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v

SARACENS



Saturday, November 17th 1990

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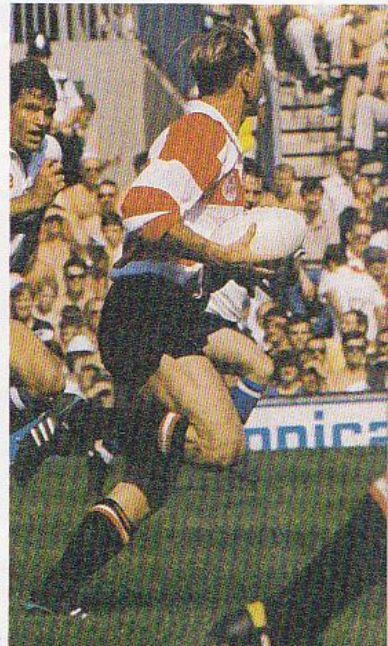
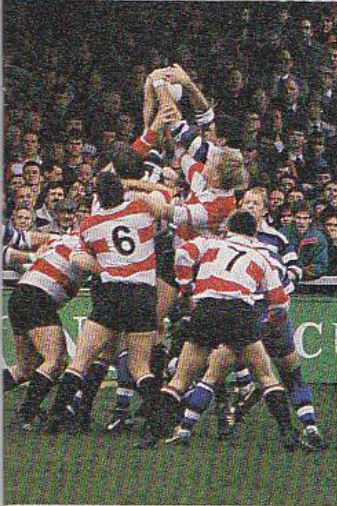


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**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL
CLUB**

SARACENS
(Black)

T	G	Pts
	1	5

1		4
1		4

2		8

11	H/T	12
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15. N. Marmont *J. SMITH*
14. D. Morgan
13. D. Caskie
12. D. Cummins
11. C. Dee
10. M. Hamlin (Capt.)
9. L. Gardiner

1. P. Jones
2. K. Dunn
3. R. Pascall
4. N. Scrivens
5. D. Sims
6. S. Ashmead
7. I. Smith
8. M. Teague (I)

Replacements:
L. Beck
D. Kearsey

(I) — International

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Cumulative
Match
Score

3	0		
7	0		
7	6		
7	12		
11	12		
15	12		
21	12		
21	16		

Referee: S. GRIFFITHS (N.Mos Society)

15. S. Robinson

14. P. Hughes
13. J. Buckton (I) (Capt.)
12. L. Smith
11. A. Tunningley

10. M. Fletcher
9. B. Davies

1. A. Roda
2. J. McFarland
3. R. Andrews
4. R. Malone
5. L. Adamson
6. C. Tarbuck
7. J. Cassell
8. B. Clarke

Replacements:
A. Dougherty
G. Reynolds

T	G	Pts

2		8
	2c	4

1		4

21	F/T	16
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TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

CRUCIAL ENCOUNTER

We all remember the traumatic afternoon at Beeston — April 28th, actually — when losing to Nottingham deprived us of the Courage Clubs Championship. Nevertheless, the initial damage had been done at Kingsholm, on November 25th. That day, Saracens fought us to a highly creditable draw, 21 points each, and with the odd lucky bounce or two in the final stages, could even have gone home with a win. If that game had gone according to the form book, the April showdown would have been irrelevant.

It's also worth pointing out that the wisecracks, at the start of last season, sniffed at the 'Sarries', referring to them as 'one season wonders', and prophesying that they'd be back down into the Second Division in the shortest possible time. Saracens answered those people in the only place that matters — out on the field. And you don't hear people sneering nowadays.

Today's game may not appear to be quite as crucial as last season's encounter turned out to be in the end; although Gloucester can't afford to lose it. Bath appear to be riding high (just as they did at this time last year), but Wasps have lost to Nottingham, who lost to Gloucester, who lost to Wasps, so what do you make of that?

In fact, everything is in the melting pot, and today's matches may do a great deal to stabilise things. Quite apart from all that, it's nice to see the lads from North London back again. We've had some good Rugby from our meetings in the past, and there seems no reason why that should change today.

One 'Elver Eater' who will be looking forward to this afternoon's festivities more than somewhat is Nick Marment, and not only because he's an ex-Saracen himself. Just about the first time I ever saw him playing on the wing was in a John Player Cup match against the 'Sarries': one which turned out to be a fairly close affair until 'Marmite' got away and

scored the crucial try.

I'm told he's back at full back today, Tim Smith having bent his hooter, the position he usually played at Southgate. This gives Chris Dee his chance to play in his first League match, a distinction he thoroughly deserves, if only for the tremendous amount of work he's been putting into his game this season — or so Dave Spencer tells me.

One familiar face will be missing today. Last season's Saracens Captain, Floyd Steadman, that most amiable of men, and most forthright and underrated of scrum halves, has retired. He'll be missed.

But then, he usually was.

BROUGHTON PARK NEXT WEEK

So it's to be Broughton Park in the Pilkington next week, right here at Kingsholm. There does seem to be some difference of opinion whether they're pronounced 'BrOWton' or 'BrAWton', but be that as it may, it will be nice to see them here again.

You will remember that Broughton Park were one of that trio, together with Fylde and Birkenhead Park, who used to take turns to come here for the Easter weekend matches. To be fair, I can only remember them beating Gloucester once, and that was up at Chorley, right at the start of one season, when for some reason, we turned out three teams on the same afternoon.

Stand tickets will be on sale, to Patrons only, on the Ground today. Prices are Centre Stand (Reserved seats), at £5.00, Wing Stand (Unreserved), £4.00. There are no Ground tickets — fork over your £3.00 at the turnstiles as usual.

After today, Stand tickets will be available to all and sundry, and David Foyle is the man to contact about arrangements.

Don't forget, everyone, including Patrons will have to pay to use the Car Park. That's according to

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the rules of the Competition, because visiting teams are entitled to a slice of the action, however it is accrued. Might be a good idea to catch the bus.

DIVISION

While on the subject, tickets for the Divisional game, South and South West v. London on December 15th, will be available within a few days. Again, Stand tickets only, Centre Reserved at £7.00, Wing Unreserved at £5.00. Send your contribution to David Foyle, not forgetting to enclose an SAE — as I did on one occasion last year, and am still getting rollicked for it.

THOSE PRICES

Some people have been getting their Y-fronts in a lather over the prices charged at Wasps and at Rosslyn Park for the recent League games. Of course, it all makes useful journalistic copy, but our own Intrepid Investigative Reporter — one T. Tandy Esq. — has been doing his own research and got the following information from the clubs in question.

Wasps are quite unrepentant about it; they do put their prices up to £4.00 for all League games, and weren't discriminating against Gloucester in that respect. In spite of anything you may have heard, their bar prices don't change at all, whatever the game. If you've bought a beer in a London pub lately, you'll know what that implies.

Rosslyn Park, quite simply, charge £5.00 for admission for all their games, League or not. Apparently, they have very high overheads and run eleven sides, all of which have to be paid for. If you want to watch 'Park' that's what you pay.

I suppose that Rugby is no different from anything else — it costs more in London.

One good thing about the contretemps is that it has pointed out to us what good value for money we're getting at Kingsholm at £3.00 for entry to one of the best grounds in the country. Terry Tandy's enquiries only found one lower price, and that was at Leicester, where they can seat all 14,000 spectators for £2.20 a behind. Part of the reason for that is that it costs less to administer an all-seater ground — fewer stewards needed, for example. Of course, it takes an awful lot of capital to set that system up in the first place, and some people don't want to sit down, anyway.

I'm also asked to point out that, although supporters were warned beforehand of the prices at Rosslyn Park, it doesn't seem as though many of us were deterred from going up and cheering the lads on; a circumstance which was greatly appreciated by the players, and for which they relay their thanks.

THANKS TO ARJO MECANAIDS

We have a lot of splendid organisations who sponsor games at Kingsholm, but there aren't that many who can claim to be the undisputed world leaders in their field. Today's generous benefactors can, and what's more, they're our next door neighbours. Indeed, you may have had cause to be grateful to Arjo Mecanaids for their important gesture in allowing the use of their car park for last season's very big games.

Arjo Mecanaids employ around 130 people at St. Catherine's Street, and another 70 selling and servicing their equipment around the country. The equipment in question consists of bathing, hygiene and patient handling systems for elderly and physically handicapped people, and there aren't many countries in the world where you might come across it, in hospitals, nursing homes, and private residences.

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One interesting product allows me to drop a heavy hint in the direction of Twickenham. The Welsh RFU have installed an Arjo Mecanaids glass-sided pool at their sports clinic. This is obviously useful for the treatment of patients with arthritic and similar problems, but it is also of great benefit in treating sporting injuries. If the Welsh can have one, why can't the English?

MD Andrew Wozencroft — who comes from the Forest, so knows a bit about Rugby — would be, no doubt, happy to discuss this, and other, matters with anyone appropriate who happens to be here today.

In fact, there are 90 guests along this afternoon. Most of them are Arjo Mecanaids people, Rugby fans to a man and woman, but there are other important people here too. One of them is the Boss herself, Rennie Fritchie, Chair of the Gloucester Health Authority, with whom the company does a lot of work, believing that they should be helping their own community.

I could go on like this for some time, but space doesn't permit any more. We just hope everyone has a thoroughly good afternoon.

TAILPIECE

"I hear he's a good hooker."

"No. You're thinking of his sister."

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TALKING RUGBY

with

Mike Harris



left wing with Nick Marmont switching to full-back in place of Tim Smith who has a broken nose.

A win today would put the cherry and whites in the middle of the table with the realistic prospect of finishing near the top next April.

They have won both their home league games to date and will aim to maintain that record.

Gloucester look set to wait for at least another season before winning their first Courage Division One title.

Barring an unlikely string of defeats for Bath and Leicester there is no way the cherry and whites can make up the ground they have already lost this season.

Last weekend's 17-12 loss to Rosslyn Park leaves them ninth in the table with just two win from five games.

And with only seven games left in the league season it is unrealistic to hope that they can make up three wins on top of the table Bath.

Gloucester's aim today, therefore, will be to consolidate their league position before their next Courage Division One game in January.

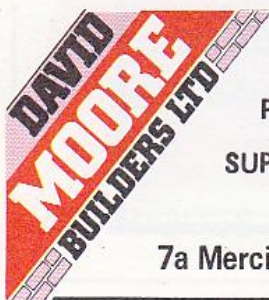
Saracens showed last season that they are an extremely dangerous and exciting side. They are currently struggling near the foot of the table but Gloucester will not be complacent about their task as they seemed to be last year when letting Saracens fight back for an unlikely draw at Kingsholm.

To counter the Londoners' mobile style, Gloucester have brought back Dave Sims into the second row. He is the only change in the pack from the side which played Rosslyn Park and behind the scrum Chris Dee comes in at

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION ONE

	P	W	F	A	Pts
Bath.....	5	5	112	28	10
Leicester.....	6	5	137	57	10
Harlequins.....	6	4	132	72	8
Rosslyn Park.....	6	4	78	79	8
Orrell.....	5	3	131	39	6
Wasps.....	5	3	76	64	6
Nottingham.....	6	3	67	89	6
Northampton.....	5	3	60	104	6
Gloucester.....	5	2	79	67	4
Bristol.....	6	2	63	72	4
Saracens.....	6	2	65	126	4
Moseley.....	5	0	43	104	0
St. Helens.....	6	0	41	183	0

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.	10	Lydney H	14-3
	17	Nuneaton A	22-9
	24	Bath H	13-9
	31	Clifton A	Canc.
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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