

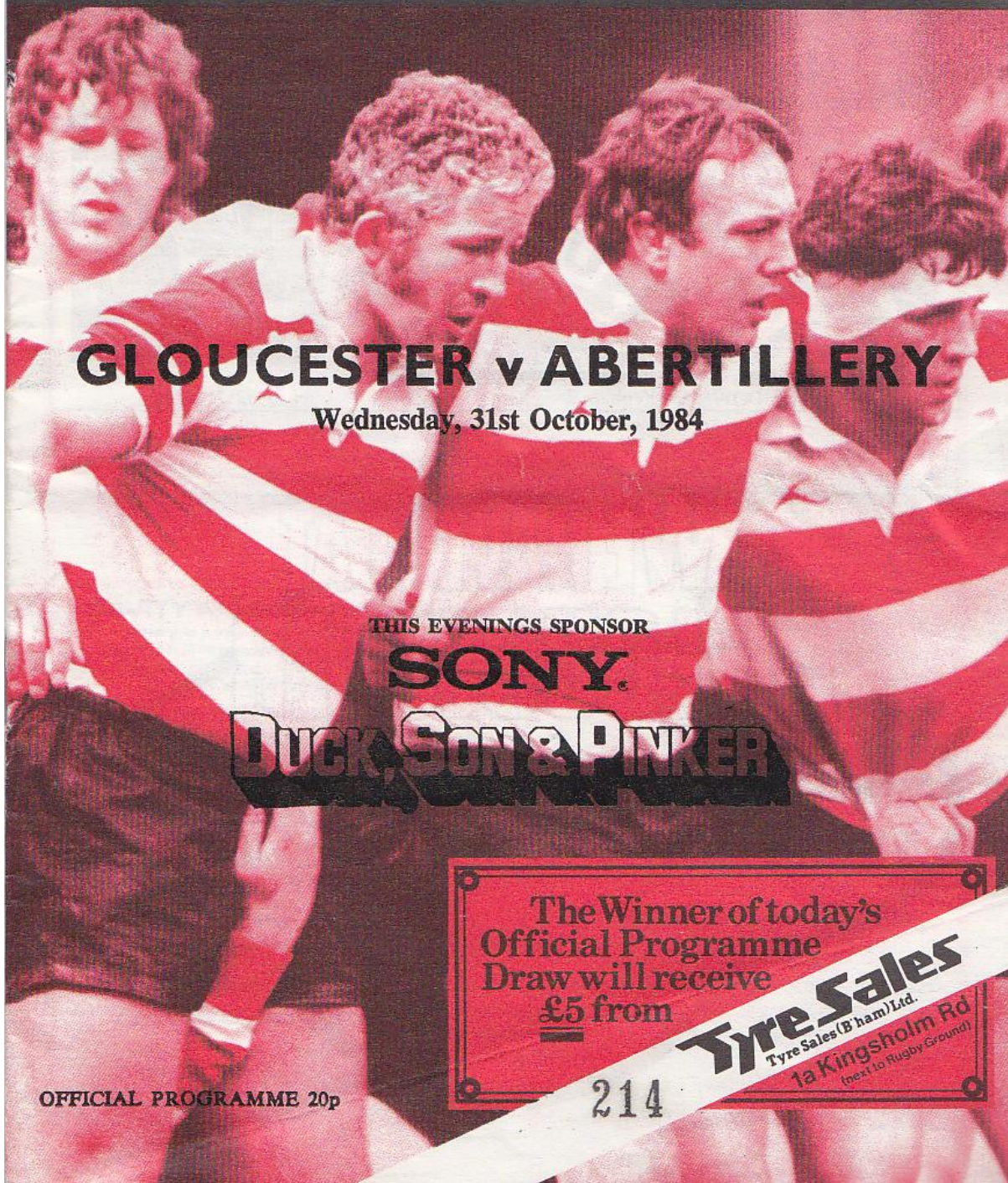


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Forwards
† 1. M. Preedy
2. K. White
3. R. Pascall
4. J. Orwin (Capt.)
5. J. Brain
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8. D. Spencer

REPLACEMENTS

R. Wood
G. Mann

ABERTILLERY

Green & White

Full Back
15. D. Owen

Three Quarters
14. L. Madden
13. D. George (Capt.)
12. J. Davies
11. S. Nutt

Half Backs
10. K. Clarke
9. N. Paul

Forwards
1. M. Davies
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3. J. Nind
4. D. Jones
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8. R. Clarke

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M. Bevan, A. Watkins,
D. Gilson, A. Lewis

Referee: DAVID HUDSON (Manchester Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



From ghoulies and ghosties . . .

I suppose one could say that Hallowe'en should be a good night for drop ghouls, but I'm assured that it's pure coincidence that Abertillery are visiting us, this season, on the unholy night of the year.

We therefore, don't expect to see too many monsters and vampires in the visiting pack, but we can be assured of that touch of Wizardry which we associate with teams from the other side of Chepstow.

To carry the Hallowe'en reference just a little farther, Gloucester do seem to have been something of a bogey side for the lads from the Park, over the past few seasons. Last year, on our biennial visit to the Gwent ground, we won by 9 points to 6, which wasn't a bad result, considering that, in their Centenary season, Abertillery beat Cardiff, Newport and Swansea, besides giving Pontypool an almighty fright before going down 27-22. And they only lost to Japan 17-13. Ah! So!

When one thinks of Abertillery, I suppose one immediately remembers the great H. J. Morgan, who had 27 caps for Wales on the flank, and had four appearances for the Lions, but it's worth noting that, last season, Kevin Clarke scored 233 points, including 12 tries, while Adrian Parry topped that try total by 2.

So this evening isn't going to be a Hallowe'en frolic for anyone. With the County season now in full swing, and the Yorkshire game about to be played on our own patch, several Gloucester players will be out to prove a point or two, and Abertillery will have that home defeat to avenge.

It's nice to welcome the 'green and whites' once again, and we will now all settle back and enjoy it.

Players' Hop

Jeremy Bennett tells me that the Players are holding a disco, in the Complex, on Saturday, November 17th. That's the day of the Broughton Park game, so on the assumption that you'll be here anyway, you might just as well stay on and take advantage of the wing-ding.

The cost is a mere £1.50, and proceeds are to go to the Players Fund, which is used to finance tours, among other things.

If you want tickets, the chap to see is Jeremy Bennett, although any player should be able to cater to your needs.

It occurs to me that, even if the ubiquitous disco isn't your scene, you might like to buy a ticket, anyway, just to support the lads. After all, they do give you an awful lot of pleasure, year in, year out. And most people have a young relative who they could pass the ticket on to.

Duck, Son and Pinker have brought a few friends along.

Not that there's anything unusual about that. Gloucester's premier music store has a long record of sponsoring games at Kingsholm, and we're very grateful for their support once again.

There is a difference this time, however. Duck, Son & Pinker are themselves, being supported, by no less an organisation than the multi-national Sony company, for whom the Southgate Street shop has been a major distributor for a long time now. Naturally enough, Sony have brought along staff from other Sony suppliers, most of whom hale from outlets in Wales, so it's fairly appropriate that they have chosen the Abertillery game for their generous gesture.

Our old mate, and valued Patron, Lawrence Hull, from DS & P, asks me to spare a special word of welcome to Mick Jones, who is Sony's 'man' in these parts, and has been very involved in the sponsorship operation. This we're very pleased to do, and hope that Mr. Jones might show up at Kingsholm on other occasions, sponsorship or not.

Sony, of course, supply just about anything you can think of in the stereo, video, TV and hi-fi field. Christmas being disquietingly near, perhaps you might look into Duck, Son & Pinker, and see what's on offer. If Sony make it, Duck, Son and Pinker can produce it for you.

And talking of Christmas, we do have some advance information which may be of interest. Sony are about to launch a new Micro Computer, called the 'Hitbit' MSX, in time for the Festive Season. I'm told that it will retail for under £300, and the lads and lasses in Southgate Street would be pleased to give you all the information they can.

You might also like to know that Cllr. Terry Wathen, this year's Mayor of Gloucester, is to be presented with one of these new computers, to use to raise money for his Arthritis appeal, which shows a very generous spirit on the part of all concerned.

So, welcome, Gentlemen, and thanks again. We hope you enjoy the evening as much as we enjoy having you here.

County tickets

The Glos. v. Yorkshire game, scheduled for Kingsholm on November 10th, promises to be a cracker, with just about everything depending on it. Tickets are available, tonight, at the Caravan, behind the main stand, and I'd nip along there sharpish, if I were you.

Talking about the County, my apologies to Andy Richards for not congratulating him on his selection against Somerset. Anyone who went to Bath will agree that he didn't let us down in any way, and on one occasion rattled David Trick's back teeth with a 'beaut' of a tackle.

Belated congratulations to Mike Teague, too, for getting the County No. 8 spot at last, albeit through a late injury to Bob Hesford. Mike played his usual game, and came close to scoring on more than one occasion.

Well done both!

. . . and well done 'J.O.'

It's nice to hear that skipper John Orwin has been invited to join the England squad sessions this week. Everyone knows how nobly he performed against the Australians at Exeter, and the reports I read of the Combined Services game all singled him out for mention, although his side was soundly beaten.

John hasn't had the best of luck, over the past couple of seasons, and he surely deserves his chance. Perhaps it's on the way.

One thing about England selection, these days — we don't get bored. Might get screwed, occasionally, but that's another story.

Where do we go from here?

Well, the first place we go to is Rosslyn Park, next Saturday. Anyone who is going to Twickenham, that day, might like to note that the Gloucester game is a morning kick-off, so you might get up a little early and take in both. Which will be the better game, I wonder?

Next Wednesday, November 7th, we are expecting the arresting spectacle of South Wales Police, who have shaken everyone, over the past year, as a major force in Welsh Rugby — no pun intended.

If the International on the Box isn't your scene, you might like to know that the United do have a fixture here, next Saturday. They have a recently-arranged game against Credition, who are unknown quantities, but teams from their part of the world are always worth watching.

Clubhouse on County Day

No one has actually told me so, but I would assume that Saturday, November 10th will be one of those days when you have to show your Social Club Membership Card to get into the Clubhouse after the game. Indeed, the size of the crowd would seem to make this imperative.

So don't forget to bring yours with you. If you are one of the few people who hasn't yet acquired his card, then it might be a good idea to attend to it this evening. After all, there's no way John Beaman will have time to provide one on November 10th. You could treat yourself to a new tie at the same time.

Tailpiece

I was fascinated to read in the 'Sunday Telegraph' that "There are only four good front rows in the whole of the British Isles, at the moment, and all of them are in Wales." Letters from 'Disgusted' of Longlevens, not to mention petitions, round robins, votes of censure and packets of unmentionable substances should be sent to: John Reason, 'Sunday Telegraph' 135 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4BL.

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