BATH v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1988

BATH
Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back 16 AUDLEY LUMSDEN
Right Wing 15 TONY SWIFT*
Right Centre 14 SIMON HALLIDAY*
Left Centre 12 JEREMY GUSCOTT
Left Wing 11 BARRY TREVASKIS
Outside Half 10 STUART BARNES* (Captain)
Scrum Half 9 STEVE KNIGHT
Forwards 1 GARETH CHILCOTT*
2 GRAHAM DAWE*
3 RICHARD LEE
4 JOHN MORRISON
5 NIGEL REDMAN*
6 ANDY ROBINSON*
7 JOHN HALL*
8 DAVID EGERTON*
Replacements 17 CHRIS MARTIN*
19 VICTOR UBOUGUE
Referee: Steve Griffiths (N. Midlands Society)

GLOUCESTER
Colours: Cherry & White

Full Back 15 TIM SMITH
Right Wing 14 JIM BREEZE
Right Centre 13 RUARI McLEAN
Left Centre 12 DAMIAN CUMMINS
Left Wing 11 RICHARD MOGG
Outside Half 10 MIKE HAMLEN
Scrum Half 9 MARCUS HANNAFORD (Captain)
Forwards 1 MALCOLM PREEDY*
2 KEVIN DUNN
3 RICHARD PASCALL
4 JOHN BRAIN
5 JOHN ETHERIDGE
6 JOHN GADD
7 IAN SMITH
8 MIKE TEAGUE*
Replacements 16 LLOYD GARDNER
17 GLYN MANN

*Internationals

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
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Whether or not the corner has at last been turned and that English rugby en bloc can now face Welsh counterparts on an equal footing is perhaps a question yet to be fully answered. But since the start of matters this season the Anglos have done none too badly in encounters against opposition from the Principality. Our own lads had a nice result over the London Welsh (40 - 3) last weekend and our visitors from Gloucester will have few complaints since returning from Pontypool with tails up and a good 18 - 25 success in the bag. As for the previous weekend? Well, results looked little short of unreal as they flashed over the TV screens, with English wins 'all the way', including a delicious appetiser of our very own with that sparkling victory at the Pool.

Will this be the case in three months from now? ... we shall see. But if the answer is affirmative then it may well be that the leagues are doing as some pundits predicted, namely adding the cutting edge to the English game.

So it's good luck to one and all this afternoon in a match that surely has to be one of 'the' encounters of the Autumn. Gloucester ... great Club and going hard for victory all the way will surely be up there somewhere at the season's end. And Bath (brim-full of spirit and raring to go once more) are itching for rugby whenever they can get their hands on a rugby ball.

Do watch the United and Spartan results closely. Not merely because their own play is often a joy to behold, but in addition because the squad system is now here to stay. Nine men had their first senior outing last weekend against the London Welsh, and they didn’t do too badly either did they?

Thoughts turn to some of those players in the squad: Jamie Knight for instance. James as we know too well took a nasty knock at Bristol in April last season when playing his part for England Colts against France. Well, operation and physio 'now' over, this young talent is back in training. We will keep you informed as to progress and meanwhile will pass on to James Knight Esq. the good wishes from us all for his successful return to the fold.

Incidentally, remember our 'View from the Terraces' column in the 'prog' of last season. Well, we may—though one is not actually certain—have got in a 'first' with this idea. So please—all you eager rugby followers—let the Secretary have your letters on any aspect of the Game. We would really like to show them in the programme.

Finally, it's a warm welcome to the men and supporters of Gloucester. We know each other well and our rivalry is one that can bring out the best in the game. It needs it.

Harry W. Barstow

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