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EBBW VALE

WEDNESDAY

16th OCTOBER, 1985

Kick-off 7 p.m.

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15. T. Smith

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan

13. I. Goslin

12. P. Taylor

11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

10. M. Evans

9. S. Artus

Forwards

1. P. Jones

2. S. Mills

3. R. Phillips

4. D. Burn

5. J. Brain

6. B. Fowke

7. I. Smith

8. J. Bennett

REPLACEMENTS

R. Williams

S. Ashmead

EBBW VALE

Full Back

15. C. Scully

Three Quarters

14. A. Davies

13. A. Dobbs

12. S. Lewis

11. A. Griffiths

Half Backs

10. L. Evans

9. N. Osborne

Forwards

1. S. Wharton

2. I. Watkins

3. M. Sibthorpe

4. D. Fryer

5. W. Matthews

6. N. Robinson

7. C. Evans

8. C. Dennehy

REPLACEMENTS

P. Hrastelj

N. Gregory

Referee: S. TREVITHICK (Cornwall Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

The Decider?

Tonight sees the third leg of a remarkable 'Wednesday triple' of Kingsholm games featuring top Welsh clubs. You won't need reminding that, two weeks ago saw a memorable victory over Llanelli, while last Wednesday we basked in a cracker of a game against Pontypool which could equally well have ended in a win, but didn't quite.

So, you could say that this evening's game is something of a decider. However, don't be misled into thinking that, because Ebbw Vale don't get all the Publicity, they are any less formidable than the other two. I would remind you that, only a few nights after Aberavon took Bath's unbeaten record, they went down well and truly at the hands of tonight's visitors.

'Ebbw' have something to prove, too. The last time they were here, they lost by 14 points to 9, while last season we came home from Ebbw Vale happily contemplating a 24-17 score line.

Seldom can Gloucester have had a more see-saw start to the season. Tonight could well add another oscillation — one way or the other.

All of which makes Ebbw Vale even more welcome than usual. We all hope they have a thoroughly good evening.

Thanks to Stanley, Alder & Price

Tonight's generous sponsors are commercial Estate Agency, Stanley, Alder & Price, who have become so much part of the business life of Gloucester that it comes as something of a surprise to learn that they have only been around for some five years.

That being so, they must have been very quick off the mark to have been involved in such major projects as those concerning Asda, Homebase and English and American Insurance. Employment being the burning issue of the day, it would be hard to think of a local company which has helped to create more jobs for the City, while getting no credit for that fact at all.

Tim Heal and his colleagues, however, believe that laurels are for winning, rather than resting on, and have several other projects on their books right now.

For example, one of the most sensitive sites in Gloucester, at the moment, must be the shops in College Street, hard by the Cathedral. Who's handling the sale? I'll give you one guess. And perhaps that's also all you need to establish who is involved with the very important Longsmith Street site, as well.

So, while we're obviously very grateful to Stanley, Alder & Price for their generous gesture tonight, perhaps the whole City has reason to be very glad that the Brunswick Square company is around.

They're very much a local company, with roots well and truly in the area. Tim Heal, for example, is proud to be a local lad — many people will remember his father, who was Vicar of Painswick for many years — and the local theme is apparent in everything the firm does.

Tim, plus his colleagues, Ralph Collison, Andrew Taylor and Mark Dix are very welcome, tonight, as are all their visitors, who include immigrants from, would you believe, both Bath and Bristol. Seems highly appropriate.

Thanks again chaps. We hope you go from strength to strength.

The Gubbins Have Arrived!

Those of you who have been craving for the dulcet tones of the illustrious Graham Spring, will be glad to hear that the essential components have now arrived (last Friday, as ever was), and work on installing our new PA system has now started.

I don't know precisely how long it will take, but the system will certainly not be in operation this weekend.

It will be nice to be able to report Lucky Programme winners again.

By Rail to Lewes

If you're thinking of trekking to Lewes for the John Player, in ten days time, you might like to know that our old friends at British Rail are hoping to run a train, depending on the demand. They must have about 200 souls to make the trip viable.

At £9.00 a head it sounds a good deal. The train leaves Gloucester at 8.37, which is reasonable, and gets to Lewes at 11.42, giving plenty of time for nosh and lubrication.

There's also time for refreshment afterwards, with the journey home starting at 6.17, getting back to Gloucester at 9.32.

So perhaps the trip need not be such a trek as many of us had feared. Well worth considering. Especially as the lads are travelling the same way.

Time is Running Out

. . . for booking your place at the Grand Stag Dinner in aid of the Florida Tour Fund. The date is October 28th, the place Pineholt, the main attraction, orations from Bill Beaumont, Mike Burton and Phil Blakeway, none of whom was ever backward in coming forward, and the pun was intended.

All a snip for £17.50. See Jim Jarrett.

Disco on Saturday

While on social matters, the Players are running a Disco in the Complex on Saturday. They've always been great fun, the proceeds also go to the Tour Fund, and it only costs £1.50.

Jeremy Bennett is the 'Chief Ovaltiney' for the event, so have a word with him — or any player, for that matter.

And For Our Next Trick . . .

. . . we take on Newport, on Saturday, Always a good bet for a nail-biting occasion.

On the following Monday, United are at home to old opponents Luctonians. Well worth an hour or so of your time.

Tailpiece

Did you notice that the touring Fijians have one bloke who is 6 foot 4 and 22 stone?
And that's only the coach!

PETER ARNOLD.

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