

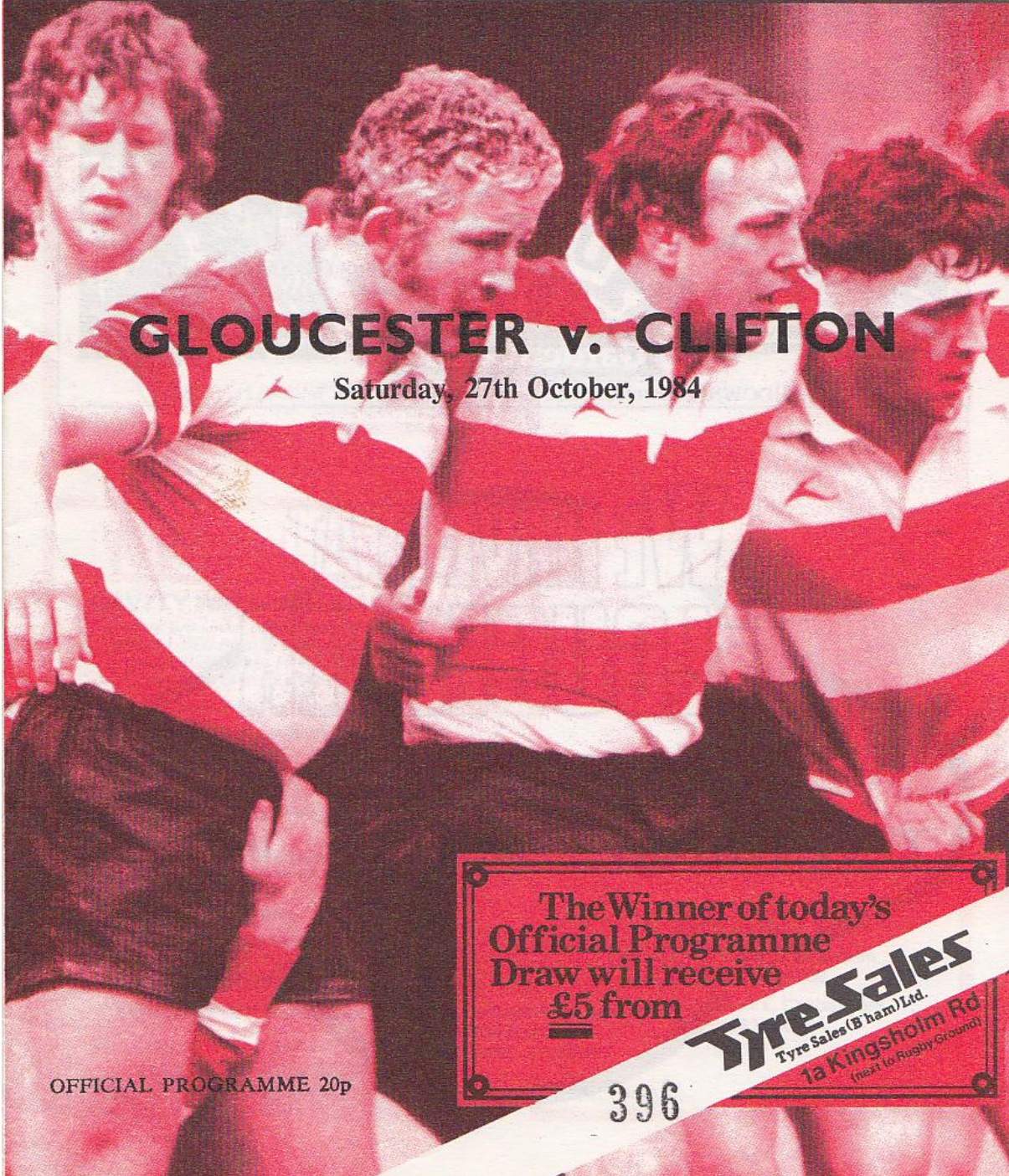


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Full Back

15. P. Ford

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Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan  
13. C. Dyke  
12. R. Ellis  
11. N. Price

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Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin  
9. M. Hannaford

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Forwards

1. P. Jones  
2. G. Mann  
3. R. Phillips  
4. N. Scrivens  
5. J. Brain  
6. P. Wood (Capt.)  
7. I. Smith  
8. L. Cummins

REPLACEMENTS

R. Wood  
K. White

### CLIFTON

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Full Back

15. F. Sagoe

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Three Quarters

14. A. Hitchen  
13. J. Masters  
12. T. Robinson  
11. A. Haines

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Half Backs

10. T. Ruddick  
9. M. Trott

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Forwards

1. H. Davies  
2. M. Williams  
3. S. Hucker  
4. T. Brown (Capt.)  
5. D. Wiggan  
6. M. Nangreave  
7. M. Crook  
8. D. Mason

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: R. G. WILDASH (Dorset & Wilts Society)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **Ups and Downs**

I suppose that, if you mentioned the word 'Clifton' to many people, they would come back with comments about downs, zoos and suspension bridges. We, however, being decidedly better educated in the finer things of life, know that that part of Bristol has a decided 'up', as well as the downs, in the respected shape of the Clifton Rugby Football Club.

It has to be admitted that we do play stronger sides than our friends from down the road. But we don't play anyone with a longer and more prestigious history. We play sides with more 'big name' players, but none who we are more pleased to see, on the field, and in the Clubhouse.

Clifton are one of those 'local' clubs whose continuing association we value. I hope, if and when, the proposed league system emerges, it doesn't make such a hash of our fixture list that we are no longer able to accommodate clubs such as Clifton. It would obviously be a blow for them, but I don't think it would be very good for us, either. Clifton are a long-established Gloucestershire club (don't anyone dare mention Avon) and it's both a duty and a pleasure for clubs such as Gloucester and Bristol to do what they can to ensure their well-being.

And you know, upsets can happen. Ask any major club who have lost to 'minnows' in the John Player, over the years.

That's one of the charms of the game, and some of the reasons why we're glad to welcome Clifton once again.

Long may our association continue.

### **Well done Steve!**

Congratulations, once again, to Steve Mills on his Cap against the Wallabies. It's richly deserved, as anyone who went to Exeter or watched 'Rugby Special' last week will readily admit.

The side looks a useful one, but it does seem a bit unfair — not least to the selected captain himself — to choose a skipper who is playing in his first International, and whose fitness must be suspect. Especially when you have a player who has performed so creditably, as both hooker and captain, as Steve Mills did against the self-same opposition.

It's 'bad luck' to John Orwin, too. Everyone agrees that he played an absolute stormer against Australia, and must have been desperately close to selection. Perhaps his turn will come, later this season. It ought to, now that the Scott situation seems to have been resolved.

### **County**

Best of luck to the County on their visit to Bath today, but I, for one, will be keeping an eye on events at Blackheath, where Yorkshire visit Kent.

Richard Pascal told me, weeks ago, that it would be easy to underestimate the lads from the Hop County, and the game at Bristol, would seem to confirm that view. In addition, Andrew and Melville both having cried off, Yorkshire will have a new pair of halves, which won't help, especially without home advantage.

Yorkshire did us a favour by beating Somerset, and Kent could just do us an even greater one today.

But, whatever the result at Blackheath the Gloucestershire and Yorkshire game, here on November 10th, looks certain to be crucial. Which means that tickets will go very fast. They will be on sale at the Caravan, behind the main stand, today, and it might be worth while to nip round and get yours.

And, incidentally, congratulations to John Gadd on getting his County spot back, thus perpetuating the highly-effective 'old firm' of Gadd, Hesford and Rafter.

### **And for our next trick . . .**

We take on Abertillery next Wednesday. Always a side worth watching, and one which isn't as easy to beat as some would have you believe.

The boys are away to Rosslyn Park, next Saturday, but on Wednesday 4th, South Wales Police are asking us to assist with their enquiries. The Police have been the revelation of the Welsh scene, over the past season or so, and their visit isn't one which the true aficionado would willingly miss.

Season ticket holders might like to note that there's a home fixture for the United on November 3rd, which came along too late for inclusion. It's against Crediton, who are totally new opposition, and an unknown quantity, which might be interesting, if you're not stuck on the England game.

#### **Make a day of it!**

Talking of November 3rd, Terry Tandy tells me that he still, oddly enough, has some England v. Australia tickets. Add that to the fact that the Rosslyn Park game is a morning kick-off, and there's a superb opportunity for a day out. Only, if you feel inclined to go for it, you'll have to get your tickets today, because any left over have to be returned to Twickenham on Monday.

It's a temptation, isn't it?

#### **Richmond 5 — Harlequins 0**

No, it's not a score from the days when a try was worth 3 points, it's just a crafty way of informing you that Mr. J. D. Clark, of 27 Richmond Avenue, Coney Hill won the cherished £5 when he invested in programme no 679 at the Harlequins game. Seems appropriate for a chap with that address.

#### **That Soccer team**

I'm indebted to Ray Stephens — uncle of Eric — for a theory concerning that 'Bygone Gloucester' picture of the old Atlas Works soccer team, taken on Kingsholm.

According to Ray, Albion Rovers used to play on a pitch situated roughly where the clubhouse side of the car park now stands. The theory is that Atlas Works might have had their photograph taken at an away match.

Sounds reasonable.

#### **'Whitewash II'**

I used the above (rather feeble) pun last season, when Kevin White had a spell when he seemed to be taking strikes against the head off all and sundry. It may not have escaped your notice that he's at it again.

I first noticed the trend when he nipped a couple against Harlequins, in spite of the presence of Messrs. Milne and Claxton in the opposition front row. He then followed up with either 5, 6 or 7 against Ebbw Vale, depending on which paper you read. He even managed a couple against 'Spike' Watkins at Newport, so I'm told.

As someone said, "Whitey strikes faster than Arthur Scargill!"

#### **Tailpiece**

We're all pretty well genned up on the International scene — or so we think. But I recently came across some results which may have escaped your notice.

For example, in 1984 alone, Holland and Belgium drew, Spain put 53 points on Denmark, and both Tunisia and Czechoslovakia beat West Germany.

Russia beat Italy, Poland beat Morocco in an away fixture by just one point, and Sweden won over Yugoslavia by default.

I also hear of a firm who organises Rugby tours of Israel!

Makes a change.

PETER ARNOLD.