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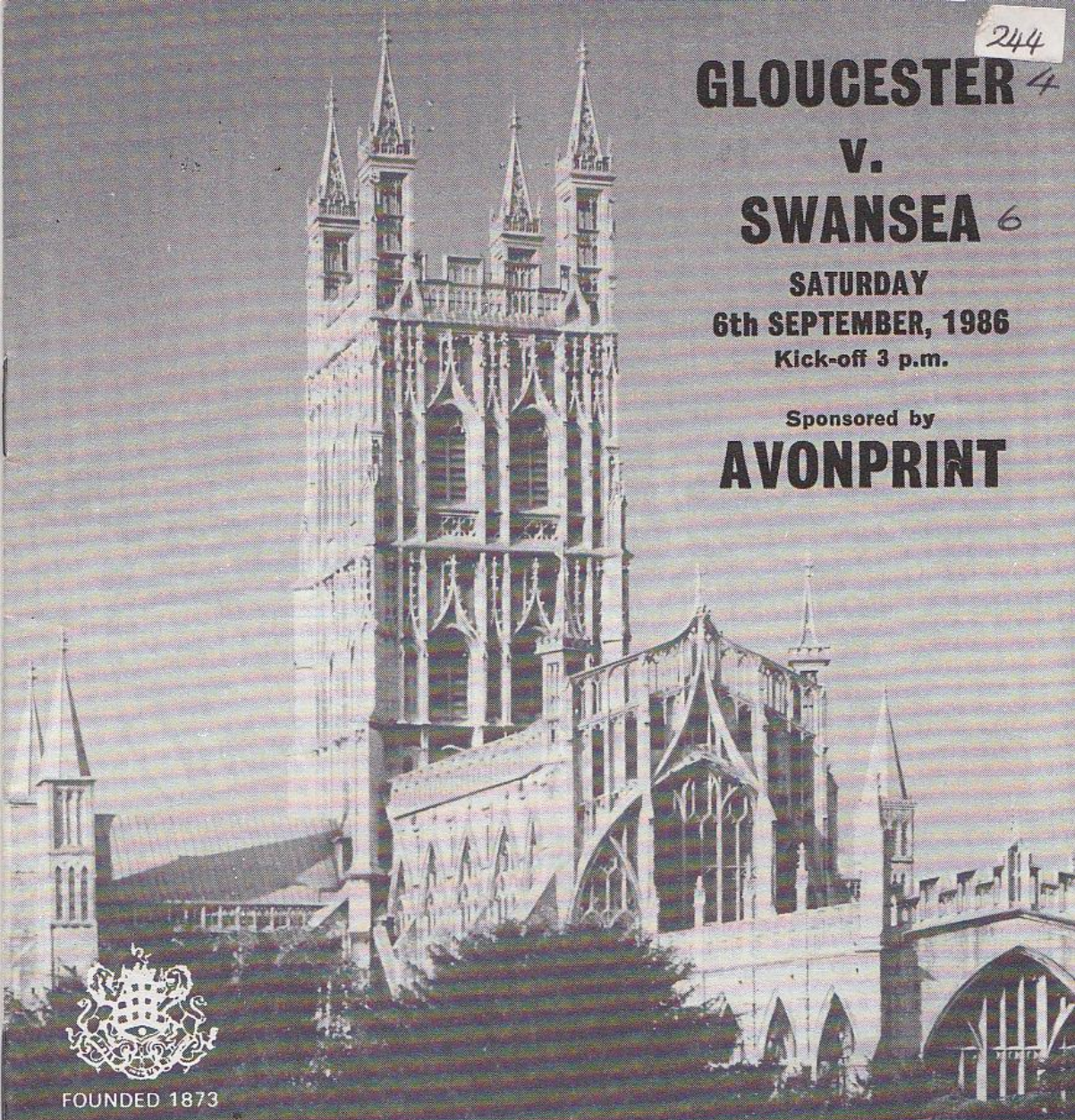
GLOUCESTER 4

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SWANSEA 6

SATURDAY
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Full Back
15. S. Lazenby

Three Quarters
14. D. Morgan
13. P. Taylor
12. R. MacLean
11. J. Breeze

Half Backs
10. D. Pointon
9. M. Hannaford

Forwards
† 1. M. Preedy (Capt.)
2. K. White
3. R. Pascall
4. N. Scrivens
5. J. Brain
6. J. Gadd
7. M. Longstaff
† 8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS
G. Mann
J. Davis

SWANSEA (All White)

Full Back
† 15. M. Wyatt

Three Quarters
† 14. M. Titley
13. B. Taylor
12. I. Jeffreys
11. A. Emyr

Half Backs
† 10. M. Dacey
† 9. R. Jones

Forwards
1. S. Foster
2. ~~H. Gilson~~ P. Hughes
3. K. Colclough
4. J. Williams
† 5. R. Moriarty (Capt.)
6. P. Morris
† 7. P. Moriarty
8. T. Cheeseman

REPLACEMENTS
M. Clements
P. Hughes

Referee: D. MATTHEWS (Liverpool Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

There's Nothing Like Starting at the Top!

One thing about beginning the Kingsholm season with Swansea — we're hardly likely to be lulled into any sense of false security. Indeed, we can say that, over the past few meetings between our two great clubs, there have been a lot of points scored: to mention the fact that most of them have been scored by Swansea would seem too close to sour grapes for comfort. So I won't.

Looked at one way, we could hardly have better opponents at this stage of the season. Certainly, the lads are going to have to get into their stride pretty early this year: with our first John Smith's Merit Table match — away to Coventry, who did the 'double' over us last year — only a few days away, closely followed by an invasion by the Irish hordes in the formidable shape of Munster a bare ten days after that, a work-out against top opposition isn't just desirable — it's vital.

However, even if this were the last home game of the season, rather than the first, Swansea would be just as welcome. Gloucester has always had a love-hate relationship with its strong Welsh fixture list, and in the case of the 'Whites' hate comes pretty low in the equation. Their rugby isn't just good — it's attractive too. All the traditional skills are always there, and someone is always likely to produce a slice of sheer Celtic magic at almost any time. They're pretty good in the bar, too.

So a hearty Kingsholm welcome to Swansea, we wouldn't want to start our home season with anyone else.

It's Good to be Home

Having, like good hosts, started with a sincere welcome to our guests, it's now time to perform the same service for everyone else. Whether you're an occasional aficionado, a dyed-in-the-wool 'Glawster' hand whose feet automatically migrate Kingsholmwards as soon as the kids go back to school, or someone who has had the good fortune to arrive here recently from furrin parts, everyone hopes you have a thoroughly good and enjoyable season.

A few familiar faces will be missing, of course. Our thanks, for example, go to John Orwin and Russ Ellis for services rendered in the past — as they do to any other ex-Cherry-and-White who has moved on during the close season. We also bid 'best of luck' to the abundant crop of 'new boys' who have arrived on the sacred turf this time round.

And, of course, we wish all the very best in the world to Malcolm Preeedy, whose first home game as Captain this is. It's never easy to begin with, and it's quite a proposition to be asked to take over from such a splendid warhorse as John Orwin.

Best of luck, Malc. We're rooting for you!

Avonprint First Off The Mark

If we have old friends on the pitch, we also have old friends opening our sponsorship season. Avonprint Limited of Bridge Road, Cirencester have been generous enough to sponsor us before, and we sincerely hope will continue to do so.

Anyone who knows anything about the print world locally knows about Avonprint — certainly one of the area's success stories, in a particularly volatile industry. Starting in 1970 with two people, one machine and an annual turnover of £50,000, they now employ 90 people in two companies and have a Group turnover nudging £4 million — which isn't bad in one of the most difficult sixteen years that the economy has ever had to cope with.

Avonprint itself is now highly sophisticated in terms of technology. So is their sister company, Adsetters of Swindon which is now six years old. Adsetters is a modern type-setting operation which services customers within a hundred-mile radius of Swindon on a daily basis.

The Group has some useful customers too. Anyone who does work for Allied Dunbar, Bang & Olufsen, TSB, Fuji, Mitsubishi, Radio Rentals and Imperial Trident must be getting most things right.

My old oppo, Gordon Clifford, Avonprint Managing Director, would be here even if he wasn't putting some hard earned lolly into the game. He's been a supporter of the 'Elver Eaters' for years, and has every intention of remaining so. So if you need some high-quality print work doing, he'd be pleased to hear from you — telephone number 0285 67811.

After you've finished dissecting last week's performance at Kingsholm, you might even get down to talking about print!

Business as Usual

A couple of seasonal reminders would seem to be in order. For example, Members (and others who like a quiet refresher either side of the action) shouldn't forget that they need a Social Club Membership Card if they intend using the Clubhouse for that worthy purpose. Quite apart from the Law requiring it, there is also the consideration that you might find yourself excluded when things get crowded. And that could become significant quite early this season — like when Munster arrives.

While on Social Club matters, I haven't spoken to Bryan Howells lately, but if I had, I'm sure he'd have reminded me to remind you about the 300 Club. For new habitués and sons of habitués, as they say at the Players Theatre, this admirable institution is one that offers you the chance of winning financial disbursements up to the value of £300 for the modest investment of £6.50 for the season. Can't be bad.

Similarly, Patrons will forgive me for reminding them that there are only three First XV home games between now and September 30th, which is the date after which Patrons Cards will cease to be legal tender unless properly receipted. Why not get necessary cheque-book surgery completed right away and have done with it?

And just one more thought — why queue at turnstiles when you can save money and time by acquiring a Season Ticket? I mention the fact in the full knowledge that fees have not gone up this year.

Mirabile dictu!

Season of Mists . . .

. . . and mellow fruitfulness, the Poet says. More to the point, September is the season when we get a chance to judge just how fruitful Gloucester RFC is likely to be in the ensuing campaign. There's a bigger variety of opportunities to do so this season than usual, if you feel that way inclined.

Stroud, for example, usually prove more of a handful than their status would suggest, and we visit them next Wednesday. Let's face it, Stroud are no further away than Kingsholm for many of us, and a little early-season support wouldn't be amiss.

Coventry, away next Saturday, are a different kettle of caviar. After last season's anomaly, they are in their rightful spot in the top ranks of the John Smith's Merit Table, and will want to repeat last year's two successes by doing a nasty to the reigning Champions. Coundon Road will certainly be the place to be one week today.

Add to that the attractive trip to Pontypridd, and visits from Munster and Bristol, and we have an intriguing first month to the season.

And don't forget Dave Pointon's United side. Visits from Coventry and Pontypool this month make them an attractive proposition too. Did you know, by the way, that United are now attracting match sponsors in their own right? Good thing too.

International Tickets

My usual briefing from Terry Tandy has been disrupted more than somewhat by the fact that my telephone has been out of order for three days now, but he did tell me that applications for International Tickets have to be in early in October. While, for reasons aforesaid, I can't give you an actual date, that means that yesterday would not have been too soon for you to get your request in — complete with remittance, of course.

Obviously, David Foyle expects to be over subscribed, and is regrettably constrained to only allowing one ticket per applicant per match. It would also help if happy little gangs of voyagers would apply on one form, quoting the membership numbers applicable. That way, your party has a fighting chance of sitting together.

But better not hang about.

Tailpiece

In a close season which has seen a bunch of revolting colonials regarding Gloucester RFC as a warm-up for Pontypridd, and our old friend Peter West giving up the telly, surely the most regrettable occurrence was the sight of Norman Partridge parading around in public wearing a Gloucester City AFC tie. Case for a court martial, I would have thought.

Have a good season, everyone

PETER ARNOLD.

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