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## GLOUCESTER v. MAESTEG

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Three Quarters  
14. J. Breeze  
13. R. Mogg  
12. P. Taylor  
11. N. Price

Half Backs  
10. M. Hamlin  
9. S. Baker

Forwards  
† 1. G. Sargent  
2. K. White  
† 3. M. Preedy  
4. J. Orwin (Capt.)  
5. J. Brain  
6. J. Gadd  
7. M. Longstaff  
8. M. Teague

#### REPLACEMENTS

G. Mann  
M. Hannaford

### MAESTEG

Full Back  
15. I. Hopkins

Three Quarters  
14. A. Taylor  
13. M. Seymour  
12. M. Woods  
11. C. Donovan

Half Backs  
10. W. Evans  
9. A. Gazzi

Forwards  
1. D. Edwards  
2. J. Pope  
3. P. Francis (Capt.)  
4. A. Taylor  
5. N. Pengilly  
6. J. Williams  
7. M. Thomas  
8. G. Nicholas

#### REPLACEMENTS

P. Bradley  
C. Davey.

Referee: S. V. GRIFFITHS (North Midlands)

† International

**Good luck to one special team from another!**



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **Wednesday night is Maesteg Night!**

Somehow, the Season doesn't really seem to have got under weigh until we're all fore-gathered at Kingsholm on a Wednesday evening. And who better to help us exercise our lungs than a leading Welsh club?

Note the word 'leading'. Maesteg never seem to get the publicity, or the glamour, of the Swansea and Bridgends of this world, but they're very much a force to be reckoned with, for all that. Did you notice, for example, that they put it across Llanelli, last week, to the tune of 15 points to 10? That doesn't exactly put them in the same league as Dymock Extra Thirds.

The last time I saw them, they certainly gave value for money. A lot of fast, direct running, if I remember correctly, with a decidedly enthusiastic pack.

We haven't seen much of them at Kingsholm of late, which makes them all the more welcome, particularly in a season when the majority of our Welsh opposition is to be encountered away from home.

Nice to see you Maesteg. Hope you think your journey well worth while.

### **Thanks to Independent Insulations**

If the weather continues the way it's going at the time of writing, then there will be a few anoraks around tonight. Which makes us think of cold, draughts, and by association, all that expensive energy waiting out into the street when we switch the central heating on.

Which is where tonight's generous sponsors come into their own.

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### **Fame at last!**

Don't know if you noticed, but Richard Sharpe quoted us in last week's 'Sunday Telegraph'. And if that isn't enough to swell an already exaggerated ego, it appears that we're now in hardback too!

Our Friendly Printer, Messrs, Stoate & Bishop, of St. Catherine's Street, had the excellent idea of binding all last season's programmes, complete with tasteful gold lettering on the front cover, and made an official presentation of the impressive volume so created, to the Club on the afternoon of the Swansea match.

This is a most generous gesture, and a fine addition to the records of Gloucester RFC. Our grateful thanks to all concerned.

### **just a reminder . . .**

. . . that if you want International Tickets, David Foyle needs Members' applications in by September 23rd for the Australian game, and by October 3rd for all the others, including Romania. Furthermore, numbers of tickets issued to clubs being what they are, (The man who invented denatures has a lot to answer for), David can only accept applications for one ticket per Member, although there might be enough for two for Australia and Romania.

If you're acting as tally-man for your own particular branch of the Gloucester Rugby Club Mafia, then by all means continue to do so, but do remember to quote the names and membership numbers of all your party when you're making application. You can get application form at the Caravan behind the main stand.

### **Season Tickets**

Speaking of the caravan, you can also, obviously, get all forms of season ticket there — excellent value, as always — but if you like to come in at the Worcester Street, end, and wouldn't be seen dead with us toffee-nosed lot over on the Stand side, then ground seasons are also available in the office in the old changing rooms.

### **300 Club**

I'm told that numbers in the 300 Club are going well. So if you like to base your number on your girl friend's bust measurement, or some other esoteric good-luck charm, then perhaps you'd better contact Brian Howells, or one of the 300 Club Committee, fairly quickly, before your preferred number is snapped up by some other so-and-so.

25p or £6.50 for the season. After all, if you don't enter, you can't win, can you?

### **Coming Shortly**

We're away on Saturday, to Pontypridd — highly recommended for friendliness and hospitality, should you fancy the trip — and a week tonight we're visiting Newbridge, which is, again, not so far as to be insuperable.

So the next time we're at home is for Bristol on Saturday 22nd. No one who calls himself a Kingsholm Man will want to miss that, and please remember, that the Merit Table situation being what it is, this season, it's important we win all the relevant home games. The more people who come along, the greater the support. The greater the support, the more likely we are to win. So do try and get here — even if it means giving up helping 'er Indoors choose a new ball of wool, or something.

### **United**

The United started well, with a win at Swansea and a draw at Broughton Park, on the same day, so it looks as if competition for places is going to be as keen as it is for the First XV itself. All of which makes for good Rugby watching. They've got Pontypool here on Saturday, and Cheltenham, just down the road, next Tuesday. Why not give them your support?

### **Colts**

Working down the age range, Reg Collins tells me we have a promising bunch of Colts, this season. They took on Moseley last night, and they are at home, in rapid succession, to Brixham, next Wednesday, and Cardiff on September 26th, with Nuneaton following on October 10th, and Bath on October 24th — whatever it says in your Membership card. The date has been changed.

Providing opportunities for playing at Kingsholm, in front of a crowd, is one of the reasons for having a Colts side, and I can heartily recommend you come along and watch some of the names which will be getting into the papers in a few years' time. Their standard of play might be an eye-opener too.

### **Condolences**

One of the things I didn't have room for in the Swansea programme was to extend sincere condolences to Peter Bicknell, who, in his spare time, manages the C & G branch in Westgate Street.

He misses very few big games at Kingsholm, but must have been dozing when the proposal came up to open his branch on Saturday afternoons. In fact, he must have been in a coma to allow them to start the new service on the same day that Swansea visited Kingsholm. Obviously, he had to be on duty 'back at the ranch' for the first time round, so missed the season's opener: an occurrence which sent him into a gentle state of hysteria.

Shame. But I'll bet he's got it sorted by the Bristol game.

### **Tailpiece**

I was lucky enough to be invited to the Victory Dinner and Dance which the County held in Bristol, a few weeks ago. The main course was Baron of Beef, carved in full view of everyone.

It was a nice gesture to ask Skipper Mike Rafter to carve the first ceremonial slice, and he snaffled the Chef's hat, and advanced on the massive joint, as if it were a Yorkshire outside half.

"Oy, Mr. President" he remarked. "I've just found Shergar!"

PETER ARNOLD.