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GLOUCESTER v. LOUGHBOROUGH COLL.

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back

15. P. Wickenden

Three Quarters

14. J. Breeze
13. R. Mogg
12. P. Taylor
11. N. Price

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin
9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

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

REPLACEMENTS

R. Wood
G. Mann

LOUGHBOROUGH COLL.

Full Back

15. M. Thomas

Three Quarters

14. C. Howard
13. S. Burnhill
12. C. Allen
11. C. James

Half Backs

10. S. Reid
9. M. Hancock

Forwards

1. G. Hughes
2. T. Rogerson
3. J. Hanley
4. J. Morrison
5. S. Heaver
6. A. Buchanan-Smith
7. A. Robinson
8. C. Kelly

REPLACEMENTS

I. Harris
D. Johnston

Referee: Lt. Cmdr. C. Thomas (Royal Navy)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



Stage Two

Tonight sees the second half of our College Double. Having coped comprehensively with Exeter University last week, we now have the pleasure of invigilating over the progress of Loughborough, who are the current UAU Champions. Which they usually are, anyway.

In that competition last year, they scored 140 points in dealing with Leicester, Warwick, Birmingham and Aston, while only conceding 13. They then scuppered Manchester, 48 - 6 in the Challenge Round, and beat Durham 10 - 3 in the Quarter Final.

After that they came to Cheltenham where they beat Cardiff 17 - 3, while Nottingham were taking Swansea apart 19 - 6 at Stroud, so we were academically honoured.

Loughborough then won the Twickenham Final 23 - 10 at the expense of Nottingham — and isn't it funny how that name keeps cropping up these days?

And incidentally, Loughborough also have a dual stranglehold on the UAU Sevens Tournament. In the Final, last season, they beat their own second string 22 - 6, which seems a bit greedy to me.

Personally, I always like watching the student sides. What they lack in experience, they make up for in sheer fitness and endeavour, and you can always rely on them to try to play a running game.

So you're all very welcome lads. Hope you have a very enjoyable evening.

Tigers on Saturday

Just to remind you that Leicester are descending on us on Saturday. You don't need me to tell you what a long-running saga these fixtures have become, or the way the results have fluctuated over the past few seasons. Certainly not one to be missed.

In fact, that game is the first of a very tough series, spanning Christmas. We start with an away game with Bath — and a win there is a bit vital — and then welcome Coventry, Newport, Lydney and Bridgend, in rapid succession, and all at home. I doubt if anyone has such a demanding run as that at any time, let alone over the Christmas pudding season.

This does, of course, mean that we shan't be seeing very much of the United over that period. The one fascinating exception is the visit of Bath on December 8th.

Coaches to Bath and Leicester

While we're on the subject of forthcoming matches, don't forget that the Social Club will be running coaches to both Bath (December 8th) and Leicester (January 12th). The cost will be £2.00 and £2.50 respectively, which isn't to be grumbled at.

In both cases, the coach will leave Kingsholm at 12.15, and depart for home at around 6.00 pm, giving time for a pint and a post mortem in our own clubhouse before you wander off home.

From remarks I have overheard, seats are going quickly, so if you're tempted by either or both trips, it might not be a bad idea to see John Beaman tonight.

John Bellwood — first off the Mark.

Earlier this year, the rules of the accountancy profession were relaxed, so that accountants are allowed to advertise their services. John Bellwood & Co. of Spa Road, Gloucester have been very quick off the mark in sponsoring tonight's game, and we thank them for their generosity, while, at the same time, congratulating them on their inventiveness and perspicacity.

Mind you, John Bellwood himself, and Tony Shortridge would probably have been here this evening, anyway, being regular supporters, but it's nice to combine business and pleasure when you can.

John Bellwood came to Gloucester after a 10-year stint with the largest accountancy practice in the world. He then spent four years working for a toy firm, before setting up his own firm, operating from his dining room.

That was in 1973, and quite understandably, the time came when the family wanted their dining room back, so John moved into pleasant offices in Spa Road, from which the firm still operates.

A lot of balance sheets have flowed under the bridge since then, however, and now John Bellwood and his partner, Gavin Abbott, have four Chartered Accountants and sundry assistants and supporting staff.

The services of the firm are as comprehensive as you would expect — preparation of accounts for large and small companies, auditing, taxation and all the rest. One thing which caught my eye, however, is that they are quite happy to give free advice to anyone considering starting their own business.

Your accountant is someone who you really do have to have faith in. If you need one, you may well feel that a company with a Rugby bias is one which you can place your trust in.

Thanks, John Bellwood & Co. And congratulations again in leaping into action a mere six weeks after your restrictions were lifted.

Last Chance!

And talking of money matters, the first 300 Club Draw will take place on Friday evening as ever was, so you only have a couple of days to get your number in, if you haven't already.

Brian Howells and his merry band of henchmen will be in the bar tonight, and indeed, are making the considerable sacrifice of being on the aforementioned licenced premises tomorrow evening as well. So you've time to get into the act — just.

Christmas Draw

The Christmas Draw is now well under way, exhibiting a long list of prizes, many of them alcoholic. John Beaman will be glad to sell you a book or three, and you never know your luck.

And incidentally, while you're talking to John, don't forget that Club ties make very acceptable Christmas prezies for any right-thinking friends or relations you may be stuck for ideas about.

Bad luck Glos!

A County Final without Gloucestershire? Where will it all end, I ask myself.

I do have to admit, though, that the best team on the day won, and it says a lot for the new-style County Championship that relative outsiders, like Notts, Lincs, and Derbys, who were languishing in the Second Division last season, can come through and get to Twickenham as stylishly as they have. I must admit to hoping they beat Middlesex in the Final, and they could well do just that.

Gloucestershire had their chances on Saturday, and even at half time things looked safe enough. Even so, I'm not grumbling about the result.

There's always another season, though, and the opposition would do well not to write us off as a spent force just yet.

Of course it's a coincidence — isn't it — that Gloucestershire fail in the season when Gloucester have the smallest representation in the side for many years.

County Cup

Congratulations to Berry Hill and Coney Hill on reaching the Final of the County Cup, to be played here on December 12th. Should be a match well worth seeing.

The importance of the Cup is the bearing it has on Gloucestershire representation in next season's John Player Cup. Nowadays, both finalists go into that competition, and either or both of them are quite capable of emulating the feats of Gordon League and Matson in the past.

While I'm about it — best of luck Berry Hill for your JPC match with Havant.

Tailpiece

I hear that there's a possibility — no more than that, at the time of writing — that Roger Quittenton will referee the County Cup Final. Do you think he's ready for Coney Hill v. Berry Hill yet?

PETER ARNOLD.