

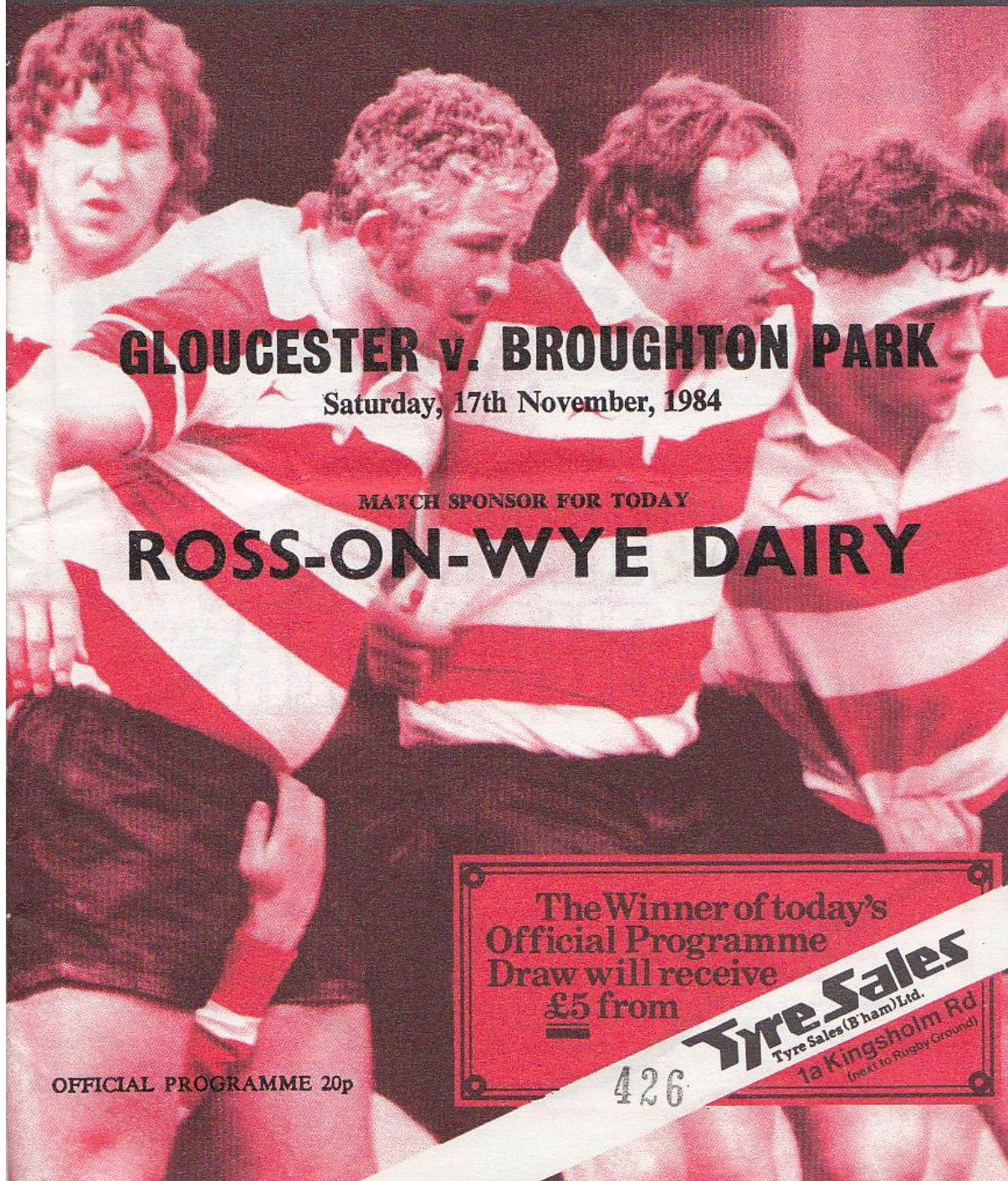


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GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Kingsholm

PRESIDENT: CANON H. M. HUGHES, B.A.



GLOUCESTER v. BROUGHTON PARK

Saturday, 17th November, 1984

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ROSS-ON-WYE DAIRY

GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back

15. T. Smith

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan
 13. P. Taylor
 12. R. Ellis
 11. A. Richards

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin
 9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy
 2. K. White
 3. R. Pascall
 4. J. Orwin (Capt.)
 5. J. Brain
 6. J. Bennett
 7. M. Longstaff
 8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

D. Pointon
 I. Smith

BROUGHTON PARK

Full Back

15. D. Edwards

Three Quarters

14. J. Brown
 13. D. Walker
 12. C. Morgan
 11. B. Heath

Half Backs

10. A. Rimmer
 9. A. Livsey

Forwards

1. S. Harris
 2. O. Brabins
 3. J. Russell
 4. K. Wilson
 5. D. Stone
 6. J. Wilde
 7. D. Ingram
 8. J. Ingram

REPLACEMENTS

D. Ward
 G. Hurst

Referee: C. LITTLE (London Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



Getting 'em down in black-and-white

Broughton Park is one of those clubs which everyone has heard of, but relatively few would be able to locate for you. Just to set that one straight, today's visitors come from Manchester — Chorlton, actually — and they play in black-and-white. Hence the rather sneaky headline.

On looking at the records, I was interested to see that Gloucester squeaked a win, last season, by 25 points to 24. This seemed a bit too close for comfort to me, but on enquiry, I find that 'Park' had a very successful season. Interestingly, although West Hartlepool was getting all the publicity in the North at that time, our visitors beat them in the merit table, which wasn't an achievement to be sneezed at.

I suppose the best-known son of Broughton Park was the great Tony Neary, but followers of the County will remember that when, a few years ago, we lost to Lancashire in the Final at Vale-of-Lune, it was the Irish full back, Kevin O'Brien who, quite deservedly, stole the limelight. Some people may also recall that we started one of our more successful seasons, not so long past, by losing to Broughton Park, in Manchester, in the first game of the year.

In fact, there have been several good games between our two clubs, over the years, and one could say that our visitors have something of the same image as Gloucester. A good, solid pack, but not much flair behind the scrum half.

The similarity doesn't end there. Over the past season or two, like Gloucester, Broughton Park have been building a more-than-useful running back division, giving the lie to reputations which were, in any case, not wholly true.

All of which does point to good prospects for today's game.

As always, we extend hearty welcomes to all our visitors, who will be visiting our new Complex for the first time. Have a good time chaps!

Fivers on the Welsh

Neither Abertillery or South Wales Police would count their recent visits to Kingsholm as among their luckier occasions, but I can think of two fellows who do.

One of them is Paul Drinkwater, of 38, Liddington Road, Longlevens, who bought programme no. 245 at the Abertillery game, and the other is Mr. P. Gillespie, of 12, The Piece, Churchdown, who acquired programme no. 577 at the South Wales Police match. Both of them, consequently, went home £5 richer — courtesy of our generous donors, Tyre Sales.

Well done chaps!

Ross-on-Wye Dairy gets into the act.

It may have occurred to you to wonder why Ross-on-Wye Dairy have been generous enough to sponsor today's game. After all, you wouldn't have thought that such a gesture, so far from home, is going to do much good to their business.

If, however, I mention that the man in charge goes by the name of Phil Winnell, you might begin to understand.

You remember Phil, of course, jumping like a bird in the second row for a full decade, and playing an important part in several John Player games. He was one of those Gloucester forwards who never quite received full credit for his efforts, but who most clubs would be very glad to have aboard.

Phil's generous sponsorship, therefore, has as much to do with supporting the Old Firm as with commercial advantage, a fact which we heartily appreciate.

On digging a little, however, I discover that Ross-on-Wye Dairy do have a claim to fame which will appeal to anyone who likes cheese, and finds, as I do, that it's getting increasingly difficult to find any of the traditionally English variety which hasn't been processed and pre-packed out of all recognition.

Phil tells me that his company has been famous for years for specialising in English cheeses, and a trip to Ross, or a call when you happen to be that way might well pay dividends.

We'll certainly remember that, Phil, and we all hope that you and the contingent of happy souls you've brought with you have a very happy afternoon. Thanks again.

Ear plugs akimbo

Just to warn you that, if you're not into the pop scene, it might be a good idea to vacate the Complex this evening, before eight o'clock.

That's when the Players' Disco starts, to be held in aid of the Players Fund, at £1.50 a throw. If that is your idea of a good night out — and I'm not knocking it — then Jeremy Bennett will be glad to sell you a ticket, and I don't suppose they'll actually refuse your money if you turn up at the door.

Best wishes, lads, for a cracking evening.

Social Club hits the road

John Beaman tells me that the Social Club is running a couple of coach trips before too long. The first will be to Bath on December 8th, and the second to Leicester on January 12th. The Bath trip will cost £2.00, and the Leicester one £2.50. Both will leave Kingsholm at 12.15, and start for home at about 6.00 p.m.

If you want to get in quick, John Beaman won't be here today, but I should think that someone in the Club can look after you.

County Tickets

As of last Wednesday evening, David Foyle hadn't received any tickets for the County Semi Final game at Bristol. If, however, they have arrived by today, they'll be on sale in the Caravan, behind the stand.

300 Club imminent!

By two weeks today, we'll know the results of the season's first 300 Club draw, and a few people will be the richer by a quid or two.

Brian Howells tells me that there are still some numbers left, and that, if you want to participate in the first draw, then it's by no means too late. After all, as he says, "If you don't enter, you can't win!"

Brian and/or other members of his 300 Club Committee will be in the bar after the game, and indeed, every evening for the next couple of weeks. So you'll have plenty of opportunity to get into the act before the fatal hour, which will occur on November 30th.

But why not attend to that small thing while you're here?

Home triple

Next Wednesday evening we're expecting a visit from Exeter University, who are always worth watching for their sheer energy and commitment.

They had a very good run in the UAU Championship last year, and it will be interesting to see how they perform this season.

On the following Wednesday (November 28th) the eventual winners of that tournament, last year, Loughborough Colleges, are here, and we can be sure of a lot of running from them.

Then, on December 1st, we entertain Leicester, and you won't want to miss the next chapter in that continuing saga.

Meanwhile, you can see the magnificent United side in action next Saturday when they take on London Irish. If you're not going to Bristol for the Notts, Lincs, and Derby, match, then a visit here would be more than adequate compensation.

Christmas cheer

Don't forget that the Christmas Raffle is now under way. If you've an hour or two to spare, you could while away the time by looking through the list of prizes which is appended to the notice board in the Clubhouse.

Tailpiece

I was most interested to hear Eric Stephens, the other evening, telling everyone that he was the proud possessor of a County Cup Winners Medal dated 1903. The chap I was with them asked: "That must have been about your first game Eric?"

To which Mr. Stephens replied, "Yes — but they dropped me after that!"

In case you're wondering, the medal actually belonged to Eric's grandfather.

PETER ARNOLD.