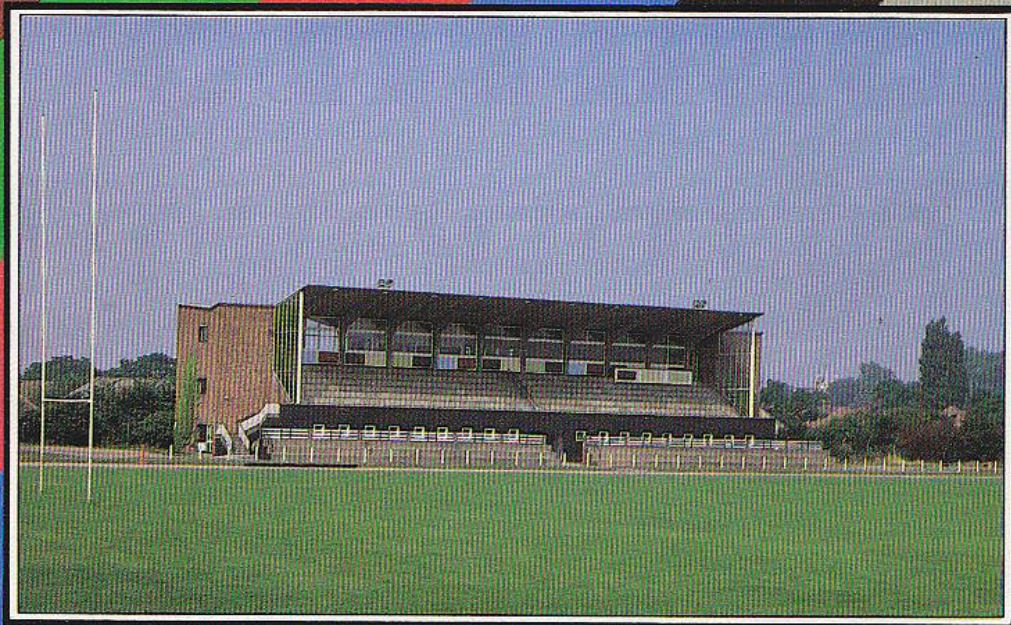




HARLEQUIN FOOTBALL CLUB



30p

OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME

HARLEQUINS v GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 1985
Kick-Off 2.45 p.m. at Twickenham

The ball for today's match has been donated by HARVARD SECURITIES PLC

HARLEQUINS		GLOUCESTER	
<i>Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate, French Grey, Black and Light Green Shirts, White Shorts</i>		<i>Colours: Red & White Hooped Shirt Black Shorts</i>	
15	M Rose	<i>Full Back</i>	S. Lazenby 15
14	S. Cooke	<i>Right Wing</i>	J. Breeze 14
13	J. Salmon	<i>Right Centre</i>	P. Taylor 13
12	A. Dent	<i>Left Centre</i>	I. Gosling 12
11	M. Summers	<i>Left Wing</i>	R. Mogg 11
10	M. Fletcher	<i>Fly Half</i>	N. Hamlyn 10
9	R. Glenister	<i>Scrum Half</i>	N. Hannaford 9
1	C. Van der Merwe	<i>Forward</i>	N. Preedy 1
2	J. Olver	<i>Forward</i>	S. Mills 2
3	P. Curtis	<i>Forward</i>	R. Pascoe 3
4	A. Jones	<i>Forward</i>	J. Orwin 4
5	N. O'Brien	<i>Forward</i>	J. Brain 5
6	K. Moss	<i>Forward</i>	J. Gadd 6
7	D. Cooke (Capt.)	<i>Forward</i>	D. Spencer 7
8	C. Butcher	<i>Forward</i>	J. Bennett 8
		Replacements	
16	E. Weekes		16
17	S. Thresher		17
		*International	
Referee: J. C. Little (L.S.R.F.U.R.)			
J. Crouch	<i>Touch Judges</i>		B. Glanville

Programme Notes

Today's match with Gloucester is the first occasion for some years that there has not been a clash with a County Championship game with the resulting loss of players to one or both of the sides. That is with the exception of last year's John Player Cup Quarter Final down at Kingsholm. In the event this was not a day we gained much pleasure from after ending up losing by 19-31, the gap between us widening with the decisive loss of hooker John Olver.

Gloucester cannot have been overpleased first to have lost by a single point to the eventual winners Bath in the Semi Final, and further that they had to start their cup run this year in the First Round. Exeter University had the misfortune to be the victims, and had to suffer a humiliating 87-0 defeat. Gloucester's point scoring spree did not finish there however, as a 53-0 win against Pontypridd kept the tries flowing. Nevertheless, Coventry and Wanderers have both done enough to beat them. Our record has not been good in the last two years, with 6-19 and 3-16 defeats in the record books.

This week's progress report on injuries and availability has a somewhat improved look after a difficult September, when to try and select a settled side proved almost impossible. John Olver and Paul Curtis come back after injury whilst Jamie Salmon and Nigel O'Brien return after an absence of some weeks. Rob Glenister displaces Alex Woodhouse after showing good form in a Wanderers XV which is gathering momentum after three successive wins. Other players in that side are also pushing hard for places with Micky Skinner doing his cause no harm in an improved Quins' performance in the mid-week win against Loughborough Students by 22-6.

The George Crawford story concluded another chapter on Wednesday night when, through his absence, John Crouch had to deputise at the last minute, but John resumes his normal touch judge role for this afternoon.

The Under 21 XV continue to make good progress and had a convincing 26-4 win against St. Thomas' Hospital last week. A number of players are likely to be given an opportunity to prove their worth during the course of the season by being selected for the Wanderers or perhaps higher.

NEXT HOME MATCH

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 1985

HARLEQUINS v ROSSLYN PARK

KICK-OFF 2.45 p.m. AT R.F.U. GROUND TWICKENHAM