

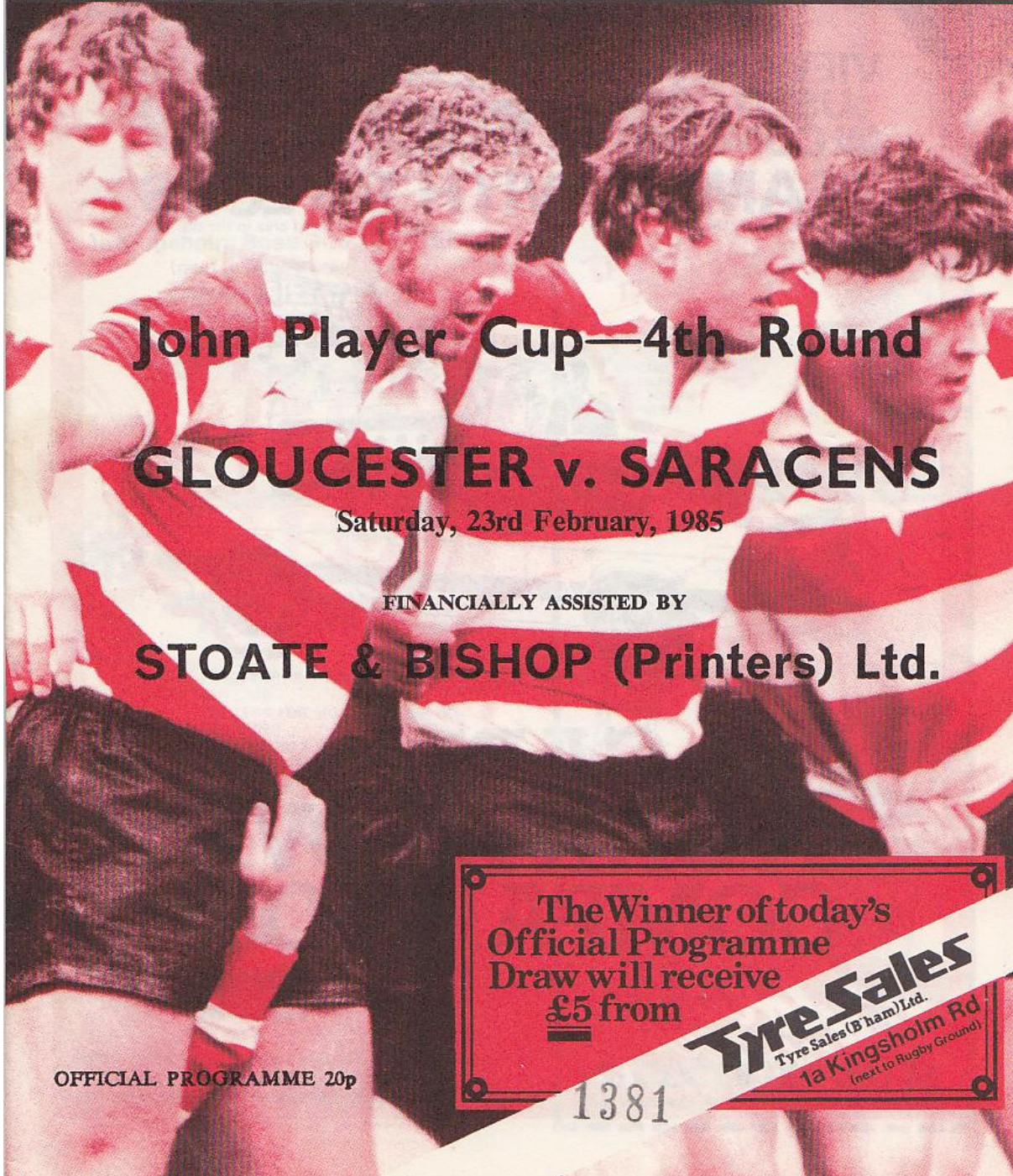


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**John Player Cup—4th Round**

**GLOUCESTER v. SARACENS**

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10. M. Hamlin  
9. M. Hannaford

Forwards  
† 1. P. Blakeway  
2. K. White  
3. R. Pascall  
† 4. J. Orwin (Capt.)  
5. J. Brain  
† 6. M. Teague  
7. I. Smith  
8. L. Cummins

#### REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston †  
G. Mann

#### SARACENS

Full Back  
15. S. Hancock

Three Quarters  
14. P. Athony  
13. C. Babayode  
12. J. Buckton  
11. D. Gregory

Half Backs  
10. N. Holmes  
9. F. Steadman

Forwards  
1. N. Greer  
2. N. Branch  
3. C. Wright  
4. A. Wheelans  
5. A. Jaszczak  
6. G. Mansfield  
7. D. Cooke  
8. A. Keay

#### REPLACEMENTS

J. King  
N. Derward-Akhurst

Referee: A. TURNER (Manchester Society)

† International

**Good luck to one special team from another!**



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **Here we go again!**

Many people will remember the sadly-departed 'Saracens Head' which used to grace Eastgate Street, but Rugby stronghold that we are, we can't really claim that we ever named a pub after today's respected opponents. Indeed, we're not head hunting today — a mere scalp will suffice.

Neither can I say that Saracens' experiences at Kingsholm of recent years have yielded much in the way of wins, but today is a Cup day, and in those circumstances, as we know, the form book is not the most reliable of guides. Saracens have beaten Bridgend this season, and anyone who was here at the end of last year will know what a tough proposition they are.

Blackheath have also come to grief at the hands of today's visitors, and they have, after all, reached the same stage of the Competition, being away to Bath today. I suppose we could claim, therefore, that Gloucester has a more difficult draw than Bath.

County supporters will also remember one Mr. Buckton, who scored two tries for Yorkshire against Gloucestershire in that memorable match back in November.

But Cup or no Cup, we haven't seen the 'Sarries' for a while, and it will be good to see the unique star-and-crescent strip at Kingsholm again. No matter how much we want to win — and by golly, we do need to win this one — the lads from Southgate are extremely welcome. Whatever the result, we hope they have a thoroughly enjoyable day at Kingsholm.

### **Thanks to John Player**

It wouldn't be right to let the opportunity pass without saying thanks, once again, to Imperial Tobacco who provide such invaluable support to Rugby Union Football through the John Player Special Cup. I don't intend to repeat the facts and figures which they kindly supplied on the occasion of the Richmond game, but everyone involved knows what a considerable investment their sponsorship represents, and the good uses to which the money is put at most levels of the game.

Whatever the anti-smoking lobby may say, John Player's support for Rugby, and for that matter for cricket as well, has achieved a great deal of good; stimulating interest in sport, and encouraging youngsters to participate. This, in my view, is important. Long may the sponsorship continue!

### **. . . and to Stoate & Bishop**

Our other financial contributors today are much closer to home. In fact, you could almost fall out of the bar and into their front entrance.

Stoate & Bishop (Printers) Limited, to give them their full title, have been Gloucester RFC's official printers for a number of years now. Not only did they print the words you're reading at the moment, as well as all the other programmes, but they also produced the ticket you may have used to get into the match.

Schedules for such work are always tight. The timing of team selection, for example, can't give them very long to produce the goods, and when you consider that all Stand tickets bear a different number, you begin to see the complication of the matter.

Yet you've never had to go without a programme have you?

But there's more to Stoate & Bishop than printing for Rugby clubs. From their familiar St. Catherine's Street factory, and their two other sites at St. James Square and Suffolk Road, Cheltenham, they can produce virtually anything from simple stationery to sophisticated full-colour glossy brochures. You may not be aware of the fact that they supported the Gloucester Quincentenary Year by publishing Lou Pereira's excellent book on the Siege of Gloucester.

Thanks again, S & B. Not just for your financial support today, but for the efficient, friendly service you give us all through the season.

### **Well done the lads!**

In a spell of weather cold enough to freeze the ballcocks off a brass cistern, this is the first opportunity that I've had to congratulate John Orwin, Mike Teague and Phil Blakeway on their England Caps, and on their individual performance against France.

Phil Blakeway is — well — he's Phil Blakeway, and it isn't necessary to say more than that. There seems very little reason why 'J.O.' shouldn't keep his front-of-the-line spot for ever, provided he can sort out his knee problems. But I'm sure both of them will forgive me if I give pride of place to Mike Teague.

'Teaguey', of course, should have played for England years ago, and when his chance came, unfortunately at the expense of Bath's John Hall, he grabbed it with both hands. At least two French players can testify to the ferocity of his tackling.

It's typical of the Teague luck that the Welsh game had to be called off. While John Hall did nothing wrong before departing with concussion, it is to be hoped that the Selectors keep faith with the side as originally selected when the time comes to pick the team for the Scottish game. Mike Teague deserves a full International — in fact, no one ever deserved it more.

But congratulations, again, to all three of them. They did us proud.

### **Got your ticket?**

Just to remind you that you'll need your Social Club Membership card, or your pass to the Complex if you want a drink after the game.

### **Date changes**

In case you've forgotten, the game scheduled for March 30th against Moseley has been brought back to Friday March 29th. This is because of the rearranged England v Ireland game, and also so that you won't have your allegiance tested between Rugby and the Grand National on Telly.

We're also having another go at staging the long-delayed County Cup Final between Coney Hill and Berry Hill. It's now scheduled for Tuesday March 19th at 7.00 p.m.

Our next home game is also on a Friday — next Friday, in fact, when Northampton are the visitors. Always worth watching.

March 9th is the next round of the John Player, but we're due to go to Richmond on that date, March 15th — another Friday — sees a visit from the formidable Orrell outfit.

The United are next at home against Cheltenham on Tuesday, March 5th, followed by a scheduled visit from Nottingham on the following Saturday. So you've plenty to look forward to.

### **Two weeks time**

I don't wish to denigrate Saracens in any way at all, but if we do manage to get over today's hurdle, and if we get a home draw in the next round of the John Player, then David Foyle will have tickets for that match available next Friday at the Northampton match.

It's a lot of 'ifs and buts' of course, and I don't want to make any unwarranted assumptions, but the loss of the Bath game gave David Foyle a lot of problems in selling tickets for today's encounter, and it's only right to do all we can to simplify things this time.

### **Scottish tickets**

Terry Tandy tells me that he has a very few Ground and Enclosure tickets for the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham on March 16th. He'll be willing to part with them, in exchange for money, in his office under the Stand, after the game.

### **Tailpiece**

You think you've got problems. I know of two Worthy Patrons who acquired tickets for the postponed England v. Ireland game, who also have tickets for England v. Wales. I'm now trying to find out what other matches they have tickets for. Just so that I can avoid them.

PETER ARNOLD.