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PONTYPRIDD**

**SATURDAY  
21st SEPTEMBER, 1985**

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### GLouceSTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. P. Wickenden

Three Quarters

14. M. Smith

13. R. Mogg

12. P. Taylor

11. J. Breeze

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy

† 2. S. Mills

3. R. Pascall

† 4. J. Orwin (Capt.)

5. J. Brain

6. J. Gadd

7. D. Spencer

8. J. Bennett

REPLACEMENTS

L. Cummings

S. Artus

### PONTYPRIDD

Full Back

15. I. Walsh

Three Quarters

14. A. Cartwright

13. K. Orrell

12. S. Cox

11. J. Robinson

Half Backs

10. R. Crane

9. G. Evans

Forwards

1. M. Iles

2. W. Davies

3. M. Orsi

4. S. Willis

5. M. Rowley

6. D. Earlam

7. A. Davies

8. D. Clarke

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: D. LESLIE (Manchester Society)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

### **First over the border!**

Today we welcome, again, Pontypridd, who have the temerity to be the first Welsh Club to venture East of Severn this season.

Good thing too. Ever since 'Ponty' took over the old Cardiff fixtures, the relationships between our two Clubs have been cordial, not to say downright convivial.

Not that the social spirit has all that much effect on the field. Last season, at Pontypridd, today's visitors were inhospitable enough to beat us by the odd point in 19, which says something when you consider that we had already confined Swansea to a similar margin only a couple of weeks before. It was, however, 'Ponty's' turn, the Welsh club having returned from Kingsholm to the Valleys on the wrong end of a 24-12 scoreline precisely twelve months previously.

The heady days of Tommy David have, sadly, now gone forever, but Pontypridd are never a side to be taken lightly, and the team-building going on in Gloucester at the moment should make for an enthralling encounter.

But, whatever happens on the Sacred Turf, Pontypridd are as welcome as ever they were. Have a good day, boys!

### **Thanks to RCA and Securicor**

It seems as though you can't keep the RAF out of anything, these days. Not only are Intrepid Airman as thick on the ground as Gloucester Old Boys players, but the RAF involvement has now even reached as far as the list of sponsors.

Both RCA and Securicor are internationally known companies. The reason that they are jointly sponsoring today's match is that the two organisations have forged a strong local link which enabled them to win a valuable Ministry of Defence contract at No. 7 Maintenance Unit, known better to most of us as RAF Quedgeley. As if that weren't enough, the same happy partnership got together again to win a similar contract at Aston Down.

At Quedgeley, the partnership handles the storage and distribution of a huge variety of stores for the Army, Navy and Air Force, supplying material throughout the UK, and also to ships and overseas bases. Wonder if they'd like to take our lads to Florida?

Be that as it may, we're very grateful to Ray Pocock and his colleagues for supporting us today. We certainly hope that the visitors from both companies' Head Offices, who have come along to take part, have themselves a great time.

Think of them, the next time you see a red-white-and-blue RCA-Securicor freight vehicle on the motorway.

### **Tickets and not tickets**

As always at this time of year, Season Tickets are very much in David Foyle's mind. Ground Seasons (only) can be obtained in the old office under the clock, while all sorts, including ground ones, are on sale in the Caravan immediately astern of the main Stand.

Time to remind you, too, that applications for International tickets, complete with remittance have to be in by the end of the month. If you don't have an application form, David Foyle or Terry Tandy will be glad to supply same.

On a similar subject, time is ticking over for receipting Patrons Cards — in fact, there is only one more home match when they will be valid without the magic little white sticker. Why not attend to the matter today, if you haven't already done so?

You'll probably also know that you need a Social Club membership card to get into the Clubhouse. John Beaman tells me he is going to have a 'blitz' on them at the Llanelli match on October 2nd, so you could ease matters by seeing him before then.

Finally, there won't be any tickets for the John Player next week. Not even for the Stand. It might not, therefore, be a bad idea to get along early to minimise all-in wrestling at the turnstiles, and also to ensure that some Devonshire academic hasn't 'alf-inched your favourite vantage point.

### **Feasting for Florida**

As promised last week, I now have full details on the magnificent Grand Banquet arranged to raise funds for the proposed tour of Florida, scheduled for next May.

The date is to be October 28th. The place Pineholt, as is right and proper, it will be a strictly 'stag' affair. The guest speakers will be Bill Beaumont, Mike Burton and Phil Blake-way, and if you can find a better trio of raconteurs, never mind forwards, than that, gathered together in one place I'd be very surprised indeed.

Tables of ten have been arranged, with a guarantee of at least one (sober) Gloucester player at each table. There will also be a raffle for a weekend for two in Paris for the England v. France match, tickets for the game included. And the nosh, I'm told, will be magnificent.

All things considered, the price of £17.50 seems a bargain. Certainly worth the investment, and the opportunity to flaunt your dinner jacket.

There is, of course, a limitation on numbers, and tickets are already being sought after, so if you're tempted — and who isn't? — it would be as well to do something about it right away.

The chaps to see are the Tour Committee, headed by Jim Jarett, Peter Ford and Doug Wadley.

### ... Business opportunity too

Many companies who have sponsored Gloucester Rugby Club have found the exercise to be a worthwhile commercial proposition. Becoming a 'Gloucester Tour Sponsor' could well be an equally good, or even better, investment.

Such an opportunity presents itself for just £250 — certainly not excessive as sports sponsorship goes.

For the sum, you can bring seven guests to the Gala Dinner — all male of course — have your name, and/or logo, printed in the special souvenir programme, and see your company name appear in a special 'Thank You' feature in the local press.

As icing on the cake, you will be invited to an exclusive sherry reception prior to the Dinner, meeting the players and the Guest Speakers. At that event, your name will go into a free draw for a Champagne Day for two at Twickenham to see England play Wales.

To mark your participation, you will also have the opportunity for your staff and yourself to be photographed with the players in their famous cherry-and-white strip at Kingsholm. One mounted 10x8 colour print will be presented to you. It'll look great in reception areas.

It's a fine proposition — and as someone with some experience in these matters, I would certainly recommend you to think about it.

### 300 Club

Of course, it will cost you a lot less to join the 300 Club. Numbers are being taken up fast, so if you want the opportunity to win a healthy cash prize, I'd see Brian Howells fairly quickly, if I were you.

### John Player next week

As everyone from Quedgeley to Brockworth knows, next Saturday sees the arrival of Exeter University to contest our progress in the John Player Special Cup. As always, the rules of the competition make it an all-pay affair, a circumstance which extends to the car park. No one is going to want to miss that, I would have thought.

Before then, however, we have a visit from the formidable and highly attractive New-bridge side, next Wednesday. Highly recommended.

Mustn't forget the United, either. They'll be at home to Glamorgan Wanderers on Monday, September 30th, rapidly followed by the First XV game against Llanelli on Wednesday, October 2nd. One way and another, there's plenty to get your vocal chords lubricated for.

### Is anyone out there?

Don't know if our new PA system will be installed by the time you read this or not. If not, enjoy the peace and quiet, because it shouldn't be long now.

### Tailpiece

I was interested to read a fairly adulatory piece by Gron Williams in the 'Daily Mail'. He told his readers that Coventry's finances were in a healthy state because they had a sponsorship deal which involved a logo on the strip, plus a lengthy list of match sponsors. He also commented on their 'advertisement packed programme'.

So — what else is new?

PETER ARNOLD.