

GLOUCESTER V. CHELTENHAM

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Full Back

15. T. Smith

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan

13. R. McLean

12. M. Smith

11. S. Long

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy

2. K. White

3. R. Pascall

4. N. Scrivens

5. J. Brain

6. R. Fowke

7. M. Longstaff

8. J. Bennett

REPLACEMENTS

S. Artus

S. Ashmead

CHELTENHAM

Full Back

15. S. Trevithick

Three Quarters

14. B. Stringer

13. C. White

12. A. White

11. I. Lovatt

Half Backs

10. P. Keegan

9. W. Davies

Forwards

1. A. Torkoniak

2. M. Pope

3. D. Billingham

4. N. Smart (Capt.)

5. A. Parker

6. P. Holmyard

7. M. Steele

8. M. Doulton

REPLACEMENTS

J. Little

D. Eyre

Referee: A. REAY (Bristol Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

Prince of Wales Own

Having beaten Rosslyn Park, South Wales Police and Bath in rapid succession, we could say that we're just about ready to take on tonight's visitors. After all, Cheltenham did register a win over the mighty Bath last season, and whoever was playing on the night, that's the way it will appear in the record books.

Perhaps it was prudent of Bath to lose at Cheltenham. With all the publicity lavished on our favourite Royal couple, these days, a win at the Prince of Wales Stadium could well be a qualification for a visit to the Tower.

In which case, the record suggests that Gloucester is in some danger of supplying candidates for the headsman's axe. Two years ago, we won 21-16 at home, and 28-13 at Cheltenham, while last year the respective scorelines read 22-15 and 25-3.

You can't take anything for granted, however, especially in a season which has, so far, been notable for topsy-turvy results, both locally and nationally.

There is also the thought that local Derbies are always likely to spring a surprise.

Not that any such considerations matter very much. The point about Gloucester v. Cheltenham is precisely that it's an annual occasion between two neighbouring Clubs, both with great Rugby traditions. Rather like a long-standing next-door neighbour dropping around for a noggin at Christmas.

As always, Cheltenham and their supporters are very welcome indeed. Our season would be the poorer without them.

Have a good evening, all you Cheltonians!

Thanks C. & G.

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society are, of course, long-standing Sponsors. Indeed, they provide support for Gloucester v. Cheltenham on a home-and-away basis, which seems entirely appropriate.

I suspect that many people still regard C. & G. as our own 'local' Building Society, in spite of the fact that they are among the national leaders in their profession. In fact, they like it that way, as their involvement in many local community efforts proves.

This year, that sort of thought is more important than ever before. Their agreement to take a long lease on the Ground Floor of the Guildhall is already having far-reaching effects.

Council Staff have now moved out of their Guildhall offices, making way for C. & G.'s renovations. So the whole project is well under weigh, centralising the City Council's offices in the Docks at virtually no cost to the ratepayer, and stimulating development of the enormous resource which our historic Docks represent. And it all happens at a time when the Society is going from strength to strength. It seems impossible that they should now be offering the lowest mortgage rate of any national Society, while at the same time maintaining their Cheltenham Gold Account at a highly competitive level. This apparent paradox is explained by the fact that C. & G. are also the most cost-efficient Society in the business.

So we're in good company tonight. Thanks C. & G.! Hope you have a good evening, and long may our association continue.

Andy's Filling the Gap

We're now approaching that gap in home First XV fixtures, leading up to Christmas. All is not lost, however, because Andy Mitchell is running his usual coach to Leicester on December 7th. The cost will be £3.00.

I know he signed up a fair few people at the Bath match, so if you're thinking of going, better have a word tonight.

Tickets for Patrons' Night

As announced heretofore, this year's Patrons' evening is booked for Thursday, December 12th. David Foyle tells me that the (free) tickets are now available — one per patron — and can be had by a trip to the Caravan within the first half-hour or so after tonight's game.

This is right in the middle of a spell when First XV games are thin on the ground, so it will be a good 'stocking filler' for Patrons. Speaking from experience, it is a great evening out, so why not make sure you get your ticket?

Thanks to M. Burton

No — not Mike, but Martin, who is I'm told, Manager of the Cainscross Co-op. He was the generous character who donated a ball, signed by the 1983 British Lions Touring Party, and which was raffled at the Bath game.

His gesture yielded about £180 to the Florida Tour Fund, which is much appreciated by Jim Jarrett and his Committee, and obviously by all the Players too.

Thanks Martin!

Give the United a Trot!

I don't know what we would have done without the United over the past week or two. Clive Dyke, Mark Smith, airmen Evans and Lazenby — the entire pack against South Wales Police, and I've almost certainly forgotten someone at that. All have performed prodigies in tough circumstances, and contributed greatly to a memorable series of victories.

Starting now, we have the chance to show our appreciation by giving them the support they deserve. If you look at the fixture list, you'll see that there is a run of United home fixtures between now and the New Year.

Newport High School Old Boys on Saturday are followed by Leicester on December 7th, Coventry and Newport on December 21st and 28th, and Wasps on January 4th.

Of course, the First XV do have the return of Exeter University next Wednesday and London Irish on Saturday week. There is also the Division against the Midlands on December 14th, none of which you'll willingly miss, but I would suggest that you would find watching the United very rewarding. Why not give it a go?

Incidentally, don't forget that the South West Division match starts at 2.15, and that there won't be any tickets, so you'd better get here at the crack of dawn.

You Gotta Pick a Ticket or Two

Don't forget that the Grand Christmas Draw is now in full swing, featuring a bigger list of prizes than you could shake a turkey drumstick at.

John Beaman is the chap to see, if you'd like to have the chance to augment your seasonal cheer by the judicious selection of a few draw tickets, if he's according to form, you'll find him in the Clubhouse, after the game.

Wednesday Night is Shopping Night

The (fairly) new Club Shop, sited in the old Secretary's Office underneath the clock is, I am told, doing a roaring trade. Which is no reason at all why it shouldn't do even better.

I'm told that Nick Price will be dispensing his usual brand of charm, as well as goodies, for about half-an-hour after the match, so if you need a scarf or something to keep out the November breezes, drop over after the game and get yourself fitted with one.

Incidentally, isn't it nice to see Nick wandering around without his plaster these days? Faster than expected, I'm led to believe.

Well Done the Airmen

Did you notice that there were no less than five Gloucester players in the Combined Services side which played British Police, a week or two ago? At Cheltenham, appropriately enough.

Naturally, they were all airmen, which could point out a possible problem when the Inter Services Championship comes along. Nevertheless, it must be some sort of a record. I wonder if any Club could ever have claimed so many? Perhaps United Services or Devonport Services might have done as well in the old days, but offhand I can't think of any other likely candidates.

Back to Bath

Can't resist a comment on last Saturday's game.

All things considered, it must have been one of the most satisfying wins for years, and congratulations to everyone concerned — not least the Selectors, who generally get more kicks than ha'pence.

It does occur to me that the approach of Halley's Comet is commonly supposed to herald doom and disaster, a theory to which the Bath club now probably subscribe.

Tailpiece

Last Saturday, November 9th, I received a postcard sent to me from the Costa Brava on October 21st (!). It was from two avid Gloucester supporters who had deserted us for warmer climes, and were therefore missing the disasters which befell us at that time. It reads:

"The sun is shining brightly,
The beer is flowing free.
The only thing to spoil it
Is Gloucester's losing spree.

Is Peter gone to Kingsholm?
We really can't think why,
If Gloucester keep on losing.
Oh Y? Oh Y? Oh Y? (RIP)"

Nice one chaps. But look what's happened since you came back! You obviously shouldn't have gone in the first place.

PETER ARNOLD.