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v

PONTYPRIDD

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T	G	Pts		T	G	Pts
15. N. Marment						
14. D. Morgan						
13. P. Taylor						
12. C. Dyke						
11. J. Breeze						
10. M. Hamlin						
9. M. Hannaford (capt.)						
1. M. Preedy (I)						
2. K. Dunn						
3. R. Pascall						
4. P. Wallace						
5. J. Brain						
6. D. Spencer						
7. I. Smith						
8. J. Bennett						
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13 H/T 9				26 F/T 19		

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THE FIRST CAMBRIAN INCURSION

Unusually, I didn't enjoy my trip to Pontypridd, last season. It was during that period where we seemed to lose scrum halves in every game we played, and Gloucester, weakened by other injuries anyway, put in an undistinguished display and lost 18-9.

Not that the day had started well. The car I was travelling in disappeared in a cloud of smoke somewhere on the Motorway, we were late arriving, missed our pre-match Clubhouse beer, and ended up coming home on the team coach - which had to leave early because the driver was nearing the end of his permitted hours on the road.

None of that was Pontypridd's fault, of course, and it's nice to welcome them as the first of the Welsh hordes to arrive at Kingsholm this season. Of course, you could say that any team which can beat Swansea away should be fairly confident about Pontypridd at home, but that would do the underestimated abilities of today's visitors a grave injustice. It's never wise to confuse talent with publicity, and I note that Pontypridd had a handy win over Cross Keys last weekend.

Not that the result is the only consideration. Ever since Pontypridd replaced Cardiff on our fixture list, the games between the two sides always yielded entertainment and interest. I see no reason to think that today will be any exception, and on everyone's behalf, I extend a hearty welcome to them, and hope that they have an excellent day with us, and go on their way rejoicing.

Whatever the result.

THANKS TO AVONPRINT

Not for the first time, our thanks are due to Avonprint of Cirencester for their generous sponsorship. Last season, they performed the same for the Swansea game, so they seem to be getting into the habit of helping us welcome our first Welsh visitors of the Season.

Avonprint won't be a strange name to anyone who knows anything about the local print scene. Even last season I was able to refer to them as 'one of the area's success stories, with an annual turnover nudging £4 million.' Since then they have gone from strength to strength.

They now provide employment for over 100 people, and that figure is about to increase. The building of a new purpose-built factory in Swindon is in the early stages. It will occupy 3,500 square feet, and will be home to a new company catering for smaller and instant print work. If the quality produced compares with that provided by the parent organisation, no one will have any cause for complaint.

Avonprint's sister organisation is going great guns too. Adsetters, one of the leading typesetting operations in the South West, have recently kept up with the trend by installing the latest Brthold laser typesetting system.

If you need any of these services. I can state from personal experience that Avonprint and Adsetters are well worth cocking a sharp eye at. If you want print, the chap to ring is Gordon Clifford on 0285 67811, or the cat to contact for typesetting is Alf Fucher on 0793 611400.

You'll like the service. The company will be running daily collections and deliveries in both Gloucester and Cheltenham, while Adsetters go one better by visiting both towns twice a day.

But don't expect them to call today. They're here, enjoying the rugby and the odd noggin. And we hope they find the whole exercise both pleasant and profitable.

GANGWAY!

One of the results of the new fire regulations is that we're severely frowned upon if we allow gangways to become blocked during the game. The most frequent obstruction seems to be bodies, and we'd be very grateful if you'd station yourself somewhere else. Perhaps the Rugby could have you rolling in the aisles, but please don't stay there. If obstruction continues, then we'll have to steward the gangways, and we've had quite enough expense this year.

Similarly, one or two Wing Stand ticket holders appear to be infiltrating the Centre Stand - probably because the areas they used to occupy have now had to be included in the Centre Stand. Again, we don't want to have to go to the expense of providing usherettes.

Sorry if all this sounds a bit beaucroatic, but we really don't have any choice. Your co-operation, as they say, would be appreciated.

ANYONE NOT HAD HIS STICKER?

David Foyle tells me that he received an envelope which should have contained a Patron's returned coupon and the all-important cheque, but which, in fact, was completely empty. He says it looks as if someone's spit had dried up, and that the envelope had come unstuck in the post.

Of course, it could belong to someone who paid personally, and whose envelope became mislaid, and put in the post by some well-meaning finder, but if someone *has* posted a cheque and not received his receipt and his car park sticker, would he contact David and sort things out. Incidentally, the postmark was September 1st, if that gives anyone a clue.

Which brings to mind the fact that unreceipted Patrons Cards cease to be valid on September 30th, which is only two home matches away.



TALKING RUGBY with Terry Phillips

The Citizen rugby writer Terry Phillips on the news from Kingsholm - in every Gloucester RFC programme.

After two weeks of the new season Gloucester Rugby Club can look back with satisfaction on a start which has seen all three teams thrive.

Only one defeat has been suffered in nine matches played - the loss coming in midweek when the 1st XV went down 22-13 in a difficult fixture against Glamorgan Wanderers in Cardiff.

The first XV opened with three wins in four matches, though, and scored more than 100 points in their first three games. Gloucester United, led by skipper Dave Pointon, also topped the 100 points mark in three matches - and the win against Cheltenham United in midweek was their 37th match without defeat.

United's run of success takes in all of last season's matches, when they were unbeaten, plus one in 1985-86 and the three this term before today's tough trip to play Pontypool Athletic.

The Cherry and Whites have already used 45 players in the first XV and United this season as selectors try to take a good look at every player available to them.



Craig Guest . . . doctor at the Gloucester Hospital

Three players have made their first XV debut this season - former Cheltenham number eight Keith Jeavons, ex-Berry Hill and County flanker Terry Ruck and centre Steve Davies, who joined Gloucester from Old Patesians in Cheltenham.

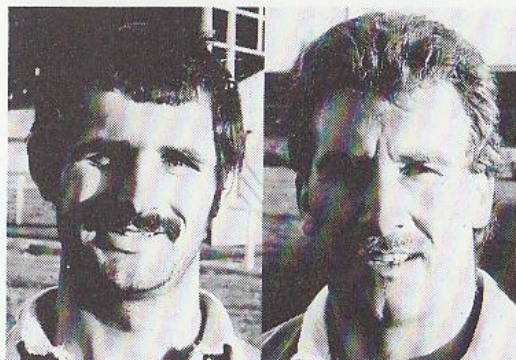
And the appearance of Davies against Glamorgan Wanderers in midweek, when he made a sound debut alongside Paul Taylor, strengthens Gloucester's medical links this season.

Among those who have been on first team duty are Davies, an osteopath in Cheltenham; number eight Keith Jeavons, a radiographer at Cheltenham Hospital and Craig Smart, a doctor in the accident unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital.

Gloucester's third team - the Colts - have also started well with wins against Moseley (20-13) and Lydney (33-3) and they have already scored 11 tries.

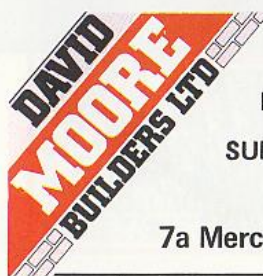
Mike Foyle, the son of Gloucester's ticket man David Foyle, has scored three, while full-back Billy Parry has scored 17 points (2 tries, 1 penalty and 3 conversions).

The next match for the Colts is against Nuneaton at Kingsholm in a fortnight.



Terry Ruck . . . debut against Glamorgan Wanderers in midweek

Dave Pointon . . . Gloucester United captain



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