law-abiding all us Gloucester supporters are, don't you?

250 Club

Little bit late in making a plea for 250 Club Members, this year. The reason for that is that, regrettably, Andy Mitchell has found that his increased commitments don't allow him to carry on running the thing any longer.

That's a pity. Andy has done a great job, over the years, and I'm sure you'd want me to give him our heartfelt thanks in these notes.

Not to despair though, Brian Howells has agreed to take the job on, and we must also thank him for doing so. If you haven't sorted out your numbers yet, Brian is the chap to see.

It's worth doing. The cash prizes are very handy. More information as the season goes on.

Cardiff next

Something we've all looked forward to next Wednesday — the return of Cardiff. Personally, I've always thought that no Welsh fixture list is complete unless the boys from the Arms Park are on it, and it will be good to see the blue and black shirts at Kingsholm again.

This will, as you know, be the first match for which the new facilities are officially open, and we thank Cardiff for helping us open them.

Next Saturday, we're away to Bristol, and it's worth reporting another part of the conversation with Gordon Sargent, quoted above.

"We can use all the support we can get at the Memorial Ground", he said, and that is undoubtedly true. It would be good to have a solid nucleus of Gloucester supporters, all shouting their heads off. And it could be worth a point or two. How about it?

To complete a memorable triple, Tuesday — note that — Tuesday, the 27th sees a visit from Llanelli, probably one of the most attractive fixtures of the season. Again, the boys could do with a good crowd, so tear yourself away from the telly or the household chores, and come along.

United

United have stuttered a bit in their last two matches, a fact for which someone is going to have to suffer, sooner or later.

That someone could well be Cheltenham, here on Tuesday next. Or they might save something for Bristol, next Saturday. If you can't get down the A38, it could well be worth while coming along.

Incidentally, it was almost like Old Boys night, last Monday. Rod Correia, Les Jones, Wes Hall . . . there were some awfully good players turning out for the Combination, so their narrow win was fairly predictable. I'm certain that United will play against some worse teams with much more illustrious pedigrees, before the season's over.

Tailpiece

I Can Now Reveal, as they say in the Tabloids, that the reason why John Brain played such a blinder against Coventry may have been in the hands of his Dad.

"I starved him for a week!" he said.

Watch it Brian. We don't want a lock with anorexia nervosa.

PETER ARNOLD.