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An interesting observation was made last week when we triumphed at the London Scottish. Very simply it reads as follows: 'there were more Bath followers at Richmond than supporters of the host club'.

How nice to be able to say this. But in addition something else has been happening over the past few seasons which really puts icing on the cake, and it concerns the often-stated remark that Bath has some of the nicest followers in the game. The players appreciate it hugely. For nothing encourages the lads more when carrying our colours away from The Rec. than to hear the shouts of our OWN supporters on the away club's terraces. It worked miracles last season, never more so than during our cup semi-final encounter at Nottingham. And it will work miracles again if our family in the stands keep up their marvellous back-up. For have you noticed something new this season? Or to put it more directly: "have you seen our position at the top of the Sunday Telegraph Merit Table?" There we stand, poised in front position. And we could capture that prestigious honour with the form that we are now showing. Not only have the first-teamers hit top form — what a side Chris Lilley's United have become. Their win at Coventry was little short of superb. Indeed, some observers rated their performance as Senior level. It is good news indeed. And moreover, we shall need them to back up the first team now that the programme is really hotting-up. It's a John Player Special Cup clash with the men from Berry Hill (never fear, we shall not under-rate them in any way) and we are now chasing hard for a Merit Table triumph.

Thanks all of you . . . keep it up.

Finally, what more could one say of Gloucester? A great club, who like us strive hard to uphold West Country rugby pride. Wearing the same shirts recently, they and Bath and Bristol did rather well against the Australians down Exeter way. It was in fact the best result gained by an English team on the current Aussies' tour. We shall be wearing that same West Country shirt against Rumania shortly. And so we say:

"Welcome Gloucester . . . fellow rugby men of The West".

H.W.B.

Today's match sponsors are **BINKS RESTAURANT** and **LORDSWOOD DAISY**. The Club thanks them most sincerely for their support of our game.

Thanks are also due to **HAYWARD & WOOSTER LTD.** for their sponsorship of today's match ball and to **GEORGE STONE**, the intrepid grocer of Hinton Charterhouse and of the **Bradford-on-Avon and Corsham Clubs** for providing today's lucky programme prize of a bottle of Scotch Whisky.

The Club shop will be open today where you can buy Club Sweaters, John Player Special Cup Winner's ties and also obtain your entry form for the "PILE UP THE POINTS" Competition. The prize is £500 and entries close at the end of December.

The next home game here is on Saturday next, December 15 when Harlequin Wanderers will play the United XV. Would non-members please note that an entry charge of 50p will be made on this occasion.

Finally, the kick-off time for the South and South West (18 Group) game with New Zealand Schools on December 27 will be 2.00 p.m.

C.D.H.

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Red & White

<i>Full Back</i>	15	T. SMITH
<i>Right Wing</i>	14	D. MORGAN
<i>Right Centre</i>	13	R. MOGG
<i>Left Centre</i>	12	P. TAYLOR
<i>Left Wing</i>	11	N. PRICE
<i>Outside Half</i>	10	M. HAMLIN
<i>Scrum Half</i>	9	M. HANNAFORD
<i>Forwards</i>	1	M. PREEDY*
	2	K. WHITE
	3	R. PASCALL
	4	J. ORWIN (Captain)
	5	J. BRAIN
	6	J. GADD
	7	I. SMITH
	8	M. TEAGUE
<i>Replacements</i>	16	M. EVANS
	17	D. SPENCER

Referee: B. A. Riley (Lancs. Society, Liverpool)

Bath

Colours: Blue, Black & White

<i>Full Back</i>	16	C. R. MARTIN
<i>Right Wing</i>	15	D. M. TRICK*
<i>Right Centre</i>	14	J. A. PALMER*
<i>Left Centre</i>	12	A. REES
<i>Left Wing</i>	11	B. TREVASKIS
<i>Outside Half</i>	10	J. P. HORTON*
<i>Scrum Half</i>	9	R. HILL*
<i>Forwards</i>	1	G. CHILCOTT*
	2	R. CUNNINGHAM
	3	R. LEE
	4	N. GAYMOND
	5	N. REDMAN*
	6	R. A. SPURRELL (Captain)
	7	J. P. HALL*
	8	P. D. SIMPSON*
<i>Replacements</i>	17	
	18	

*International

Kick-off 3 p.m.