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#### GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. T. Smith

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. P. Jones

4. J. Brain

5. J. Etheridge

6. B. Fowke

7. I. Smith

8. L. Cummins

REPLACEMENTS

M. Hannaford

K. White

#### BEDFORD

(Light Blue - Dark Blue)

Full Back

15. A. Key (Capt.)

Three Quarters

14. K. Canning

13. P. Ellam

12. J. Moses

11. G. Philip

Half Backs

10. R. Thomson

9. I. Peck

Forwards

1. M. Whitcombe

2. M. Howe

3. G. Bygraves

† 4. J. Orwin

5. A. Jaszcyak

6. N. Bennett

7. S. Binnington

8. R. Malir

REPLACEMENTS

16. S. Searle

17. R. Barker

Referee: D. HUDSON (Manchester Society)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

### J.O.'s Revival?

Just about as long as I can remember, the first Saturday in October has been Bedford's day. Of course, in those days, the lads from Goldington Road had at least as much reputation as Leicester has today, and the visit wasn't even overshadowed by the early match against Bristol. These things go in cycles, however, and I don't think Bedford would claim that nowadays.

I note from my 'Rothman' that this is Bedford's Centenary season, on which we congratulate them, but although I'm in favour of giving birthday presents to old friends, I think we stretched our well-known generosity a bit far when we helped them celebrate by presenting them with our Captain. Of course, at the time of writing, I've no way of knowing whether John Orwin will make the trip — although, I suppose that his duties as 'Mine Host' make the cross-country journey a bit difficult for him — but it would be nice to see him in action on Kingsholm again, albeit in unfamiliar colours.

We shouldn't run away with the idea that today's game will be a doddle. Indeed, you only have to go back three years to find the last Bedford win in the series; to the day when they won 14-6 at Bedford. Although it has been one-way traffic since then, there are signs of a revival at the moment, partially, I suspect, due to the presence of 'J.O.' among the coaches, imparting his inimitable skills to a set of (I'm told) young and promising locks. Can you think of a better guy to perform that particular service?

Should be an interesting day. With or without their import from Kingsholm, Bedford are, as always, very welcome, and it is to be hoped that the proposed league structure won't hinder the long series of fixtures between us.

It would be a shame if it did.

### Thanks to RCA

The RCA Services Division is one of those organisations which is a little difficult to describe in a few words. One thing's for sure, though; any company which sponsors a Kingsholm game deserves our sincere gratitude.

A joint venture with Securicor, today's generous sponsors occupy a unit at RAF Quedgeley. Their function was described to me as providing "any soldier, sailor or airman with anything he sleeps on, sits on or eats with — from tables right down to toothbrushes."

A little further enquiry elicited the information that RCA's services extend to our own H.M.S. *Gloucester*, which taken with our strong RAF involvement, gives us a useful indirect association with the Company.

However, I'm told that their welcome presence here today — and last season, come to that — has less to do with Service connections than to the persistence of rabid Gloucester supporter Reg. Clissold. My information is that he gave his powers — that — be such a regular ear-bashing on the subject that it was easier to support the Club than to disappoint Reg.

My informant was at pains to add, however, that it was a decision which no one had the least cause to regret. Their guests and staff had such a good time last season that they had no hesitation in taking up the offer again this year.

That's nice to hear. We all hope that everyone has at least as enjoyable a visit today, and that we shall be able to welcome them again in the future. Thanks again, chaps.

### October Country

I always think of October as the month when the season settles down, and the pattern is set for the rest of the campaign. If that's so, then we have an intriguing few weeks ahead of us, on the evidence of the fixture list, anyway.

Next Wednesday, for example, we're away to Pontypool, and you won't need telling much about that prospect. Next Saturday, we're at home to Harlequins — going well this season, and due for a bit of a going over in recompense for the enormity they perpetrated on us last season.

Wednesday, October 15th is the evening Ebbw Vale arrives, and drinking mates of mine from that part of the world are quite confident that they're going to do for us this year, to which my reaction was predictably obscene.

On the 18th we're away to Newport — never easy — and the month is rounded off by a visit from Plymouth on the following Saturday. United have one or two interesting prospects too. Berry Hill, next Monday, is one to cock an eye at, as are forthcoming visits from Newport and, would you believe, Yugoslavia Sports, who *don't* come from Yugoslavia.

The Colts are away to Bath on the 15th, which will be interesting, remembering what our lads did to Cardiff. They also have a home game against old friends Brixham on the 29th. Before that, however, they also have a rearranged game against Nuneaton on the 22nd. So there's bags to look forward to.

### **Not Too Late For A Season**

We may be a month into the season, but there's still plenty of time to make a healthy profit on a Season Ticket. David Foyle is making things easy for you by providing same in the Clubhouse, before the game, while after the match he'll be officiating, for a short while, from the caravan behind the main stand.

If you intend coming along regularly, then not only will you save money that way, but also save yourself the hassle of paying at the turnstiles every time. Worth thinking about.

### **300 Club**

The end of November seems a long time away, but time has a nasty habit of creeping up on you. I mention the fact because that's the date of the first 300 Club Draw — timed nicely so that the lucky winners can have an even more convivial Christmas than usual.

There are still a few numbers unallocated, but that situation won't last long. If you'd like to have a quiet flutter, then any member of the Social Club Committee will be glad to conduct you through the formalities — like parting with your money.

### **Did You Go Thirsty Last Week?**

If so, it was probably because you didn't have your Social Club Membership Card. That Bristol game was the first of the occasions when pressure of numbers forced admission to be restricted to people who could produce the magic piece of blue cardboard, but it, most assuredly, won't be the last. Anyway, it's a legal requirement that you should be able to demonstrate your membership of the Social Club before you can use the Clubhouse.

John Beaman usually stations himself just inside the door, for the express purpose of dispensing cards — which might even cost you nothing if you have the right sort of season ticket.

As Clint Eastwood would say — 'Go on. Make his day'.

### **Well Done Lydney!**

Pity it had to be Berry Hill who went out of the John Player under the tender ministrations of Lydney. However, congratulations to the Severnsiders on progressing to the next round.

Interesting draw, that. Camborne are certainly the best team in 'Oggyland', just at the moment, and of course, they'll be paying us a visit in November.

Best of luck Lydney!

### **Tailpiece**

Did you notice that the venerable 'Jacko' Page has just been appointed Captain of the North Midlands for the forthcoming County Championship? Or that Saffron Walden, who gave Blackheath something of a fright in the John Player have a scrum half named Mervyn Hughes?

Better get your boots out, 'Digger'. There's hope for you yet!

PETER ARNOLD.

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