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GLOUCESTER

v.

MOSELEY

WEDNESDAY

1st JANUARY, 1986

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14. D. Morgan

13. R. McLean

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11. J. Breeze

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy

2. K. White

3. R. Pascall

† 4. J. Orwin (Capt.)

5. J. Brain

6. J. Gadd

7. M. Longstaff

8. J. Bennett

REPLACEMENTS

S. Artus

G. Mann

MOSELEY

Full Back

15. I. Metcalfe (Capt.)

Three Quarters

14. J. Goodwin

13. I. McMillan

12. C. Smith

11. D. Payne

Half Backs

10. T. Exeter

9. S. Robson

Forwards

1. V. Ubogu

2. G. Cox

3. G. Smith

4. C. Burgess

5. A. Ricardo

† 6. N. Jevons

7. S. Masters

8. P. Shillingford

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: J. G. MORGAN (Welsh Referee's Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

The better the day . . .

. . . the better the deed, they say, and it's difficult to think of a more auspicious way for Gloucester to open the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-six. Gloucester, Moseley, Bath, Leicester, Wasps, and I suppose Rosslyn Park; these are the clubs which can claim to be England's 'Big Six' just at the moment. Bath has already bitten the dust, here. Rosslyn Park lost their unbeaten record, Leicester were beaten on their own patch. That leaves Moseley and Wasps, who arrive later in the month, so today's game has considerably more status than just a seasonal run-out.

But then, there always seems to have been something on matches between Gloucester and Moseley — remember the only tied John Player Final in the Competition so far? The last time the Birmingham club were here over the New Year, they lost 10-6, whereas at The Reddings, this time last year, Gloucester came home on the wrong end of a 16-7 result.

It's always been like that. Whatever the relative records of the two sides, there has always been the likelihood of an upset, I shouldn't think that anyone will be surprised by the result today, though. The two records are about the same, the two sides look, on paper at least to be evenly balanced, and it's difficult to resist the hackneyed phrase 'anybody's game'. Which is as it should be.

We're all glad that it's our turn to entertain Moseley this year. No team is more welcome, no match more eagerly anticipated. If you can think of a better way to dispel the New Year's Eve fug, then I can't.

Nice to see you again, lads. Happy New Year, and best of luck for the second half of the season.

Thanks to Hartland Motors

Is 1986 the year you've promised yourself a new car? If so then you could do a lot worse than consider availing yourself of the services of today's generous sponsors.

Hartland Motors' very spacious premises are located in Mercia Road, as they put it themselves, 'only a Tim Smith kick away from Kingsholm' — to which one might add, in the words of the song, 'if it wasn't for the 'ahses in between.'

The Company, which employs around 40 people — has been selling the complete Renault range since 1972, and it's worth a wander down Mercia Road to see just how comprehensive that range is, from the convenient SuperFive to the quite exceptionally luxurious 25. Not that Hartland's repertoire ends there: they have now completed an expansion into the commercial vehicle market, which is worth remembering if you're in that sort of trade.

I can also speak from (my wife's) experience when I tell you that their servicing, MOT and parts and accessories system is efficient and friendly.

All our thanks go to Brodie Mackintyre and Roy Allen for their generous support today. We hope that they, with their staff and guests, have a truly memorable start to the New Year.

I also note that both Brodie and Roy have many years of experience with a wide range of motor manufacturers. Good on you, chaps — but we don't want you switching rugby clubs as well, mind!

International tickets

It's going to be a lean year for International tickets. Partly, because Ireland have now achieved as much popularity as Wales, which is gratifying for the Murphies and Coughlins amongst us, but doesn't do much for them as likes the odd day out at Twickenham.

The size of the problem may be judged by the fact that Gloucester RFC have received a cheque for £8,335 by way of refund of applications made. So there are bound to be disappointments.

Terry Tandy tells me that the aim is to make sure that, as far as possible everyone who has applied will get something or other. This will take a bit of sorting out, but for a start, no one is going to get tickets for both Internationals, which seems fair enough.

It's a difficult situation, so don't breathe fire and fury over the Committee. They're doing their best.

Tummy rumbling?

If you're anything like me, the appropriate seeing-in of the New Year is likely to have the effect of inducing complete indifference to food on the morning after. So, by about now, your tummy is probably transmitting 'Mayday' signals.

However, never fear, Pat Morgan's here, ready, willing and extremely able to dispense a range of culinary delights in a range that must have the appropriate item for your taste within it somewhere. Even if you don't fancy a succulent bacon and mushroom bap, perhaps a spot of Spaghetti. Bolognese would fill the bill. Or a tasty curry could cut through the clag.

PM Caterers — Pat Morgan to you — is operating from the vestibule at the Stand end of the Clubhouse. She's serving from an hour before the game right through play, and until no one else wants anything. Which means that you could get something hot to eat from the Club Lounge.

It's an interesting concept, actually. Pat's idea is to specialise in catering for sports clubs, and indeed, has been doing so for Gloucester City Cricket Club and Old Richians RFC for quite a while now. If you're involved with any such organisation, and could do with a specialist catering service, it might be worth while to have a word.

John Player Cup

Stand tickets for the John Player match against Bristol on January 25th, will be available from Terry Tandy today — but only for Stand season ticket holders. Everyone else can pitch in from the day of the Leicester match, which is January 11th.

Of course, that doesn't stop anyone from applying for tickets before then. You can do that by writing to Terry Tandy or to David Foyle's secretary at Sandoe Luce Panes in Brunswick Road; David himself is taking a well-earned sojourn elsewhere for three weeks.

Prices are the same as usual — £2.00 for Wing Stand, £2.50 for Centre.

Where have you left your car?

Just a word to the wise. The Police have been in touch, telling us that they have had complaints about some Kingsholm supporters being a bit inconsiderate in the matter of parking their cars.

I can see the point. There's nothing more annoying than not being able to get your car out because someone has left his passion wagon across your gateway. I know parking in the adjacent streets can be a problem, but we do have a large car park of our own, which is rarely packed to capacity.

At the moment, everything's very friendly. It's in everyone's interest to see that it stays that way.

Starting the year with a bang

I doubt if anyone has a more daunting start to 1986 than Gloucester RFC. Moseley today, London Scottish, away, on Saturday, Leicester the week after, Wasps on the 18th, and then Bristol twice in a week. Even on the day when the Firsts are away. United have to contend with the Wasps second string.

So it might be just as well to inform wives, girl friends or whatever that you're not going to be around much on Saturdays, at least until February, because I'm sure you won't want to miss a minute of it.

Tailpiece

My New Year's Resolution, I won't say anything rude about referees (in writing), about Selectors (except Divisional and England ones), or the Press (unless they're rude about us first).

Be that as it may, please accept my best of wishes for a colourful and opulent New Year, and I hope you'll pardon me for sending one special set of good wishes to Nan and Bill Iddles.

Nan and Bill have been good friends and supporters of Gloucester since most of us were in rompers. A week or two ago, they celebrated their Golden Wedding. We still see Bill, of course, but Nan doesn't get along much, these days, and a little bird tells me that she'd love to know that she's remembered.

Best of luck both! And everyone!

PETER ARNOLD.