



GLOUCESTER
V.
CAMBORNE

SATURDAY
29th NOVEMBER, 1986
Kick-off 3 p.m.



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Three Quarters

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13. P. Taylor

12. R. Morgan

11. N. Price

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. M. Hannaford

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy (Capt.)

2. G. Mann

3. R. Pascall

4. G. Guest

5. J. Etheridge

6. J. Gadd

7. I. Smith

† 8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

L. Gardner

K. Dunn

CAMBORNE

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. N. Allen

Three Quarters

14. J. Bowden

13. F. Roger

12. D. May

11. D. Weeks (Capt.)

Half Backs

10. N. Pellowe

9. D. Rule

Forwards

1. N. Smith

2. B. Andrew

3. P. Thornton

4. T. Adams

5. C. Warren

6. F. Butler

7. P. Trudgeon

8. C. Morgan

REPLACEMENTS

D. Chapman

J. Polglaze

Referee: G. AIRDRIE (Warwickshire Society)

† International

Good luck to one special team from another!



Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

Coming Up To England . . .

We like to think of ourselves as a bastion of West Country rugby, and certainly the Press always refer to us, together with Bath and Bristol, in those terms. It's somewhat sobering, therefore, when we are forced to realise that there are highly respected clubs based so far West of us that the sheer distance involved can cause difficulties when arranging fixtures. It wouldn't be easy, for example, to fix up an evening game between Gloucester and today's visitors.

If ever there were a 'forgotten land', as far as rugby is concerned, it's Cornwall. Of course, they've had their famous men — Richard Sharp of Redruth and 'Stack' Stevens of Penzance-Newlyn spring to mind immediately, for example. Even then, England's best post-war outside-half made his name while at Oxford University and also played for Wasps, while the ever-busy 'Stack' turned out for Harlequins. Personally I've always had the suspicion that there are as good men in Cornwall as ever came out of it.

Not that we should knock the emigrants. After all, our own Tom Palmer, who went to South Africa with England and missed a Cap by the breadth of a pasty, came to us from Cornwall, and I know a pub in the glorious Duchy which still has the 1969 County Final programme, featuring one T. Palmer at outside-half, pinned on the bar wall.

It's good therefore, to see Camborne at Kingsholm. Last season we went down there, and won 15-12. It remains to be seen if we can repeat the victory.

I suppose that if Cornwall have an equivalent of Gloucester and Kingsholm, it's the Camborne set-up. Always tough opponents, not taking any nonsense from anyone, and with a fierce independence which keeps the club going through fat times and lean, they're doughty opponents, and a team we can understand and respect.

So it's an especially warm welcome to Camborne. Sorry we don't have any Cornish scrumpy in the bar, but we expect you'll manage.

Bath Night

While hope springs eternal, as they say, I couldn't believe it. Even though I read the Bath result in my morning paper, I still had to check it on Teletext before I was convinced that there wasn't a printer's error somewhere.

A quick chat with Terry Tandy tells me that it was a genuinely good performance, and that, even if we did have the aid of a penalty try, the lads thoroughly deserved their win. Shame that Richard Mogg's injury is going to keep him out of the Divisional match, but I'm told that even that enabled us to discover a budding young Centre called Marcus Hannaford.

We've had other seasons when we could point to one particular game which proved to be the turning point for the whole campaign. Could Bath, on November 26th, 1986 be such another? Time will tell, but perhaps the side can now believe in themselves, and realise that they *can* take on the best and come up smiling. As I've been saying all season, *someone* was going to have to suffer for our earlier tribulations, sometime.

Just one point about that penalty try. It was awarded by our old friend Mr. Friend. And you wouldn't want me to expand on that, would you?

West Hartlepool

Yes — there is going to be a train to West Hartlepool for the John Player on January 31st. Those wonderful people from British Rail don't have full details yet — but they're getting there.

Hope to have more 'gen' next week, but for now, you can count on the fact that the trip will cost £12.00. Which seems reasonable value for a trip of that length and complexity.

Obviously, much depends on how many supporters buy tickets, and British Rail aren't a philanthropic institution. In effect, they're going to set a deadline, and if there hasn't been enough take-up by then, the train won't go. Again, more details when I have them.

Toulouse

Tours apart, it would be a bit difficult to get two places farther apart than West Hartlepool and Toulouse, and still be talking Gloucester rugby. Nevertheless, I'm about to do just that.

The Committee has decided that admission will be by ticket, and as far as the Stand is concerned, ticket only, in fact. Initially, Centre Stand will be reserved for Patrons only, one ticket per Patron. Therefore, if you wish to bring a friend, a mistress or Great Aunt Gertrude, you'll have to sit in the Wings, which at Kingsholm isn't too much of a hardship.

Prices will be £3.00 for the Stand (all of it), £2.00 for the Ground, and £1.00 for Seniors and Juniors, Ground only. They will be available at the ground from next Saturday's Leicester game, David Foyle is handling that), or Ground tickets can be obtained from the sports emporia operated by Gordon Hudson and Alan Brinn.

Let's face it — this is a 'one-off', and we probably won't have the chance to witness anything of the sort again; at least, not for some time.

Light Fantastic

As you can imagine, the Players' Tour Fund is looking a bit sick after last summer's Florida venture, and it isn't too soon to start replenishing the old coffers.

The first effort in this context, is one of the famous Players' Discos, which has been arranged for December 13th in the Complex. If, therefore, you come along to watch United take on Bath on that day, then you'll find a scene of gay abandon come evening time.

(Don't misinterpret that word 'gay' by the way).

I don't have any information about prices, but if tradition is observed, admission won't exactly run you into an overdraft.

See Jeremy Bennett, or any of the players, for that matter.

Hold That Tiger

The news of the victory at Bath inspires thoughts of our next encounter in the John Smith's series. That occurs next Saturday, as ever was, when the Tigers will, if you don't mind a mixed metaphore, be descending upon us like a wolf on the fold.

Leicester do have their problems. Six of them are due to turn out for the Midlands against London in the Divisional Championship that day, but we shouldn't write them off for that reason. They'll be just as anxious to maintain their challenge in the Merit Table as we will be to establish ours. And by the way, nobody's actually mentioned it to me, but it seems likely that the size of the crowd will ensure that it will be 'Social Club Membership Card holders only' on that day, so don't forget to bring yours.

After that, the Firsts have a blank day on the 13th, which is no bad thing when you consider the rough passage which faces the First XV for the rest of the month and throughout the Festive Season.

To recap on that particular fracas, Coventry will be here on December 20th, with Lydney, as usual, on Boxing Day, and Newport the day after.

As if that isn't enough of a Christmas box for the players, we're away to Moseley on New Year's Day, followed by a home game against London Scottish on Saturday, January 3rd. And both those latter games are in the Merit Table 'A'.

So don't get so bloated on Christmas extravagances that you can't shout, will you?

The Big Draw

Mention of Christmas prompts me to remind you that the Grand Christmas Draw is now in full swing, presenting for your delectation an array of prizes which makes a Woolworths commercial look like a Mothers' Union jumble sale.

A ticket or three could just swell your Christmas goodies to a significant extent. But if you don't let the moths out of your wallet, you'll have no chance, will you?

Tailpiece

Many congratulations, this week to long-standing Kingsholm regular, Peter Gough, whose Ruby Wedding day it is today. All his mates around the ground will want to wish him, and his wife, Babara, who never comes between Peter and a rugby match, 'all the best' for another 40 years.

The only thing I don't understand, is how on Earth did Peter find time to get married during the Rugby Season, in the first place?

PETER ARNOLD.

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