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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

GLOUCESTER

v

NEWPORT

Monday

19th December, 1988

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GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

T	G	Pts

15. T. Smith

- 14. D. Morgan
- 13. D. Cummins
- 12. R. Mogg
- 11. N. Price

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- 10. M. Hamlin
- 9. M. Hannaford (Capt.)

- 1. M. Preedy (I)
- 2. K. Dunn
- 3. R. Pascall
- 4. N. Scrivens
- 5. J. Etheridge
- 6. J. Gadd
- 7. I. Smith
- 8. M. Teague

Replacements:

- L. Gardner
- K. White

(I) — International

H/T		

Cumulative
Match
Score

NEWPORT

(Black & Amber)

T	G	Pts

15. J. Callard

- 14. M. Batten
- 13. D. Wood
- 12. D. Pitt
- 11. J. Thomas

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- 10. G. Abrahams
- 9. C. Johnathan

- 1. F. Hillman
- 2. K. Gregory
- 3. R. Morgan/M. Thomas
- 4. P. Booth
- 5. A. Perry
- 6. G. George (Capt.)
- 7. C. Scott /R. Powell
- 8. D. Waters (I)

Replacements:

- M. Callard
- M. Davies

F/T		

Referee: B. ABRAHAMS (N. Mids. Society)

EARLY START TO CHRISTMAS

Any team which can come here having held Bath to a 21-all draw must be one to be reckoned with. But then, that's nothing new when the side in question is Newport, with whom we've had many a stirring confrontation over the years.

In fact, they're a few days early. As you will know, the game was originally scheduled for Christmas Eve, but as everyone is undoubtedly dead keen to help with the last-minute chores, the decision was made to change the date.

We won both games against the Yellow-and-Blacks last season, and a double over Newport is sufficiently unusual to make mention of the fact. Results for the few years before that had been fairly even-Stephen, and so they should be with two such venerable clubs within comparative spittin' distance.

Of course, games between our two sides have been a feature of this particular time of year since Prince Albert introduced Christmas Trees, and it's good to see the tradition continuing. It is to be hoped that the demands of our own season, combined with the new situation which will obtain when Wales starts their own League system, won't interfere with things — but I hae me doots.

One way and another, we're very glad to welcome Newport to Kingsholm, once again, and we couldn't have better company in which to celebrate the start of Christmas Week. We certainly hope they feel the same way, and find that our hospitality reflects the Season of the Year — and then some!

ANOTHER ONE FROM GWYN

Why not buy your wife a book for Christmas — rather along the same lines as fathers who provide train sets for little boys still in nappies?

The thought is prompted by another missive from our friendly, neighbourhood Librarian, Gwyn Hiatt, who is an ardent Wales supporter but has taken time off from stitching black arm bands to let me know about another Rugby book, just reaching the book shops.

This one is called 'Rugby Remembered', and looks to be of especial interest. It's compiled by David Parry-Jones, distinguished journalist, and until last year, match commentator for BBC Wales.

It's a compilation of Rugby reports and pictures culled from the files of that splendid old publication, 'The Illustrated London News'. It covers the whole period from 1846, when a match at Kingston-upon-Thames is referred to in the editorial as "communal mayhem", up to the present day, and includes every sort of illustration from old etchings to modern photography.

Quite a collectors' piece, I would have thought, and it will cost you £16.95. On the other hand, if you feel that the Christmas budget won't stand it, it shouldn't be long before the County Library in Brunswick Road, and probably elsewhere, will have it in stock.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Just a reminder of the goodies the Club has in store this Festive Season.

As always, we entertain Lydney on Boxing Day — always an interesting occasion — and this year we follow up with a visit from Bridgend on New Year's Eve, which adds a whole new dimension to the phrase about dark strangers calling on that day. Having just had to smart under a 49-0 tonking by Neath, they'll be out to restore some pride to Welsh Rugby.

After that, the lads are away to Moseley on January 2nd — not an impossible journey — and are back home for London Scottish on January 7th.

So there's plenty to get you out of the house when the cold turkey gets a bit wilted.

PULL THE OTHER ONE!

Following the rumour about the late Richard Burton having played for Gloucester, revealed, as they say, in the Plymouth programme, I now hear another unlikely story which insists that JPR Williams once played for Upton-St.-Leonards. Now that does take a bit of believing!

Unless, of course, you know different . . .

NO CONNECTION

Far be it from me to object to receiving letters from readers, but if you want to drop me a line, please send it to the Club, my home address (83, Brookfield Road, Hucclecote), or even, if you must, via the North Warehouse. Don't try to reach me at the 'Citizen', with whom I have no connection, other than as a devoted reader and fish-and-chips eater.

Similarly, I normally don't take much notice of anonymous letters — although I could always quote you under a *nom de plume*, if you wish — however well or ill-judged I consider the contents.

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Been over to the Shop lately? Well worth a visit if you have last-minute presents to buy, or if you've decided to treat yourself, and why not?

There's a big range of goods available, and you'll find the prices reasonable, and the service cheerful.

I'm told that, for a relatively recent innovation, the Club Shop is doing very well, and it would be nice to keep it that way.

YEAR BOOK

I'm also told that we've had a whole lot of very complimentary comments about our nice new Year Book, which we hope will become an annual fixture — but then, a 'Year Book' would be, wouldn't it?

Do you know who the first side to play Gloucester at Kingsholm was? Or which player also acted as a Gloucestershire Country Bumpkin in the Sudan? You could find out both fascinating facts by buying yourself a copy. And it only costs a quid.

Makes a very good stocking-filler. But if that's why you buy one, better make it two, because you won't part with your copy once you've dipped into it.

BEST WISHES

The Club Committee ask me to pass on their Festive Season Greetings to everyone, regulars or occasional, home supporters or visitors, or our overseas readership, which is surprisingly numerous. Perhaps it would be in order to send special greetings to our readers in Adelaide, South Australia, who receive a copy of every programme printed. Good on you, cobbers!

THANKS TO HARTLAND MOTORS

Plus, of course, heartfelt thanks and Seasonal Greetings to Hartland Motors who are our generous Sponsors today — by no means for the first time, I may add.

Our splendid Renault Dealers, from St. Oswald's Road have every reason to feel pleased — and even proud — about 1988. They tell me that their record sales in 1987 looked unlikely to be surpassed, but in the event — they were. By a whopping 10%, no less. And that's a lot of Renaults.

Modest chaps that they are, they put the credit for this fairly and squarely on the shoulders of their customers, and point out that over eight out of ten of them continued to do business with Hartland in 1988, which, apparently, is an unheard-of figure in the motor trade. That seems to me to point to a great many satisfied customers, which doesn't happen accidentally.

The company has an understandable 'ring of confidence' about 1989, and are looking forward to the launch of the new Renault 19 in February to help them in their endeavours.

The other comment I received was that they find it "impossible to express" their gratitude to their intensely loyal customers, but that today's efforts are one way of saying 'Thanks!' to just a few of them.

Nice sentiment — and we hope all concerned have a whale of a time today.

TAILPIECE

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas my True Love sent to me,

*Twelve pints of Toby,
Eleven Sponsors supping,
Ten Colts a-kicking,
Nine Ball Boys bawling,
Eight Pressmen prating,
Seven signs a-selling,
Six sawbones stitching,
Five Teaguey tries . . .
Four Past Mayors,
Three Group Four,
Two Roger Rubs,
And a Partridge up in row C.*

Have a great Christmas!

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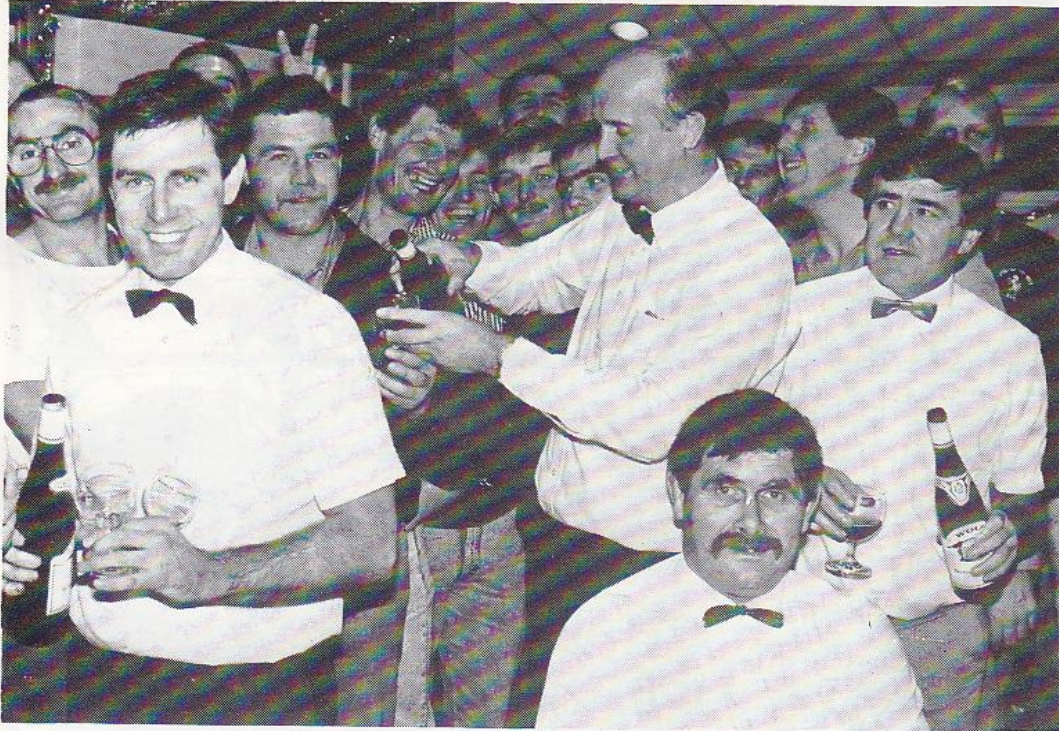
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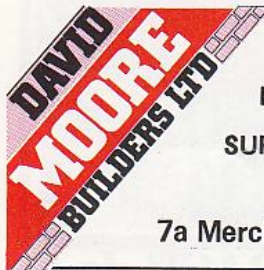


TALKING RUGBY with . . .
The Citizen sports editor Terry Phillips

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



Jim Jarrett pours a glass of wine for number eight Jeremy Bennett on the night the players had their Christmas social at Kingsholm. The Gloucester Rugby Club selectors acted as wine waiters for the evening as the players relaxed halfway through a tough season.



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