



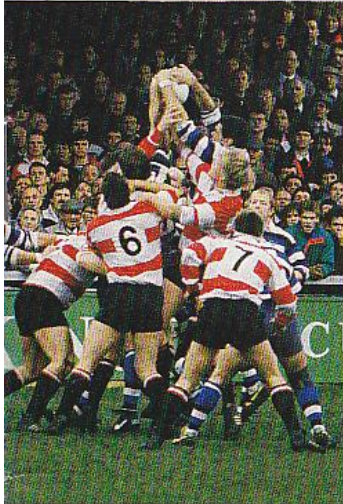
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President: Canon H. M. Hughes BA.

v

NEWPORT



Friday, February 15th 1991
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GLOUCESTER
(Cherry & White)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

NEWPORT
(Black and Amber)

T	G	Pts
1	4p	16

T	G	Pts

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T	G	Pts
9	H/T	3

- 15. T. Smith
- 14. N. Price
- 13. D. Caskie
- 12. S. Morris
- 11. N. Marmont
- 10. M. Hamlin (Capt.)
- 9. M. Hannaford

- 1. P. Jones
- 2. K. Dunn
- 3. R. Pascall
- 4. D. Sims
- 5. J. Brain *N. SCRIVEN*
- 6. J. Gadd *D. SPENCER*
- 7. I. Smith
- 8. B. Clark

Replacements:
L. Beck
J. Hawker

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Cumulative Match Score

3	0		
3	3		
6	3		
9	3		
13	3		
16	3		
20	3		

Referee: S. LANDEF (Liverpool Society)

- 15. M. Westcott
- 14. K. Orrell
- 13. L. Jones
- 12. R. Bidgood
- 11. F. Sago

- 10. G. Abraham
- 9. D. Llewellyn

- 1. S. Duggan
- 2. K. Gregory
- 3. M. Sibthorpe
- 4. A. Perry
- 5. K. Moseley
- 6. G. George (Capt.)
- 7. K. Withey
- 8. D. Walters

Replacements:
N. Callard
G. Finney

T	G	Pts

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SENT OFF		

T	G	Pts
20	F/T	3

TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

It's to be hoped so. As I sit down to start writing, the snow is just beginning to fall again, and the forecast for the next few days isn't all that encouraging. Having lost both Newbridge and Bath to the weather, Gloucester haven't had a game since the Pilkington Cup meeting on January 26th, and could do with a work-out before attempting to play Bath again next Saturday. One can but hope.

Not that anyone regards Newport as merely a warm up. The long history of games between our two clubs is rich with accounts of memorable matches, and we certainly regard this evening's welcome opponents with considerable respect.

Last season, I watched Newport play the All Blacks, and quite frankly, even allowing for the quality of the opposition, one worried about the future of the black-and-ambers, who didn't seem anything like the Newport of old. However, all that has changed this season, with an infusion of talent from several places — notably from Bath — and a record with some rather impressive wins in it. You can't keep a good team down, and the side from Rodney Parade have certainly bounced back with a vengeance.

Which is very satisfying to behold, and no more than I, for one, would have expected.

The game against Newport is very much one of the integral parts of the Kingsholm season. I hope the weather doesn't interfere again, and that all goes ahead as planned. Newport deserve no less, and we wouldn't want to miss the opportunity to welcome them to Kingsholm, and wish them all the best with their fast-reviving side.

THANKS TO MIDLAND CORPORATE BANKING

John Courts will be sitting down today, which is unusual, because his frequent visits to these Sacred Precincts usually find him standing somewhere on the ground, and exercising his lungs vigorously.

Actually, he may be glad of a sit-down, because he's busier than he was when I last had occasion to

thank him, and Midland Corporate Banking for their generosity in Sponsoring a game at Kingsholm. At that time, the organisation — which is a Division of the Midland Bank Group — had only been around for a couple of years, and was occupying fairly modest accommodation at 109, Bath Road, Cheltenham. Barely 12 months later, they've expanded to take over a whole floor, and John Courts, as Corporate Banking Area Manager, now has much wider responsibilities, having taken over the Wiltshire area as well as Gloucestershire.

That means that the Bath Road operation now has a team of highly trained and qualified Managers based in Swindon and an office in Trowbridge, as well as their own happy band, all offering specialist banking services to the large and medium-sized company. My correspondent, Sue Mewhort tells me that they're always pleased to consider new business, and have a particular interest in money transmission, Interest Rate and Exchange Rate Hedging services and similar arrangements, so if your company is concerned with such matters, it might be worth ringing Cheltenham 236171.

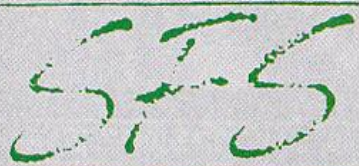
We hope this evening proves pleasant, productive and profitable for John Courts and his cohorts, as well as for the distinguished team of guests they have assembled. Thanks again!

JUSTICE IS DONE

Congratulations to Mike Teague in retaining his England place for tomorrow's Calcutta Cup. After his display against Wales, it would have been rank injustice to have decided otherwise.

I can quite understand the Selectors' agonising over whether to play Mike or John Hall of Bath — who, let's face it, hadn't done anything wrong either, when injury forced him out of the side. Nevertheless, Mike would have been desperately unlucky to have been dropped after the Welsh match, and the postponement of the Gloucester-Bath game probably deprived Hall of his final

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chance to prove his readiness to re-enter the International arena.

The whole thing is what an American friend of mine calls the 'Grade B problem'. The 'Grade A problem' would have arisen if the Selectors had been scratching around to find a No. 6 of similar quality. With Teague, Hall and Skinner all in the frame, they have an embarrassment of riches.

Anyway, the coin has fallen down Mike Teague's way this time, which is a little unusual, bearing in mind his record of bad luck in several guises. He certainly won't let anyone down, and thoroughly deserves his chance to make the spot his unequivocal own.

WEATHER PERMITTING . . .

. . . our next game at Kingsholm is a United match against Cheltenham on Tuesday next. Note the 'Tuesday', rather than the more familiar Wednesday.

As you know, the Bath game was rearranged for next Saturday, but I gather that some difficulty has arisen, and by the time you read this, you may know something different.

After that, we're scheduled to have a string of away games, with Lydney on March 12th about the nearest one. United play Rosslyn Park, in London, next Saturday, and then entertain Moseley, Nuneaton and Northampton in rapid succession at Kingsholm.

As I say, weather — and Bath — permitting.

REMEMBER WHEN THEY BUZZED US?

TV pictures of HMS 'Gloucester' on active service in the Gulf have really brought the War home to us. It's been interesting, and a little blood-curdling, to see cheerful matelots who we last saw wearing new cherry-and-white strips and drinking beer in the Clubhouse, gazing intently into VDU's in the ship's Operations room. We all nurse a fervent hope that they all come back safely for the 'other half' one of these fine days.

It's also been fascinating to see the ship's helicopter doing highly destructive things to Iraqi

vessels. The last time we saw *that* aircraft was the famous occasion when it brought the ship's Captain and our then Mayor, Archie Hartshorne, to a game, and buzzed the ground on the way.

I suppose we should be grateful that Archie didn't loose off a Sea Skua missile at us.

More cheerfully, it's been a pleasure to see Kingsholm Regular, and first-class referee assessor, Air Vice Marshal Tony Mason doing a highly informed and professional job of interpreting the air war on various television news programmes. In my view, he has certainly been the pick of such commentators, with a knack of pricking pomposity, deflating uninformed speculation, and, as the Yanks would say, 'telling it like it is'. But then, he's like that when he talks to referees, too.

But, as I say, it all brings the War home to us, and elevates it from the status of a mere media event.

A FAST BUCK

Heard from Divisional Librarian, Gwyn Hiatt, the other day. As you know, he tries to keep us informed about new Rugby books acquired by the County Library.

The latest one is a volume simply entitled 'Buck', and it's an autobiography of the great Wayne Shelford, nicknamed 'Buck' of course, now lending a not-inconsiderable hand to Northampton.

Did you know that he has captained various sides on 109 occasions, and only lost 13 of them, and that he's never lost as Captain of the All Blacks?

Anyway, the County Library now has his life story, 'as told to Wynne Gray', and they'll be glad to reserve it for you, if you'd like a good read on these inhospitable evenings.

TAILPIECE

Ken Dodd is appearing at the 'Olympus' in Barton Street, tomorrow night. Apparently, he turned up at about 4.00 pm, last time. 'He'll be out of luck if he does it again', I was informed. 'We'll all be round the telly watching the Calcutta Cup!'

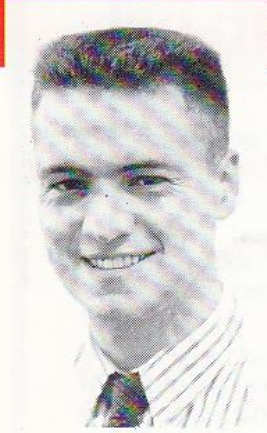
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TALKING RUGBY with Mike Harris



After a lean couple of years Newport appear to be well on the way back to their rightful place among the very top clubs in Welsh rugby.

In addition to beating Gloucester at Rodney Parade earlier this season they have carried all before them in Division One of the new Welsh Heineken League, winning all their league games including a record 78-3 victory over Penarth.

They have also proven that they will easily hold their own in the Premier Division next season by recording victories over nearly every Premier Division side including Neath.

The Black and Ambers therefore provide an excellent test of Gloucester's strength this evening before next Saturday's postponed Courage Division

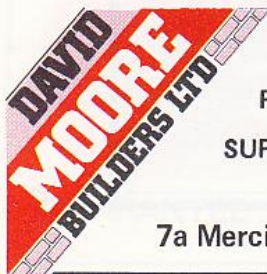
One clash with Bath at Kingsholm.

It was a great anti-climax when last Saturday's game had to be called off because of snow and a sharp frost but that will take none of the edge off the match.

To end Bath's unbeaten league record and exact revenge for last season's Pilkington Cup final humiliation remain Gloucester's primary targets this season.

Provided the Cherry and Whites can demonstrate the same qualities of commitment they showed for the last 60 of the 80 minutes of the Harlequins cup match those targets are well within their reach.

This evening we will be able to see whether they still have the appetite for the remaining games of the season despite being out of the cup and effectively out of contention for the league title.



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