

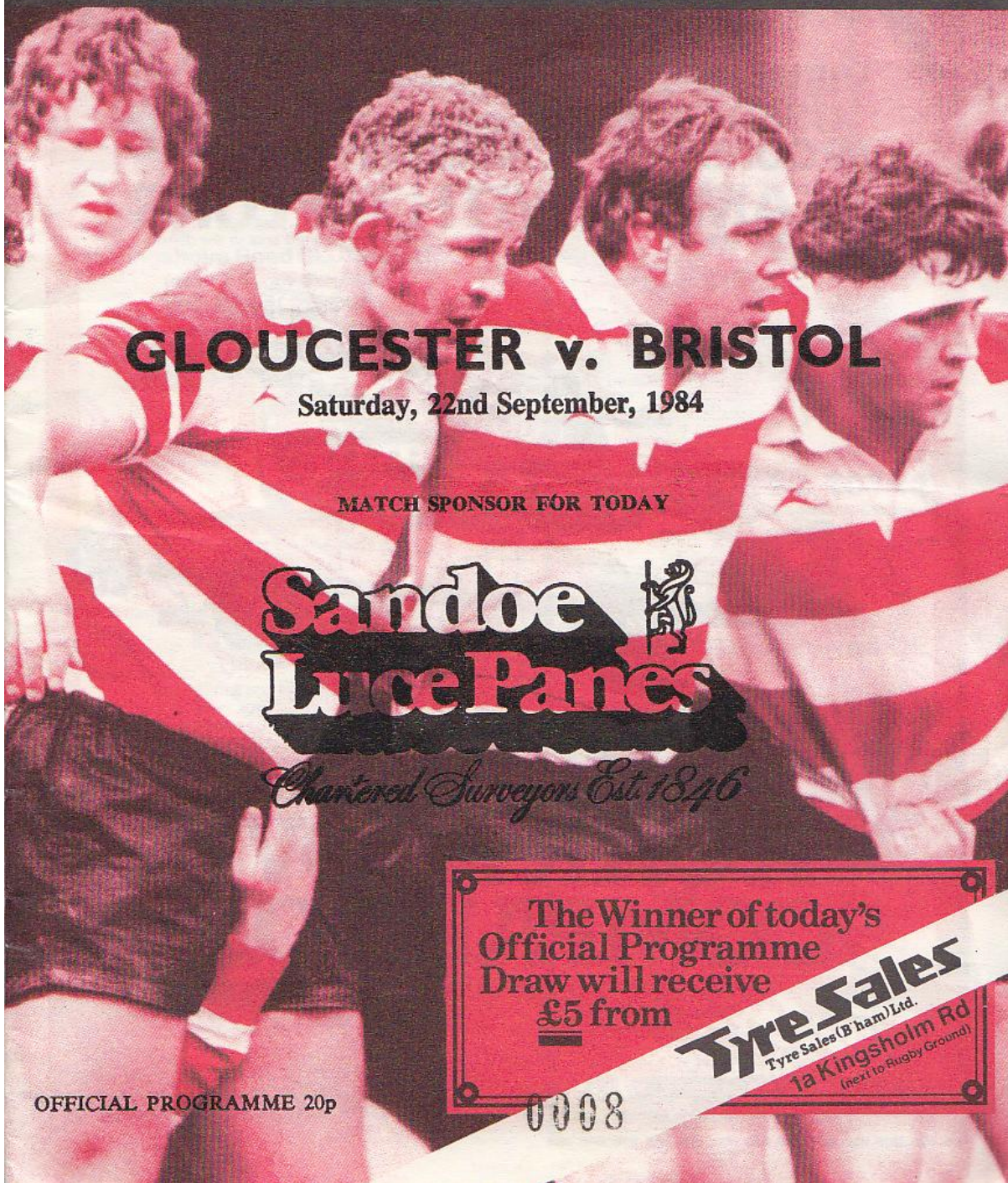


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GLOUCESTER v. BRISTOL

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back
15. T. Smith

Three Quarters
14. D. Morgan
13. R. Mogg
12. P. Taylor
11. A. Richards

Half Backs
10. M. Evans
9. M. Hannaford

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

REPLACEMENTS
R. Wood
G. Mann

BRISTOL

(Blue & White)

Full Back
A. P. Cue

Three Quarters
† B. A. Morley
C. J. Watson
D. J. Hogg
E. J. Carr

Half Backs
F. S. Barnes
G. R. Harding

Forwards
H. J. Doubleday
I. A. Palmer
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K. N. Pomphrey
L. P. Stiff
M. Polledri (Capt.)
† N. B. Hesford
O. W. Hone

REPLACEMENTS
P. Greed
T. Edgar

Referee: D. A. LEWIS (Warwickshire)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



What's left to say?

Everything which can be said about Gloucester v. Bristol has probably been said many times already. If there's a rugby equivalent of Celtic v. Rangers, then surely, this is it — two of the best clubs in the country, located within spittin' distance of each other, meeting in a fixture which goes back into the mists of time, and which has seen more epic deeds than Homer ever managed to cram into his Iliad.

And yet, the paradox is that we all know perfectly well that, however enthusiastically they greet old friends on the field today, the two sides will blend into a highly effective County unit in a few weeks time.

Bristol have, of course, started the season with a bang — which hasn't always happened — while Gloucester are in something of a transitional stage. All such considerations go by the board when Gloucester meet Bristol. It's always likely to be one hell of a game, whatever the current records of the two sides.

We're always glad to see Bristol, of course, but there's added interest this year, in that we haven't seen our A38 neighbours at Kingsholm for two seasons, now. A combination of horrid weather and an enormously congested fixture list wiped out last year's game, although both clubs tried strenuously to rearrange it.

There is also the Merit Table to think of, and both sides have good reasons for being very keen to win this one. Which is somewhat ridiculous, because no knock-out cup competition can claim to be truly national without Gloucester, Bristol, and for that matter, Bath, in contention as of right.

One or two County places must also be up for grabs. The gap left by the departure of John Fidler gives an example of that.

So the scene's set for a notable occasion. I don't really have to express our welcome to today's visitors, anymore than one says 'Welcome' when one's twin brother drops in for a quick snifter.

It's Gloucester v. Bristol at Kingsholm. Nuff said.

Sponsors on the run!

Sandoe Luce Panes are one of our longest-standing and most respected sponsors. For several seasons now, we've been thanking them for their generosity, and commenting on the fact that they run a highly efficient estate agency, surveying and valuation service from nine branches, situated from Cheltenham to Yate.

This year, however, they've asked me to tell you about something different, concerning a very special event due to take place tomorrow, as ever was.

It appears that, sadly, one of their colleagues has had to give up work, having contracted multiple sclerosis, and the Sandoe Luce Panes brigade, being the sort of people they are, have decided to do something about it.

Starting at 6.30 a.m. tomorrow, Partners and Staff of the Company are to engage in a charity relay run. It starts at the Sandoe Luce Panes branch in Thornbury, and proceeds to the Cheltenham office, calling at the other branches in Yate, Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley, Nailsworth, Stroud and Gloucester on the way. If this seems an odd way to get from Thornbury to Cheltenham — well, it's all in a very good cause.

David Foyle says that if anyone would like to make a contribution he'll be glad to see them at 31, Brunswick Road, Gloucester. The fact that the run will have taken place by then doesn't matter a bit.

I am also asked to tell you that Sandoe Luce Panes Partners send all their best wishes to the Gloucester side for today's game. There is one dissenting voice — one Partner happens to be a Bristol member, which seems very ecumenical of the firm.

Anyway, our thanks again for their generous and continuing sponsorship and if you're ever in the market for their type of service — any company with their brand of public spirit must be worth patronising.

Pay up and look happy!

Just a very respectful reminder to Patrons to the effect that their cards cease to be valid after the end of this month, unless officially receipted. As after today, there is only next Saturday's Waterloo game at Kingsholm before that date, perhaps anyone who hasn't yet attended to that small thing ought to think about it.

Cash, cheques, postal orders, cigarette coupons, will be gratefully received in the office.

Where do we go from here?

On Wednesday, we're away to Llanelli, who have come unstuck once or twice this season, but who will be a mighty tough proposition at Stradey. Could be worth making the effort.

As aforesaid, we have the lively Waterloo side here next Saturday. We haven't seen them for a while, so it will be an interesting occasion, while we're at Home to Bedford on the following Saturday after the visit from Glamorgan Wanderers on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd.

You can also see the United — going well again — at home on Tuesday next, entertaining Glamorgan Wanderers, and if you don't want to venture to Llanelli, there's ample compensation in the visit of Cardiff Colts on the same night, Wednesday 26th.

So there's a lot about to happen, and you might as well enjoy your fair share of it. See you around.

International tickets

As notified, today must, regrettably, be the final day for International tickets for the Australian match on November 3rd. You've got another couple of weeks to go before time runs out for all the rest.

Also, remember, you'll be unlikely to get much joy with applications for more than one ticket per game, but you might get away with two for Australia and Romania. This does not, of course, stop you acting as Father of the Chapel for a group of Members — just let us know who they all are, complete with membership numbers, when you make your applications.

300 Club

I'm told numbers are going fast for the 300 Club, so if you would like the chance to win anything from £10 to £300 — or even more if the target of 300 members is exceeded at all significantly — then it might be just as well to see Brian Howells or one of his happy band, fairly soon. This is especially true if you're one of those people who like to stick with the same numbers each season. After all, they can't be held for all that long.

Tailpiece

If anyone asked you about the possibility of Soccer posts being erected at Kingsholm, you would probably need reviving with copious draughts of something warming before you could trust yourself to answer. Yet there they were. In the 'Citizen'.

In the 'Bygone Gloucester' feature of two Mondays ago, there was a picture of the 1917-18 Atlas Works soccer team, with officials. And there was no doubt about it — the group was posed, in front of goal posts, at Kingsholm. The houses in Worcester Street, and the end of Sweetbriar Street are plainly visible.

Just as interesting are two of the Atlas players — none other than two Gloucester RFC legends — 'Fatha' Dix and Tom Millington, no less!

I don't know if Atlas played here regularly, but it would be interesting to find out. In a macabre sort of way.

I suppose if Rugby League can seriously be regarded as a proposition for Bridgend, then anything can happen.

PETER ARNOLD.

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