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GLOUCESTER

Courage Clubs Championship 11111



Saturday, 20th October, 1990 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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- 15 ALAN BUZZA
- 14 13 12
- SIMON SMITH* GRAHAM CHILDS DAMIAN HOPLEY STEVE PILGRIM 11
- ROB ANDREW* (Capt.) BEN MASON 10

- PAUL RENDALL*
 ALAN SIMMONS
 JEFF PROBYN*
 RICHARD KINSEY
 COLIN PINNEGAR
 MARK ROSE
- **DEAN RYAN***
- MIKE WHITE
- Replacements
 CHRIS WRIGHT
 GARRY HOLMES 16 17



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- 15 T. SMITH

- D. MORGAN D. CASKIE D. CUMMINS 13 12
- N. MARMENT
- M. HAMLIN (Capt.)
 M. HANNAFORD
- P. JONES
- K. DUNN R. PASCALL D. SIMS
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- J. BRAIN D. SPENCER M. TEAGUE*
- I. SMITH
- Replacements
 L. GARDINER
 J. HAWKER

Referee: Mr. TONY SPREADBURY (Somerset Society RFU Panel)
Touch Judge: Mr. MIKE GOSTICK (LSRUFR)

King of Bavaria

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We offer a very warm welcome to our old friends from Gloucester for today's game in the Courage Clubs Championship. Last season they finished up as runners-up to us in the league, a mere one point behind. We had played them twice that season at Sudbury, winning the league game in October by 29-4, though it must be said that Gloucester were without a number of their best players in key positions. They returned here in January with a much stronger side for a third round game in the Pilkington Cup and gained revenge by winning a tense and exciting match by 23-19. Gloucester made a disappointing start in this season's league campaign, losing their opening game against Leicester by 16-6 but they followed this with a good win over Moseley by 30-12 and last Saturday, their week-out in the league, they demolished Plymouth Albion by 72-3. By chance the last fortnight has seen us also losing to Leicester and beating Moseley, following our earlier win against Harlequins.

Paul Rendall returns to the side today and Dean Ryan is back after injury. Graham Childs, a new recruit this season, continues in the centre where he was introduced against Leicester. He was formerly with Northern and was with the England touring team in Argentina this summer. Richard Kinsey plays his first home game at lock after coming into the side at Moseley last Saturday. He spent the summer months playing rugby in Australia where he made the Queensland state side. Ben Mason from last year's Colts squad, plays his first league game after a good display against Loughborough Students.

Our home game with Leicester was played with a howling gale blowing straight down the pitch and heavy rain throughout the first half. John Liley, the Leicester full back, opened the scoring with a penalty goal but Rob Andrew used the wind well to kick four before the visitors gained a try late in the first half from lock forward Tom Smith. Since Leicester now had the wind behind them, a half-time lead of 12-7 was never going to be enough for us and so it proved. Three more penalties from Liley and his conversion of a try scored by Leicester's other lock, Alex Gissing, made the final score 22-12. Things improved against Moseley at the Reddings last Saturday although it took some time for us to settle down. Mid-way through the first half, Moseley led 3-0 through a penalty goal but Damien Hopley began to stamp his mark upon the game, taking a scissors pass from Rob Andrew and brushing aside two attempted tackles to force his way over the line, Andrew converting to give us a half-time lead of 6-3. It was another break by Hopley which led to our second try, scored by Chris Wright, who sold a huge dummy which his father, Bernard, a former Wasps full-back, would have been proud of. Moseley reduced our lead with a try and conversion but Andrew

kicked a fine penalty goal from the touchline before Hopley initiated a great try breaking through the middle and finding Alan Buzza in support with Simon Smith crossing the line. Andrew's conversion made the final score 22-9.

We fielded a largely young reserve side for the mid-week game with Loughborough Students which was won 28-19. Huw Davies lent his immense experience to his young colleagues and Chris Wilkins, the England Colts number eight scored two good tries in the first half.

Next Saturday we are away to Cambridge University and we also have an addition to the fixture list, a rare game with Oxford University, whom we will play here on Thursday evening November 15, kick-off at 7.30 pm. It is a rare privilege to play both universities during their build-up to the Varsity match and we congratulate our fixture secretary Don Wills on bringing off this considerable coup.

There is also an alteration to our non-league fixture with Bath in a fortnight's time. This will now be played at the Recreation Ground on Sunday, November 4 and will be a charity game with the money divided between the families of Raphael Tsagane, who died in a tragic car accident last Easter, and a Bath under-19 player, paralysed in a playing accident last season. Members of the 1st XV squad will be selling tickets for the game at £5 each in the clubhouse after today's game. There are 250 tickets available and if a sufficient number of these are sold, free transport to Bath will be provided, coaches leaving the clubhouse at 11.00 am and returning at 6.00 pm.

Today we welcome the guests of our Club Sponsor, Debenham, Tewson & Chinnocks, together with members of the RAF Benevolent Fund, who are jointly sponsoring todays match. We would also like to thank Reinhard Vytrisal Managing Director of Nordbräu Brewery, Ingolstadt for sponsoring todays match ball. Their lagers are distributed by Charles Wells Ltd., brewers of Bedford.

There is a very special game here on Sunday, October 28 when we welcome the Yugoslav Sports Club from New Zealand. The game will also mark the Old Crock's Day, the annual occasion when we like to see as many of our former players as possible, especially those who live too far away to attend Sudbury regularly. The kick-off will be at 3.00 pm and lunch will be available beforehand. Lunch will cost £10 plus VAT and bookings should be made through Nigel Hoppet of 39 Hensdale, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead, Berks.

Finally, we would like to mention that a collection will be taken at the ground today on behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund. Please give generously!

Kevin O'Shea

Our Club Sponsors, Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, are today presenting an U13 Challenge Trophy Award to the winners of the game between Great Walstead School U13 VX from Lindfield near Haywards Heath and S Johns School U13 XV from Northwood.

We would like to welcome all the masters, parents and boys from both schools and hope they enjoy their day. The game starts at 1 p.m. (weather permitting) on the 1st XV pitch and will last 20 minutes each way.