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## GLOUCESTER v HARLEQUINS

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back  
15. P. Ford

Three Quarters  
14. N. Price  
13. P. Taylor  
12. R. Ellis  
11. A. Richards

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

Forwards  
1. P. Jones  
2. K. White  
3. R. Phillips  
4. N. Scrivens  
5. J. Brain  
6. J. Gadd (Capt.)  
7. I. Smith  
8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS  
P. Wickenden  
J. Bennett

### HARLEQUINS

Full Back  
15. S. Thresher

Three Quarters  
† 14. W. Jefferson  
† 13. J. Salmon  
12. A. Dent  
11. E. Quist-Arcton

Half Backs  
10. R. Cramm  
9. H. McHardy

Forwards  
1. T. Claxton  
2. G. Rees  
† 3. I. Milne  
4. W. Wall  
5. T. Curtis  
6. P. Lillington  
7. J. Aitken  
8. M. Green

REPLACEMENTS  
R. Lawrence  
C. Preston, E. Weekes

Referee: J. LOWRY (Notts, Lincs & Derby)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **Stoop to conquer?**

If you look at the record, Gloucester have done pretty well against the 'Quins, over the past few years, in spite of the fact that the game, as it does this season, usually falls on a County day. Last year, for example, Gloucester conquered at the Stoop by 16 points to 3, which was creditable, and Gloucester's lower-than-usual representation in today's Kent match should, at first sight, combine with home advantage to give our distinguished visitors a hard time of it.

Such considerations can, however, be deceptive. Last season, 'Quins took quite a while to get their act together, but came back, in the second half of the season, to such an extent that they were, in the opinion of many knowledgeable observers, a shade unlucky to lose to Bristol in the semi-final of the John Player.

This year, it's Gloucester who are the slow developers, while Harlequins seem, to a large extent, to have carried on where they left off last April. Admittedly, they lost to Swansea, last week, but, according to reports, that was due to Roger Blyth having a better pair of kicking boots than Marcus Rose, on the day.

In fact, that game gives us a direct comparison. Swansea beat 'Quins 15-10, while, in the end, they were glad to leave Kingsholm in the lead by a solitary point in 39. Is that significant? We shall know in a couple of hours.

Whatever the result, however, it's always nice to see the Harlequins at Kingsholm. No English club has a prouder history, and the season wouldn't be complete without them, home or away.

So a traditional Kingsholm welcome from us country folk to the nobs from the Big City. It's good to see you back.

### **Now the good news . . .**

Few factory sites in Gloucester raise more emotion than the one known to everyone as the 'old Wagon Works'. The news from there hasn't been good, over the past year or two, so it's nice to put the record straight with a piece about a company which isn't just doing well, but going from strength to strength.

Babcock-Moxey Limited, who are liberally sponsoring today's match, make and install high-capacity equipment to handle a wide variety of materials, including coal, iron ores, bauxite, fertilisers and grain, and have already supplied major plant to power stations, steelworks and import-export terminals, as well as to mines.

All Babcock-Moxey equipment is designed by the highly-regarded engineering team based at Bristol road, and most of the fabrication work is done there too, although on export orders, some equipment is fabricated in the relevant country, with Babcock-Moxey Contract Department Staff well and truly in charge.

Which is a point that anyone who'd like to go to the Hong Kong Sevens might bear in mind, because one of the Company's major projects, at the moment, entails the construction of two giant unloaders, designed to take coal continuously from the holds of ships. Similarly, anyone who would like to follow the England cricketers on their Indian tour could combine that with an inspection of three major Babcock-Moxey contracts involving coal handling for power stations and ore handling at steelworks.

Closer to home, the Company is working with the NCB to supply revolutionary computer-controlled coal handling and train-unloading equipment.

Not bad for a company which started, modestly enough, making conveyor belts in Birmingham, 50 years ago, and then had the good taste to move to Gloucester.

Moseley's loss is Gloucester's gain, I suppose, and we're all very grateful for the support Babcock-Moxey are giving Gloucester RFC today. We hope their impressive record of success continues.

### **Thanks to Peter Morris**

I've had a nice letter from Peter J. Morris of Longlevens, suggesting that the United scores should be printed in the programme in the same way that the Firsts' results are. Well, Mr. Morris, I only write the notes — I don't produce the programme, but on mentioning the idea to Terry Tandy, I got an answer of the "Funny you should say that" variety. It appears that Terry had already thought of it, and is talking to the printers. There would be the odd technical problem, but — watch this space, as they say.

I'm even more grateful for the figures which Mr. Morris enclosed. It appears that, in September, United played 8 matches, won 7 and drew the one at Broughton Park, which isn't too surprising, since they were also putting 21 points on Swansea, that day.

They scored 224 points to 60 against, running in 34 tries, plus 2 penalty tries, to their opponents 4. Pete Wickenden was the top scorer with 44 points, which is interesting, because over the same period, he was also, according to Mr. Morris, the First XV's top scorer with 30 points.

Since then, of course, United haven't slacked off at all, and their emphatic win over Bedford, last week, has pushed their points tally over the 300 mark, which is slightly mind-boggling as early as October 6th.

Thanks Mr. Morris, I'm sure everyone will be impressed by the results of your erudition, and I wouldn't object to an occasional up-date at all.

#### **Attention all Patrons**

It's your Patrons' Evening on Thursday October 25th, 8.00 p.m. as ever was . . . Peter Denham and David Foyle have tickets, so it might be a good idea to see one or the other of them.

#### **Tickets galore!**

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that tickets for both the Glos. v. Somerset game at Bath (Oct. 27th), and Glos. v. Yorkshire game, right here (Nov. 10th), will be on sale today, at the Caravan. There will, I would think, be a big demand for both, so get in while you can.

There are also a few £5.00 tickets left for the South and South West v. Australia, at Exeter, should you feel so inclined.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Steve Mills on being asked to skipper the S. and S. West side that day. The honour is richly deserved, as indeed is the selection of John Orwin and Richard Mogg, who we all hope is fit.

And while I'm about it, 'hard luck' to Richard Pascal for not making the final choice for the London Counties, next Wednesday. I do hear, however, that Simon Henderson has still to prove his fitness in today's County game, so perhaps 'Pasc' is still in with a chance.

#### **A right Cox up**

Well done, Mr. R. H. Cox of 12, Filbert Close, Abbeydale, on his judicious selection of programme no. 152 at the Bedford match, and therefore the receipt of a crisp fiver from Tyre Sales Limited. It's nice to see a winner from Coney Hill RFC country.

#### **Early Bath?**

We may make mistakes in our programme, now and again, but we haven't as yet, dropped a goolie of the dimensions of the one the lads at Stradey did on the evening of the Gloucester v. Llanelli match.

They listed the Gloucester team correctly enough, but there, at the head, was the word 'BATH' in letters half-an-inch high.

That might explain why we didn't do so badly as Newport did the following weekend. The Scarlets were probably looking for David Trick all evening.

Thanks to the Trevor Cruttwell Mafia for showing me the offending item.

#### **Tailpiece**

You may have seen my piece about the International Golden Oldies Tournament to be held in London next year. John Hall — remember him playing lock, until his back gave him problems? — of Gulliver's Travels, tells me that his firm is handling the arrangements and that he already has 120 teams to cater for.

I was sad to learn, however, that John already has acceptances from 46 Australian clubs, but only 6 from England, which can't be good. Perhaps our own Golden Oldies ought to think about it? And there's nothing to stop anyone who can string 15 venerable gents together from entering a side. The Tournament is not, after all, competitive in the sense that there's a winner, or even a Final.

The chap to contact is John Hall at Gulliver's Travels in Tewkesbury.

PETER ARNOLD