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### GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. N. Marment

Three Quarters

14. J. Breeze

13. P. Taylor

12. R. MacLean

11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

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

L. Gardner

K. White

### MUNSTER

Full Back

15. T. Lenehan (Bohemians)

Three Quarters

14. G. O'Kelly (Dolphin)

13. M. Finn (Constitution & Ireland)

12. F. Brosnahan (Young Munster)

11. J. Crotty (Dolphin)

Half Backs

10. R. Keyes (Constitution & Ireland)

9. M. Bradley (Const'ion & Ireland)

Forwards

1. J. Fitzgerald (Young Munster)

2. T. Kingston (Dolphin)

3. P. McCarthy (Dolphin)

4. D. Lenihan (Con & Ireland) (Capt)

5. R. Costello (Old Crescent)

6. N. O'Donovan (Shannon)

7. P. O'Hara (Sundays Well)

8. B. Spillane (Bohemians & Ireland)

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: G. SIMMONDS (Welsh Referees Society)

† International

**Good luck to one special team from another!**



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **One For The Record Books**

We've seen most sorts of rugby team at Kingsholm. International sides, Divisional, County, Tourists — even the New Zealand Champions, Auckland. (Although, to be strictly accurate, we didn't actually see Auckland, on account of a highly uncooperative fog). However, to my knowledge, we've never had the pleasure of a visit from an Irish Provincial team.

Having said that, some supporter who has been attending Kingsholm since the Battle of Agincourt will probably tell me I'm wrong, but even so, it wouldn't make the lads from across the water any less welcome.

The last time I remember a significant Irish involvement at Kingsholm was when Willie John McBride played his one and only game here in skippering an International XV in the County Centenary match. Would you believe that's eight years ago?

Of course, London Irish are old friends, and various individual Irish players have shown up, from time-to-time, in County fixtures, but nothing to compare with the galaxy available to Munster tonight — a veritable directory of International players, past, present and aspiring.

Anyone who has attended the Ireland v. England game at Lansdowne Road tells me that the welcome they receive 'over there' has to be experienced to be believed. So it's up to us to make sure that our hospitality doesn't suffer by comparison. Personally, I have no doubts on that score.

Welcome to Kingsholm, Munster — one of the few English grounds that's as green as the Emerald Isle itself.

### **Come Back Tomorrow**

It's hardly worth going home, really. You may as well doss down under the scoreboard and hang around for tomorrow evening's Colts match, certainly as important in their calendar as the Munster game is to the rest of us.

The Opposition is Cardiff Colts, a proposition likely to test our young players, and then some. Reg Collins tells me he has an impressive squad this season, and as always, points out that the Senior side playing this evening contains a nucleus of past Gloucester Colts, and that this is a trend which has served Gloucester well in the past, and is going to do even better in the future.

Apart from anything else, the Colts play damned good rugby. So why not come along and give them valuable support? After all, playing in front of a sizeable crowd is part of their training.

### **Thanks to Westbury**

If I had been asked to guess which of our regular and generous Sponsors would jump at the chance of lending their valuable support to the Munster game, Westbury Homes would have been high on the list. And I wouldn't have been wrong, would I?

I suppose it's natural that we think of Westbury as our own 'local' housing company, but that does them an injustice. They have now been established in the Top Ten of developers for some years, now, and you'll see their distinctive design all over the country.

A lot has happened to the Cheltenham-based company since they sponsored the Rosslyn Park game last season. They 'went Public' last March, and in the interests of further expansion, and hence more income to Gloucestershire, they have very recently completed the acquisition of a substantial Northamptonshire company. So the last thing Westbury do is stand still.

Locally, the plans for developing the old Gloucester City ground at Horton Road are well advanced, and anyone who thinks that was a purely money-making exercise, should take a walk down to Hempsted and take a gander at the new Gloucester City AFC stadium. It's a lovely job, and must surely be one of the most attractive soccer grounds for many miles around.

Indeed, Westbury are usually associated with soccer in most people's minds, but that does them an injustice too. They've been sponsoring games here, and the support which they give to the great Mike Tredgett in his Badminton endeavours is praiseworthy to say the least.

Indeed, Alan Cooper is quick to point out that his company occasionally supplies more than useful talent to Gloucester RFC. Bob Clewes is a name which immediately springs to mind, and on the current scene, John Etheridge is rapidly making quite an impact.

So our grateful thanks are due to Westbury Homes yet again — and we wish them enormous success in the future.



### **Eight Days To Go**

September 30th arrives a week tomorrow. And that's when Patrons Cards have to be duly receipted if they are to remain valid. Not long now, and I would hate any worthy Patron to be put to the embarrassment of being asked to pay to get in. Most have, of course, paid up, but anyone who has forgotten will, I hope, forgive me for reminding him.

That same date is also the closing date for receipt of applications for International tickets. I know it seems to get earlier every year, but that's not our fault, and even then, Terry Tandy and David Foyle are going to have to put on a fair old turn of speed to get the Club's application in by the RFU's deadline. So, the course of action is obvious if you want to have a fighting chance.

### **Bristol on Saturday**

All right — so we came unstuck against Coventry, largely due to an exceedingly ill-timed injury to Marcus Hannaford. The answer is that we have to win against Bristol on Saturday if we're going to hang on to our Merit Table Championship.

You won't want to miss that, will you? And vocal support could make a difference.

On the following Wednesday, United take on Glamorgan Wanderers, and the evidence of the United v Coventry game is that our second string are going to be worth watching, and then some, this season. Just to complete an interesting week, Bedford arrive on Saturday October 4th. It would be nice to see John Orwin again, wouldn't it?

### **Running the Gauntlet**

Getting into the Clubhouse, these days, is a positive obstacle course, the chicanes being a line of people willing — for the best of reasons — to separate you from your money.

The first smiling face to confront you will probably have John Beaman close behind it. His job is to remind you that you need a Social Club Membership Card if you want to use the building at all. Indeed, if the gate is big enough, you may not even get that far without one. Could happen on Saturday or even this very evening, for that matter.

Having negotiated John, you'll find David Foyle's persuasive personality advising you of the financial and logistic advantages of holding a Season Ticket, thereby saving money and time taken getting through the turnstiles.

Finally, the entire Social Club Committee is now empowered to enrol you as a member of the 300 Club — not a bad idea if you fancy winning enormous sums of money for a very modest outlay. This innovation absolves Bryan Howells of the necessity of being everywhere at once. Not that it ever seemed to be a problem for him anyway.

I can't imagine that you'll object to any of these obstructions. Every one of them represents an opportunity which is well worth your consideration.

### **Smile Please!**

Sometime around now you may spot a photographer around the ground, using a rather larger camera than our usual friendly neighbourhood pressmen.

If so, he's there to acquire action shots in colour for possible use in the new City Guide.

In fact, the section on 'Sporting Gloucester' will probably start: "Any description of Sporting Gloucester must give pride of place to Rugby Football" — or words to that effect.

How do I know?

Well, someone had to write it, didn't they?

### **Tailpiece**

Talking of Westbury Homes and the new Gloucester City stadium, the only slightly critical comment I have heard came from County RFU President Nick Healey, who would have liked the pitch to be just a little longer so that rugby could be played there.

It would have been nice to stage a County match at Sudmeadow Road, wouldn't it?

PETER ARNOLD.

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