

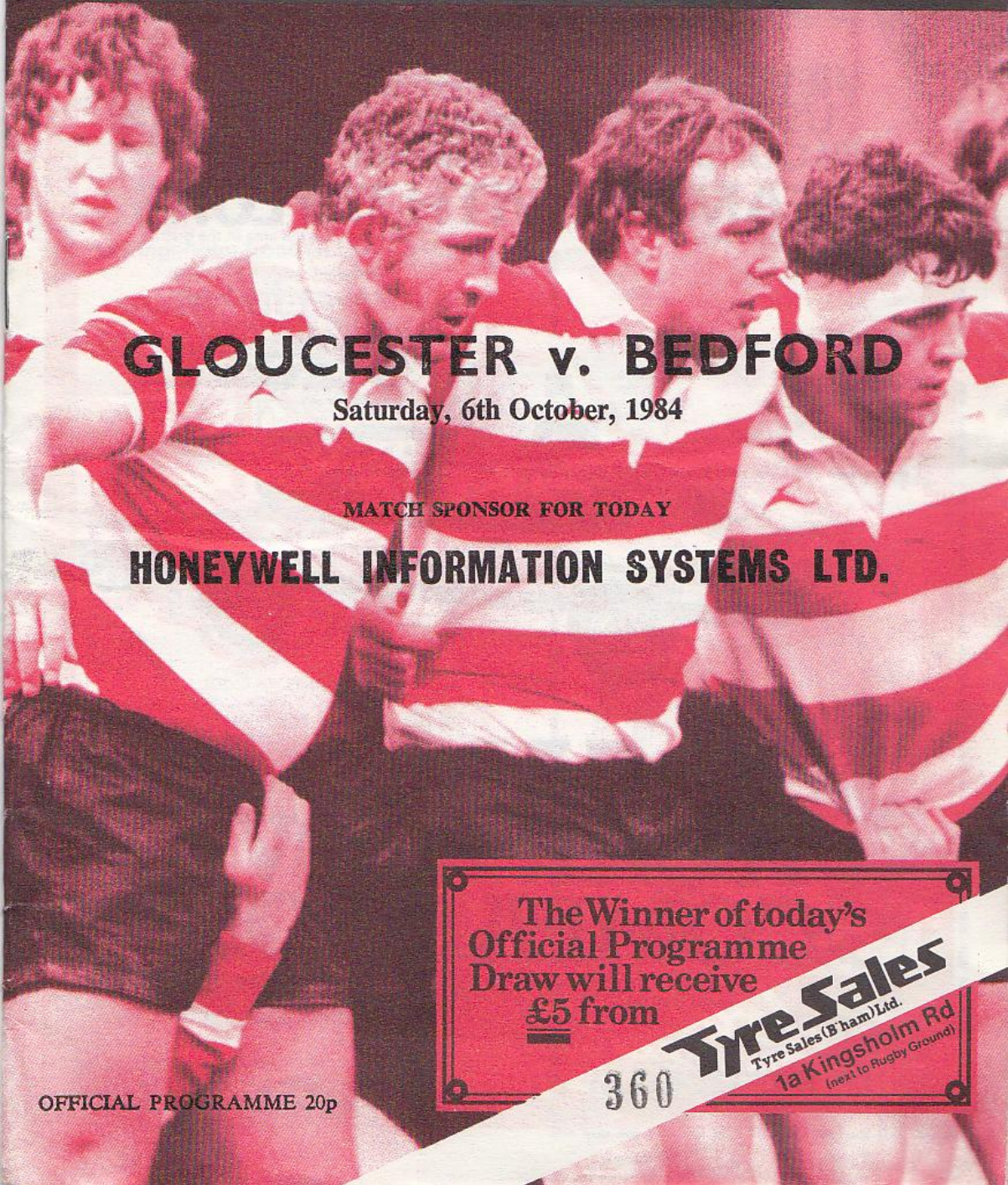


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## GLOUCESTER v. BEDFORD

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15. P. Wickenden

Three Quarters  
14. J. Breeze  
13. P. Taylor  
12. R. Ellis  
11. A. Richards

Half Backs  
10. M. Hamlin  
9. M. Hannaford

Forwards  
† 1. M. Preedy  
† 2. S. Mills  
3. R. Pascall  
4. N. Scrivens  
5. J. Orwin (Capt.)  
6. J. Gadd  
7. M. Longstaff  
8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS  
S. Parsloe  
G. Mann

#### BEDFORD

Full Back  
15. A. Key

Three Quarters  
14. K. Canning  
13. B. Mackay  
12. M. Canning  
11. K. Wyles

Half Backs  
10. A. Finnie  
9. I. Peck (Capt.)

Forwards  
1. R. Porter  
2. M. Howe  
3. C. Alcock  
4. G. Comb  
5. P. Catling  
6. N. Bennett  
7. G. Phillips  
8. S. Harris

REPLACEMENTS  
R. Glenister  
A. Whitehouse

Referee: W. D. BEVAN (Welsh R.F.U.)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire





### **Time for a revival?**

There's an old saying in cricket, that if Yorkshire are weak, so are England. There would certainly be a case for applying the same rule of thumb for Bedford and England Rugby. Many old Kingsholm hands will remember the days when the whole ground — including the 'lump' — was packed to the gills long before kick-off on the days when Bedford were the visitors, and it's a pity that no one gets that sort of a crowd these days.

'Jacko' Page got the first of his too-rew Caps as a Bedford player, and we all know about 'Budge' Rogers, England's most-capped flanker until Tony Neary overtook him.

As for today's game, perhaps our visitors don't seem to have the best record, so far this season, but then Gloucester hasn't exactly been setting the world alight, either. It's also worth remembering that Bedford beat us last year, by 14 points to 6; a fact that pleased them sufficiently for them to make mention of it in the latest edition of Rothman's Rugby Handbook.

Bedford are one of these clubs who seem always to have been around, so it comes as something of a surprise to learn that they don't celebrate their Centenary until 1986. If my arithmetic is right, that means they will be here during that year, which is pleasant, and rather appropriate, considering the very long history of games between our two clubs.

It's certainly nice to see Bedford here once again. We know they'll be giving the game all they've got — and anyway who wants to see Pontypool every week? Apart from 'Pooler supporters, that is.

### **Well done 'Pasc'!**

It's very nice to see that Richard Pascal has been included in the London Counties squad for the Australian game. It remains to be seen if he makes the final selection, and he has the like of Paul Rendall to get past first, but I think we'd probably send our recommendation to the Selectors.

At the time of writing, I don't know if 'Pasc' has been selected for Kent against Gloucestershire, but they'd be mugs if they didn't pick him, all things considered, so perhaps he'd take this as a sort of contingent congratulation.

It's nice to know that we'll have at least one bloke on the winning side!

### **. . . and talking about the County**

. . . don't turn up at Bath, next Saturday, unless you want to see Somerset v. Yorkshire. There's an error in the fixture cards, and it's GLOS. v. KENT at BRISTOL, with SOMERSET v. GLOS. following two weeks later. Sorry about that.

### **Thanks to Honeywell**

Alan Pritchard is a valued Patron of Gloucester RFC, which means that we've only got 93,999 to go before the entire multinational workforce of Honeywell Computers is entitled to sit in our Stand.

Honeywell, certainly one of the world's leading computer manufacturers, has a policy of supporting their local communities, and this isn't just lip service, as a glance through the Company's Annual Review would show you. Alan's way of complying with the excellent policy is to arrange generous sponsorship of a match at Kingsholm, which seems entirely right and proper.

The Bedford match is a very appropriate one for Honeywell to support, as the Company has a branch office in that town. As far as we are concerned, Honeywell are the major computer suppliers to the County Council, and to the six District Councils within Gloucestershire.

If you're a user of the Library in Brunswick Road, you may have already seen one interesting aspect of the service. There's a private 'viewdata' system, which ties in with Telecom's 'Prestel', providing a huge range of information to enquirers.

If you have a son, or daughter, attending further education, you may also have reason to be grateful to Honeywell. As you can imagine, the Shire Hall has always suffered from a tremendous peak in their workload at certain times of the year, when Student Grants are being assessed, and you just can't afford to hang about, with a new College year about to start. This situation has been greatly eased by a sophisticated Honeywell Computer system.

I could go on for some time about the various computer systems which our local authorities have to use, these days — financial and staffing information and the assessment of Housing Benefits are just two of them. Suffice it to say that the demand for computer power within the County and its Districts has increased by some 25% per year since 1979, when the first Honeywell mainframe was installed at Shire Hall. There are now 13 mini computers, 30 'micros' and 350 terminals linked to the Honeywell mainframe.



Just one more thing. I notice that there are Honeywell locations in Bedford, Bristol, Cardiff, Coventry, Leicester and Northampton, so there is obviously an affinity between Honeywell and Rugby.

Our thanks to Honeywell for, once again, supporting us. It's much appreciated.

#### **On the cards**

There may be a momentary delay at getting into the Clubhouse, today. Don't worry — it's just John Beaman doing a check on Social Club membership cards. He's right, too, because to comply with the Law, you need one to use the facilities. Of course, you've got yours — haven't you?

#### **Patrons Night**

Our usual Patrons Night is looming up fast — Thursday October 25th, in fact. Peter Denham and David Foyle have tickets, and are handing them out now, so if you qualify, see either one of them.

#### **South and South West v. Australia**

I don't know whether there are any tickets for the Exeter match on October 20th still remaining, but if so, there can't be many. Any we have got cost £5 for temporary stand seats, and they'll be available in the caravan today. Better get round there, if you want some.

#### **'Quins next week**

One thing about our minimal representation in the County side, is that it should stiffen the team we can put out against Harlequins, next Saturday, and the way they're going, we shall need to be at peak form to beat them. 'Quins are always good value for money, and this year it should be a better game than ever.

The following Saturday we're away to Newport, and what can you say about them? They got thrashed by Llanelli — which made our performance look a bit better and then put 40-odd points on the Barbarians. Anything could happen.

Between whiles, we're away to Pontypool on Wednesday, and trekking to the Principality again on Wednesday October 17th, to visit Ebbw Vale.

We aren't down to see much of the United at the moment, but their home game with Newport on Saturday October 20th promises to be a cracker.

Before then, however, the Colts are at home to Nuneaton, next Wednesday. They're well worth seeing, too.

#### **Don't forget the time!**

If you're going to Bristol on Saturday next, don't forget that it's a 2.45 kick-off, owing to the fact that all County games are played in daylight, regardless of the availability, or otherwise, of lights.

I still have no definite news about tickets. At the time of writing (Wednesday) none had arrived from Bristol, and what we haven't got, we can't sell. However, Terry Tandy is sure that some will be available today, and all we can advise you to do is listen to the loud-speakers, or perhaps enquire from Terry himself.

#### **Tailpiece**

There's a major Rugby event, scheduled for London, next year, which has not, in my view, received the publicity it deserves. It's the fourth International Golden Oldies tournament, which attracted 118 teams, 4,000 players and 2,000 supporters when it was held, last year, in Sydney, Australia.

17 countries were represented, and the whole thing concluded with a dinner which 6,000 people attended. 2,000 gallons of beer and 30,000 glasses of wine were consumed.

Ages of players were denoted by coloured shorts, culminating in purple ones for players aged over 80. And there were a few.

Wonder what I did with my boots?

PETER ARNOLD.

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