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By their own high standards, Gloucester have been enjoying a mixed season this year, although it has been an improvement on last year, when they had a less than 50% record and had their poorest season since the early 1960's. Against English teams they have fared well, with wins over Bath, Bristol and Rosslyn Park being the most satisfactory and their most recent game, on Monday, saw them struggle through appalling conditions to victory over Mosley by 8-6. Westwards, however, it's a different story with Abertillery proving the only first class Welsh club to lose to Gloucester. Swansea, Pontypool, Pontypridd, Cardiff, Newbridge and Newport have all achieved victory over them. The graph of Gloucester fortunes is, however, on an upwards curve and the present 100% record in the South-West Merit Table should see them safely back into the John Player Cup from which they are suffering their first ever absence this season.

The team has been considerably weakened to-day by the presence of the England Trial just down the road at Twickenham. This has drawn seven forwards away from the Gloucester pack, including three props. It's true that the club has a great tradition of pack-power, but even they must be affected by such a decimation. They have retained the British Lion, Steve Boyle, who recently accompanied McBride, Telfer and Fitzgerald to New Zealand.

An Explanation:

The reporter apologises for the unconventional form of this programme, but the weather conditions in Scotland conspired to prevent him making the deadline set by the printers. Such an excuse would not, of course, be accepted by Reuters.

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LONDON SCOTTISH (Blue, Red Lion on left breast)				GLOUCESTER (Cherry and White)	
15	Roddy Grant	Full Back	R. Sowke	15	
14	Alan Friell	Right Wing	D. Morgan	14	
13	Duncan Bruce-Lockhart	Right Centre	C. Dyke	13	
12	John Hume	Left Centre	P. Taylor	12	
11	Gordon Wood	Left Wing	N. Price	11	
10	Tony Mitchell	Fly Half	S. Parsloe	10	
9	Neil Chapman	Scrum Half	S. Baker	9	
1	David Butcher	Forwards	P. Jones	1	
2	George Rendell		K. White	2	
3	*John Fraser		R. Phillips	3	
4	†Alistair McHarg		S. Boyle*	4	
5	Jerry Campbell-Lamerton	J. Brain	5		
6	Alistair Morrison		P. Wood	6	
7	Gerry Macklin		T. Smith	7	
8	Keith Logan		P. Orwin	8	
16	G. McQuater	Replacements	A. Turton	16	
17	N. Birkett		P. Tunstall	17	
† International * Captain					

Referee: C. Little (London Society)