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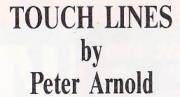
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ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?

Then I'll begin.

Once upon a time there were two Rugby teams. They lived 35 miles apart, and very much enjoyed playing against each other. Indeed, they were so friendly that, every season, they used to climb into white shirts, call themselves 'Gloucestershire', and go out and slay all the Wicked Giants from other Counties who used to cry 'Fee Fi Fo Fum!' and trample all over everyone else.

And everyone (except the Wicked Giants, and some Very Important Wizards called National

Selectors) was very happy.

And then the Very Important Wizards put their heads together and said, "Lo! And Behold!" (they talked like that, did the VIW's), "We have had a wonderful idea. We will have a new thing called a Divisional Championship. And if anyone wants to play with the Big Boys at Twickenham, he will have to take part in it."

Our two friendly teams were very sad, because they didn't have time to be both County and Divisional players, and all those who wanted to play with the Big Boys had to go and join in with strange people from such far-away places as Cornwall, and get picked for the Division. Which turned out to be very boring.

But Gloucester and Bristol (for our two teams were they), still played against each other, and

enjoyed it very much.

Then someone else had a wonderful idea too, and called it a 'League'. This meant that Gloucester and Bristol could still play each other twice each season, but in one match, the winner was given something very magic, called 'Points' which everyone wanted very badly.

Gloucester and Bristol were very happy, even though Gloucester developed a nasty habit of winning the points, especially at Bristol, where they

scored 13 points to Bristol's 6.

But then; "'Ang about a bit!" said everyone. "That

still means that, once a season, we have a match which isn't in the League. That means that, on November 3rd, we can all go along to Kingsholm, beat the living bejasus out of each other, retire to the bar, and live happily ever after, without worrying about Magic Points!"

So that is what they did. Time for bed, said Zebedee.

THANKS TO SELECT FEEDS AND SEEDS

Excellent fellows though all our generous Sponsors are, it isn't every one of them who would be very happy to see 32 rugby boots, complete with studs, jumping up and down all over his product. But that's what Bob Osborne is doing this afternoon. In fact he's delighted about it.

Bob's company, Select Feeds and Seeds, now provide the grass seed for the Sacred Turf at Kingsholm. The old All Black Captain, Ian Kirkpatrick, once described our pitch as the 'best English playing surface outside Twickenham', and, to my knowledge no one has disputed that fact since, so it's quite a feather in Bob Osborne's cap to be entrusted with his particular aspect of it.

Not that Gloucester RFC are the only club to take advantage of the botanical and Rugby expertise which Bob can provide. He provides the same service for Cinderford and Old Cryptians. He's not confined to sports pitches either; Select Feeds and Seeds would be perfectly happy to supply seeds for your own lawn, or whatever, if you ask him to.

That's part of the 'Seeds' half of the company name. The other half covers the whole field of animal feeds, and Select Feeds and Seeds supply the famous range of Bibby's products for just that purpose. That's one reason why the Sponsors Lounge is full of farmers this afternoon, and as anyone who has ever spent much time at the Cattle Market knows, a lot of our local agricultural community know a fair bit about Rugby. Wander into the Bell and Gavel on any Market Day



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We have some eminent farmers along today, too. It's nice to see Ted Bennett here, for example; he knows more about pigs than anyone since the Big Bad Wolf. We also have Albert Priday, Roy Randall, Mike Slatter . . . too many to list in a piece this size.

But one guest simply must be mentioned, especially in the context of a Gloucester v. Bristol match. We're delighted to see that Bob Osborne has invited Bristol, Gloucestershire, England and British Lions hooker John Pullin along. It's great to see him here, and his views on the current scene will, I'm sure, be enlightening.

Select Feeds and Seeds are the living proof that Sponsorship at Kingsholm really does work. Bob tells me that he can point to at least 19 accounts which have come to him at one or other of the matches which he has supported over the past several years. But that was last week. The figure has

probably gone up by now.

We hope that success rate continues. We also hope that everyone has a highly enjoyable visit to Kingsholm.

GLOUCESTER ARE EMPLOYING A SWEEPER

No. we're not taking up the round-ball game. The Club really could do with a sweeper. A real one.

I'm not aware that Kingsholm supporters are more litter-loutish than anyone else in their habits, but some debris does get left lying around after matches, and somebody handy with a broom is needed to restore the stands and the hospitality boxes to their usual acceptable condition.

This is obviously a paid job, and Terry Tandy considers that it could well suit an active — and he stresses that word 'active' — pensioner. It's not really hard work, but it does have to be done.

So, if you'd like to earn a few quid, and perform a valuable service for the Club, get in touch with Terry Tandy, and he'll be pleased to talk the whole thing over with you.

WELL DONE THE LADS!

The England Under 21's may have narrowly lost to the Irish, but Γ m told that our two representatives put on a good show. Neil Matthews apparently

impressed with one particularly electrifying break, which led to a try, and Dave Simms may have had a chequered career as far as the ref, was concerned, but did all that was asked of him, and a bit more.

It's all very nice to hear, and is yet another indication of how much strength we have in depth.

BACK TO THE LEAGUE

We're away to Rosslyn Park next Saturday, in the next Courage Clubs Championship affair, 'Park' have had a spectacular change in fortunes since our old friend Andy Ripley took over as President, and it won't be an easy one to win.

That means that you will be able to come along and see how United get on against Leicester, the next game in the Midland Second Team League. Sew that one up, and that particular Championship will be a lot closer for the lads — and they deserve it too.

Two weeks from today, we have another League game, here at Kingsholm, with Saracens as the opposition. We all remember the end-of-season saga last time round, but you could say that if we'd beaten the 'Sarries' instead of tying with them, then the Nottingham game would have been irrelevant, so there's a case to prove.

While I'm on the subject, we're on the Pilkington Cup trail early this season. Best of luck to Spartans in their daunting trip to Lewes (remember them?) today, and presumably, the draw for the Third Round will be made on Monday as usual. So we'll know where we are and what we're doing on the 24th in just a day or two.

TAILPIECE

There was a little marital discord in my local bar the other day. I was talking about the inevitable subject with a Kingsholm regular friend of mine, when his wife chipped in:

"Rugby, Rugby, Rugby," she moaned, "That's all you ever think of. I'll bet you can't even remember the day we were married".

"Yes I can!" my mate protested, "It was the day Peter Butler scored all the points against Leicester!"

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TALKING RUGBY with John Hiley

Where is Mike Harris this week? Well, we can disclose that he has experienced an overwhelming urge to take a holiday - in the

rugby season!

Leaving us with the question, what are we going to do this week? After all, you hardly want to read his postcard notes do you? "Weather fine", "wish you were here" etc. No, it didn't appeal to us either!

So, we thought that we'd have a 'Do you read your Programme' Competition based on

recent match programmes.

Sponsored by Sport in Business, the first correct entry drawn from our 'kit bag' will win a £10 cash prize.

Right, here we go!

1. If there's more than one 'A' team at Kingsholm, who's the other?

2. Who's the Sales Director with a 'heart' of gold?

- 3. Where would you hire a 'compact tractor"?
- 4. Who carves their name above pillars of wisdom?
 - 5. Who's celebrating a 5th birthday?
- 6. How many caps did the 'Wagoner' get for
 - 7. Who gives 5% off moon landings?
- 8. No, they are nothing to do with vermin and the church!
- 9. Who hoisted the Plymouth game to new heights?

10. Who now has a 'B' on his CV, and we're not talking Citroen.

Entries should be posted by 12th November

'Programme Competition', Greensleeves, Harescombe, GL4 0XD or left with Terry Tandy no later than the 10th

November, the winner being announced at the Saracens match on the 17th.

Good Luck, Peter Gould & John Hiley

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Leading Points Scorers Gareth Fenwick 36 (10C 4P 1T); Bruce Harris 28 (7T); Leigh Hastings 16 (4T).

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