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12. L. Cokell	Centre	12. D. Caskie
11. B. Sodje	Wing	11. N. Price
10. J. King	Fly-half	10. M. Hamlin*
9. M. Holcombe	Scrum-half	9. M. Hannaford
1. G. Hughes	Prop	1. M. Preedy**
2. T. Fenby*	Hooker	2. K. Dunn
3. J. Frostick	Prop	3. R. Pascall
4. G. Watson	2nd Row	4. N. Scrivens
5. B. Catt	2nd Row	5. J. Brain
6. H. Robinson	Flanker	6. J. Gadd
7. T. Smith	Flanker	7. I. Smith
8. M. Harris	No. 8	8. B. Clarke

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BLACKHEATH v. GLOUCESTER

We count it a privilege to welcome Gloucester to the Rectory Field this afternoon. It is unnecessary to say much about the Gloucester Club, renowned as one of the strongest rugby clubs in Britain — possibly in the world. They stand second in Division One of the Courage Competition, only one point behind Bath, whom they have in fact defeated this season (13-6). Gloucester must be regarded as awesome opponents for any club side, although they may not be taking the field at full strength today. They will certainly be without Teague, now happily recovered from his shoulder injury and restored to England's squad at Twickenham, although today on the replacement bench. Many of our spectators will have watched Gloucester's demolition of Leicester on last Sunday's "Rugby Special".

With Northampton leading the table at the head of Division Two, their visit to Blackheath seemed likely to present the club with problems. Blackheath acquitted themselves well, and, although their kicking lacked precision, they played well enough to have earned at least one league point from the match. It was a pleasant surprise to the home crowd to see Danny Vaughan in the back-row, making his first appearance in the club side since October 1987. His performance underlined how much his absence has cost Blackheath in the meantime. Northampton were successful with two penalty kicks in the first half, but Harris missed his two attempts at the other end. Territorially, the second half belonged to Blackheath; a dropped goal by King and a penalty by Harris levelled the score (6-6), but Northampton relieved the pressure to score the only try of the match. Another Harris penalty brought an exciting climax to an excellent game (9-10) which brought much encouragement to the club's supporters — especially to the Treasurer as he counted the proceeds from the Rectory Field's largest "gate" of the season.

While Northampton were gaining their one-point win at Blackheath, Blackheathans took on Northampton Wanderers in an equally enjoyable game at Franklin's Gardens. The Heathans had a most satisfactory win (16-7), with three tries from Andy Mercer, Peter Richardson and Rob Wishart — the latter a brother of Colin Wishart. Colin Parker marked his return to fitness with two conversions.

Next Saturday, 27th January, Blackheath play Sale, away in the third round of the Pilkington Cup. This is an intriguing draw with two well-matched sides. In the second round Blackheath beat Havant (17-0) while Sale qualified with a (43-10) win over Rotherham. The club party will be spending two nights at Sale, travelling up on Friday evening and returning on Sunday afternoon. For travel and accommodation arrangements, contact Malcolm Copperwheat (858-1878). On the following Saturday, 3rd February, Blackheath play Exeter at the Rectory Field (K.O. at 2.30). Exeter hold a midway position in Division Three having beaten Fylde (22-17), Roundhay (9-7) and Askeans (30-3). They also have qualified for the Pilkington Cup third round by a victory (44-7) over Streatham/Croydon.

After the Christmas holiday break mini-rugby is again in progress at the Rectory Field on Sunday mornings from 10-30 onwards. Boys between the ages of 8 and 13 are invited to join in this increasingly popular recreation, and to enjoy the benefits of the excellent coaching which is available. Parents, both mums and dads find great pleasure in these sessions where their presence and interest is always welcomed. Contact Ann Bonnewall (303-3494).

Members and supporters will be aware of the many improvements which are being made at the Rectory Field. We have new dressing-rooms and showers, extended clubhouse accommodation, car parking, floodlights and a re-surfaced road from entrance to clubhouse. These new facilities have cost a great deal of money, and the club hope to recover some of the cost from increased membership. Present members and supporters are asked for their help.

(D.R.L.)