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MOSELEY FOOTBALL CLUB

New Year's Day 1st January 1987

KO 3pm

MOSELEY
V
GLOUCESTER

**JOHN SMITH'S
MERIT TABLES**

- *Today's Match Sponsor*
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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
40p

Visitors and Sponsors Welcomed

GLOUCESTER WELCOME

A happy and prosperous 1987 to you all from the President and Committee of Moseley Football Club.

The New Year at The Reddings starts excitingly with the visit of our friends from Gloucester, a John Smith's Merit Table 'A' game.

Matches between the two teams are usually close. Last year Moseley lost 8-3 at Kingsholm, Breeze scoring two tries but won 18-7 at The Reddings thanks to four penalties and a conversion from Ian Metcalfe and a try by John Goodwin.

Since 1964 the clubs have played 40 games, Moseley winning 15, Gloucester 21 with four drawn, points for 568, against 545.

Gloucester is real rugby country, the team is a town club and supporters can readily identify. Few clubs have a more loyal following as will be seen here today. Happily, suburban Moseley also has its band of loyal supporters, some have cars, coaches and boots and will travel, as was seen at Bedford recently; they went to support the team — not to escape Christmas shopping!

Gloucester's most-capped player is the late Tom Joyce, 27 caps between 1920 and 1926. Not only was he a famous player — he toured with the British Isles to South Africa in 1924 — but also an illustrious administrator, RFU President in 1960. In more recent years Gloucester have provided several England forwards, including Mike Burton, Blakeway, Mills, Fidler, Teague, Watkins, Orwin, this year's captain Malcolm Preedy and, of course, Steve Boyle who toured New Zealand with the Lions in 1983.

Last season Gloucester won the John Smith's Merit Table 'A', losing only to Harlequins in the nine games played, and had a season winning 32 games and losing 13 with 1,015 points for and 499 against. Derek Morgan scored 27 tries, Jim Breeze 17 and Tim Smith scored 286 points.

Coach Bob Redwood is getting things right with a more settled team, and Gloucester are making a customary recovery this season. After losing 19-11 to Coventry, 12-3 to Bristol and 16-10 to Harlequins in the Merit Table they beat Bath away 12-9. Bath were not far away from full strength; they gained revenge against Coventry 33-6 improving their overall record to 15 wins and 11 losses, scoring over 500 points. After their win against Bristol and the double over Coventry, Moseley are in confident mood, although they lost Colwell and Arutzen injured on Boxing Day. Gloucester too, have run into form — nine consecutive wins, which makes this Merit Table game vital for both sides, just the kind of invigorating encounter to start the New Year.

THE PRIORY HOSPITAL

The Club extend a warm welcome to Tony Leary, Hospital Director, and the many guests of The Priory Hospital for this their second full match sponsorship at The Reddings.

The Priory Hospital generously sponsored the John Smith's Merit Table A fixture here against Wasps on the 31st January, a cold and frosty evening and not a good result for us, losing 6-12. However, other than losses against Bath, Newport and Gosforth the 'home' side went on to win 14 of the remaining 17 matches last season — a remarkable run.

Our guests today will, we hope, enjoy a little of the 'New Year Cheer' and luncheon in the Centenary Bar, reserved seats in the main East Stand and afterwards extended hospitality in the Committee Room with a pot of tea and sandwiches and a drop of you know what.

As a result of a pleasant evening here on their last visit, today's Sponsorship was confirmed many months ago by John Sharp, then Assistant Hospital Director at The Priory and shortly afterwards took promotion to another AMI facility, The Park Hospital, Nottingham — we wish him well. Readers should note our sponsors' advertisement on page 24.

Pirelli General Plc

Welcome Club member Tony Giles and a dozen or more guests to one of our Hospitality Boxes. When Tony took a table at the Club's Annual Dinner earlier this year I was clearly reminded the Company was nought to do with calendars or tyres; we should try Insurance. The booking was confirmed following the Club's hospitality extended on Sponsors Day in September.

We hope your guests enjoy the steak and kidney pie luncheon and not too many hangovers from last night's celebrations! Perhaps half-an-hour or so after final whistle our Captain Ian Metcalfe will pop into your box and enjoy a pint of lager — he had nought last night.

Thank you Tony for your support, perhaps you are joining us for our Grand Dinner Dance St Valentine's Night at The Metropole? Pirelli General Plc, Europa Way, Lichfield. Tel: 0543-253511

Everton Travel Ltd

For the second time this season we appreciate a Match Ball Sponsorship by this notable Droitwich, based travel agency and Bill Best, well known in rugby union circles and Secretary at Worcester RFC. These notes were prepared prior to your Club's replayed Cup Match against West Midlands Police on Sunday, but we hope this was a splendid day and result. Mr J. C. White should note Bill will be present at our St Valentine's Night function.

Thanks for your support.
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TEAMS



THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY 1987

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KICK-OFF 3.00pm

MOSELEY <i>Colours: Red and Black</i>		GLOUCESTER <i>Colours: Cherry & White</i>
15 I. METCALFE (Capt.)	<i>Full-Back</i>	15 N. MARMENT
14 A. JAMES	<i>Right-Wing</i>	14 D. MORGAN
13 C. ALLEN	<i>Right-Centre</i>	13 R. McCLEAN
12 J. GOODWIN	<i>Left-Centre</i>	12 R. MORGAN
11 A. PARSONS	<i>Left-Wing</i>	11J. BREEZE
10 M. JONES	<i>Fly-Half</i>	10 M. HAMLIN (Capt.)
9 S. ROBSON	<i>Scrum-Half</i>	9 R. WILLIAMS
1 M. LINNETT	<i>Forward</i>	1 P. JONES
2 C. BARBOR	"	2 K. DUNN
3 G. SMITH	"	3 R. PASCALL
4 R. TUCKWOOD	"	4 C. GUEST
5 R. DENHARDT	"	5 J. ETHERIDGE
6 R. BARR	"	6 J. GADD
7 S. MASTERS	"	7 I. SMITH
8 P. SHILLINGFORD	"	8 L. CIMMINS
Replacements		Replacements
16 G. COX		16 L. GARDNER
17 G. GRIST		17 K. WHITE
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