



STROUD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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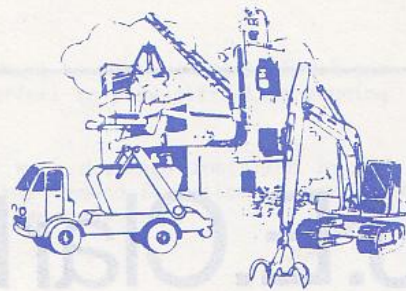
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A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

WELCOME.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to Fromehall Park this evening at the start of the 1986-87 season.

Firstly a warm welcome to our close friends and neighbours Gloucester - National Merit Table Champions last season. What a test it will be for our lads! Surprises do happen. You have only to go back four seasons to when Gloucester were John Player Cup holders to note that we won by 21 points to 16 at Stroud. Whatever the result I am sure it will be a hard and enjoyable game for both players and spectators.

A very special welcome also to my opposite number Peter Ford and his committee and to my very good friend Terry Tandy, the Gloucester Secretary. I will always remember my first visit to Kingsholm as Chairman of our Club. A few days before the game I had said to Russ Hillier the previous season's Chairman, "As this is my first attendance at a game as Chairman, what do I have to do?" He replied, "John, you just go to Kingsholm, swagger in, shake hands with Peter Ford and Terry Tandy then drink all the beer they offer you!" The big day came. I went over to Kingsholm, swaggered in, and six hours later staggered out. HAPPY DAYS! It will be my turn to buy Peter and Terry a drink tonight.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS.

Our grateful thanks to Richard Cound (BMW) Ltd who have generously sponsored our games with Gloucester since we started sponsorship three years ago. We thank them again for supporting us this evening.

I have always had a burning ambition to own a BMW car, but with farming profits declining rapidly and two poor summers in succession which ruined my hay and straw I will just have to ride my bike for another year. (There will no doubt be some comments about that in the bar after the game. - Ed).,

Thanks also to my good friend and our Club President Godfrey Cullimore for sponsoring the match ball. It took a lot of persuading because he has had two poor summers as well. He is more fortunate than I am, he tells me because he can spend all his old age pension on rugby. Now he probably won't buy me a drink tonight, but then he very seldom does anyway! Thanks, Mr. President.

OUR SUPPORTERS.

Welcome to all our supporters. We hope to see you regularly at our games this season. We will make every effort to play attractive running rugby whenever possible.

With our ground in good shape after more drainage installed in the closed season and a lot of hard work by our Ground Committee, I have no doubt it will be an evening and a season to be remembered.

Thank you.

John Silverthorne

Chairman - Stroud RFC

STROUD
Blue & White

- 15 Nigel WHITE
- 14 Paul MEAD
- 13 Joe FRITCHLEY
- 12 Paul WILLIAMS (Capt)
- 11 Mark TUNSTALL
- 10 David STRAIN
- 9 Trevor DAVIS
- 1 Robert JOHN
- 2 Paul NEWMAN
- 3 Dennis McGILL
- 4 Mark GLANVILLE
- 5 Vernon WHITE
- 6 Pete NORWOOD
- 8 Andy WYNTER
- 7 Dave MORRISSEY

Replacements:

- Dave HIATT
- Tim WEBB

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Wednesday September 10th, 1986. Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

The visit of our friends and neighbours Gloucester to Fromehall Park is always a highlight of the season. We extend a warm welcome to their players, Committee and supporters, and are especially pleased to see two former Stroud players in the team, 'Tally' Taylor and Jim Breeze. Despite their narrow 6-4 defeat by Swansea on Saturday, they will present a formidable test for us this evening.

Stroud name an unchanged side after Saturday's 14-4 victory over Edwardians. The team includes Nigel White who made a promising debut in that match at full-back.

The Club would like to thank the Chalford Silver Band who will be playing before the match.

Stroud members are reminded of the V.P.s, Patrons and Sponsors Social evening which will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday September 26th, 8.00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a friend (or two) and any new members will be particularly welcome.

Membership subscriptions may be renewed with the Membership Secretary before or immediately after this evening's game, in the Clubroom. Applications for International tickets should be made on the form accompanying the Gothamite and must be received by September 26th.

NEXT HOME MATCH: SATURDAY September 13th
STROUD NOMADS v CLIFTON WANDERERS.
K.O. 3.00 p.m.

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- 15 Tim SMITH
- 14 Derek MORGAN
- 13 Mark SMITH
- 12 Paul TAYLOR
- 11 Jim BREEZE
- 10 Dave POINTON
- 9 Richard WILLIAMS
- 1 Malcolm PREEDY (Capt)
- 2 Glyn MANN
- 3 Richard PASCALL
- 4 Nigel SCRIVENS
- 5 John ETHERIDGE
- 6 Bob FOWKE
- 8 Larry CUMMINGS
- 7 Ian SMITH

Replacements:

- Kevin DUNN
- Julian DAVIS

REFEREE: Mr. M. PETERS
(Somerset Society)

FROM TERRY TANDY, HON. SECRETARY, GLOUCESTER R.F.C.

The 1986/87 season has now opened and all players and members of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club look forward to their visit to Fromehall Park, the home of Stroud rugby. I am sure that as usual a very warm welcome will await us both on and off the field.

In past seasons the Stroud team has justifiably pulled off some exciting victories against first class opposition, much to the surprise of the rugby pundits outside the county of Gloucestershire. Within the County, the leading clubs Bristol and Gloucester have great respect for the strength and ability of our so called 'junior' clubs, this point being well demonstrated by the success of Gloucestershire County team last season.

May I on behalf of all at Kingsholm wish the Stroud Rugby Football Club every success for the 1986/87 season (tonight's game excluded, of course). We hope to see you at Kingsholm later in the season as participants in the Flowers County Cup Final and then perhaps as visitors for a John Player match next season.

Mr. President, please note - I look forward to visiting you again on the occasion of your Annual Dinner in May 1987.

Terry R. Tandy.

Hon. Secretary, Gloucester R.F.C.