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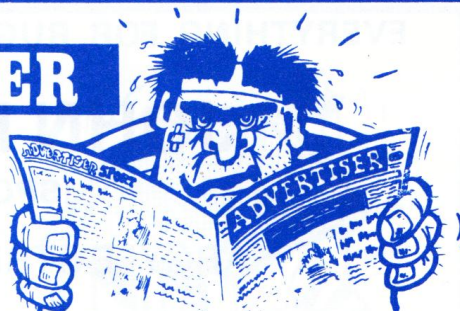
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## BATH v. GLOUCESTER

Gloucester, among the great names of rugby football, are in town tonight. What a club! what a history! what a story to tell of Bath v. Gloucester confrontations down the years.

Remember the name of Voyce? Still they talk of this man—he played for England in the 1920's—who epitomises all that can be said of a Gloucester forward. But we can all speak of a legion of others who have donned the cherry and white shirt, proceeding to haunt their rugby fellows up and down the country with that unique brand of Gloucester play.

They clinched a good win up at the London Irish last weekend to the tune of 6 - 24, and it would seem that this result suggests an interesting encounter tonight.

That being said, a word about the County championship is not out of place in such company as we host this evening. Hard to think of it now, but three seasons back a crowd of over five thousand was attracted to Bath, witnessing a Somerset v. Gloucestershire clash in the bargain. For decades so many loved the county scene. But now . . .

A suggestion therefore: with the motorway system now reaching down as far west as Plymouth and in addition a pretty swift 125 rail link at our disposal, is it not possible to hold our section of the county programme on mid-week dates? This would allow the increasingly important Club games to function unimpeded at weekends, at the same time allowing the county tradition to continue flourishing as in years before.

Talking of flourishing, do take a close look at the record of the Bath Youth team. This vital part of the Club are a success story of their own, as only a glance at their results in this programme will show. Yes, that 40 - 3 result against Leicester is no misprint; nor for that matter are the home and away victories over Moseley. Coached by Steve Richards and Derek Brown, our Youth XV are carving out quite a reputation for themselves throughout the country. Rest assured, we will keep you informed as to their progress. Just one final word on the matter however: they would love to see a few more faces down at their Lambridge training sessions (Tuesdays at 7.00 p.m.). Get the word around please.

Lastly, congratulations to our Lads. That supreme exhibition against Fiji in rainswept conditions was really a little special. Lovely stuff; keep up the good work.

Harry W. Barstow

This evening's game has been sponsored by **Hinton Garage (Bath) Ltd.** We are grateful for their support and hope that both their guests and themselves will have an enjoyable evening.

Due in no small measure to Peter Hall's efforts, the Barn Dance held in the Clubhouse last Friday was a great success. During the evening a Raffle was held and the proceeds, amounting to £34.55 were donated to the Children in Need Appeal held on the same day.

Tickets at £2.00 each, can be obtained at the Club Shop or by telephoning Peter Hall (Bath 63264) for the Video Disco on Saturday, December 13th in the Clubhouse.

Frank Cottle is arranging a supporters' coach for this Saturday's game at Neath. Tickets are £4.00 each and can be obtained at the Club Shop this evening or by telephoning the Lansdown Brokerage (Bath 311359). The coach will leave Pulteney Street at 10.30 a.m. The Players would certainly appreciate your vocal support!

May we take this opportunity of sending our very best wishes to our Immediate Past President and Life Member, Jack Simpkins. We hope your stay in hospital will be a short one, Jack, and we look forward to seeing you back fit and well very soon.

Clive Howard

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WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1986



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## SOUTH WEST MERIT TABLE

### GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry & White

<i>Full Back</i>	15 NICK MARMENT
<i>Right Wing</i>	14 DEREK MORGAN
<i>Right Centre</i>	13 PAUL TAYLOR
<i>Left Centre</i>	12 RICHARD MOGG
<i>Left Wing</i>	11 NICK PRICE
<i>Outside Half</i>	10 MIKE HAMLIN
<i>Scrum Half</i>	9 RICHARD WILLIAMS
<i>Forwards</i>	1 MALCOLM PREEDY* (Capt) 2 KEVIN DUNN 3 RICHARD PASCALL 4 CRAIG GUEST 5 JOHN ETHERIDGE 6 JOHN GADD 7 IAN SMITH 8 MIKE TEAGUE*

*Replacements* 16 MARCUS HANNAFORD  
17 KEVIN WHITE

Referee: Terry Friend (Leicestershire Society)

### BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

<i>Full Back</i>	16 CHRIS MARTIN*
<i>Right Wing</i>	15 TONY SWIFT*
<i>Right Centre</i>	14 JEREMY GUSCOTT
<i>Left Centre</i>	12 SIMON HALLIDAY*
<i>Left Wing</i>	11 PETER BLACKETT
<i>Outside Half</i>	10 STUART BARNES*
<i>Scrum Half</i>	9 RICHARD HILL* (Captain)
<i>Forwards</i>	1 IAN DAVIES 2 GRAHAM DAWE 3 RICHARD LEE 4 JON MORRISON 5 NIGEL REDMAN* 6 ANDY ROBINSON 7 JOHN HALL* 8 PAUL SIMPSON*

*Replacements* 17 PHIL CUE  
18 GREG BESS

\*Internationals

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.