



*The  
Saints*

**NORTHAMPTON  
FOOTBALL CLUB**  
(Affiliated to the Rugby  
Football Union)  
**GLOUCESTER**  
March 9, 1991  
Official programme: £1



## SAINTS

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14 Frank Packman  
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10 John Steele  
9 David Elkington

1 Gavin Baldwin  
**2 John Olver**  
**3 Gary Pearce (capt)**

4 Tim Rodber  
5 John Etheridge

6 Paul Alston  
7 Phil Pask  
**8 Wayne Shelford**

### Replacements:

Matthew Ebsworth  
Peter Roworth.

**Bold face = Full International**



## GLOUCESTER

Tim Smith 15

Nick Marment 14  
Don Caskie 13  
Simon Morris 12  
Nick Price 11

Mike Hamlin (capt)10  
Marcus Hannaford 9

Peter Jones 1  
Kevin Dunn 2  
Bob Phillips 3

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Dave Smith 5

Dave Spencer 6  
Ian Smith 7

### Mike Teague 8 Replacements:

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**Barrie Corless writes...**

*Today's match against Gloucester naturally evokes memories of last season and that March afternoon when we failed at the last hurdle in our bid to reach Twickenham.*

*The question now, of course, is whether we have bridged the gap sufficiently to reverse the scoreline.*

*I answer that with an emphatic yes. Last season we were pushed around in the scrum and spent a lot of the second half going backwards.*

*I do not believe that will be the case today.*

*We have considerably increased our scrummaging power, while Gloucester have just recently lost two of that pack to Bedford. Gloucester, of course, had a marvellous campaign which promised so much last season and ended with nothing in the way of tangible reward.*

*Pipped in the league by Wasps and hammered in the Pilkington Cup final by Bath.*

*Those twin disappointments seem to have taken their toll this season, and they arrive here out of the Cup and mid-table in the league.*

*A win today would make the rest of the season a bonus, certainly helping us to relax for the Pilkington Cup semi final against Orrell.*

*But while it would be great to get to Twickenham, the important thing is to ensure First Division rugby next season.*



## *A look at today's opponents.....Gloucester*

# Heartbreaking defeats leave a giant hang-over

**T**his time last year, Gloucester were riding high on the crest of a great season.

They were poised to face us in the Pilkington Cup semi finals, and they were moving inexorably towards the Courage League title.

But in the final two games of the season, things turned sour – defeat at Nottingham handing the championship to Wasps and with spirits at a low ebb, they were massacred by Bath in the Twickenham showpiece.

Their efforts deserved far better, but this season seems to have turned into

a giant hang-over.

Results have been only average in the league, while Harlequins inflicted a 15-13 Cup defeat at Kingsholm.

Then, amid some controversy, two players quit a few weeks ago to join Bedford.

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Lock John Brain and prop Richard Pascall were the men at the centre of the row, and both were in the

formidable Gloucester pack that lay the foundation for their Cup victory here last season.

The majority of that side will be in today's starting line-up with back row ace, Mike Teague,.

The Gloucester No 8 has smothered himself in international glory again this season with two tries from blindside flanker for England in their bid for the Grand Slam, which comes to a head next Saturday against France.

Mike's ambition is to play in the World Cup, and that is an absolutely certainty despite the ferocity of competition for back row places.

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On behalf of Carlsberg, I would like to welcome you to Franklin's Gardens for this afternoon's game against Gloucester.

Gloucester are one of the best supported clubs in the country and to all of you who have travelled from the West Country we issue a special welcome.

Last year the sides played a tremendous Cup semi final with Gloucester the winners. I am certain that revenge for that defeat is foremost in the minds of the Saints.

The stage is then set for, hopefully, a very exciting and cleanly fought game.

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I hope you all have an entertaining afternoon; enjoy the game and enjoy a pint afterwards...probably.