

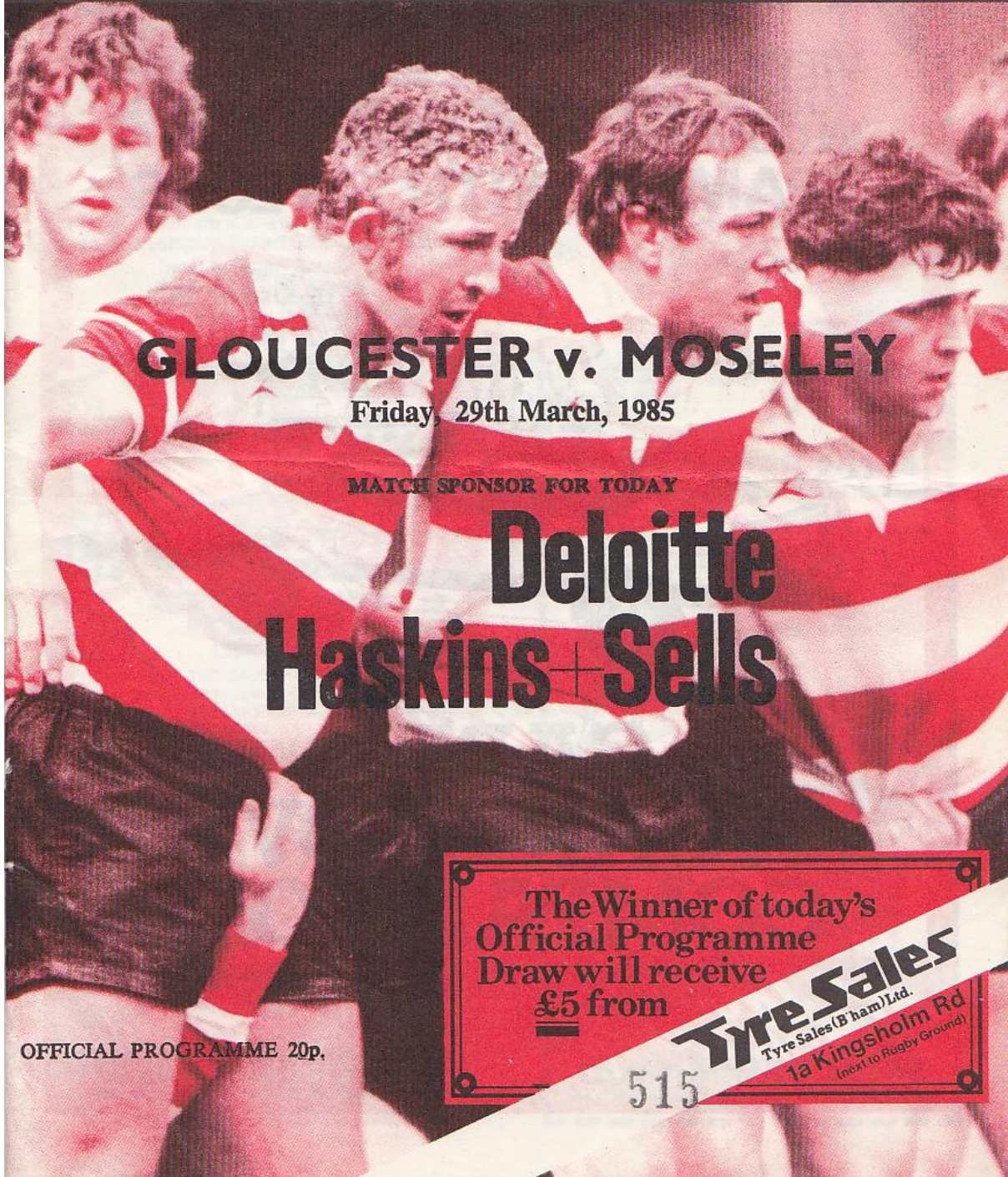


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GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. T. Smith

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan
13. R. Mogg
12. P. Taylor (Capt.)
11. N. Price

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin
9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy
† 2. S. Mills
3. R. Pascall
4. D. Burn
5. J. Brain
6. J. Gadd
7. I. Smith
8. J. Bennett

REPLACEMENTS

R. Wood
K. White

MOSELEY

Full Back

15. I. Metcalfe

Three Quarters

14. J. Goodwin
13. C. Smith
12. C. Arntzen
11. P. Sidaway

Half Backs

10. P. Goodwin
9. M. Colwell

Forwards

1. M. Linnett
2. G. Cox (Capt.)
3. G. Smith
† 4. S. Boyle
5. A. Recarda
6. I. Day
7. G. Sey
8. P. Shillingford

REPLACEMENTS

J. Beale
C. Meanwell

Referee: M. EDWARDS (Warwickshire Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



Yes — there is life after Bath!

... and this is it. Moseley have been among our most respected, and generally appreciated, opponents since the days of Peter Cranmer, and even earlier.

Last season, we beat them fairly narrowly both times — 10-6 at Kingsholm, and 16-12 at The Reddings, but it would be fair to say that both teams are stronger now than they were last season. Indeed, chaps who went along tell me that their 16.7 win at Moseley was pretty convincing.

Naturally, our lads will be out to redress the balance tonight, but there's a school of thought which says that they have a very good reason for wanting to beat us tonight. The contention is that, if we hadn't put 58 points on their old rivals Coventry, back in December, 'Cov' wouldn't have made the root-and-branch changes they did, and wouldn't have beaten the Birmingham club in the John Player. If that's so, Leicester must be feeling even more strongly on the matter.

Can't let these notes go, either, without a mention of Steve Boyle, who was getting rave notices for his performances at The Reddings, a few weeks ago. I don't know, at the time of writing, whether Steve is playing tonight or not, but if he is, then it will be nice to see his bulky frame around at Kingsholm again, even if it does mean that we could be on the receiving end of one of his famous 'blunderbuss' tries. It's also a pity that John Orwin is on England duty, because it would have been interesting to see the two of them in opposition.

But Steve or no Steve, all the players, officials and supporters are very welcome tonight. Moseley are always worth watching, and their visit always one of the occasions of the season. As always, we wish them a very warm — even torrid — welcome, and hope they all have a great time, on the field and off.

Thanks to Deloitte Haskins and Sells

It's always nice to see someone quick off the mark, especially when it involves Sponsorship of a game at Kingsholm, and Deloitte Haskins and Sells have certainly been just that. Although it's only a few months since the rules of the Accountancy profession were changed to allow them to take part in such activities, they have already supported a Cheltenham game before giving us the benefit of their generosity tonight.

Indeed, their open-handedness extends further than that. They also sponsored 'A Touch of Fantasy', which was a week of children's entertainment in Cheltenham, and also supported special Budget Day programmes on Severn Sound and on Swindon Cable TV.

But then, Deloitte Haskins and Sells aren't exactly your 'little chap round the corner who does the books'. They are, in fact, an international accounting firm which employs more than 26,000 people in 69 countries, all over the world. If they all come tonight, you might have trouble getting served in the Bar.

In our neck of the woods, they have offices in Gloucester, Cheltenham, Ledbury and Chippenham, from where they offer a highly professional service in all matters concerning accountancy and taxation, but can also provide expertise in a whole range of related services.

Although they are world-famous for their activities on behalf of major clients in both public and private sectors, they're not in the least rarefied in their approach, and have an enthusiastic interest in helping new businesses get off the ground. The Gloucestershire practice are sponsors of the Gloucestershire Enterprise Agency, so successfully run by Jack Tester in Westgate Street, and shortly I hear, to move to Quay Street.

So we're very grateful that Michael Haines (who is a Kingsholm regular) and his colleagues have been able to support us in one of our more attractive matches.

Have a good time, chaps.

Thanks to everyone!

The Committee ask me to say a heartfelt thanks to all the supporters who turned up for the John Player Semi Final, last Saturday. Their general good nature, and knowledge of how to treat a big sporting occasion contributed greatly to a splendid Rugby event, and we have all been congratulated by a host of observers, including the Police and the Referee.

The fact that we lost the game by the narrowest of margins was unfortunate, but personally, I didn't speak to anyone who was anything more than understandingly disappointed by the result, and I haven't heard that any traders in Worcester Street had their windows kicked in, which is a lesson to supporters in some other so-called 'sporting' circles.

I think I would also add, on your behalf, our thanks to the players for providing a game worthy of the occasion. Quite simply, it was an advertisement for Rugby Union Football.

As someone said: "Bath scored most points, but Gloucester won the game."

No Sale

I don't mean by that headline that the Sale match on April 20th is off. Far from it, I am, however, disappointed to record that Sale have not been able to agree to a change of either date, or time of kick-off, in spite of the fact that the delayed England v. Wales match kicks off at the self-same time.

I gather that the Club suggested three alternatives — a Friday evening game, (and if Orrell could make it, I'd have thought that Sale wouldn't have had much more difficulty), a 12 noon kick-off, and a 6.00 p.m. kick off. It wasn't to be, however, so you're going to have to make a fairly nasty choice of allegiances.

Viva Espana!

Although we are noted for drawing most of our players from local clubs, we have had the odd team member from Wales and Scotland, and perhaps from elsewhere. As far as I know, however, we've never had a Spaniard playing for us.

That may be about to change. Paolo Fril, a six-foot eight-inch lock forward, who has also represented Barcelona at the 100m hurdles, is about to join Gloucester RFC. It appears that he is now working in Britain, and originally intended to join Harlequins — where else? Having watched the John Player Quarter Final, however, he decided he would prefer to offer his services to Gloucester. Indeed, he's already played at Kingsholm, having been a member of the Spanish Under 19 Group team that came here two or three years ago.

I believe he officially joins the club next Monday.

Easter coming up

On Thursday evening next, we are due to visit Lydney, which might be interesting, all things considered. Then we're into the Easter games. Next Saturday, we entertain New Brighton, and on Easter Monday, the visitors will be Fylde.

These games have become very entertaining occasions, over the past few years, and I commend them to your attention.

So where are we now?

One team who might not have been too unhappy at last Saturday's result are Coney Hill. Reg Collins, who has been reading the fine print, tells me that had Gloucester won the Cup, under the rules of the Competition, Coney Hill, as County Runners Up, would have been dropped out.

Which would have been a pity, because the way things are now, they have a fighting chance of being drawn against Gloucester next season.

I have it from the horse's mouth — the gallant steed in this case being Terry Tandy — that Exeter have a percentage in the Merit Table of 21.42. We have yet to get on the score sheet. If we win at Exeter, we shall then have to enter the Cup competition at the First Round.

Of course, if Exeter beat Bristol on April 17th, or if they beat us on April 27th, then we have no chance.

The other point is that the First Round of the Cup next season, clashes with Gloucester v. Bristol!

Tailpiece

You'll have read about the various International Board decisions, recently made in Paris, but they also came to one conclusion which has been largely unreported. It seems that, now, anyone who has played professional American gridiron football, can return to Rugby Union. Which raises the question — where's the difference between that and Rugby League? a point to ponder.

PETER ARNOLD.