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15. T. Smith

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan

* 13. P. Taylor

12. R. Mogg/C. O'Donogue

* 11. N. Price

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

§ 9. S. Baker

Forwards

*† 1. G. Sargent (Capt.)

*† 2. S. Mills

3. R. Phillips

* 4. J. Orwin

*† 5. J. Fidler

*§ 6. J. Gadd

7. D. Spencer

*§ 8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

R. Wilmott

K. White

LLANELLI

Full Back

15 G. Thomas

Three Quarters

14. P. Lewis

† 13. R. Gravell

† 12. P. Morgan

† 11. D. Nicholas

Half Backs

† 10. G. Pearce

9. M. Douglas

Forwards

1. A. Buchanan

2. D. Fox

3. H. Jones

4. P. May (Capt.)

5. M. Mabbett

6. N. Saunders

7. J. Evans

8. P. Davies

REPLACEMENTS

M. Gravelle

L. Delaney

Referee: L. PRIDEAUX (N. Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Scarlet Fever!

It isn't very often that a visit has been as eagerly awaited as tonight's Llanelli arrival — and I even include our distinguished guests from Cardiff, last week, in making that statement.

Twice, in recent years, Gloucester has made the trip to Stradey Park, and perhaps the kindest thing, in the cause of good Anglo-Welsh relations, is to draw a veil over the actual scores on those occasions. Suffice it to say that Gloucester were runners-up both times.

However, this match gives us the chance to repay, in some degree the tremendous welcome we received at Stradey. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make either trip, but the people who did are still talking about them.

No one would argue, surely, that the impact Llanelli have had on Welsh — and therefore World—rugby, over the past decade and more, has been dramatic. J. J. Williams, Ray Gravell, and of course, Phil Bennett have all contributed mightily, and they're not alone. And do you remember when Llanelli beat the All Blacks?

Perhaps the 'Scarlets' don't include as many great names as they did at one time, but one shouldn't be misled by that. There's never been any such thing as a weak Llanelli side, and I don't see why they should break that habit just for Gloucester.

It's very pleasant that we are able to welcome Llanelli so soon after our new complex has been established. It means that we are able to give them the sort of entertainment that they have given us, in comparable surroundings.

We're proud to have you at Kingsholm, Llanelli. Don't leave it so long, next time.

County or Harlequins . . .

. . . that is the question. Whether it is nobler in the mind to support the County against Surrey at Sunbury on Thames, or to cheer on the sure-to-be-depleted Gloucester side against the 'Quins ('Twickers' or Stoop, we're not sure at the time of writing).

Anyway, perhaps it's a decision you don't actually have to make until you get to London. If you do feel like making either trip, we're told that our old friends at British Rail, who seldom fail to come up with something on these occasions, are to run a special excursion to London on October 8th.

The train leaves Gloucester at 9.15 and goes to Paddington, where you would arrive in plenty of time to get local trains to either Sunbury or Twickenham.

Incidentally, Sunbury-on-Thames is the London Irish ground, and you'll remember that we always get welcomed in real Hibernian style there.

If you want more information, you can get it by ringing Cliff Adams on Gloucester 31880. One thing he will tell you is that the fare will be £6.50 return, which is reasonable at today's prices.

Patron's Evening

Any Patron who (like me, blast it!) was prevented from attending the Cardiff game won't have seen the notice about the impending Patron's Evening, in the Club on Thursday, October 27th. It would be a good idea to put it in your diary now, but I'll give you a full run-down when arrangements have been finalised.

Fiddle!

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that you didn't win the gallon of brandy. Unless you're Brian Howells, of course. I'm told that cries of "Fiddle!" are totally unjustified, and of course, we believe everything Terry Tandy tells us, don't we?

Terry does point out, however, that if you're ready to shell out your £6.50 for the 250 Club, now administered by Brian, then this could well be a good time to tackle him about your favourite numbers — while he's still pleasantly mellow. If not downright p - - - d!

Christmas draws on

While we're on the subject of draw, lotteries, swindles, raffles and similar extravaganzas, it's worth reminding you that it could be worth selling tickets in the grand Christmas Draw, if only because there's a bottle of Scotch for the seller who dispenses the winning ticket.

As the first prize in the Draw will be a limousine trip for two to the England and Wales game, there's sure to be a big demand for tickets. See John Bick if you're interested. Or even if you aren't — he'll be glad to sell you some tickets on your own account.

Last chance!

Just a final word to Patrons on the subject of paying up and looking happy. This is the last first team game — in fact, any game — when an unreceipted Patron's card will be accepted at the turnstiles, so if you haven't attended to that small thing yet, perhaps you'd better do so after the game.

Hate you to miss out in October.

The Churchdown Fiver

When Mr. A. R. Innes came to the Pontypridd game, he not only saw a reasonable rugby match, but he went home with £5 which he wouldn't have had if he hadn't come along and bought a programme.

Mr. Innes sounds as if he might have Scots ancestry. For a possible Scot, from 31, Goodmore Crescent, to win a fiver at the Pontypridd match does sound like a fair exercise in race relations.

Got yer ticket?

... because, if you haven't there's not much point in trying to get a drink in the Club after the game. The point being, of course, that in order to comply with the law, everyone using the bar needs to have a Membership Card for the Social Club.

If you're a season ticket holder, or an OAP, then it won't actually cost you a penny. If you're not, then it will only cost you £1, so there's really no point in avoiding it, is there?

But please — don't try to get your card tonight. The crush after the match is likely to be of an order which befits the status of our opponents, so it isn't really practical to issue cards as well.

Time to get your breath back?

Well — not really. After our long run of September home games, it seems at first sight, that you'll have time to help the wife with the shopping on Saturdays for a couple of weeks, but a closer look at the programme will show you that after the trip to Bedford on Saturday, the boys are home again on Wednesday, October 5th. And it's stern Cambrian opposition again, in the shape of Pontypool.

Saturday, October 8th is the County, as already mentioned, but on Wednesday the 12th, we entertain Newbridge, followed by Newport on the 15th. There won't be many Welsh teams left at this rate! See you along the way.

United.

The United aren't exactly going to be idle, either. On Saturday they are expecting old opponents from Bedford to drop in, and while the County is trying conclusions with Surrey, Richmond — one of the few sides to beat the United in the last couple of seasons — will be at Kingsholm. That game (on October 8th) could be worth seeing. The first team will undoubtedly be calling on a nucleus of United players when they travel to play Harlequins on County day, so there could well be some new faces around, here at home. And that's always interesting.

Whoever the visitors, United always give good value for money, and they thoroughly deserve your support, if only to acclimatise younger players to Kingsholm with a sizeable crowd, so come along if you can.

Tailpiece

Messrs. Scott and Hesford must be fascinated to see Moseley's neglected Lion, Colin Jeavons reverting to his old spot at No. 8.

John Gadd might be cocking an eyebrow or two as well.

It would certainly solve a long-standing controversy if England's new selectors could play both of them!

PETER ARNOLD