

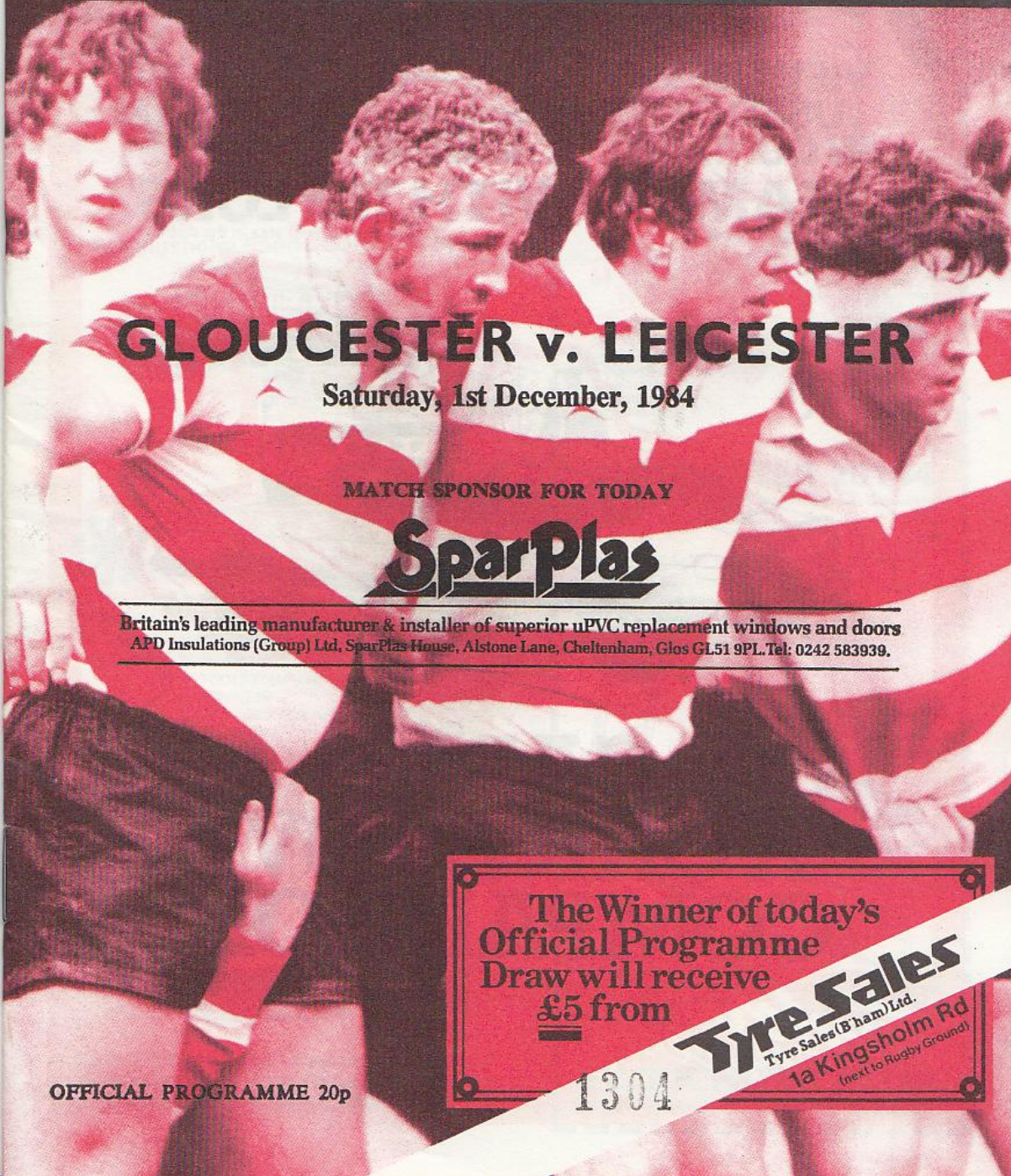


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Cherry & White (4G; 1T; 3PG)

Full Back

15. T. Smith (4C; 3PG)

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan

13. P. Taylor

12. R. Mogg

11. N. Price

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin 1T

9. M. Hannaford 2T

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy

2. K. White 1T

3. R. Pascall 1T

4. J. Orwin (Capt.)

5. J. Brain

6. J. Gadd

7. I. Smith

8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

P. Wickenden

R. Phillips

Referee: L. PRIDEAUX (N. Midlands Society)

LEICESTER 15

(2G; 1PG)

Full Back

† O. W. Hare

Three Quarters

N. K. Williams

M. I. Bates

† L. C. Woodward

† K. R. Underwood

Half Backs

J. J. Harris

† I. N. Youngs *Steve Kenny*

Forwards

† A. S. Redfern

B. C. Tressler

C. W. Richardson

D. N. Joyce

E. M. Foulkes-Arnold

F. J. Wells

G. D. Richards

H. I. Smith (Capt.)

REPLACEMENTS

C. Dexter

T. Smith

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



On the Tiger Trail again!

Leicester used to be famous for its boots and shoes, but I suppose it's a sign of the times that the only Leicester boot one thinks of these days, is the one on the right foot of William Henry Hare Esq.

In fact, the redoubtable 'Dusty' only played 20 games for Leicester last season, yet finished with a tally of 299 points. A clear case of Butler revisited.

But it wouldn't be fair to attribute Leicester's success to the undoubted expertise of Mr. Hare. Although the emergence of Bath, Bristol and Nottingham have tended to obscure the fact, The 'Tigers' haven't slipped that far from the pre-eminent position they enjoyed a few years ago. Last season they scored a record number of points, and with 144 tries, only fell short of the club record by five.

As far as Gloucester is concerned, the fixtures have become a real ding-dong over the past few seasons. We lost 30-20 at Ayleston Road, this time last year, thanks mainly to a couple of heartbreaking breakaway tries, and won at home 21-20, in a game which, if memory serves, wasn't quite as close as that scoreline would seem to indicate.

In fact, a look at last season's records show that our two clubs were just about on all fours; remembering that Leicester are one of the few clubs who can claim a fixture list just about as strong as ours, if not quite so lengthy:

Gloucester:	P49	W33	D1	L15	PF1,022	PA623
Leicester:	P41	W28	D0	L12	PF1,030	PA577

So, one way and another, the two sides look pretty evenly matched, and the fact that the Gloucester v. Leicester game is anticipated with a fervour second only to that of the visit of Bristol should do nothing to debase the courage at all. Indeed, it will probably ensure a good, old-fashioned Kingsholm welcome for the Tigers, on the field, on the terraces and in the bar afterwards.

And that's a welcome I am very happy to echo, on behalf of all of us.

Good to see you Tigers!

Thanks Sparplas!

The amount of rain and wind we've had lately has probably shown you whether you have doors and windows which need replacing. If that is the case, then today's generous Sponsors will be ready, willing and able to assist. In fact, no one, locally, is in a better position to do so.

Sparplas Ltd. can now claim to have as wide a range of doors and windows as you'll find anywhere. You name it, they can supply and fit it for you.

The big news from Sparplas, is that they hope, in the New Year, to open up a new factory at Barnwood, hard by CEGB. This certainly verifies their policy of expansion, and in these hard times, any new business premises moving into the old City is more than welcome.

However, you won't want to go to Barnwood if you decide to avail yourself of the virtuosity of Sparplas. You'll almost certainly know their showroom at 41, Westgate Street, and you'll find that Tony Saxton and his happy bunch of helpers will give you all the advice and assistance you'll ever require.

In fact, this isn't the first game which Sparplas have sponsored here, although David Evans tells me that it's the first they've actually seen. This was because, having the perspicacity to seize on the visit of Auckland, last season, they found that their efforts were confounded by the most inhospitable fog. "I didn't find out the score until the next morning" says David, "But we had a jolly good evening, anyhow!"

We'll see if the met men can't come up with something better, this time. Sincere thanks, Sparplas.

The Romanians are coming!

New Year's Day, as everyone must know by now, is the day that the touring Romanians play the South and South West, right here at Kingsholm, and just four days before their Twickenham Test Match. Are they as good as they look at home, or are they like some wines and don't travel very well?

You could make up your own mind about that by buying some of the tickets which will be on sale, for the first time today, either in the Caravan, or from the Secretary's Office, both behind the main stand.

Ground tickets cost £3.00, and are available to everyone. Stand tickets at £5.00 will, for the time being, be restricted to Stand Season Ticket Holders — just until the likely demand is identified. After which, they'll be opened up to anyone who wants them.

A Couple of Fivers

Thanks to Tyre Sales Limited, Mr. A. Windo and Mr. G. Taylor are £5 better off. Mr. Windo, who lives at 41, Ennerdale Avenue, Longlevens, bought programme No. 356 at the Broughton Park game, while Mr. Taylor, of 108, Chatsworth Avenue purchased programme No. 101 when Exeter University payed us a visit, last week.

Well done chaps!

Plenty of good Rugby coming up

Today's distinguished visitors are just the first leg of a very tough spell for the players, and a potential feast of good football for you.

Next Saturday, we travel to Bath, and that game might be a real stormer, bearing in mind Merit Tables, and all that.

On Saturday 15th, we are at home to Coventry, who are showing signs of regaining some of their old form, while on Saturday December 22nd, the Christmas Season gets under way with a bang, with the visit of Newport.

And there's no let up after Christmas. The players have the daunting task of entertaining Lydney on Boxing Day, only to be faced with an invasion from Bridgend on December 29th. They then go to Moseley on January 1st, coming home to face London Scottish on Saturday January 5th.

If that isn't enough to jade your appetite, there's the chance to see the United take on Bath next Saturday, and of course, the Romanians on January 1st. So we can't say we're being starved in the next few weeks.

County Cup

And there's another game which is quite worthy of your attention, too. On December 11th, we have the Final of the County Cup here at Kingsholm. You'll have picked up the fact that it's the two Hills — Berry and Coney — who are fighting it out this year, and both of them qualify for next season's John Player Cup by virtue of being Finalists — and I can't think of a better couple of clubs to carry the Gloucestershire club banner far and wide.

The match will be at normal club prices, and it would be appreciated if you get here a little early.

Santa Beaman

If a dignified gentleman in a white beard and bright red safari suit appears down your central heating outlet over the next week or two, the chances are that it won't be Santa Claus, but our own John Beaman. Let's face it, he has enough goodies in his sack, at the moment, to make it worth your while giving him a very small mince pie, and a very large Scotch.

To start with, the Social Club are running coaches to Bath next Saturday, and Leicester on January 12th, at £2.00 and £2.50 respectively. Both coaches will leave Kingsholm at 12.15, and depart for home at about 6.00 p.m.

Then, he also has tickets for the club Christmas Draw, the list of prizes for which makes Asda look like an Oxfam shop.

Finally, club ties etc. make very acceptable Christmas gifts.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Tailpiece

I suppose that winger Tony Swift ranks the most appropriately named Rugby player around. However, the Exeter University scrum half must run him close. His name is Shufflebotham.

PETER ARNOLD.

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