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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE

v

CORNWALL

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1987

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

30p



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I am sure that everyone is delighted that this game is back at Kingsholm – where the Gloucestershire team first played on 17th December 1891. In the same year the County Championship was formally organised and, two years later, there came the formation of the South West Group. Since then we have experienced many a hard-fought encounter with our old friends from Cornwall and it gives me particular pleasure to welcome all of the players, officials and supporters who have made the long journey to be with us today.

Naturally keen to avenge our 6-0 defeat at Redruth last November, we respect our visitors as formidable opponents who, since having won the County Championship in 1908, have been victorious in the Group Competition on thirteen occasions.

May I take this opportunity of expressing our warm gratitude for the generous sponsorship of TOSHIBA, for the splendid co-operation and facilities of Gloucester R.F.C., and for the presence of our referee, Roger Quittenton, with his touch-judges.

Let us join battle today in a memorable exhibition of competitive rugby, played in the true spirit of the game, with resultant great enjoyment on the part of everyone. In the native language of Cornwall, I understand that the apt phrase is *Fethy po fyliel an gwarry ha tra nahen!*

BARRY JONES,
President, Gloucestershire R.F.U.

We thank JOHN MANSFIELD LIMITED for supplying the 'MANSFIELD' STRIP again this season.

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BACK AT KINGSHOLM.

This weekend sees the anniversaries of the death of President John F. Kennedy, and the birth of the poet, Voltaire. Not a lot of people know that, but they will be aware that, to that historic duo, can now be added the return of County Rugby to Kingsholm, after a lapse of far too long.

If you're interested, today is also the anniversary of the opening, in 1934, of Cole Porter's famous show, *'Anything Goes'*. On the Rugby field, however, anything emphatically does not go, as three players found out in last Saturday's Devon versus Gloucestershire game.

Let's hope that no such melancholy considerations need concern us further today. Cornwall were always very popular visitors to Kingsholm, and the fact that it's a while since we've had the pleasure of entertaining them in the old City simply makes them that much more welcome.

There's a pub – the name unfortunately escapes me – just outside St. Anne's, in Cornwall, which displays a collection of Rugby memorabilia. There, on the wall, in a prominent position, is the programme issued, some one-and-a-half decades ago, when today's visitors contested the County Final. At outside half is Gloucester's own Tom Palmer, then England's No. 2 player in that position. I haven't seen Tom for a while, but I'd be surprised if he weren't around somewhere, this afternoon.

Even if he does have a foot in both camps, he won't be the only one watching with more-than-usual interests. Both sides are undefeated, and today's game could be the decider, as far as further progress in the Championship is concerned. If Gloucestershire win, that's the end of the matter. If Cornwall come first, then it will all depend on their game with their old rivals from Devon. If they were to lose that one, then the whole thing would get mathematical, and the mere thought makes my brain hurt. However, in that case, Gloucestershire's 40-point scoreline at Bristol against Somerset would stand us in good stead.

In fact, it would be much simpler all round, if the home side won today, but we can't expect the lads from 'Oggyland' to see it that way.

Whatever the result, we shan't stint our welcome to our far-travelling visitors. The distances involved mean that there never was any question of them visiting us for a mid-week evening match, although, at this time of the year, I suppose we could well finish under lights.

It's great to see you again, Cornwall. Hope you'll be back before too long.



GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Colours: White



TOSHIBA
CHAMPIONSHIPS

CORNWALL

Colours: Black & Gold



15	S. JAMES	Lydney	Full Back
14	C. HOWARD	Rugby	Right Wing
13	C. ALLEN	Moseley	Centre
12	J. POWELL	Berry Hill	Centre
11	M. SPEAKMAN	Clifton	Left Wing
10	G. PRICE	Lydney	Outside Half
9	S. BAKER	Stroud	Scrum Half
1	G. SARGENT (Captain)	Gloucester	Prop
2	G. MANN	Gloucester	Hooker
3	A. BROOKS	Lydney	Prop
4	P. WALLACE	Matson	Lock
5	P. MILES	Bath	Lock
6	C. SCOTT	Cheltenham	Flanker
7	M. LONGSTAFF	Gloucester	Flanker
8	M. TEAGUE	Gloucester	No. 8

Replacements:

16	P. HOWELL	Lydney
17	D. JONES	Cinderford

Touch Judge: G. WILLIAMS, Gloucestershire Society



Referee:
R.C. QUITTENTON
Sx/London Referee Society

15	N. ALLEN	Camborne
14	B. TREVASKIS	Falmouth & Bath
13	A. MEAD	Saltash & D. & C. Police
12	G. CHAMPION (Captain)	Truro & D. & C. Police
11	S. ROGERS	Camborne
10	P. BRADLEY	Redruth & R.A.F.
9	D. RULE	Camborne
1	J. MAY	Redruth
2	B. ANDREW	Camborne
3	S. LORD	Camborne & Royal Navy
4	M. HAAG	St. Ives & Bath
5	A. COOK	Hayle & D. & C. Police
6	A. CURTIS	Redruth
7	A. BICK	Penzance & Newlyn
8	G. WILLIAMS	St. Ives

Replacements:

16	J. WILLIS	Redruth
17	P. ELLIOTT	Redruth & Royal Navy

Touch Judge: P.D. COCK (C.R.R.S.)

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

If this is your first visit to Kingsholm this season, you'll, no doubt, notice some changes. These have been forced — rather harshly, some of us think — on the Gloucester Club, as a result of the new 'Safety at Sports Grounds' legislation, which followed the Bradford disaster. Gloucester Treasurer, Doug Wadley, is still smarting over the expense involved.

The changes affect everyone, and Gloucester R.F.C. ask supporters to co-operate with them. I suppose that the most obvious feature is that the famous 'Tump', at the scoreboard end, is now a no-go area, so please don't try to stand there.

Second, the stand at the Worcester Street end is now restricted to 400 people, so if someone tells you it's full, and you can still see spaces, don't tell him he's a liar.

Entrances and exits from the main stand are now all from the pitch side, which has slowed things down after the game, but don't blame Gloucester — blame the Fire Officers, if you're late getting to the bar.

Finally, there is an absolute requirement to keep all passages and gangways clear. Please don't be tempted to sit, or stand, in them.

I'm sorry if all this sounds inhospitable. There's nothing Gloucester can do about it, and everyone sincerely hopes that you have a great day, anyway.

THANKS TOSHIBA.

Can't let the occasion pass without a mention of the new Championship Sponsors, Toshiba. There's a great deal of investment involved here, and we certainly hope that the Company's enterprise and generosity is rewarded by way of commercial success.

... AND EVERYONE ELSE.

As always, there are many people to thank. So many, in fact, that I'd almost certainly leave someone out if I tried to list them. Please take this note as a sort of blanket appreciation.

Must give the Gloucester Club special mention however, for their hospitality and organisation. It's great to be back at Kingsholm, and we hope it's the resumption of a fine and valued tradition.

Anyone who has nothing to do next Saturday, may like to know that Gloucester are continuing the Celtic theme of today's encounter by entertaining London Irish that day. Might see you there.

Have a good day!

PETER ARNOLD.

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