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President: Canon H. M. Hughes BA.

v
EBBW VALE



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EBBW VALE
(Red, Green & White)

T	G	Pts
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3

15. T. Smith

1		4
1		4
1		4
1		4

14. D. Morgan
13. S. Morris
12. R. Mogg
11. N. Marment

1		4
1		4

10. M. Hamlin (Capt)
9. L. Gardiner

1		4
1		4
1		4
1		4

1. P. Jones
2. J. Hawker
3. R. Phillips
4. N. Scrivens
5. ~~J. Brain~~ *D. Sims*
6. P. Ashmead
7. I. Smith
8. D. Spencer

Replacements:

A. Curtis
D. Kearsey

23	H/T	3

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Cumulative
Match
Score

0	3		
3	3		
9	3		
15	3		
19	3		
23	3		
29	3		
33	3		
37	3		
41	3		
45	3		

15. D. Worgan

T	G	Pts

14. I. Jefferies
13. B. Thomas
12. D. Davies
11. M. Jefferies

10. M. Groom
9. N. Osborne

1. R. Paget
2. N. Meek (Capt.)
3. G. Clayton
4. A. Phillips
5. A. Newman
6. M. Spiller
7. J. Lapham
8. P. Easley

Replacements:

C. Jones
J. Berrows

45	F/T	3

Referee: T. HARVEY (Devon Society)

TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

HOME AT LAST

Seems a long time since we had a home First XV game, Wednesday the 5th to be precise.

As you probably know, one of the factors which has contributed to our relative famine, has been the advent of the Welsh clubs' own national league, and it's nice to record that today's very welcome visitors came through their first match very handily. Which is more than we can say about our first venture in the 1990/91 Courage Clubs Championship. Early days yet, though, certainly far too soon to get despondent.

In fact, Ebbw Vale are a force to be reckoned with. They mightn't have the glamour of some Principality outfits we attract to Kingsholm, but they certainly know how to play the game, and are always excellent value for your entrance money.

Last season, it was Gloucester's turn to visit Ebbw Vale, and we repaid their formidable hospitality rather ungratefully, to the tune of 38 points to 10. I believe that they were a bit weakened that day, however, so one shouldn't read too much into that.

Not that one can ever take a Welsh team for granted. They may be having problems of one sort and another — not least defections to the 13-man game — but I have still to be convinced that it's not all a devious Celtic plot to lull us dim Saxons into a sense of false security. Time will tell.

Nevertheless, it's always good to welcome friends from across Westgate Bridge, and we certainly class Ebbw Vale among that number. Have a great time boys!

BOXING CLEVER

Six of our palatial new hospitality boxes are to be occupied today, and that's not a bad record at this stage of the proceedings. You'll be interested to know who our esteemed neighbours are.

Optical company Norville's and the Original Holloway Society have been in residence since day

one, and you can't have two more traditional Gloucester outfits than that. (All right — I know OHS were founded in Stroud, but surely we can claim them after all these.)

Today they're joined by Design Installation Services of Cheltenham. They have been sponsoring games at Kingsholm for so long, that it's hardly any surprise to see them go the whole hog, so to speak.

In contrast, Sherwood Computel is a completely new name to the hallowed precincts of Kingsholm. They must now be one of the area's leading computer firms, and you've probably seen their offices when wandering down Whitfield Street.

And there's another new name, too, Chelsea Building Society, who are based in Cheltenham have moved in, proving that there's life in the property market yet.

Finally, for the moment, we have a real life Consortium, foregathered for the purpose. When I tell you that Roger Eggleton, of Eggletons Solicitors has been the guiding spark in the enterprise, you won't be at all surprised — remember that firm's generous sponsorship of a set of strips for the HMS Gloucester side? I wonder if they're taking their shirts to the Gulf?

The other members of the happy band are interesting too. There's Roger Cullimore, who knows more about haulage and related subjects than most of us do about prop forward play; Tony Tee, highly amiable and successful Accountant; Ian Stewart, ex-hooker, ex-City Planning Officer, now an independent Consultant; Westbury Homes, who we tend more to associate with the round-ball game; Ken Morris, of Mercia Road office equipment company Kingsdale Morris, and by no means least, Terry Warner of sports goods fame.

How's that for a Ministry of All the Talents?

Naturally, we're very grateful for the generosity of all these splendid people. We certainly hope that the pleasure they get from their enterprise is matched only by the amount of business it generates for them.

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ROOM FOR MORE

There are quite a few more organisations about to join the Hospitality Box Set, and I'll keep you abreast of events. However, there are still one or two available, and Terry Tandy would be very pleased to meet anyone who would like to know more about the matter.

STEWARDS WANTED

Talking of Terry Tandy, he'd also like to hear from anyone who would like to be an active Steward for the Club on match days. All the new developments, of one sort or another, have led to an increased demand for such worthy people, and while we're generally all right, we don't have much cover for big match days. Interested? It's not that onerous a job, and you do get to meet a lot of interesting people. Get in touch with Terry.

MOSELEY NEXT WEEK

Our next home game is on Wednesday evening, when we entertain Exeter University, always a cheerful occasion.

Then, next Saturday, we're back to a drop of the hard stuff, with our first home League game of the season, against the lads from Moseley, who I'm told, have high hopes for a good campaign this year. Moseley are always popular opponents, and with League points at stake too, there's sure to be a large crowd, so it might not be a bad idea to get here a little early.

After that, on October 16th, we have a visit from the fast improving Plymouth side, and that won't be any pushover, either.

The drought has finally broken!

WELL DONE UNITED!

United are looking to be a pretty fearsome outfit this season. They certainly put it across Bath, good and proper, in spite of the presence of Jon Webb at full back.

The significance of that win was that it was the first game United have played in their own Second XV League, which, unofficial though it is, has the

merit of giving a lot of very good players, who haven't quite claimed a First XV spot on a regular basis, something to play for. If United go on that way, one or two players will have proved a point or two.

GOOD LUCK 'TEAGUEY'

Nice to see that Mike Teague has kept his place in the England side, in spite of the reappearance of Dean Richards. Mike has reverted to his Lions spot of No. 6, and has had to displace Mickey Skinner to do so.

We certainly wish him very well indeed for today's showpiece Barbarians game — and indeed, for the rest of the International season, and beyond.

. . . . TO SAY NOTHING OF THE REST

Congratulations are in order for quite a few other players too, but I haven't been able to tender them before, because of the shortage of home games.

A couple of names spring readily to mind. It was nice to see Nick Marment play his first game for the South and South West, albeit on the wing. On the same occasion, Pete Jones played his first full game for the Division, although he had been on as a replacement, previously. Well done, chaps!

TAILPIECE

I have a little project afoot, about which I don't want to say too much at the moment, save to say that it's not unconnected with next season's Centenary of the Kingsholm Ground.

What I need is old photographs, drawings, programmes, dinner menus, in fact anything which could be used as illustration. Anything to do with the Ground or the Club would be gratefully considered. The older the better.

If you have some precious possession of this sort, don't send it to me right away; give me a ring (Gloucester 618726), or have a word in the bar, and let's talk about it. There's no frantic hurry, but I do need to get about 200 of such items together.

I promise you that anything which I may borrow will be treated very sympathetically, taken great care of, and returned in good order.

Pass the word around, would you?

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TALKING RUGBY

with
Mike Harris



A league programme of just 12 matches leaves precious little room for error and getting off to a good start is consequently far more important to a first division rugby side than a first division soccer side that plays nearly 40 league games in a season.

Gloucester's 18-6 defeat at Leicester last week was therefore very disappointing especially after the form the Cherry and Whites had shown against Neath and Pontypridd.

The Tigers had done their homework and studied videos of Gloucester's play in order to stifle the forward drives of Teague and Co.

And although they showed little of their traditional attacking flair, Leicester demonstrated that they will be a difficult team to beat.

The result was undoubtedly a severe setback for Gloucester's league hopes but it need not be an end to them.

Wasps won the league title last season having lost two games and there is still a long way to go in the campaign.

Having said that Gloucester will be desperate to get back to winning ways against Moseley when the Birmingham side come down to Kingsholm next Saturday. The line between success and failure is very thin and while a start of two victories would stir thoughts of lifting the title, two defeats would spark off fears of relegation.

After the first week of results, Bath must be favourites to win the league after their 46-3 demolition of Liverpool St. Helens. Wasps and Nottingham also gave notice of their intentions with good wins against Harlequins and Bristol.

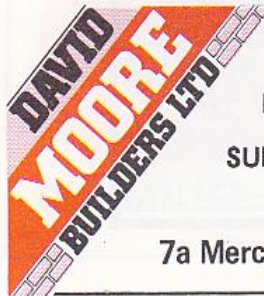
But while the league hopes of Gloucester's first team were being dented at Welford Road, there was much to cheer about at Kingsholm where Gloucester United ran in nine tries against Bath's second team in their opening Second Team League match of the season.

The 49-10 drubbing of a side which included former England full-back Jon Webb will give United considerable confidence for the rest of their league campaign and there can be few stronger second teams in the country.

If the first team cannot go one better than last season and win the title it would be nice to think that Dave Spencer's United will top the inaugural Second Team League.



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