



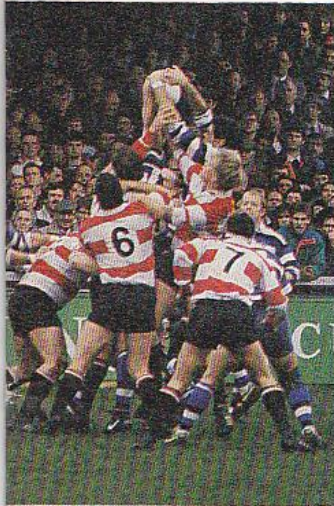
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by

Peter Arnold

'HERE, THERE BE TYGERS'

... as they used to say on the old maps. Although I imagine Leicester was more civilised than that, even in those days.

Never have today's highly welcome visitors deserved their famous nickname more than they do just at the moment. Anyone who can devour Bath, and on their own patch at that, without allowing them to score a single point, have earned the right to be called 'Tigers' and then some. Last Saturday's Cup result puts Gloucester's League defeat at Welford Road into perspective, and makes it more bearable.

I could wish that some of the Leicester contingent had been at Kingsholm last Saturday. Anyone who strolled around the Clubhouse, as I did, will have been left in no doubt about our feelings on the matter. If it couldn't be Gloucester who dethroned the Cup holders, then we're delighted that it was Leicester.

Of course, the pressure's off, to some extent today. No League points are at stake, and both sides are affected — I won't say 'weakened' — by the Divisional Championship. There's nothing to play for except pride, tradition and the sheer hell of it. And what's wrong with that?

There is no doubt that Leicester is one of the great Rugby clubs. They share with Gloucester the distinction of hosting one of next season's World Cup games, and anyone who has ever visited Welford Road will know that it is entirely appropriate that they should do so.

We're always glad to see Leicester at Kingsholm. We won the equivalent fixture last season, also on a Divisional day, and have that League defeat to rectify. On the other hand, Leicester wouldn't be human if they weren't on something of a 'high', and will be going all out to subject us to the 'double'. Prospects for an memorable game are excellent.

Great to welcome you again, 'Tigers'. Have an enjoyable visit.

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To be more accurate, I should have said 'Guardian Royal Exchange Personal Financial Management Ltd.', but that would have been a bit verbose, even for me.

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He's very easy to get hold of is Peter. Ring him on Stroud 762550, which is his home number. He's perfectly willing to travel to advise you, and in fact, when I have need to speak to him it's usually on licenced premises. At the moment, he's beavering around trying to find himself a greater presence within the City, but the Stroud number will find him most of the time. If you're unlucky, try his Area Office on 0272 291384.

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Gloucester's Man of the Match today will be awarded a very fine soft leather gentleman's wallet, and a matching purse for wife, girl friend (or whatever), hand made in a small village near the Ecuador-Columbia border. Very unusual, and a very fine gift indeed.

They have been presented by JPS Associates, a year-old success story of a company which specifically wholesales Ecuadorian craft goods in Britain.

They already supply 65 shops, from Penzance to York. Our local outlet is 'World Design' in Westgate Street.

If you're wondering how they got involved today. All Will be Revealed when I tell you that the company's three Directors are John, Paul and Simon Goodwin, who just happen to be the sons of Peter Goodwin of GRE. Nothing like keeping it in the family.

The goods in question are highly intriguing and make excellent gifts. As I say, JPS is a wholesale operation, but if you run a shop or shops which might make some money out of it, then ring the number given above — Stroud 762550.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

This is the last home First XV match we have until the traditional Boxing Day visit by Lydney. That doesn't mean, of course, that we shan't have anything to watch.

To start with, we have the Divisional game against London on December 15th. Centre Stand tickets are £7.00 and Wing Stand, £5.00. Pay at the gate for the Ground. You can get tickets by dropping a line, money and an SAE to David Foyle, 'Teviotdale', Brookfield Road, Churchdown.

And of course, there's the United, still a formidable proposition, in spite of the hiccup against Bristol. They're at home to St. Paul's College on Wednesday and Cardiff on Saturday next. (Incidentally, it's nice to hear that our old friend Paul Williams has been

doing wonders on the coaching front with United. 'Spanner's Army' are, I'm told, very impressed).

See you along the way.

QUINS IN THE CUP

So the mighty Harlequins have to face the rigours of Kingsholm on January 26th. They will be difficult to beat — although we did just that on their last visit, in the League, last March, by 26 points to 9. Spice is added to the occasion by the fact that they also have to travel here for the last League match of the season, on April 27th, and as they're running second to Bath at the moment, that could be highly important.

With Bath out of the Cup, and the draw throwing up Leicester and Wasps, Gloucester and Harlequins, things look good for the most open Pilkington for years. The odds on Orrell must have shortened somewhat. But they're rather like us — they tend not to travel as well as they play at home.

All extremely interesting.

QUICK CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to Mike Hamlin and Mike Teague for their Divisional places today, and to the whole clutch of chaps who are polishing the benches. It will be interesting to see how things transpire, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if some of those replacements don't get elevated before the Championship is over.

TAILPIECE

You probably know that Bath hooker, Graham Dawe, is a farmer by trade, and travels long distance to play and to train.

I hear that he entered a bull in a Fatstock Show, not long ago. What's more, it won its class.

Congratulations to all concerned, but you might like to know the name of the prize beast. It's called 'Mr. Chilcott'.

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Several players who do not usually have the chance of playing in Gloucester's first team will hope to show the selectors what they can do this afternoon.

Simon Morris, Jerry Perrins and Neil Matthews are all talented backs who have turned in impressive performances this season. And they will hope to do so again this afternoon.

There is a welcome return in the forwards for prop Malcolm Preedy who has lost his regular first team place to Pete Jones this season. Jones today joins Ian Smith and Don Caskie in the Anglo-Scots team playing the South of Scotland at Hawick.

But the most welcome return of all is for John Gadd who today plays his first game of rugby since the Pilkington Cup final in May when he received a three month suspension for stamping.

Gadd is playing for Gloucester United this afternoon away to Leicester United and will have to compete with Paul Ashmead, Barry Clark and Dave Spencer before winning his first team place back.

But his experience could be vital when Gloucester's league and cup programme resumes in earnest in the New Year.

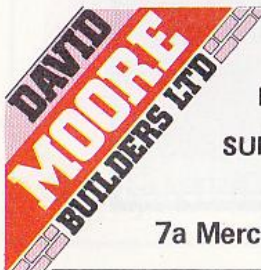
He was a crucial part of the club's success last season and has been training hard for his return to the field today.

Many Gloucester supporters will have been dismayed to hear that the Cherry and Whites had drawn Harlequins in the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup in January.

The 'Quins are a formidable side full of internationals but they will be far from pleased to have Gloucester in the next round, especially in front of a packed Kingsholm crowd.

| | | COLTS XV FIXTURES | | | | |
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| 1990 | | | | | | |
| 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 | Nunceaton | A | 22-9 | | |
| | 24 | Bath | H | 13-9 | | |
| | 31 | Clifton | A | Canc. | | |
| NOV. | 6 | Northampton | A | 11-10 | | |
| | 14 | Worcester | H | 23-14 | | |
| FEB. | 13 | Cheltenham | H | | | |
| | 20 | Nunceaton | 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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