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GLOUCESTER v. BATH

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Three Quarters	
14.	D. Morgan
*§	13. R. Mogg
*	12. P. Taylor
*	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. Fidler
*§	6. J. Gadd
	7. D. Spencer
*§	8. M. Teague
REPLACEMENTS	
	S. Parsloe *
	M. Preedy *

BATH

Full Back	
* 16.	C. Martin
Three Quarters	
†	15. D. M. Trick
*§	14. J. A. Palmer
*	12. A. Rees
*	11. B. Trevaskis
Half Backs	
†	10. J. P. Horton
*	9. R. Hill
Forwards	
*	1. G. Chilcott
*	2. G. Bess
*	3. R. Lee
*	4. N. Gaymond
†	5. R. Hakin
*	6. J. Hall
*	7. R. Spurrell (Capt.)
†	8. P. D. Simpson
REPLACEMENTS	
	C. Ralston *
	P. Turner *

Referee: P. WAKEFIELD (London Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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The proof of the Pudding!

Two years ago it was Gloucester, last season Bristol, and this year Bath — the three sides who can claim to have eclipsed Leicester for the leading English Club. Combine those facts with the thought that Gloucestershire won the County title last season, and that Somerset join Gloucestershire in the Final this season, and you could make a very strong case for the West Country being the strongest rugby area in Britain, however national selectors might feel about it.

So today's game is a bit special. Not only for the reasons already stated, but because it was the 7-7 draw, here at Kingsholm in the Bath game, which finally decided that Gloucester would not be embarrassing other teams in the John Player this season.

As Bath must be in with a good fighting chance of lifting the Cup, this season, perhaps we could see today's match as a pointer to how well the Cherry and Whites might have done in the competition, were we there to contest it.

Over the last few seasons, results between our two clubs have always been a bit 'nip and tuck'. Honours certainly went to Somerset last season, with Bath winning 21-12 at Bath. The previous year, Gloucester won by 12 points to 6 at Bath, but the home fixture was a victim of the blizzards, we shall never know — but no one won at Gloucester that year, so you can draw your own conclusions.

Of course, all of this is highly interesting and pertinent, but there is always far more to a Gloucester - Bath game than the scoreline. They are one of our oldest fixtures, have always been highly respected here for the quality and style of their rugby, and are considered to be an important facet of the Kingsholm season.

They'll find one big difference this year, however. They won't have seen our new complex, so we hope they enjoy it.

In fact, we hope they enjoy everything. Great to see you again, Bath. Have a good day!

Members of the Board

The major appeal, that John Bick ran so successfully, to help finance the new complex will officially be closed on December 31st. Now, that doesn't mean that the Club will actually refuse money after that date? but a termination does have to be put on it because it's about time that we did something about the Donors Board which will feature the names of our generous beneficiaries.

If you think about it, the only way that such names can be listed is in alphabetical order. Everyone's donation is equally welcome, whatever the size of it, and so there's no way that anyone could be seen as, in any way, taking precedence over others.

The snag about that, is that once the board is lettered — that's it. Names can't be shuffled about to add others once the job is complete. So, although we'll obviously be grateful to anyone who still wishes to chip in, the list of names for the Donors Board will close on the last day of the year.

Some people, of course, aren't worried about that sort of thing, one way or the other, but it does seem right that some permanent acknowledgement should be provided. If, therefore, you would like to add to the magnificent total of £26,000 already achieved, then by all means do so — but your name won't be up there for posterity, unless you get in before the New Year.

Once again — many, many thanks to everyone.

Well done Stroud and Lydney!

We didn't have space, last Wednesday, to say 'Congratulations' to our friends and neighbours from Lydney and Stroud in reaching the next stage of the John Player Cup Competition, by beating High Wycombe and Dartfordians respectively, last Saturday.

Perhaps it's just as well, in a way, that Gloucester aren't in the Cup this season. With those two and Bristol still there (and we could, perhaps, add Mike Fry's Old Redcliffians side from Bristol), the statistics would indicate that we might well have drawn against one or the other of them. Which would have been a waste.

Naturally, our very best wishes go with them for later rounds. Keep the 'Glowstershire' flag flying, chaps!

Better late for BJB Consultants

As you know, we usually like to tell you something about the Sponsor in the programme relating to the match which is the subject of his generosity. This wasn't possible in the case of BJB Consultants, because the company's proprietor was unfortunately off sick during the period leading up to the Ebbw Vale game which he had decided to sponsor, and after that, his feet didn't touch the ground for long enough for me to get the appropriate information.

Said proprietor is, in fact, our old friend and long-standing Patron Barrie Beattie, who has been around the life assurance business for a very long time.

It's not surprising, therefore, that BJB Consultants specialises in that line of country. If, for example, you want to tuck a little bit away for your retirement, Barrie is the chap to contact about a good deal in the way of a pension scheme or an annuity — with very interesting results as regards your tax demand.

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BJB can also put you in the way of permanent health insurance, which provides an income should you be incapacitated, for however long it takes to recover.

BJB are also active in group pension schemes, so if your company is looking for something like that, then BJB is certainly worth investigating.

Life insurance is one of those things where you want to be very confident about the chap who's handling it for you. You may well feel, therefore, that the fact that Barrie has been a Patron at Kingsholm for years tells you something about him before you start. At least you know he's your kind of person.

If you want to get hold of him, his office is at 50, London Road, Stroud, or if you live locally, you'll find him on 91 70799.

Sorry we were late, Barrie! Our gratitude for your generosity is none the less sincere for that.

Christmas

It might come as a shock to you to realise that the next First Team home game is on Christmas Eve — although you could start your holiday early by supporting the lads when they visit Newport on Wednesday, 21st December.

Plymouth are the visitors on December 24th, and it's worth noting that the kick-off on that day will be at the early hour of 2.00 p.m. This is surely reasonable; the Plymouth lads will want to get back home, and you might even have similar feelings yourself.

On Boxing Day, of course, we have Lydney, we're away to Bridgend on New Year's Eve, and we're expecting Moseley to drop in on Monday, January 2nd, with London Scottish following on the Saturday after.

Next Saturday, the United will be entertaining Coventry, which might be a good excuse to get out of the Christmas shopping, and Newport will be visiting them on Wednesday, 21st. So there's plenty to choose from.

The Big Draw

If you haven't handed over your unsold draw tickets and cash for the ones you have sold — then you're three days late. Never mind; John Bick would like them as soon as possible.

The draw itself will take place on Friday, December 16th, so why not come along and help make an occasion of it?

Tailpiece

Appeal closing on December 31st, Draw being drawn on December 16th. There's no truth in the rumour that we're giving John Bick the sack. Anyway, with his length of service, we couldn't afford the redundancy money.

PETER ARNOLD.