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Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



Episode 2

It isn't often that we have the chance to measure the relative abilities of an opposing club's First and Second teams, quite so directly as we have this evening. Just eight days ago, the United had the pleasure of entertaining Glamorgan Wanderers right here, and put 46 points on them in fine style, partly due to the emergence of our old mate Peter Kingston as fourth-string scrum half.

This wouldn't exactly come under the heading of hospitality, but the visitors went away considerably cheered by the news that United had done almost the same thing to Pontypool.

It's another night, tonight, however, and it will be interesting to see how the two First sides match up to that, both in strengths, and in the quality of the play. Last season, when Gloucester won the equivalent encounter, it was a case of "all the threes", Gloucester just edging out Wanderers by 33 points to 3.

One shouldn't read too much into records, however, especially when one of the protagonists is so beset by injuries, and is in the throes of such a transitional period as Gloucester is. Any Welsh side tends to try just that much harder when they come to Kingsholm, and even if Glamorgan Wanderers don't have the prestige of some of the more illustrious Welsh sides, they can be a tough nut to crack.

Wanderers are certainly welcome guests, especially as this is only the second evening game Gloucester have played at home this season, the first (Maesteg) being as long as three weeks ago.

We hope everyone has a thoroughly good evening, and if the rugby is as good as that provided by the two United sides, we shall all go home happy.

In at the beginning

It's always nice to be in at the birth of something, and we have that pleasure this evening. IN BUSINESS is a new business publication, to be issued each month, and just about to be sent to 6,000 business people in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Hereford. It is, in fact, the only business publication to cover the Three Counties, and you might be interested to know that the first issue carries an article about Gloucester RFC and its sponsors for the current season (No prizes for guessing who wrote it).

It's very appropriate, therefore, that Colin Osborne, who publishes and edits the new magazine, has chosen sponsorship of a Kingsholm game as one of the ways to launch the publication. We thank him for his generosity, and congratulate him on his perspicacity.

So why Glamorgan Wanderers? Thereby hangs a tale.

Colin's son Mark is a promising young prop forward who plays for the Wanderers. In fact, he was down to play last Tuesday, and arrived, fondly expecting to try conclusions with our United front row, which isn't everyone's idea of a restful night out. In the event, for some reason or other, he didn't play, which did have the advantage that he could persuade his Dad to buy him more beer than he might have done. Naturally, he intends to be here tonight, too.

So everything has slotted in nicely for Colin Osborne, Colinswood Publishing and IN BUSINESS. If you're in the market for a little advertising space, in a publication expected to be read by at least 18,000 people who are, themselves, business people, or if you have a story about your own company, then contact Colin Osborne on 0684 293723 or 06846 2414. He'd be delighted to talk to you. After all, we rugby types must stick together.

From here on in

On Saturday, we are expecting our old friends from Bedford to drop in. This is one of the oldest fixtures on Gloucester's books, and although they have had stronger teams than the record to date suggests, it should be an entertaining game.

Next Wednesday there is the daunting prospect of a trip to Pontypool, which could be worth following — remember, it was a win there which sparked the revival the year we shared the John Player Cup, and history *does* repeat itself, now and then.

The following Saturday we have Harlequins, rugby's answer to the multi-racial society, and always worth watching. I believe there is no truth in the rumour that the Ayatollah Khomeini is joining them.

A week tonight the Colts are entertaining Nuneaton. I'm told that they are looking very good, and were unlucky to lose to Cardiff, in spite of injuries to one or two key players. I'm also told that they are beginning to attract a fair-sized crowd, for Colts matches and that's healthy, in itself.

United's next couple of fixtures are to be played away, but October 20th, when Newport arrive, isn't that far away.

Aussies

Talking about October 20th, tickets for the South and South West game at Exeter are going very fast. They cost £5 each, for temporary stand seats. While on the subject, it's worth congratulating (if that's the word), our old friend Mick Book on being appointed as a Regional Selector. He'll certainly make his views known, in his own inimitable style.

Got your Social Club Card?

Just a warning that John Beaman will be running a Social Club Card check at the Bedford game. Not to keep you out of the bar, but to make sure that we are complying with the Law, and that everyone who uses the facilities does have such a card. You could short circuit him by getting yours tonight, if you haven't already done so.

But, card holder or not, it's a good chance to acquire a Supporters tie, or a Patron's tie, or even a lapel badge. Or, with the weather getting colder, you might protect yourself against the elements by treating yourself to a Club sweater. Got to nail your colours to the mast some-time.

Clang !!!

How it happened we shall probably never know, and nor do I care particularly, but the dates given for County games in season tickets have got their knickers in a twist. On Saturday week (October 13th), it's GLOS. v. KENT at BRISTOL, and on October 27th it's SOMERSET v. GLOS. at BATH, instead of the other way round. Apologies to anyone who has made arrangements based on erroneous assumptions.

Only to be expected

Given the respective records of Gloucester and Bristol, plus the various injury problems, I suppose it's fair enough that we have the smallest representation in a County side that anyone can remember. Congratulations to Steve Mills, Malcolm Preedy and John Orwin on keeping their places. John Gadd's omission is something of a surprise, and 'bad luck' to him. It's now up to the rest of the lads to fight to get their places back. Early days yet, though.

At the time of writing I know nothing about tickets, but Terry Tandy hopes to have something to tell you tonight.

Patrons Evening

8.00 p.m., Thursday, October 25th, in the new complex. Something for all Patrons to write in their diaries, being the annual Patrons' shindig. This elegant soiree will take much the same form as in previous years, which seems to meet the approval of everyone, and David Foyle and Peter Denham are handing out tickets like crazy. Make sure you get yours.

Well done 'Millsy'

Belated congratulations to Steve Mills for selection for the England v. President's XV match at Twickers, last Saturday. Personally, I thought he did pretty well, considering that his props seemed to be giving their impersonation of bendy toys in the tight.

I also thought that he was getting the ball to the tail of the line reasonably well, given the fact that the opposition had selected a couple of lighting columns in the second row.

It was also good to see that the Gloucestershire fly half, Stuart Barnes, made the only two decent breaks by an England outside half for years.

Tailpiece

Did you notice that an obscure EEC committee is demanding that we change the name of Waterloo Station, on the grounds that we mustn't be Beastly to the French?

Where does that leave Waterloo RFC? I suppose that last Saturday's respected opponents could always change their name to 'Agincourt'.

PETER ARNOLD.

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