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GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back
15. N. Marment

Three Quarters
14. J. Breeze
13. R. Mogg
12. R. MacLean
11. N. Price

Half Backs
10. J. Roberts
9. R. Williams

Forwards
† 1. M. Preedy (Capt.)
2. K. Dunn
3. R. Pascall
4. N. Scrivens
5. J. Etheridge
6. B. Fowke
7. A. Stanley
† 8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

(Cambridge Blue/Black/White)

Full Back
15. M. Hembury

Three Quarters
14. A. Bird
13. N. Ward
12. A. Holland
11. A. Francis

Half Backs
10. M. Goldsworthy
† 9. G. Williams

Forwards
1. S. Hodnutt
2. M. Shugar
3. P. Prickett (Capt.)
4. P. Dando
5. L. James
6. H. Thomas
7. P. Marley
8. O. Williams

REPLACEMENTS

S. Gough
N. Richards

Referee: L. PRIDEAUX (Cornwall Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

Return of the Wanderers

I've got a feeling that I have referred to Glamorgan Wanderers as an underrated side on previous occasions. They do tend to be overshadowed by Cardiff, and one or two other sides in the approximate vicinity, but it isn't wise to take them lightly, for all that — as we found out last season when losing in an away fixture by 13 points to 6.

Indeed, in some ways, Wanderers are a bad team to play. You'll get no credit whatever for stuffing them, but will find it fatally easy to come unstuck, in which case there will be a lifted eyebrow or two.

Two seasons ago, the last visit they made to Kingsholm, saw them going away reflecting on a 33-3 defeat, but if memory serves they were more than a little depleted that evening. This season I notice that they gave Cardiff something of a fright to start the season; an occurrence which should perhaps have warned the Welsh Champions that they were likely to get their Bristols in a twist when they crossed the Severn Bridge a week or so ago.

I also notice that our old oppos from Lydney lost to tonight's visitors very comfortably last Saturday, and we all know how gritty the Severnsiders can be when up against it.

Gloucester are still in the settling down process. Glamorgan Wanderers would seem to have completed theirs — which seems to augur a fair old contest tonight. Let's face it, it usually is.

Anyway, for many reasons, Wanderers are heartily welcome, not least because they are the first Welsh expeditionary force to invade Kingsholm this season. Have a great trip lads. I seem to remember that the bar takings were excellent last time you came, and I don't suppose that aspect has changed much in the interim.

Beaven and Sons — Even Older than the Elver Eaters!

We have some good old established companies sponsoring games at Kingsholm, but Beaven & Sons Ltd. must top the lot. I certainly don't recall any generous sponsors who were founded as long ago as 1841, and therefore antedate Gloucester RFC by a good 30 years.

Of course, some of the things this greatly diversified company engage in now would not have been around in 1841. I don't suppose, for example that there was much call for Diesel generation plant or electrical control systems in those days. On the other hand, good plumbing services would have been in demand, as would metal spraying and protective finishing and coating.

So long is the list of services supplied by the Westgate Street Company that I can't go into detail here, but there are a couple of projects worth mentioning. The most recent one is the restoration and mounting of the 'Atlas' Bell in the Gloucester Docks, in collaboration with the Civic Trust and the Rotary Club of Gloucester.

Going back a decade or so, Beaven supplied power generation plant to light the Swansea game during the infamous Three Day Week.

And that's symptomatic. Our generous sponsors have had connections with the Club for many years and have supplied some more than useful players, including the fondly remembered John Beaven. The Company's late Chairman, Sydney Skelton was a Patron of many years standing, and a great friend of the late, great Tom V Joyce.

The current Managing Director, Ron Mogg, sends everyone his regards and wishes the Club every success for the season. Thanks, Ron! We reciprocate and hope, with confidence that Beaven and Sons will still be flourishing in another 150 years or so.

Got Your Season Ticket Yet?

A marvellous thing is progress. No longer do you have to wait until you get into the Ground before you buy a season ticket (and therefore have to have money refunded for the current match). Now, you'll find all shapes, colours and prices of season ticket available in the Clubhouse. Which seems very sensible to me.

David Foyle is on duty before every game, and for a limited period afterwards, for the express purpose of saving regular supporters money by supplying said tickets. And let's face it — you don't have to be that regular. A mere dozen or so matches see you in pocket over paying at the gate every time, and the magic passport also saves everyone hassle when getting through the turnstiles.

Go on — treat yourself.

Social Club

Of course, to get to David Foyle, you have to get past John Beaman first. He'll remind you that, legally, you have to have a Social Club Membership Card to use the Clubhouse. Even if you aren't a Patron or an OAP, it will still only cost you 50p — and you can save that in the first half hour if you compare bar prices with normal pub charges.

Indeed, the matter does become a little urgent, I suspect that the size of the crowd at next Monday's Munster match will dictate that only ticket holders will be admitted to the Clubhouse, so if you haven't acquired your card yet, it might be as well to do so tonight.

International Tickets

Terry Tandy tells me that applications for International tickets are needed by September 30th. Seems a bit of a rush, but even that allows the Club just a bare week to get everything sorted out in time for the RFU's deadline.

So many seats are accounted for by way of debenture, these days, that allocations for clubs are feeling the squeeze. This means one ticket per Member per match (with no guarantees, even then). If you're travelling with a gang, then by all means apply for the appropriate number on one form — just so long as you quote everyone's membership number.

Oh! — and don't forget to enclose your remittance, will you?

Time's Running Out...

Just a word to Patrons. There are only two home First XV matches between now and the end of September. This means only two such matches before your Patrons Card becomes invalid without the vital receipt.

Why not pay up and look happy? I'd hate you to have to pay to see John Orwin's Bedford on October 4th.

Now United are Sponsored Too

For the first time, United matches are available for Sponsorship this season, And finding some takers, too. Fundamentally, the cost is £100, which entitles any sponsor to 50 free tickets.

This seems a good way for smaller organisations who don't want to go the whole hog to get into the act. If you're interested, see Peter Gould.

Munster on Monday

Next Monday sees a highly interesting — even unique — occasion. We have a visit from Irish Provincial side, Munster. I suppose that the only comparable fixture in recent years was the visit of Auckland a season or two ago — but at this time of year, fog shouldn't be a problem, unless it's induced by clouds of Guinness, of course. Definitely not to be missed.

There are good occasions either side, too. We're away to Pontypridd on Saturday, which is always one of the most hospitable visits we pay, and highly recommended. On the Saturday after, of course attendance is virtually compulsory. It's Bristol at Kingsholm in the Merit Table.

But the match on Tuesday bears comparison with any of them, Gloucester Colts v. Cardiff is one which any true connoisseur will savour. Why not give our highly promising lads your support?

300 Club

One last thing. Not only will Bryan Howells accept your sub. to the highly lucrative 300 Club, but the system has now been extended so that any member of the Social Club Committee will perform that service for you, and thereby provide you with a chance of winning healthy supplies of akkers. Easy, isn't it?

Tailpiece

Heard in the Players bar at last Saturday's United game:

Coventry supporter: "Why do you have Honours Boards mounted on the ceiling?"

United supporter; Well, we like to have something to read when we fall over!"

PETER ARNOLD.

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