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

LIVERPOOL

Red, Black & Blue

	Full Back
†	15. M. Slemen
	Three Quarters
14.	M. Killen
*	13. A. Askew (Capt.)
	12. P. Melia
*	11. N. Heslop
	Half Backs
*	10. I. Jeffrey
	9. G. Jones
	Forwards
	1. G. Chubb
	2. T. Melia
	3. D. O'Brien
	4. M. Hale
	5. P. Rushton
*	6. P. Buckton
*	7. T. G. Morris
	8. J. Hescott
	REPLACEMENTS
	M. Calver
	M. Stevenson

Referee: P. KINGHAM (London Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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No second fiddles

"Ah! Well," said a taxi driver, the other day, "Liverpool has always been a Soccer town!"

Mebbe so, old butt. But there will be fifteen blokes out on the field, today, who will be proving that there is one corner of a foreign field, which is forever, Rugby.

And anyway, any city which can produce both Mike Slemen and the Beatles can't be all bad.

Liverpool have this in common with Nottingham, who we entertained last week. They're not among the more fashionable clubs, and they'll beat you if you give them half a chance.

We have painful reasons to remember that. Last season, at Liverpool, today's visitors took Gloucester apart, somewhat, to the tune of 18 points to 4.

Liverpool are comparative newcomers to the Gloucester fixture list, and it's always nice to see new faces, of course, but Mike Slemen himself is no stranger to us, having worked his magic on Gloucestershire, more than once, in Bill Beaumont's great Lancashire side.

We mustn't think of today's visitors as a one-man side, however. Having watched them on TV this year, they have some good lads. The pack might have its hands full, but there should be some good runners on view.

If the weather is kind, we should be in for an entertaining afternoon, and we hope that the Liverpool contingent has as good a time as we intend to.

Good to see you chaps. Come again.

Well done, Phil. Fingers crossed Sarge

Opinions seem to vary about the quality of England's win over Ireland, but everyone seems to agree on one thing. The Pack looked a helluva lot more solid with Philip Blakeway back in his rightful place. Congratulations 'Blakers'. You should be able to hold that spot for as long as you want it.

As for next week, the Press seem to be fairly unanimous in their opinion that Gordon Sargent has a good fighting chance of taking over the loose head role against France. We all sincerely hope they're right. One thing's for sure — 'Sarge' wouldn't let them down.

Which leads to the speculation — if you're picking the two props, why not go the whole hog, as Wales did, and pick a club front row?

Sally's here!

The Rt. Hon. Sally Oppenheim MP, PC — better known round 'yer as just 'Sally', is paying one of her regular visits to Kingsholm today. She's very welcome, and we hope she enjoys her first visit to our impressive new complex.

Over her years as Gloucester's MP, Sally has become a genuine supporter of the Club, and usually manages to keep herself informed about its doings, even though being a Parliamentarian doesn't leave as much time for watching games as she would like.

Mind you, she'd be in trouble from the family if she wasn't a rugby lady. Her son Philip played for a while for Gloucester Old Boys, and is nowadays involved with a local club up in Amber Valley, his own Parliamentary constituency.

County Final

I'm told that, in spite of initial hiccups, tickets for the County Final at Twickenham on March 31st will definitely be on sale today. There will obviously be plenty of room at Twickenham, but you'd do the club a favour by buying your tickets here.

Unlike the situation with International tickets, the Club does get a percentage of all those sold at Kingsholm for the County Final, so why not keep some of your hard-earned cash right here in Gloucester?

Prices are as follows:

- West/East Lower Stand (reserved) — £5.00
- Other Stands (unreserved) — £4.00
- Ringside seats (unreserved) — £3.00
- Unreserved stand at ringside (junior) — £2.00
- Ground/Enclosure (standing) — £2.00
- Ground/enclosure Junior (standing) — £1.00

As a bit of extra information, you might like to know that it will cost you £3.00 to park your car at the ground, and there will be no booking beforehand. If some organisation you're involved with is thinking of running a coach, it will cost you £15.00 to park that, but passes will be available before the day.

How are you getting there?

Assuming you don't want to drive, there are plenty of options open. John Beaman will be running as many coaches as it takes, from the Social Club, and Andy Mitchell will operate his usual Patrons' coach — he asks me to tell you that it will start at about 10.00 a.m., stop for lubrication, and return to the Club immediately after the game. This means he can keep the price down, regulations about drivers being what they are, these days.

In addition, as you probably know, British Rail are laying on a train, to go directly to Twickenham station. Full details from the station.

Got anything to celebrate?

Sorry to bring the subject up, but it isn't that long to the end of the Season. This has prompted Terry Tandy to tell me that the facilities in our new complex will be available for hire; by Members during the blank rugby months.

The complex would be very suitable for things like wedding receptions, anniversaries, works, and the like, but please remember that the normal licensing laws apply.

What's on the calendar?

I'm grateful to Eric Martin for pointing out that it was exactly 100 years ago last Thursday that Cardiff first turned out with four three quarters, against Gloucester, thus setting the pattern for the modern playing formation. You might remember that I told the story in the programme for the Cardiff game, earlier on in the Season.

Interesting, but where do we go from here?

Well, next Saturday (March 3rd) United take on Northampton at Kingsholm, the senior side having travelled to that home of Carlsberg lager on the evening before.

The following Saturday, we have a visit from Richmond, and the history of tussles with them in various John Player competitions always makes that a popular occasion.

At the time of writing, there's no news about the postponed Bristol game, but I'm assured that both sides are still very keen to rearrange something, so 'watch this space', as they say.

That foggy night

Terry Tandy suggests that, as the Nottingham match wasn't one of our more well-attended ones, I might like to repeat the message sent to everyone at Kingsholm by the great Auckland side.

The occasion was, of course, ruined by the fog, and the Kiwis were highly complimented by the number of people who turned up, in spite of it. They asked me to relay their sincere thanks to everyone for the welcome they got, and the hospitality they received.

As the Auckland President told me, "Playing at Kingsholm was always going to be one of the highlights of the tour. We had been looking forward to it, even before we left New Zealand."

That's nice to know. Perhaps we're a bit too involved to appreciate the prestige which our Club, and our Ground, has around the world.

Tailpiece

Talking of the fog, I had a nice letter from a gentleman who signs himself 'Fogbound', who went into reams of verse, describing the occasion. His epic was full of verses like:

"It was Valentine's Day in the Evening,

The pitch, it was shrouded in fog,

I'd paid over a quid for my ticket,

(I wish I had stayed in the bog)."

Worthy effort, Mr. Fogbound. But watch it — Pete does the funnies round here.

PETER ARNOLD.