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WEDNESDAY
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15. T. Smith

Three Quarters

14. J. Breeze

13. P. Taylor (Capt.)

12. R. McLean

11. M. Smith

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. S. Artus

Forwards

1. P. Jones

2. G. Mann

3. R. Phillips

4. N. Scrivens

5. J. Etheridge

6. B. Fowke

7. I. Smith

8. D. Spencer

REPLACEMENTS

D. Pointon

S. Ashmead

SOUTH WALES POLICE

Full Back

15. N. Harris

Three Quarters

14. M. Brinkworth

13. K. Jones

12. A. Hughes

11. C. Barber

Half Backs

10. I. Stevens

9. N. Whitehouse

Forwards

1. M. Pugh

2. S. Davies (Capt.)

3. H. Williams-Jones

4. J. Wakeford

† 5. S. Sutton

6. J. Roach

8. D. Price

† 7. M. Morris

REPLACEMENTS

P. Noble

D. Roberts

Referee: G. DAVIES (Liverpool Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

No More 'til April

Make the most of this evening. According to the fixture list, South Wales Police are the last Welsh Club to take on our First XV until Neath arrive on April 12th.

The fact that we now think about tonight's opposition in much the same terms as our other regular visitors from the Principality is a story in itself. Only a year or two ago, South Wales Police were regarded as a worthy side with a big pack of forwards and very little else, but we can't say that nowadays. They have, in fact, become a genuine Power in the land, with players gaining representative honours right and left. Bleddyn Bowen, for example, is to play for Wales against Fiji, this coming Saturday. Pity really. We'd like to have seen him here tonight.

Oddly enough, our own results against the Police side haven't followed the pattern. Two years ago, when they were just becoming an emerging force, they beat us 13-9, while last season, we gave them something of a problem, beating them 32-10. Funny old game.

Of course, the Police wouldn't consider Gloucester as mere 'fair weather friends', because we've been entertaining them at Kingsholm since long before they started hitting the headlines, and I for one, hope we continue to do so, whatever the notoriously uncertain future of Rugby holds. They've always been welcome visitors, and never more so than tonight. We can do with a hardish struggle, with Bath arriving on Saturday.

That's our problem. As far as tonight's visitors are concerned, we hope they have a great game, and enjoy the hospitality afterwards.

Evening All!

'In Business' are in Business

We've something of a Plethora of 'free sheet' newspapers around Gloucester, but unless you're a local businessman yourself, you may not have seen the one called 'In Business'. If you have, then you share that good fortune with 19,999 other people, based around Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

The newspaper is now some fifteen months old, and is doing a good job of telling the local business community what's going on in our neck of the woods. If you don't see a copy, and would like to, Colin Osborne and his people would be delighted to put you on the mailing list.

And tonight's your opportunity. They're all here, in their capacity as generous Sponsors of this evening's game.

The 'In Business' team are, of course, always happy to sell you advertising space. For that matter, they'll always consider a good story, so if you have reason to want to influence business people around the Three Counties, then the telephone number is Tewkesbury 292047.

Another company in the same stable is Compass Public Relations — same phone number — and they have an even more local interest. They do, in fact, handle PR for Richard Cound, who could hardly be closer to the Ground if he set up shop on the 20-meter line.

We hope the representatives of that company, and everyone else who has come along with 'In Business' tonight, has a thoroughly good evening.

Save a Pint for me Colin!

Draw Time!

I hate to have to mention it, but Christmas Day is just seven weeks from today. If you're like me, you probably find yourself scrabbling around at about 9.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, trying to find a halfway decent prezzy for Great Aunt Jane, but there's one seasonal activity which I always support in very good time. And I recommend you to do the same.

John Beaman announces that his Grand Christmas Draw is now in operation, and that he'd be delighted to sell you a dozen or three tickets.

Of recent years, the Draw has become a veritable Aladdin's Cave of treasures rare and wondrous; culled, at great peril and expense, from the furthest corners of High Street and the Eastgate Market. Already, this year, John has received some 70 or 80 prizes, and has complete confidence that the list, as last year, will top the 100 mark before long (hint, if you're feeling generous).

News about the Grand Draw Night later. For now, start collecting your tickets, in the Clubhouse.

The First Lucky Couple

If last Saturday is a fair guide, our new PA system is certainly an improvement on the old. What's more, it enables us to resume the 'Lucky Programme' draw, generously sponsored by Tyre Sales Limited.

To make up the blank weeks, there will be no less than TWO numbers each home match until the deficiency has been remedied — and we already have our first brace of winners, as drawn at the Rosslyn Park game.

They are: Mr. R. H. McKay of Temple House, Station Road, Churchdown (no. 79), and T. Cooper of 17, Rosebery Avenue (no. 654) — and I think that's the first time I have actually known anyone who has won the crisp fiver!

. . . And the Successful Six

Congratulations to the even half-dozen Gloucester players who have been selected for the 24-strong South and South West squad for the Divisional Championship.

No one here would deny that John Orwin, Richard Mogg, Malcolm Preedy, Richard Pascal, John Brain and Kevin White deserve a crack at what has been announced to be the stepping-stone to an England Cap.

Missing names are often as interesting as those included, as I'm sure John Gadd would agree. Hard luck, John!

Bath on Saturday

You won't need reminding that we have the mighty Bath side here on Saturday. No one has actually decided anything yet, but it would seem likely that you'll need your Social Club card to get a drink afterwards. Just as well to bring it along, just in case.

I'm also told that HTV cameras will be here — a gem of information which is of interest to approximately one-quarter of the residents of the City. But that's another long-standing grouse.

December 14th

. . . is, of course, the day that the Division play the Midlands at Kingsholm.

There won't be any tickets. It's all pay at the gate.

The kick-off is at 2.15, which seems uncivilised, bearing in mind that it presumably means that the Bar will close at 1.45.

I apologise for not reporting the news about the early kick-off in our last programme, but there was a very good reason for the omission. It's called sheer incompetence.

Shop!

As aforementioned, Christmas looms nearer. May I suggest therefore, that you take a wander over to the old Secretary's Office and Patronise the Club Shop? You could find gifts for like-minded recipients, and support the Club at the same time.

And talking of the Shop, and its guardian, Nick Price, we're all very glad to read that the nasty ankle injury is responding to treatment so well.

Take it easy, though, Nick. Don't be tempted to risk anything too soon.

Forthcoming Attractions

Yes — there is life after Bath. One week tonight, our old friends from Cheltenham arrive, and local Derbies are always worth cocking an eye at.

We're away to the in-form Broughton Park on the following Saturday, but you could well take the opportunity, on that day (Nov. 16th), to come and support the United at their tough annual tussle with Newport High School Old Boys.

After that, Exeter University and London Irish follow in rapid succession, so it looks as if Christmas shopping will have to wait until December.

Tailpiece

"Gloucester are no great shakes this season".

So says a prudently anonymous correspondent, in a decidedly 'sour grapes' report on the Rosslyn Park game in last weekend's 'Sunday Telegraph'.

He also goes on to say that the Gloucester backs couldn't run round any "self respecting lamp post".

Forgive me if I'm wrong, but didn't Gloucester win that game by 19 clear points, with four tries all scored by backs?

Chickens do have a way of coming home to roost however. The "no great shakes" remark is followed by "as the South West Divisional selection today will confirm."

Wonder how many we would have had in the Squad if we'd been going well?

PETER ARNOLD.

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