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# A Welcome from the President of the Rugby Football Union

ANOTHER long and fiercely contested Pilkington Cup Competition has reached its Final stage. This year, it has resulted in two West Country sides meeting to determine the outcome and furthermore, both of these sides are no strangers to this part of the competition.

Neither club has had the easiest of paths in this year's campaign in that both sides have been drawn to play away in each round of the cup. However, they have overcome all the challengers along the way and

meet today upon the neutral ground of our HQ.

It will be a brave man or a dedicated supporter of either side who is prepared to be unequivocal over the result of today's contest. One hopes that the improvement in application to the game's basic skills allied to a thorough preparation by each club, playing as a team, in what is, essentially, a team game, will provide us with a memorable match.

Both teams represent clubs with a long and proud history. Both clubs have served the game in England well throughout their existence and we hope that they will add another proud chapter to its history today.

Congratulations to Bath and to Gloucester on their achievements.

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# A Message from the Chairman of Pilkington plc

WELCOME to this, the second Pilkington Cup Final and another full house at Twickenham. I am sure that with the support for today's finalists we could have beaten last year's world record attendance for a club game had it not been for the rebuilding of the North Stand at Twickenham.

When Pilkington decided to sponsor the RFU club knock-out competition I said I was sure it would be good for Pilkington and for the RFU. The past two seasons have certainly borne this out.

By getting to Twickenham, today's finalists represent the elite of the competition; but it is not just the 80 hopefuls who set out to win the Pilkington Cup that benefit from our sponsorship — it is important to reach all levels of rugby football and we were pleased that 180 clubs received mini-rugby starter kits as prizes in our national competition this season.

Amongst Pilkington guests here today are many of the referees of the competition. To them, and others who do so much on and off the field, I offer our thanks.

This afternoon, however, belongs to Bath and Gloucester. I hope that these great South West rivals will produce a final that will thrill us all.

On behalf of Pilkington and our guests, I would like to thank our hosts, the RFU and its president, Sandy Sanders, for their help and cooperation.

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# CONCENTRATING THE MIND

By Barrie Fairall

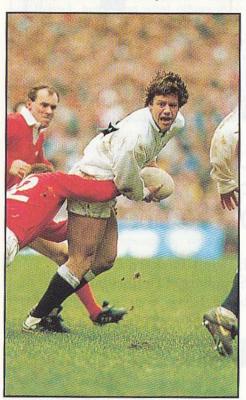
(The Independent)

ANY NEUTRAL unfamiliar with these tribal gatherings involving the giants of West Country rugby are due for an interesting afternoon of observation. The level of commitment arising from fierce local pride should be enough to guarantee that this 19th Cup final will have a flavour all of its own. Indeed, there is rather a lot riding on this afternoon out.

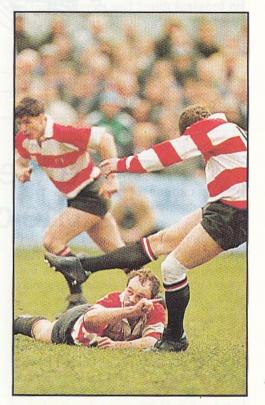
While the pair and their supporters have been frequent visitors to Twickenham down the years — Gloucester, after all, won the very first competition back in 1972 — they have never before faced each other in a showdown at the headquarters of the

English game. Then again, just to add further spice to an intriguing dish, neither of today's opponents has ever been floored here in a final, Gloucester coming closest to second best when they were involved in a battle to a standstill with Moseley in the 12-all draw of 1982.

Now, at the end of this winter's tale, possession of the Pilkington Cup has become the major objective for these two great rivals and not least because of other events during the course of an interesting season in which rugby in England has continued to develop in the countdown to next year's coming of the World Cup. And it was in the league that there were first (continued on page 7)



Simon Halliday, England and Bath.



Tim Smith, Gloucester's prolific kicker.

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signs of a wind of change blowing through the previous order of things when Gloucester lay in wait and pounced, back in September, upon Bath, who subsequently kissed farewell to their First Division title on unsuccessful awaydays at Nottingham and then Saracens, who have proved themselves willing and able campaigners since moving up to run with the big boys.

So while Gloucester were left to pursue the double that Stuart Barnes and his team had managed last season, Bath recently have been looking to the Cup for something to keep in their trophy cupboard. "It has helped to concentrate the mind beautifully,' said Barnes in the run-up to today's closing encounter. For Bath, the Cup so far remains a thing of all sweetness and light as they attempt to raise it aloft for the sixth time in seven years. It is a mighty impressive record for the club, who together with Gloucester and Bristol, help form what others may regard as the Bermuda Triangle of English rugby.

Bath, like Gloucester, entered this season's Cup fray at the third round stage, and first imposed themselves upon their visitors from Harlequins but without exactly going overboard, in a 9-0 win in which Damian Cronin scored the only try of the afternoon, Barnes making the conversion and landing a penalty. Things were rather more expansively put together when Headingley arrived at the Recreation Ground and, brave though they were, departed the scene as 25-3 losers. Here, Bath opened up with tries from John Hall (2), David Egerton and Nigel Redman. Barnes the boot this time potting three conversions and a penalty.

Now Bath had to show us what they were capable of away from home and 56 points in their next two outings provided a clear demonstration of power. They beat Richmond 35–3 at the Athletic Ground, where Jeremy Guscott scored two superb late tries, and then rode on to the final by beating Moseley 21–7 at The Reddings, where

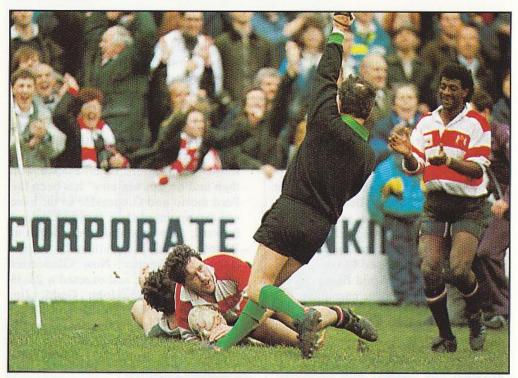
Gareth Chilcott scored a few points for the front row union with a try which he will probably swear included at least a couple of sidesteps.

Gloucester, meanwhile, had to prove their worth entirely away from their Kingsholm base - something which Peter Ford, the club's chairman, was soon pointing out as nothing new as Gloucester had progressed down a similar road before in 1972. "We won then and we can win now" has been the Ford motto and Gloucester so far have not disappointed their former England forward. Cup action for them began at Wasps, who had beaten them 29-4 in the league in October. Now Gloucester raised their game and exacted a 23-19 revenge in which John Gadd, Jim Breeze and the faithful Richard Mogg, who has made over 500 appearances for the Cherry and Whites, ran in tries, the prolific Tim Smith landing a conversion and three penalties.

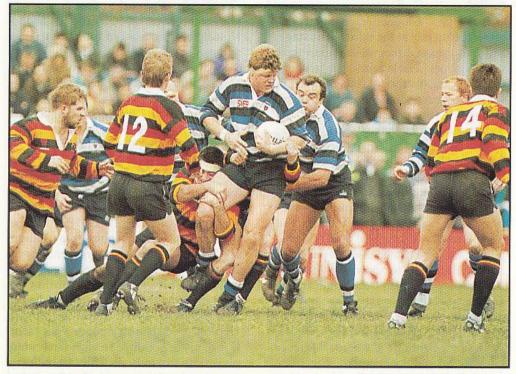
Gadd, Breeze and Smith featured on the scoresheet again when Gosforth were ousted in the fourth round. Gloucester then faced a difficult trip to Nottingham but scored four ties to one and were well worth their 26–16 victory. Semi-finally, Gloucester took off for Northampton and landed up in the driving seat with a 17–12 win thanks to tries from their Lion Mike Teague and the wing Derrick Morgan. Tim Smith weighing in with three penalties.

So the scene is set for another big Cup day and one which, apparently, marks another farewell appearance for an England international. Last year, when Bath beat Leicester, Dusty Hare took a final bow. Now, it seems that Simon Halliday, troubled by a persistent injury, is contemplating stepping down. That would be a pity with the next World Cup not far below the horizon. There would be many who would voice the words: "Simon, your country needs you." But if it really is goodbye to such a talented player, we can only wish him all the very best in the future and that he helps makes this a match to remember.

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Mike Teague scores against Nottingham in the quarter-final. Gloucester won by 26 points to 16.



Damian Cronin, Bath's Scottish international lock, on a typical burst during the quarter-final win over Richmond.



# TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: F. A. HOWARD (Liverpool)
Touch-Judges: C. J. HIGH (Manchester) &
I. M. BULLERWELL (East Midlands)

THE Pilkington Cup Final, the climax of the English 15-a-side season, has also become an occasion when the country's leading referees assemble. Hence the appointment today of England's three senior international panel members – Fred Howard as referee with Colin High and Ian Bullerwell as touch-judges. Should Bath, with some justification, regard Twickenham as their second home at this time of year, Mr Howard could reasonably make the same claim as today he has charge of his fifth cup final in succession. Bath have been involved on four of those occasions, so they are beginning to get to know one another.

It is not only today's finalists, in setting the competitive standards for others to follow through the years, who can lay claim to the virtues of team-work. The referee and his touch-judges operate as a unit; an essential quality in a sport in which the players are fitter and faster than ever before. Whether they possess the same high skills and vision of other years is another topic for another day.

The point is, says Mr Howard, the spokesman for today's trio, that the referee needs the support of able, experienced officials running the line. "I've had some difficult decisions to make this year and it's fair to say that without the competent assistance of my colleagues, those decisions would have been more difficult still. I've been supported in every way, too, off the field, and in disciplinary terms, that's very important. As a result in the main, things have become a little easier on the field, too".

As in other spheres, life at the top of the refereeing tree is demanding — constant travelling, matches the length and breadth of the country, sevens (just for a change), society meetings, dinner speeches, all tied in with the necessity of earning a living.

For four of the last five weekends Mr Howard, who lives some 300 yards from Liverpool St Helens, the newly-promoted League One club, has been in London. In 11 days time he is off to Namibia where he will be refereeing the two Wales internationals in addition to other matches. Colin High, from Barrow, will be in Dunedin in June for the opening match between New Zealand and the Grand Slam champions, Scotland. Ian Bullerwell, from Bedford, travels to Auch – will it hurt, he wonders – for France v. Romania at the end of this month and Tony Spreadbury, the Somerset official appointed to England's panel this season, will make his international debut in the Australia-France series in June.

"The good news", England's top referees chorus (in unison befitting to a team, of course), "Is that English referees are in demand. That's how it should be, of course, but that hasn't always been the case. It's time a few trumpets were blown". It is a pleasure to oblige. One mortal blow for the English panel, though: they cannot be involved in the 1991 World Cup final. Why? Because England will be on stage... perhaps.

#### **BATH**

## **GLOUCESTER**



		Referee: Fred Howard (Liverpool Society) Touch 'didges: Ian Bullerwell (East Midlands Society) Colin High (Man hester Society)		
16	J. CALLARD	FULL BACK	T. SMITH	15
		[THREE QUARTERS]		
15	A. H. SWIFT†	RIGHT WING	D. MORGAN	14
14	S. HALLIDAY†	CENTRE	D. CASKIE	13
12	J. C. GUSCOTT†	CENTRE	R. MOGG	12
11	A. ADEBAYO	LEFT WING	J. BREEZE	11
		HALFBACKS		
10	S. BARNES† (Captain)	STAND-OFF	(Captain) M. HAMLIN	10
9	R. J. HILL†	SCRUM HALF	M. HANNAFORD	9
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		FORWARDS		
1	V. E. UBOGU	PROP	†M. PREEDY	1
2	R. G. R. DAWE†	HOOKER	K. DUNN	2
3	G. J. CHILCOTT†	PROP	R. PASCALL	3
4	N. C. REDMAN†	LOCK	N. SCRIVENS	4
5	D. F. CRONIN†	LOCK	J. BRAIN	5
6	R. A. ROBINSON†	FLANKER	J. GADD	6
7	K. WITHEY	FLANKER	I. SMITH	7
8	D. W. EGERTON†	NO. 8	†M. TEAGUE	8
		†International		
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	21 J. Webb†	11 7 0 8	D. Sims 20	
	22 J. Bamsey	Y	P. Ashmead 21	
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#### RULES FOR FINAL:

If, after 40 minutes play each way the scores are level, there shall be an immediate period of replay between the same teams of 10 minutes each way, with a one minute interval. If the scores are then still equal the team that has scored the most tries shall be the winner. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored the most goals from tries shall be the winner. If no result is then achieved the match shall be adjudged a Draw.



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#### THE GLOUCESTER TEAM

These biographies have been compiled by STEVE FRASER of *The Gloucester Citizen* 

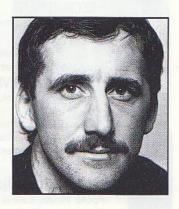
#### M. HAMLIN (Captain)

Outside-half. Age 30. Born 10.3.60 in Gloucester. 5ft. 11in., 12st. 2lb. Mike Hamlin, otherwise known as Hambo, became club captain this season in succession to Marcus Hannaford, the scrum-half. He was educated at Oxstalls School and joined Coney Hill when he was 16. Two years later he moved to Cheltenham where his brother, Maurice, was captain. He arrived at Kingsholm in 1982 and has become part of the much-appreciated furniture. He has represented the South West and was on the England B tour of Spain last summer. A construction worker, he has spent most of the year working on the new stand at Kingsholm.



#### T. SMITH

Fullback. Age 27. Born 10.5.62 in Gloucester. 5ft. 11in., 13st. 1lb. Tim Smith, who was educated at Saintbridge School, is the club's leading points scorer this season with 262, excluding the final league match. He is also Gloucester's second highest points scorer of all time with 1,754. Before moving to Kingsholm, he played for Widden OB, Brockworth and Gordon League. He was in an England Under 23 squad and, though his qualifications were a fraction thin, has in emergency also worn an England Students shirt. He played club rugby in Sydney, New South Wales, last summer with the Waratahs.



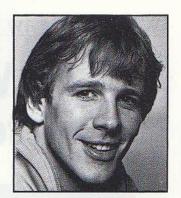
#### D. MORGAN

Wing. Age 27. Born 2.8.62 in Swindon. 5ft. 11in., 12st. 7lb. Derrick Morgan, who has lived in Gloucester since he was a child, was educated at Hucclecote School and played outside-half or centre with Longlevens before finding his niche on the right wing. He has been at Kingsholm for seven years and apart from last winter when he was sorely troubled by a back injury, has been among the leading try-scorers ever since, a list which he tops this season. Though since overtaken, he also led the national top try scorer list for a while. He is fully fit again and recently claimed his 500th point for the club. He is a fitter.



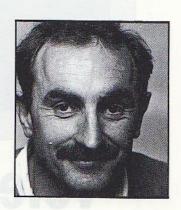
#### D. CASKIE

Centre. Age 24. Born 12.12.65 in Almondsbury, Avon. 5ft. 6in., 11st. 8lb. Don Caskie, who was educated at Rednock, Dursley, and West London Institute, joined Gloucester from London Scottish this season. He grew up in Dursley mid-way between Gloucester and Bristol and was an outstanding soccer player. He had trials with Bristol City, Plymouth and Swindon before opting for rugby. He has a degree in Physical Education and with an appropriate qualification – his parents are Scots – he has also represented Scotland Under 21 and Scottish Students, playing against England in the 1988 Student World Cup.



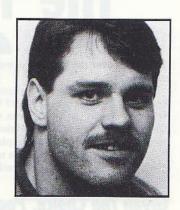
#### R. MOGG

Centre. Age 34. Born 28.2.56 in Gloucester. 5ft. 11in., 12st. 13lb. Richard Mogg, otherwise known as Moggy, is a folk hero among Kingsholm devotees. He has been around since 1975, offering with a modesty akin to shyness, 16 seasons of supreme service. He was at Oxstalls School locally and played for Tredworth initially. This is his third Cup Final, a unique club record, and a couple of weeks ago he became the fifth player in Gloucester's history to make 500 appearances. He scored the winning try in the 1978 final (v. Leicester) and has represented England Colts, Under 23, B and, in 1988, the Barbarians.



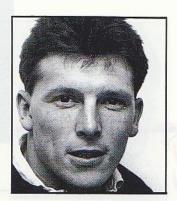
#### J. BREEZE

Wing. Age 30. Born 23.2.60 in Gloucester. 5ft. 11in., 13st. 12lb. Jim Breeze, who played for Gloucester All Blues and Stroud before reaching Kingsholm, is another rugby advertisement for Oxstalls School – Mogg and Hamlin are from the same stable. He has been running in tries from an early age, having played for the 15, 16 and 18 age group county teams before graduating to the South West Colts. A century of tries for Gloucester is in sight and today he makes his 176th appearance. He is a fitter and, it is claimed, his excellent singing voice provides the club's cabaret while on tour.



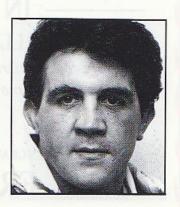
#### M. HANNAFORD

Scrum-half. Age 27. Born 27.4.63 in Gloucester. 6ft., 13st. 8lb. Marcus Hannaford, the club captain last season, was educated at Widden School and played for Widden OB, Longlevens and Old Cryptians before moving to Kingsholm. He has been in England Under 18 and Under 23 squads and was recalled to the senior training squad this season after an absence of three years. He was also in contention for the 1987 World Cup team until ruled out by injury. He has led the Divisional side in a non-championship match and on his only appearance to date for England B scored a try against Italy.



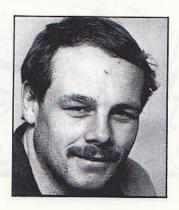
#### M. PREEDY

Prop. Age 27. Born 27.4.63 in Gloucester. 5ft. 10in., 15st. 4lb. Malcolm Preedy, who was educated at Hucclecote Secondary School, began his senior career with Longlevens and moved to Kingsholm when he was 19. Within two years he had been capped by England, forming an all-Gloucester front-row with Steve Mills and Phil Blakeway against South Africa in Port Elizabeth. He has also represented Gloucester, the South West and the Barbarians. He has made approaching 300 appearances for the Cherry and Whites and, if you let him, he will tell you at length about the goal he dropped against Bristol. True.



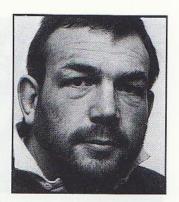
#### K. DUNN

Hooker. Age 24. Born 5.6.65 in Gloucester. 5ft. 9in., 13st. 10lb. Kevin Dunn, who was educated at Churchdown School, as was Mike Teague, played junior rugby for Chosen Hill Colts before moving to Lydney and, in 1985, to Kingsholm. He is a bricklayer. Hard on the heels of Brian Moore and John Olver, Dunn, the South West hooker, has had two seasons with England B and has also been on the senior bench. To add to his first-class experience, he has had a season in Australian club rugby, a link started by Ian Smith, the club's flanker. He made his 100th appearance for the club earlier this season.



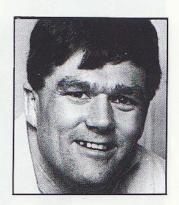
#### R. PASCALL

Prop. Age 32. Born 5.1.58 in Greenford, Middlesex. 6ft. 1in., 16st. 10lb. Richard Pascall, otherwise known as Pasc, was educated at Upbury Manor, Gillingham, and Ramsden School, Orpington, Kent. Like Keith Richardson, the club coach, he is not of the area though both believe they may have been accepted. He has represented Kent at various levels and before reaching Gloucester, played for Beckenham, St. Paul's College (Cheltenham) and Bedford. While a P.E. student, he played for England Students, English and British Colleges. He is a B cap and is now Product Manager with the Chelsea Building Society.



#### N. SCRIVENS

Lock. Age 32. Born 12.10.57 in Cirencester, Glos. 6ft. 4in., 17st. 4lb. Nigel Scrivens, otherwise known as Scrive, is from down the road in Ciren but has lived in Gloucester for four years. He has been with the club for twice that period, having begun his playing career in his home town. After a long battle to establish a second row place at Kingsholm, he has made the No. 4 shirt his own in the past three winters. Rivals have included John Fidler and John Orwin, both capped by England. He is a salesman with a chemical company and has played more than 150 first team games for Gloucester.



#### J. BRAIN

Lock. Age 29. Born 7.6.60 in Gloucester. 6ft. 4in., 16st. 6lb. John Brain, who was educated at King's School, Gloucester, first played for Gloucester Old Boys before joining the Cherry and Whites at Kingsholm some 11 years ago. There have been some ups and a few downs in his career and last winter he was out of the team for a long time. He got back last October, having decided, he says, "to buck up or get out". So today's final is even more important to him. He is close to 250 matches for the club, has represented England Students, Under-23s and the South West and is a trading standards enforcement officer.



#### J. GADD

Flanker. Age 30. Born 20.11.59 in New Zealand. 6ft. 2in., 15st. 8lb. John Gadd, whose parents returned to Gloucester after a spell in New Zealand, was educated at Newent CS and played for Newent and Gloucester Old Boys before making his mark at Kingsholm. That was more than nine years and 250 matches ago. Like Mogg, Preedy and Teague, he played in the 1982 final – the 12 all draw with Moseley. He has twice played for England in non-cap as well as touring the United States with the national team in 1982. He has also represented, Gloucestershire, the South West, the Under 23s and England B.



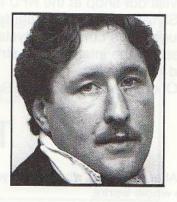
#### I. SMITH

Flanker. Age 25. Born 16.3.65 in Gloucester. 6ft., 13st. 10lb. Ian Smith, whose father, Dick, played in the first Cup Final here in 1972, is in England's 1991 World Cup squad and graduated to Kingsholm via Thomas Rich's School and the Longlevens Colts. Like his father, he is a strong-running flanker with fine hands and today plays his 200th match for Gloucester. The family, though firmly rooted in Gloucester, also have Scottish links and the Anglos have expressed an interest in Ian. He was in Wollongong for the 1988 Australian season, the club Jerry Guscott has played for. He is a civil engineer.



#### M. TEAGUE

No. 8. Age 29. Born 8.10.60 in Gloucester. 6ft. 3in., 16st. 7lb. Mike Teague, Gloucester's British Lion and voted Player-of-the-Series in Australia last summer when he was at No. 6, was educated at Churchdown School and played for Gloucester All Blues before migrating to Kingsholm 10 years ago. He was a B international by 1981 and though he has had periods away from Gloucester with Cardiff and Stroud, it was no surprise to Kingsholm regulars when he returned. He missed the first half of this season because of a shoulder injury but was back for three of England's games. He is a self-employed builder.





# RESULTS & ATTENDANCES FOR THE RFU CLUB KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION FINAL

Year	Club			Attendance
1971/2	Gloucester 17	v	Moseley 6	10,500
1972/3	Bristol 15	v	Coventry 27	11,500
1973/4	London Scottish 6	v	Coventry 26	7,000
1974/5	Bedford 28	v	Rosslyn Park 12	11,000
1975/6	Gosforth 23	v	Rosslyn Park 14	7,500
1976/7	Gosforth 27	V	Waterloo 11	10,000
1977/8	Gloucester 6	V	Leicester 3	24,000
1978/9	Leicester 15	V	Moseley 12	20,400
1979/80	Leicester 21	v	London Irish 9	27,000
1980/1	Gosforth 15	v	Leicester 22	24,000
1981/2	Gloucester 12	v	Moseley 12	20,000
1982/3	Bristol 28	v	Leicester 22	34,000
1983/4	Bath 10	v	Bristol 9	21,000
1984/5	Bath 24	v	London Welsh 15	32,000
1985/6	Bath 25	V	Wasps 17	24,500
1986/7	Bath 19	v	Wasps 12	35,500
1987/8	Bristol 22	v	Harlequins 28	37,000
1988/9	Bath 10	v	Leicester 6	(record)*59,300

\*World Record for Club Game

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Drybrook	10	Met. Police	1
Ealing	12	High Wycombe	1
Exeter Havant	14	Southend	
	10	Berry Hill	1
Lydney North Walsham	15	Swanage & Wareham	
	11	Combe Downe	1
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Mansfield	0	Otley	2
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Fylde	15	Gosforth	17
Harrogate	3	West Hartlepool	12
Headingley	12	North Walsham	0
London Welsh	3	Leicester	43
Metropolitan Police	4	Northampton	16
Moseley	26	Berry Hill	11
Nuneaton	7	Saracens	16
Plymouth Albion	0	Orrell	7
Rosslyn Park	9	Nottingham	30
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# A GATHERING OF THE TRIBES

#### BY KEITH RICHARDSON

(Gloucester R.F.C. and Wycliffe College)

By definition—Gloucester is a city; the magnificent cathedral gives that status. But in many ways the place is not even a town as the local feel that permeates the whole place is that of a village, and that, too, can be further broken down, as the large village is really an amalgamation of many tribes who have alliances based loosely on rugby club areas.

The city contains 20 rugby clubs, all with their own playing and social structure. Each season finds the tribes at war in various skirmishes until the big battles emerge in the local cup scene which enlivens what ought to be the end of the season. In other parts of the nation there is a winding down as players relax and throw the ball about with abandon. In Gloucester the cream from Brockworth, Chosen Hill, Coney Hill, Dowty, All Blues, Civil Service, Gloucester Old Boys, Gloucester Police, Gordon League, Hucclecote, ICI, Longlevens, Matson, Old Cryptians, Old Richians,

Saintbridge, Spartans, Tredworth and Widden are just getting into gear for the local cup games – and if you think my maths is poor, the 20th local club is at Twickenham today.

For Gloucester is a club which is of the town and most people in the town will know as much about any local player as they will about a Gloucester player. There is a frightening network of knowledge within the city and it always seems to the outsider that everybody is related or very well informed on family quirks. Go, if you can, to Spartans and try to find somebody not named Teague or Powke. It can be done but it isn't easy. Then try to find somebody who is not related to one of the two names and you may as well try to split the atom.

As a Geordie who has been tolerated in the club since 1968, I am still surprised by the way the city remains insularly aloof and remote from the rest of the world, namely

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Pascall, Dunn and Preedy - "We are respected wherever we go".

#### CUP FINAL FACTS

- There have been 18 Cup finals since 1972. Leicester hold the record for most final appearances,
- reaching Twickenham six times. Bath have won the Cup most often, winning all five of their final ties. The crowd at last year's Bath-Leicester final was 59,300, a world record for a club rugby match. By
- contrast there were only 10,500 at the inaugural final, and the lowest attendance was 7000, in 1974. John Palmer, John Hall, Richard Hill and Gareth Chilcott were the only players to feature in all of Bath's Cup final wins. Palmer's 16 points against London Welsh in 1985 established a record for a final.
- No-one has scored a hat-trick of tries in a final. David Duckham was the first player to score two tries when Coventry beat London Scottish in 1974. Six players have equalled his record, the most recent being Will Carling for Harlequins in 1988.
- Two players, Colyn Price for London Welsh in 1985 and Alan Pearn for Bristol in 1973, hold the record for kicking five penalties in a final. Neil Bennett landed four coversions for Bedford in the 1975 final and Les Cusworth dropped two goals for Leicester in 1980.
- The 1982 final, which was a replay of the first final between Gloucester and Moseley, was unique. It ended as a draw after extra time and the sides shared the Cup.

  The highest score in a final was 28 points, by Bedford (in 1975), Bristol (1983) and Harlequins (1988). Bristol defeated Leicester 28-22 in 1983 and Harlequins beat Bristol by the same score in 1988 to establish the highest points aggregate for a final.
- Coventry's victory by 26-6 against London Scottish in the 1974 final was the biggest winning margin in a final.
- Ron Lewis, a Welshman, refereed the first final in 1972 and had to send off Nigel Horton of Moseley. Roger Quittenton, refereed most finals. He controlled six and Fred Howard, who was the first referee to award a penalty try in a final (in 1988), has taken charge of four.

29 April, 1989. Bath beat Leicester by 2PG 1T (10) to 2PG(6).

BATH: J.A. Palmer; A.H. Swift, S.J. Halliday, J.C. Guscott, F.K. Sagoe, S. Barnes (capt.), R.J. Hill, G.J. Chilcott, R.G.R. Dawe, M.R. Lee, J.S.C. Morrison, D.F. Cronin, R.A. Robinson, D.W. Egerton (rep by P.D. Simpson), J.P. Hall. LEICESTER: W.H. Hare; B.J. Evans, P.W. Dodge (capt.), I. Bates, R. Underwood, L. Cusworth, A. Kardooni, S. Redfern, T. Thacker, W.P. Richardson, T. Smith, M.V. Foulkes-Arnold, J.M. Wells, P. Brichardson, S. Scrift, S. Scrift, M. Scrift, R. Sagoe, S. Barnes (capt.), R.J. Hill, G.J. Chilcott, P. Scrift, S. Sagoe, S. Barnes (capt.), R.J. Hill, G.J. Chilcott, R.G. Barnes (capt.), R.J. Hill, R.J. Chilcott, R.G. Barnes (capt.), R.J. Hill, R.J. Chilcott, R.G. Barnes (capt.), R.

D. Richards, I.R. Smith.

Scorers: Barnes scored a try and kicked two penalty goals for Bath. Hare kicked two penalty goals for Leicester.

Referee: Mr. F.A. Howard

28 April, 1984. Bath beat Bristol by 1PG 1DG 1T(10) to 1G 1PG(9).

BATH: C.R. Martin; D.M. Trick, J.A. Palmer, A. Rees, B. Trevaskis, J.P. Horton, R.J. Hill, G.J. Chilcott, R. Cunningham, M.R. Lee, N. Gaymond, N.C. Redman, R.A. Spurrell (capt.), P.D. Simpson, J.P. Hall.

BRISTOL: P.C. Cue; A.J.G. Morley, R.A. Knibbs, S.T. Hogg, J.F. Carr, S. Barnes, R.M. Harding, R.J. Doubleday, D.J. Palmer, A. Sheppard, N.J.C. Pomphrey, P.J. Stiff, P. Polledri, D.L. Chidgey, M. Rafter (capt.)

Scorers: Simpson scored a try, Palmer kicked a penalty and Horton dropped a goal for Bath. Harding scored a try for Bristol, Barnes coverted and kicked a penalty goal.

Referee: Mr. R.C. Quittenton

#### TWELVE YEARS AGO ...

15 April, 1978. Gloucester beat Leicester by 1G(6) to 1PG(3).

GLOUCESTER: P.E. Butler; R.J. Clewes, B.J. Vine, R. Jardine, R.R. Mogg, C.G. Williams, P.R. Howell, G.A.F. Sargent, S.G.F. Mills, M.A. Burton, S.B. Boyle, J.H. Fidler, V.J. Wooley, J.F. Simonett, J.A. Watkins (capt.)

LEICESTER: W.H. Hare; M.J. Duggan, P.W. Dodge, B.P. Hall (capt.), R.G. Barker, B. Jones, S. Kenney, S.P. Redfern, P.J. Wheeler, R.E. Needham, N.J. Joyce, A.G. Hazlerigg, D.J. Forfar, G.J. Adey, S.R. Johnson.

Scorers: Butler converted a try by Mogg for Gloucester. Hare kicked a penalty goal for Leicester.

Referee: Mr. R.C. Quittenton

#### EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO ...

29 April, 1972. Gloucester beat Moseley by 1PG 2DG 2T (17) to 1G(6). GLOUCESTER: E.J.F. Stephens; R.J. Clewes J.A. Bayliss, R. Morris, J. Dix, T. Palmer, M.H. Booth, M.A. Burton, M.J. Nicholls (capt.) R.J. Cowling, A. Brinn, J.S. Jarrett, J.A. Watkins, M.J. Potter, R. Smith.

MOSELEY: S.A. Doble; K. Hatter, M.K. Swain, C.W. McFadyean, R. Kerr, J.F. Finlan, J.G. Webster (capt.), C.C. Morrell, D.E. Lane, J.G. Griffiths, R. Morris, N.E. Horton, T.J. Smith, J.C. White, I.N. Pringle.

Scorers: Dix and Morris scored tries for Gloucester, Stephens kicked a penalty goal, and Palmer and Booth dropped goals. Swain scored a try for Moseley, Doble converted.

Referee: Mr. R. Lewis

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England and Wales. Gloucester might have been dropped on an unsuspecting landscape as it is wary of intruders and repels all potential boarders in its own unique ways. When I talked with some of the players of how the club might react to the possibility of class players joining the club from outside, the lovely solution to such a problem was short and amazingly simple; "we wouldn't talk to them".

Yet I have found, after 22 years, that the natives do speak to outsiders. Roy Powke took me under his protective wing long ago with "your round, ain't it?" But the statement I love best was from Peter Ford, who probably meant it to be friendly and comforting. If you ever fall off the top of a lorry load of King Edwards onto a concrete floor, the general feeling is that a certain part of the anatomy has been grafted onto the chest without the benefit of anaesthetic. I did this long, long ago and remember lying there waiting for the heavenly host, which appeared in the shape of Fordy with, "don't worry, we've all done it before". That statement, however accurate at the time, had little therapeutic effect but did make me think that perhaps they did breed them hard around these parts.

I found the dreadful figure of the same wholesale fruit and veg merchant looming large yet again when I managed the ignominious feat of breaking an arm on Matt Bayliss; some say his shoulder did the damage but I prefer to remember his nose as being more prominent and dangerous. But as the pain of the break got to me and Dick Smith asked if I wanted to go on the wing till the pain subsided, the memory came back of "if you can walk off, you can't be injured". Fordy had got to me again as I felt embarrassed at being led

away for surgery.

If you think of Gloucester, there has to be a special place for Digger Morris, who seems to bear no grudges for the steam-roller that did the damage. He still frightens visiting committee men who remember him as a player a number of years ago, and I can understand their concern. Digger was never one for too many niceties in the game and has been known to warm things up a bit with, "drive it in up to the fourth lacehole", yet the same man is loved wherever he goes. At Orrell, they usually meet him with the reception committee, take him to an armchair, bottle of scotch

and a TV set if there is an international on the box. For a day, Digger is King, then he really lets his hair down for a night on the Wigan tiles. Could this really be the men who rejoiced in national acclaim with a steam radio news announcement of the most malicious assault ever witnessed on a rugby pitch when the aforementioned Digger let Prince Oblensky have the

Flying Arkwright?

If nothing else, Gloucester can present the unsuspecting with paradox and irony. When I played, Dick Smith and John Bayliss were contemporaries and were totally different in style and skills. 'Buffer' Bayliss was built like a brick outhouse and sent more than his fair share to the land of nod and ran as if he'd just scrumped an orchard and had the proceeds in his shirt and nobody was having any. Dick had grace and a lithe, easy athleticism, sold languid dummies and had class stamped all over his movements. Of course, it is so obvious that Buffer was the centre and Dick the flanker.

Come to a match at Kingsholm and one of the first striking dimensions to the club is the loyalty of not only the supporters but also the players who have played in the past. The selection committee itself has Fred Reed, Alan Brinn, Jim Jarrett, Bob Clewes, Bob Redwood and John Fidler. Mike Nicholls makes the fixtures and it would be quite usual to find Colin Teague, Mike Potter, Terry Hopson, Mickey Booth, Tom Palmer, Dave Owen, Dick Smith, Wilf Nicholls, John Dix and Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all after most matches. And they are merely names from the years that I played. Other players from different eras proudly parade their allegiance week in, week out.

And this is something that would be difficult to reproduce artificially. The system has happened and it works for Gloucester. Yes, there is a parochial and insular streak, and socially the people do take a while to work you out. In the North East the welcome is quicker and louder, but once Gloucester accepts you it seems to be a wholehearted welcome; and once you put on that cherry and white jersey, strange things begin to happen. On my first visit to the ground I actually saw a little lad run on to the pitch, snatch a handful of grass and run triumphantly back to his friends; perhaps he is playing today. Certainly a ball boy from my

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playing days is present because he never forgets to remind me that he, the Gloucester captain, was that very ball boy.

Gloucester seems to be one of the few (perhaps the only one) teams that I know of with its own song. It is far too long to reproduce here, but part of it bears repetition.

"We are the Glosters, pride of the West, Some of the lads and some of the best, We are respected wherever we go,

Where we come from, nobody knows". It is the last line that seems to sum us up neatly, perhaps 'to see ourselves as others see us'. Whatever the line means by "where we come from, nobody knows," the lack of a proper mother and father who were joined together in church could be one interpretation; which is fine, because that's what many people have called us for a long time.

The Rugby Union is an institution beyond reproach, so one could never even suggest that this final was rigged, but the way that the two finalists have kept apart has been wonderful. It will be a fitting end to the current season and I hope that all the players enjoy the experience of playing in front of a vast crowd. If the RFU want to ensure economic sucess in future finals, I am sure that Digger Morris would be available to organise the draw on behalf of Pilkington and Twickenham.



Mike Teague, England and Gloucester.



Marcus Hannaford, Gloucester's scrum-half, on the fringe of international selection.

## THE FINALISTS

#### BATH: Formed: 1865 Ground: Recreation Ground, Bath Secretary: Clive Howard Captain: Stuart Barnes Coach: Jack Rowell Press Officer: Clive Howard Cup Record: Played: 49 Won: 37 Lost: 12 Points for 936 Against 442 Finals: 1988-89 Leicester Won 10 - 61986-87 Wasps Won 19-12 Wasps 1985-86 Won 25-17 V 1984-85 London Welsh V Won 24-15 1983-84 Bristol 10 - 9Won This Year: Won 9- 0 Won 25- 3 Round 3 Harlequins Round 4 Headingley V Quarter-Final Richmond Won 3-35 V Semi-Final Moseley Won 7-21 Cup Record Year-by-Year: 1971/72 1972/73 1973/74 1974/75 1975/76 1976/77 1977/78 1978/79 1979/80 1 1 2 Q/F 1 1 1 1 Q/F 1980/81 1981/82 1982/83 1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 1986/87 1987/88 1988/89

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Coach: Kei	th Ri	chards	on		Press Offic	er: T. Tand	y			
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1977-78	v	Leic	ester			Won	6-3			
1971-72	V	Mos	eley			Won	17- 6			
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Round 4		v		osfo			Won	15-2	6	
Quarter-Fi	nal	v	N	Nottin	igham		Won	16-2	6	
Semi-Final		v			ampton		Won	12-1	7	

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Semi-Final	1984/85	Gloucester 11, Bath 12			
Round 1	1972/73	Gloucester 16, Bath 0			
Round 1	1971/72	Bath 3, Gloucester 12			