

Newport

Versus

GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 15th October 1988

Kick-Off 3.00 p.m.

Sponsored by:
WHITBREAD FLOWERS

Official Programme
30p

TODAY'S TEAMS

NEWPORT

Colours: Black & Amber

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| Full Back | 15 | Jonathan CALLARD |
| Right Wing | 14 | Marc BATTEN |
| Right Centre | 13 | David PITT |
| Left Centre | 12 | Simon HOPKIN |
| Left Wing | 11 | John THOMAS |
| Outside Half | 10 | Gary ABRAHAM |
| Inside Half | 9 | Ceri JOHNATHAN |
| Forwards | 1 | Frank HILLMAN |
| | 2 | Keiron GREGORY |
| | 3 | Mike THOMAS |
| | 4 | Andrew PERRY |
| | 5 | David WATERS |
| | 6 | Glen GEORGE (Capt) |
| | 8 | Andrew POCOCK |
| | 7 | Roger POWELL |
| Substitutes | | Matthew STEELE |
| | | Greg EVANS |

GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

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| | Tim SMITH | 15 | Full Back |
| | Nick PRICE | 14 | Right Wing |
| | Ronnie MACLEAN | 13 | Right Centre |
| | Damion CUMMINGS | 12 | Left Centre |
| | Richard MOGG | 11 | Left Wing |
| | Mike HAMLIN (Capt) | 10 | Outside Half |
| | Lloyd GARDINER | 9 | Inside Half |
| | Malcolm PREEDY | 1 | Forwards |
| | Kevin DUNN | 2 | |
| | Richard PASCALL | 3 | |
| | Nigel SCRIVENS | 4 | |
| | John ETHERIDGE | 5 | |
| | John GADD | 6 | |
| | Ian SMITH | 8 | |
| | BARRY CLARK | 7 | |
| | Glyn MANN | | Substitutes |
| | Andy KITCHEN | | |

Referee: GARETH SIMMONDS (Cardiff)

Next Home Game: Wednesday, 26th October v EBBW VALE :: Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

TODAY'S VISITORS

GLOUCESTER, the Cherry and Whites, are very welcome visitors to Rodney Parade. The club was formed in 1873 and the Gloucester ground at Kingsholm is one of the best-appointed in the county. Support for the club (and county) has always been vociferous and enthusiastic, and no doubt there will be a loyal band of supporters present today to urge on their favourites.

There has always been a strong bond of friendship between the respective committees over a long period of time and former players Jim Jarrett, Gordon Hastings (capped for England between 1955 and 1958) and the present Fixture Secretary, Peter Ford, whose caps in 1964 were scant reward for years of outstanding rugby, will always bring back memories to spectators and former players of that era.

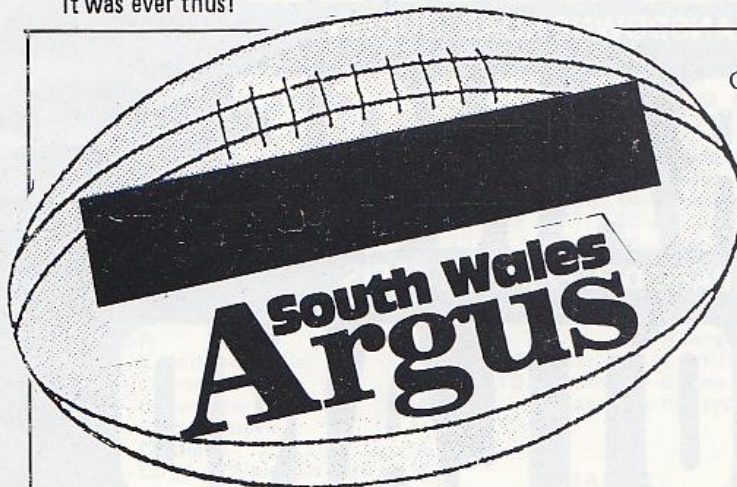
The most capped Gloucester player is A.T. Voyce who won 27 caps between 1920-26. Gloucester has had international players since the early years, but the club's strength was probably most prominent from the 1970s through to the present day. Mike Burton, John Watkins, Tony Brinn, Peter Butler and Peter Kingston were England regulars in the 1970s and they were followed by Gordon Sergeant, Steve Mills, John Orwin (before he left for Bedford), Mike Preedy, John Fidler, Steve Boyle, Phil Blakeway and Mike Teague in the eighties.

Last year, under their captain Mike Hannaford, Gloucester had an excellent season . . .
Played 46 Won 32 Lost 11 Drawn 3 Pts. for 958 Pts. against 524.

In the Courage League Division One the club finished 5th with 29pts. Bath and the Harlequins, who were 3rd and fourth, finished with 30pts, but both played 11 games and Gloucester only 10. Jim Breeze was top try scorer with 26.

The Cherry and Whites have made an impressive start to the season with a narrow defeat at Bath, the only reverse to-date, so the Black and Ambers will need a special effort if they are to emerge victorious.

It was ever thus!



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