

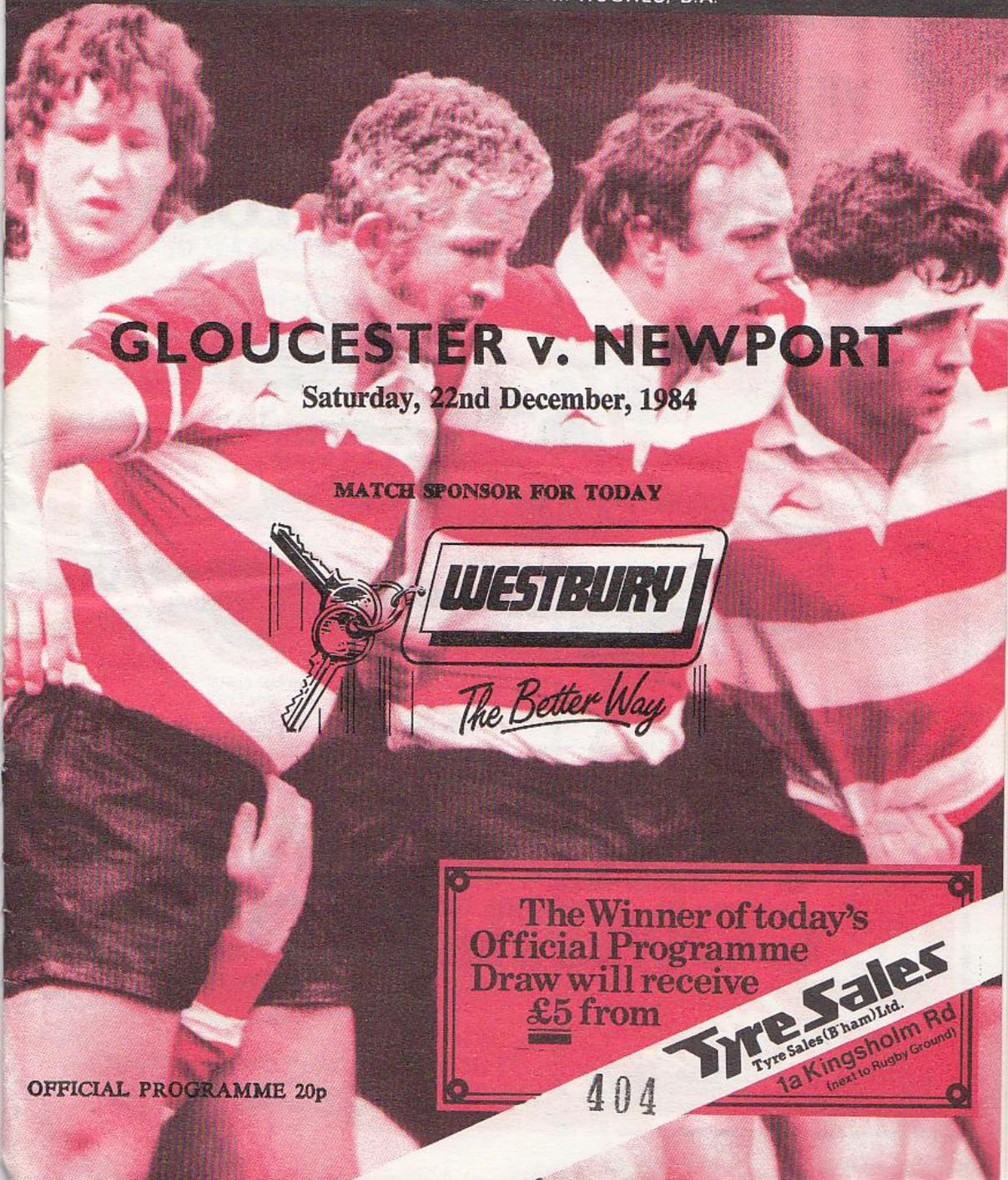


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14. D. Morgan

13. R. Mogg

12. P. Taylor

11. N. Price

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. Gadd

7. I. Smith

8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

R. Ellis

S. Mills

NEWPORT

Full Back

15. J. Callard

Three Quarters

14. M. Batten

13. C. Williams

12. P. Daniels

11. C. Wood

Half Backs

10. M. Lewis

9. G. Williams

Forwards

1. J. Rawlings

† 2. M. Watkins (Capt.)

3. R. Morgan

4. J. Widdicombe

5. A. Perry

6. R. Powell

7. R. Collins

8. D. Walters

REPLACEMENTS

A. Pocock

Referee: R. MAYO (Bristol Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



'Tis the Season . . .

. . . to wish everyone who buys, begs, borrows, steals or otherwise appropriates a programme the happiest of Christmases. I know that John Orwin, Paul Wood and all their players want to be associated with those sentiments, and thank everyone for the tremendous support the Kingsholm Mafia always give the two sides.

I'm told it really does make a difference to a player when the old Kingsholm roar goes up, and that sort of support will shortly become even more important when we hit the John Player trail again.

So, have a good time, everyone, and we'll see you after the festivities.

Greetings to the Black and Ambers

If ever two sides had a love-hate relationship, it's Gloucester and Newport. There's hardly a Kingsholm regular who doesn't have some anecdote about epic encounters between the Clubs, some of them going back to the days of the pre-war 'Invincibles', and a season without the 'Black-and-Ambers' visiting Kingsholm is as unimaginable as Mike Teague with his socks rolled up.

Over the years, Newport have given us some right hammerings, and there have been occasions when the compliment has been returned in full measure — and both eventualities have occurred when the form books have dictated otherwise.

Such doughty opponents are Newport, that it comes as something of a surprise to learn that last season was the first one in which they passed the 1,000 points mark. Some indication of their all-round ability is given by the fact that Andy Phillips was their top scorer with a comparatively modest 174 points — and he missed the second half of the season through injury.

Last year's Kingsholm game was a stern affair, resulting in a win for the visitors by 7 points to 3, while in the Rodney Parade game this season, we came a poor second, 27-12.

This shows a disquieting trend which the lads will be out to rectify today, but as always, anything can happen.

It's good to have Newport here so close to Christmas, and although I can't really foresee much peace and goodwill out there on the field, I'm sure both Christian virtues will be in evidence in the bar afterwards.

So, greetings from all of us Newport. Merry Christmas, and many of 'em.

Thanks to Westbury Homes

Westbury Homes are very welcome new arrivals on our increasingly distinguished list of Sponsors, which won't surprise many people as they are more usually associated with their efforts on behalf of the 'other' football code, as practiced at Horton Road.

However, it would do them less than justice to regard them as simply soccer supporters. They do, in fact, have a long record of sponsorship of many sports, including considerable help to our own badminton ace, Mike Tredgett.

As Westbury's Alan Cooper puts it, "The only surprise is that we haven't come to Kingsholm sooner!"

They have had other things to think about. In well under 20 years the company has developed from building and selling 6 houses in Newham-on-Severn to, last year, completing some 1600 houses on a variety of sites. In fact, they are now recognised as one of the leading national housebuilders, in spite of which they still insist on being known as a Gloucestershire company, and good on them for that.

Mr. Cooper sees the Newport game as a particularly appropriate one for them to support. As he describes the situation, "Not only have we several guests from the banks of the Usk, here today, but Newport always play in Westbury house colours!" Somehow, I don't think the Black-and-Ambers will see it quite that way, but I take his point.

Alan also asks me to extend hearty welcomes to visitors who are business colleagues from such places as Oxford, Worcester and Swindon, and hope they have an enjoyable afternoon. "Even the chaps from Newport", he concludes.

I'm sure he doesn't mean it quite like that. Have a great time, everyone and thanks again to Westbury Homes.

John Player

It may seem a long time until January 26th, when we play Richmond in the John Player Special Cup, but in fact, get Christmas week over, and we only have one home First XV match before then. So here are advance details about tickets and things.

To start with, everyone — including Members and Patrons — pays for everything on that day. Including the car park.

There isn't a thing we can do about that, because the rules of the Competition specify it, principally because Richmond are entitled to half of all proceeds of the match. So please don't moan at turnstile people or car park attendants — it's not their fault.

As to the tickets themselves, we won't be selling ground tickets, but Stand tickets, at £2.50 for the Centre and £2.00 for the Wings, will be on sale at the London Scottish game on January 5th, and naturally, at the United games on January 12th and 19th. They will also be available at all the usual places around town.

Should be quite a day.

Welcome to the 'Sally Army'

Christmas wouldn't be the same without the Salvation Army Band playing carols, and we're very happy that they're doing their thing before the game today. No doubt typical Kingsholm generosity will be much in evidence when the tins come round.

Romania

January 1st will soon be with us, and with it the touring Romanians and the South and South West side. I noticed, after the Coventry bonanza, that Centre Stand tickets are just about sold out, but Wing Stand tickets at £5.00 are still around, and there are plenty of Ground tickets — all on sale today, naturally.

We're expecting a big influx of visitors from far afield, so it would help if locals would buy their tickets in advance, and indeed, if you'd take your places a little earlier than usual to avoid congestion and queues down Worcester Street.

You won't be hanging about doing nothing. We have the popular Blue Devils Marching Band entertaining us beforehand.

And, incidentally, bring your Social Club card if you want a drink in the Clubhouse afterwards.

Leicester

Andy Mitchell is running his usual coach to Leicester on January 12th. It will cost £3.00, leave at 10.00 with a stop for a nibble and a noggin beforehand, and the same on the way back.

John Beaman is the chap to see about the Social Club coach, which costs £2.50, leaving at 12.15, and returning from Leicester at about 6.00.

New Year Dinner Dance

There's also a high-class thrash in the Complex on New Year's Eve. It's a Dinner Dance, costing £15.00 a head, and I'm told there aren't all that many tickets left. Could be a good way to see in 1985.

Sweaters and Ties

If you need a late Christmas present, John Beaman has a new stock of club sweaters at £11.50 — excellent value — in black, brown, maroon and blue. Plus Club and Patrons ties, of course.

Tailpiece

Christmas Greetings this year to:

The Cambridge University side, who have been hailed as the saviours of English Rugby by putting 30 points on a side which dropped us because they were tired of losing by 50 points.

To distinguished referee, Terry Friend, who has now moved to Leicester, in time for the pantomime season (not original that — someone shouted it at him last Saturday).

PETER ARNOLD.