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**V.**

**LLANELLI**

**WEDNESDAY  
2nd OCTOBER, 1985**

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**GLOUCESTER**

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Full Back

15. S. Lazenby

Three Quarters

14. J. Breeze

13. I. Gosling

12. P. Taylor

11. R. Moog

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

S. Artus

D. Burn

**LLANELLI**

Full Back

15. M. Gravelle

Three Quarters

14. E. Ellis

13. P. Hopkins

12. N. Davies

11. C. Davies

Half Backs

10. K. Thomas

9. P. Fleming

Forwards

1. A. Buchanan

2. K. Townley

3. J. Williams

4. C. Jones

5. R. Thomas

6. A. Hopkins

7. L. de Filippo

8. M. Lynch

REPLACEMENTS

D. Fox

C. Phillips

Referee: R. PARKER (Shropshire Society)

† International

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



**Richard Cound**

BMW in Gloucestershire

### **Autumn Tints**

As October wanders in, it isn't only the leaves which are turning red, but also the shirts of our opponents. Although, even the Royal Forest of Dean couldn't claim foliage as scarlet as the famous Llanelli strip.

It's only in the last couple of years that regular fixtures have been resumed between our two famous clubs — but many of us are still wincing when we remember a 'one-off' trip to Stradey a few years ago, and came away after a horrendous thrashing.

The last time we welcomed Llanelli to Kingsholm, we saw a cracking game which ended in an entirely appropriate 7-7 draw. Last season, at Llanelli, before Gloucester attained the efficiency they displayed later in the season, they were again on the wrong end, having been forced to be content with a 20 points to 6 defeat.

I gather that they gave Bath all they could handle before narrowly losing last Saturday, so the old fire is obviously still there, and with our own lads just beginning to show some realisation of their undoubted potential, tonight's occasion should be absorbing, to say the least.

To paraphrase George Orwell, all Welsh rugby is worth watching, but some is more worth watching than others, and I don't think that anyone would hesitate in placing tonight's visitors in the latter category. Llanelli may also be surprised to see the expansion which has taken place in Gloucester's game, over the past season, so one thing that this evening's game shouldn't be is dull.

So the 'Scarlets' are extremely welcome, and we all hope they have a great time on this side of the Severn.

### **Welcome to the 'Gloucesters'**

In fact, welcomes are well and truly on the menu, tonight. If the crowd exhibits a distinctly nautical flavour, it's because at least 40 Officers and Men of HMS 'Gloucester' are here this evening.

This is part of a week of events starring the cast of the Royal Navy's newest and finest Type 42 Destroyer, and we thank Rotary for having had the excellent taste to include Kingsholm on the itinerary. You may also have read that Gloucester Old Boys played an HMS Gloucester side on Sunday morning last.

I had the good fortune to be present at the launching of the vessel and was also invited to see over her before she was accepted by the Admiralty, and I can assure you that she is really something to see. HMS Gloucester combines the grace of an international wing three quarter with the punch of a world class No. 8, and if you get the chance to visit her at any time, I'd certainly advise you to take it.

It's great to have another 'Gloucester' after upwards of 40 years, and it's equally great that one of her crew's first City engagements is to visit good old Kingsholm.

Have a super evening, chaps!

### **Thanks to Lloyds Bank**

I suppose that if you were looking for an example of an organisation famous for traditional values and steadfast financial good sense, one of the first institutions you would think of would be Lloyds Bank. Yet they have been in the forefront of the 'consumer revolution' which has been so evident in the banking world over the past few years.

Leo McKern (alias 'Rumpole') may, according to the now-famous TV commercial, consider that most of the changes haven't been for the better, but at Kingsholm, we must respectfully disagree. After all, any policy which includes generous sponsorship of one of our more important games can, by no means, be all bad.

Of course, we could be biased. Non-rugby people would probably point to the unique Lloyds Lobby Bank system as being of considerable importance, with the wide range of services provided well outside normal banking hours. People not used to standing on the 'Tump', in all weathers would almost certainly regard the ability to transact business without rain dripping down one's neck as an improvement however one looks at it.

Not that the comprehensive Lobby Bank system is the only manifestation of modern banking service at today's Lloyds. Home loans and personal loans are another one, proving very popular with a wide range of people.

We are obviously very grateful to Lloyds Bank, and our own habitue, Harry Davie, for the support they are providing tonight. The pity is that it didn't happen sooner.

Not that that was Lloyds fault. They were all set to sponsor the London Scottish game, last January, when the weather turned nasty on us, the ground became a quagmire, and the whole thing had to be called off. So we're highly delighted that things have righted themselves this season. Harry Davie also confides that the reason they have switched from a

Scottish to a Welsh allegiance may not be unconnected with the nationality of a new senior executive who has arrived on the scene in the intervening months.

Be that as it may, our heartfelt thanks for Lloyds generous gesture, and we hope that our local Lloyds branches go from strength to strength.

After all, what does Rumpole know about it? He's probably a soccer supporter anyway.

#### **Shop at Nick's Emporium**

Nick Price tells me that the new Club Shop, open tonight in the old Secretary's Office, was extremely successful when it first opened for business last Saturday. It appears that customers were very impressed with the range of goodies on sale.

Nick's intention is to open for about an hour before the game, and half-an-hour afterwards, depending on demand. He'll also be glad to sell you a sweater, T-shirt, or anything else, during half time.

Why not pay him a visit? It's certainly a venture which deserves our support.

#### **A right set of 'B's'!**

Beaumont, Burton and Blakeway — and if you can think of a better trio of speakers at a rugby dinner, then good luck to you.

In fact, that prospect is worth the £17.50 price of a ticket to the Grand Stag Dinner at Pineholt on October 28th, even without the food.

As everyone must know by now the dinner is being held to raise funds for the proposed Club Tour of Florida, scheduled for next May, so it's a cause well worth supporting. Jim Jarrett tells me that demand for tickets is high — nevertheless, the scent of 17½ green ones, wafted under the Jarrett hooter would doubtless get you in. Why not try it?

#### **United on Saturday**

This Saturday, our intriguing United side entertain Bedford at home, which would be worth a small investment in your time, and act as an excellent appetiser for the visit of mighty Pontypool, one week tonight. And you won't want to miss that one.

#### **Beaman's Blitz**

Llanelli night is mayhem night — at least, as far as John Beaman and Social Club Membership Cards are concerned.

Having given due warning, over the past week or two, John tells me that, after tonight's game, if you don't have the necessary piece of yellow cardboard, you aren't entitled to a free one, or aren't prepared to buy one, you won't get into the Clubhouse.

Fair enough really. It is a legal requirement, after all.

#### **Tailpiece**

A longer 'Tailpiece' than usual, tonight, inspired by some notes sent me by Mr F. White of Gloucester Street, Newent, and entirely appropriate for reporting to you on the evening when the contingent from HMS 'Gloucester' arrive at Kingsholm.

They concern The Rev. C. C. ('Kit') Tanner, considered by many excellent judges, as the finest winger who ever played for Gloucester. So good was he, according to his old friend and fellow player, our respected President, Canon Mervyn Hughes, that he actually won his England Cap before he got his Cambridge Blue.

'Kit' Tanner was Chaplain on HMS 'Fiji', which accompanied HMS 'Gloucester' at the Battle of Crete, and indeed, shared her fate. The story of how The Rev. Tanner lost his life is one of which any Gloucester man, and especially any Kingsholm man, can be proud.

After the 'Fiji' was hit, 'Kit' Tanner, himself, was safe, but ignoring all advice to the contrary, dived into the water to save survivors. In fact, he returned many times, rescuing over 20 sailors himself.

In a complete state of exhaustion, he insisted on making just one more dive, and it proved too much. Having been hauled aboard a destroyer, together with the last survivor, he later died, probably of sheer exhaustion.

For his heroism, he was awarded a posthumous George Cross.

Perhaps tonight, in the presence of the crew of the new 'Gloucester', it is appropriate to remember C. C. Tanner—"A Christian Hero" as Mr. White describes him.

PETER ARNOLD.