

## WATERLOO FOOTBALL CLUB

(RUGBY UNION)

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WATERLOO v GLOUCESTER
Saturday, November 26th, 1988 Kick-Off 2.15 p.m.
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Since the last programme notes were penned the fortunes of the club have brightened considerably. True a win and a loss is really little or no indication of future trends but the manner in which our side approached both games spread a lot of satisfaction throughout the club with also the realisation that over forty points had been scored by a direct and positive attitude. The confidence generated in these latter encounters should serve the boys well as we turn the corner in the current league programme. Today we face the strong western challenge from Gloucester who are themselves having a fine season, but the prize of victory today would greatly enhance our league stature bearing in mind the demise of certain clubs in the last two weeks with five sides now holding two points each in Division One. Waterloo, throughout the season, have narrowly failed to grasp the winners share in the early league encounters. The gap tantalisingly tiny at some times but, now that the spell is broken and with the knowledge of their own capabilities of victory evident, we can look forward with renewed anticipation to the remainder of the league programme,

Today brings the famed Gloucester club to Blundellsands and we welcome their players, committee and fine supporters to the club. They are no strangers to the place as they regularly featured in club and county fixtures in days of yore, when the Gloucester club practically masqueraded as the County side and took on Lancashire in many a Championship Final.

The Gloucester club started life a year after the death of Webb-Ellis in 1873 being one of the oldest clubs in the West County when a meeting in the Spread Eagle Hotel for enrolment in a football club brought an initial muster of forty-five. Today the membership and following at Kingsholm is immense with the club arguably being one of the country's best supported sides. The red and white's have experienced many successful seasons and have provided England with numerous internationals in their long and certainly distinguished history. Todays fixture continues a long line of contacts between the two outfits and we can expect a good match today as both teams are capable of producing the excellent qualities that should enhance fixtures at this senior level.

From today's match the sides take a rest from League commitments until mid January when we will ourselves be travelling to Bristol in the West Country and a fortnight later down to Kent for the Pilkington Cup meeting at Blackheath. Coaches will be organised for both days and you should keep an eye on the club notice boards for news. Club matches return with a visit to Headingley next week and then we entertain our friends from London Irish once again. Off the field we enter the long haul to Chritmas with increasing social events, once again details can be found elswhere in the programme and also on the club notice boards.

Finally our congratulations go to Alan Murray for his inclusion in the Scotland B squad. Since his arrival at the club Alan has added his considerable talents to the sides improvement and has caught the eye with some accomplished performances. It is hoped that in time he might join the small but distinguished elite of Scottish Internationals from the Waterloo club and we sincerely wish him every success.

Our sponsors today are **B.O.C.** who are also jointly sponsoring the match balls with **Malcolm Baucher Ltd.** We thank both companies for their assistance and hope that their guests enjoy their day at Blundellsands today, and that the occasion provides us all with an enjoyable afternoon.

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