

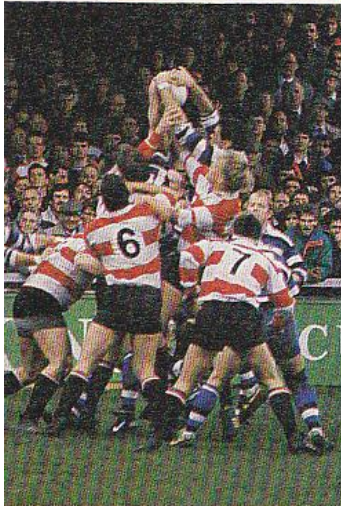


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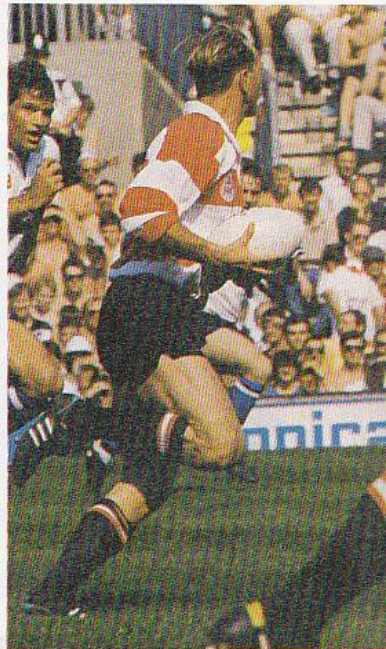
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T	G	Pts
1	80	20

1		4
3		12
5		12

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1		4
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2		8

30	H/T	3
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15. T. Smith

14. D. Morgan
13. D. Cummins
12. D. Caskie
11. N. Marment

10. M. Hamlin (Capt)
9. ~~M. Hanneford~~
L. GARDNER

1. P. Jones M. CREEDY
2. J. Hawker K. DUNN
3. R. Pascall
4. D. Sims
5. J. Brain N. SCRIVEN
6. D. Spencer
7. I. Smith
8. B. Clark P. ASHHEAD

Replacements:

L. Gardiner I. REARNS
K. Dunn J. HAWKEL

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Cumulative
Match
Score

0	3	54	3
6	3	60	3
10	3	66	3
14	3	72	3
20	3		
24	3		
30	3		
34	3		
38	3		
44	3		
50	3		

Referee: J. COULSON (Northumberland Society)

15. K. Thomas

14. C. Taylor
13. A. Mead
12. D. Oakley
11. K. Turton

10. C. Gabbitass
9. D. Fairgrieve

1. C. Hocking
2. B. Priday
3. N. Saunders
4. B. Armstrong
5. M. Wesson
6. R. Bailey
7. S. Jones
8. D. Gregory (Capt.)

Replacement:

D. Perriam

T	G	Pts

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72	F/T	3
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TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

DEVONSHIRE CREAM

Depends what your religion is, actually. Say 'Plymouth' to many people, and they might immediately come back with 'Bretheren', 'Argyll', or even 'Gin', but in the face of this congregation, there's only one suffix which automatically springs to mind, and that's 'Albion'.

The lads from that very pleasant Devonshire town have been providing valued opposition for Gloucester for quite a few decades now. Time was, when they were numbered among the strongest sides Gloucester played, as many of our more senior supporters will verify. Indeed, much more recently, there was an occasion or two when they did Gloucester a decided nasty — once depriving us of a season in the old John Player Cup by beating us down there, one very wintry day.

After that period, Albion had a spell in the comparative doldrums, but that's all changed now. The writing was on the wall, just a few seasons ago, when, if memory serves, they came here one Christmas Eve, and gave a strong and in-form Gloucester side all they could handle, even if going down in the end.

Two years ago, Plymouth graced Division 3 of the Courage Clubs Championship, but then won that Division, I think by beating Nuneaton, and duly stepped up a notch. And they didn't seem to have much difficulty in retaining their Division 2 status last season.

Last season we beat them, in Plymouth 31-9, but the matches in the year or two before that were decidedly closer affairs.

On reflection, you could class today's very welcome visitors with the likes of Northampton,

Saracens and Blackheath — among the most improved sides in the country. Just how far that improvement has progressed, you will be able to judge today. While, I've no doubt, enjoying some spritely, no-nonsense Rugby.

Should be a very pleasant engagement all round, and we hope the De'mshire contingent thoroughly agree when they wend their way back home.

NOT OUR FAULT

Not wishing to squeal before I'm hurt, I shouldn't take today's team sheet as cast on tablets of stone, if I were you. Apparently, the Selection Committee didn't find it possible to meet before Thursday this week, so there's an element of crystal ball gazing about the side as printed.

Our Friendly Neighbourhood Printers do their level best, but if they have anything like a workload on, they can't really wait until Friday before setting about our Saturday programme. Hence some possible inaccuracies this week.

Of course, I don't actually know that there will be a lot of programme changes, but if there are — I'm sorry.

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'Lift up thine eyes unto the hills' — to resume the biblical theme — and you could well see a giant 500-tonne crane on the skyline. If so, the chances are that it has been supplied by Hewden Stuart, today's generous Sponsors. On the other hand, if you need a hole in your wall, you could well use what David Lane, the Company's Director respon-

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sible for the Midlands, South West and Wales calls a "wee drill" hired from the same all-embracing source.

Locally, Hewden Stuart operate from Monk Meadow, a depot which is our own manifestation of the UK's largest independent plant hire company. In fact, there is some evidence that today's benefactors are the largest such hirers in Europe.

You'll see the Company's logo, as shown on the cover of this programme, everywhere from Lerwick to westwards of Plymouth. The origins of the organisation are, fairly obviously, Scottish, and Founders, Sir Matthew Goodwin and Ronnie Stuart are — to quote Dave Lane again — "very much 'hands on' type Directors". They're no strangers to Rugby either. Ronnie is an enthusiastic supporter of his native Hawick side.

Scottish they may be, but they're very complimentary about the strategic value of their Hempsted depot. They find that ease of communications from Gloucester enable them to operate the crane hire business, quite happily, within a 50-mile radius.

David Lane, Depot Manager Steve Wathen and Martin Oliffe are the hosts today, and have brought a fair number of locally-based guests, but also a healthy contingent of people from a fair distance away. They're obviously in good company, and we thank everyone concerned for their generosity and support.

UNITED KEEP ON KEEPING ON

Did you notice that United beat Bedford 35-12 last Saturday? The point about that is that it was the second game they've played in the newly-formed Midlands Second Team League, and they haven't scored less than 35 points in either match. Spice is added to that equation by the thought that their first victims were Bath.

But the picture could be rosier than that. You may remember that, earlier on, Nottingham couldn't raise a Seconds side, and pulled out at short notice, so we now await the official decision on that little contretemps.

It was also interesting to note that full-back Martin Roberts scored 19 points in the

Bedford game — five penalties and two conversions. Four of those penalties came in just ten minutes. Richard Mogg (who else?) scored two tries, with Andrew Stanley and Rob Phillips contributing the others.

Come on United. We're proud of you!

WASPS NEXT WEEK

The Firsts are away to the Champions, Wasps next week, but before that, we have a visit from our neighbours from Cheltenham on TUESDAY (please note) next. If you turn up on Wednesday, you will have missed it.

This state of affairs does give us a chance to come along and see United in action, next Saturday, against Wasps, which should be fascinating.

Then, in two weeks time, we have a League visit from Nottingham, and I don't have to tell you what a crunch *that* is likely to be.

We live in interesting times.

SATURDAY SUPERSTORE

Don't forget that the Club Shop, genially presided over by John Beaman and Alan Townsend, is there for you delectation and delight — I had almost written 'convenience', but concluded that the word could be misconstrued when the pre-match refreshment begins to obtrude on the consciousness at around half time.

With the season hotting up, and Christmas beginning to loom on the horizon, you'll be wanting to (a) kit yourself out, or (b) start to drop hints about what you'd like in your stocking on December 25th. Pop into the shop, and let Alan and John sort you out.

STEWARDS

We could do with one or two more Stewards to officiate on big match days. Give Terry Tandy a call if you're interested.

TAILPIECE

Overheard in the Stand, last Saturday:

"My wife's in bed with shingles".

"Oh? Nice chap, Shingles. Used to lock alongside him at College!"

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TALKING RUGBY

with
Mike Harris



Gloucester's Courage Division One league title hopes are firmly back on the right track after their convincing five try victory over Moseley last week.

After a poor first half display they finally slipped up a gear and re-discovered some of their best form.

The cherry and whites know they cannot afford any slip-ups in a league campaign restricted to just 12 games.

Moseley are probably one of the weakest sides in Division One and a 32-10 home win was no less than a team with title-winning aspirations would have hoped for.

Next Saturday's trip to Wasps will be a much tougher test of Gloucester's ability.

The London outfit, like Gloucester, have suffered a setback at the hands of Leicester in the league, and also like the cherry and whites, the title holders cannot afford any further reverses.

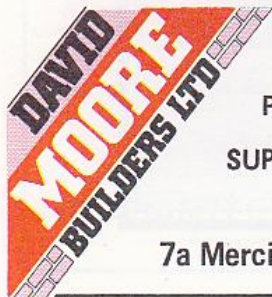
The tigers' 22-12 win against Wasps puts Gloucester's defeat at Welford Road into perspective.

Leicester, with the hugely influential Dean Richards back in action played a very limited game against Gloucester but it was an effective one and it will take a good side to beat them.

Gloucester's game against Plymouth this afternoon could hardly be described as a rest but the cherry and whites are the only division One side without a league game today and it will come as a relief to have the pressure off before the trip to Sudbury.

Over the next couple of weeks we will know which teams have a realistic chance of winning the title. After Wasps away and Nottingham at home Gloucester will hope to be in that title race.

1990		COLTS XV FIXTURES		
SEPT.	6	Coventry A	0-19
	12	Moseley H	21-17
	19	Clifton H	37-6
	26	Forest of Dean H	29-15
OCT.	3	Hereford A	
	10	Lydney H	
	17	Nuneaton A	
	24	Bath H	
	31	Clifton A	
NOV.	6	Northampton A	
	14	Worcester H	
FEB.	13	Cheltenham H	
	20	Nuneaton H	
	27	Lydney A	
MAR.	6	Bath A	
	13	Moseley H	
	20	Coventry H	
	27	Worcester A	
APR.	3	Solihull H	
	13	Brixham A	



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