

# HARLEQUIN FOOTBALL CLUB



OFFICIAL  
PROGRAMME

50P

# TODAY'S VISITORS - GLOUCESTER

**FOUNDED - 1873**

**GROUND - KINGSHOLM, KINGSHOLM ROAD, GLOUCESTER**

**MOST CAPPED PLAYER - A. T. VOYCE (ENGLAND) 27 CAPS**

Today we meet Gloucester for the 63rd time. The first occasion was on 29/3/1913 at Gloucester, the result was a draw 8-8. It was not until the seventh meeting on 29/11/24 at Twickenham (after that draw and five consecutive defeats) that we won our first game against Gloucester. We outscored them by five tries to two in a 17-6 victory. The tries were scored by V.G. Davies (2), J.C. Gibbs, W.H. Wainwright and W.W. Wakefield for us and J. Bruce-Jones and G. Thomas scored Gloucester's. England internationals on view that day were V.G. Davies, J.C. Gibbs, R.H. Hamilton-Wickes and W.W. Wakefield for the Quins and the only one for Gloucester was A.T. Voyce.

With the Pilkington cup semi-finals coming up in two weeks it is a real possibility that the game today could be a preview to the Final. We have played against Gloucester three times in the cup and have yet to win. The first occasion was on 4/12/76 at the Stoop and by scoring ten points in the last ten minutes Gloucester were able to win 17-9. The second was in the semi-final on 1/4/78 across the road at Twickenham. We held a slender 6-0 lead at half time and in the second half with the wind in their favour Gloucester scored a converted try and two penalty goals to run out winners 12-6. The third meeting was at Kingsholm just over four years ago on 9/3/85 in the Quarter final. Gloucester won this one quite comfortably in the end 31-12. With only eighteen minutes left it was only 18-12 and then disaster struck the Quins when John Olver strained his right knee due to an "alleged" Gloucester boot. Our replacement was a lock forward and so our chances of reaching the semi finals disappeared.

Last year's game in the Courage League Division 1 was drawn 9-9 here at Stoop. We were in front until the sixth minute of injury time when Mike Hamlin kicked a 40 metre penalty to tie the game.

Gloucester currently lie in second place in the first division with a record of P8 W5 D1 L2 F175 A74 Pts 11. They have played games against Moseley (H) 37-9, Bath (A) 9-19, Wasps (H) 19-3, Liverpool St Helens (A) 31-9, Rosslyn Park (A) 26-8, Bristol (H) 10-11, Waterloo (A) 15-15 and Leicester (H) 28-0.

Last week they defeated Northampton on Friday night (H) 29-12. Their playing record this season is P36 W29 D1 L6 F878 A407.

**PLAYING RECORD: P-62 W-22 D-4 L-36 C-2 P-1 F-668 A-713**

**BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN: 43-6 12/10/1985 Twickenham**

**MOST POINTS SCORED: 43-6 12/10/1985 Twickenham**

**HEAVIEST DEFEAT: 10-33 12/10/1974 Kingsholm**

**MOST POINTS AGAINST: 10-33 12/10/1974 Kingsholm**

## PREVIOUS GAMES

14/10/78	Kingsholm	W	20-19	9/ 3/85	Kingsholm	L	12-31
13/10/79	Twickenham	L	6-15		JPC Quarter Final		
11/10/80	Twickenham	L	9-19	12/10/85	Twickenham	W	43- 6
10/10/81	Twickenham	D	3- 3	11/10/86	Kingsholm	W	16-10
9/10/82	Kingsholm	L	9-16		JSMT 'A'		
8/10/83	Stoop Memorial	L	3-16	10/10/87	Twickenham	Postponed	
13/10/84	Kingsholm	L	6-19		JC Div 1		
				21/11/87	Stoop Memorial	D	9- 9
					JC Div 1		

## HARLEQUIN TEAM INFORMATION

(1988/89 Season)

**MOST APPEARANCES: 20-D. THRESHER 18-P. CURTIS, E. DAVIS  
15-J. EAGLE, A. MULLINS, M. SKINNER, R. LANGHORN, R. MOON**

**AMOST TRIES SCORED: 6-J. JOHNSTON, 5-J. EAGLE, C. LUXTON,  
R. GLENISTER, R. LANGHORN 4-N. EDWARDS, J. SALMON**

**MOST POINTS SCORED: 116-S. THRESHER (1T 14C 28PG)/  
61-M. ROSE (3T 5C 13PG)**

**THIS SEASON'S 1st XV PLAYING RECORD TO DATE IS:**

**P26 W15 D0 L11 F488 A434**

**IN THE LEAGUE IT IS: P8 W3 D0 L5 F130 A146 Pts6**

# HARLEQUINS v GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY 11th MARCH 1989

Kick-Off 2.45 p.m. at Stoop Memorial Ground

HARLEQUINS		GLOUCESTER	
Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate, French Grey, Black and Light Green Shirts, White Shorts		Colours: Red & White Hooped Shirts, Black Shorts	
15	S.E. Thresher	<i>Full Back</i>	T. Smith 15
14	J.E. Eagle	<i>Right Wing</i>	N. Price 14
13	J.L.B. Salmon*	<i>Right Centre</i>	R. McLean 13
12	W.D.C. Carling*	<i>Left Centre</i>	D. Cummins 12
11	E.G. Davis	<i>Left Wing</i>	R. Mogg 11
10	R.I. Cramb*	<i>Fly Half</i>	M. Hamlin 10
9	C.T. Luxton	<i>Scrum Half</i>	M. Hannaford (Capt.) 9
1	P.S. Curtis	<i>Forward</i>	M. Preedy* 1
2	C.J. Olver (Capt.)	<i>Forward</i>	K. Dunn 2
3	A.R. Mullins	<i>Forward</i>	R. Pascal 3
4	N.G.B. Edwards	<i>Forward</i>	N. Scrivens 4
5	P.J. Ackford*	<i>Forward</i>	J. Etheridge 5
6	M.G. Skinner*	<i>Forward</i>	M. Teague* 6
8	D.B. Thresher	<i>Forward</i>	B. Clark 8
7	P.J. Winterbottom*	<i>Forward</i>	A. Stanley 7
		Replacements	
16	G. Claxton		J. Hawker 16
17	R.J. Glenister		L. Gardiner 17
		*International	
Referee: Fred Howard (RFU Appointment)			
Roger Looker		Touch Judges	B. Glanville



## **PROGRAMME NOTES**

**England 11 France 0** I could not resist the opportunity to repeat the score line for the benefit of those Englishmen who cannot remember when France scored "nil" at Twickenham. Carling, Ackford and Teague will probably never forget last Saturday. Harlequin and Gloucester supporters have reason to be proud of them. They all appear today in this Courage First Division match.

Gloucester have a mathematical chance of winning the Championship, but they must win their remaining three games and hope that Bath fail to score any points from their last three games in they are to be successful. Quins, on the other hand, need to win if they are to reduce the pressure caused by having only four clubs between them and the bottom of the table.

Both clubs are enjoying good form at the moment. Gloucester, lying second in Division One, are, like Quins, in the Pilkington Cup semi-finals. Quins have stretched their unbeaten record to eleven matches now and have only lost twice at Stoop in the last two seasons, and both of those games were before December last year.

All promise then of a competitive encounter today with some of the country's outstanding players on view.

Quins have six Internationals in their line up and Gloucester have one, but most of their players are very close to International honours and they have a fair sprinkling of "B" Internationals.

An interesting back-row confrontation is in prospect with Winterbottom, Teague and Cadd all having played at representative level and the front-rows also have a few points to prove as John Olver replaced Dunn in the England squad and Curtis and Mullins of Quins are competing for England "B" places, as is Pascall of Gloucester. Gloucester possess a fine kicker in Smith, who has also notched up 10 tries this season.

Could this be a rehearsal for the Pilkington Cup Final? We certainly hope so!

P.S. The articulate, mild-mannered plumber has made it! Well done "Curto" on your selection for England "B" next week.

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**Harlequins wish to thank CELESTION LOUDSPEAKERS for sponsoring today's match and would like to welcome them and their guests.**

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*NEXT HOME MATCH*

**SATURDAY 18th MARCH 1989**

**HARLEQUINS v COVENTRY**

**KICK-OFF 2.45 p.m. AT STOOP MEMORIAL GROUND**