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TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES

I've come to the conclusion that Northern Rugby clubs are rather like Gloucester buses. You don't see one for a while, then three of them turn up nose to tail.

The thought is prompted that we complete a distinguished trio of welcome opponents from north of Moseley with a visit from Fylde. And, please note, we can, at least, spell it. The Teletext service keeps on insisting that the lads from The Woodlands should properly be referred to as 'Flyde', which shows how much *they* know about it.

Anyone should, after all, know that our visitors have a very proud tradition to live up to, and if they aren't doing quite as well as they would like, at the moment, the pendulum will, no doubt, swing their way again in the fullness of time.

You can probably remember, not so many seasons ago, Fylde were very stern opposition, with a big pack, and some very nippy backs. I suppose that the first name one thinks of in this connection is Bill Beaumont, who was capped 34 times for England, but don't forget that Malcolm Phillips had 25 caps too, and that there was always a healthy Fylde contingent in the Lancashire sides which gave us some very memorable matches when the County Championship was in its — much missed — heyday.

Fylde obviously have an eye to the future, I note, for example, that they run no fewer than nine mini-sides, which must bear fruit in the long run.

Never mind. It's great to see the claret, gold and white shirts back at Kingsholm, and I'm sure they'll enjoy their visit as much as we enjoy having them.

Incidentally, Bill Beaumont was coaching the side a couple of years ago. I don't know if his other commitments allow him to do so nowadays, but it would be nice if he were down with them today, wouldn't it? He'd meet a few Old friends.

TYRE SALES KEEP ON KEEPING ON

No match sponsor today, which gives me a chance to thank Tyre Sales, our near neighbours, for continuing to supply the necessary readies to award as £10 prizes in the Lucky Programme draw, week by week.

One day, I'm going to meet someone who's actually won the thing.

PILKINGTON CUP FINAL

Today, as ever was, Terry Tandy will be selling some Pilkington Cup Final tickets from his lair, the Secretary's Office at the rear of the main stand, as Graham Spring puts it. If you don't catch him, then Mervyn Ellway should have some in the Social Club after about 8.00 o'clock this evening. Or you could always drop a line to Terry, enclosing a SAE and the necessary akkers.

Which are: £12, £9 and £7, if you want to sit down, and £5 if you're happier standing in the enclosure.

It's becoming quite a day out for Gloucester people, these days. I know of three coach trips which are going, and I expect there are others. Of course, the date (May 4th, this year), is outside the real season, so players and supporters are free to go along and end the season in style. If the weather's as good as last year, there will be nothing to complain about.

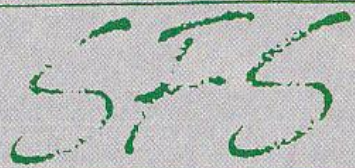
WORLD CUP TICKETS

For the third time of asking, if you want to have any chance at all of seeing a World Cup game, including the one at Kingsholm, then you'll need an application form. The only way you can get one is to write, enclosing your membership number and a SAE, to 'World Cup Ticket Office, Gloucester RFC, Kingsholm Road, Gloucester'.

Don't know prices, tickets will be in incredible demand — distribution is worldwide — and strictly one ticket per member. Applications have to be in by May 1st, so 'stand not upon the order of your going', as it says somewhere in the Bible.

(No, not 'Rothmans', the real one).

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BIG BOYS NEXT WEEK

No need to remind you that we have Bath at home, next Saturday, a League fixture postponed from February 9th on account of the number of brass monkeys there were about.

Obviously, there will be a big crowd, so it might be worthwhile getting along a bit early. It could also be helpful to leave your car at home.

While on the subject, don't forget that we shall be holding a collection for young Stephen Roberts, wheelchair-bound for life after a tragic event while playing for Bath Colts against Nottingham, before the very eyes of many Gloucester supporters up at Beeston for last season's vital League game.

Worth digging deep for.

BAD LUCK GADDY

Remember the famous Edward G. Robinson line at the end of 'Little Caesar' — 'Is this the end of Rico?'

Well, is this really the end of John Gadd? It would be sad if his eventful career were brought to a conclusion by injury, but somehow typical of the way things seem to have happened to him over the years.

In my opinion, he was the best blind side forward in England for a decade, but never won a Cap, while a whole series of inferior players won one or two and disappeared from the scene. Yet, when they did give him a chance, against Fiji, in a non-Cap match in 1982, he dominated the back row and scored two tries.

His partnership with Mike Teague and Mike Longstaff gave us one of the finest back rows which even Gloucester has ever seen, and their feats are almost legendary, hereabouts.

Best of luck, John. Hope things aren't as black as they look.

CHEERS DIGGER!

A little bird tells me that, one day soon, there is to be a memorable party, held to celebrate the 80th birthday of the inimitable Roy 'Digger' Morris. Should be quite an occasion.

He is, remember, the only man ever to captain Gloucestershire in two County Finals in the same season. If you can't work that out, ask him.

As much a part of Kingsholm as the goalposts — and considerably more entertaining — we wish him well, he'll probably still be around in eighty years time.

TAILPIECE

Last Saturday, I pointed out that there is a road, street, or what-have-you, in Gloucester, beginning with every single letter of the alphabet, and invited you to work it out. I also said I'd you one answer, out of several possible, today. So here goes.

Archibald Street Bowley Road, Conduit Street, Denmark Road, Edwy Parade, Furlong Road, Great Western Road, Henry Street, Insley Gardens, Jersey Road, Kenilworth Avenue, Laans Road, Mercia Road, Northgate Street, Old Tram Road, Parliament Street, Queen's Close, Rycroft Street, Sinope Street, Tredworth Road, Ullenwood Road, Victoria Street, Willow Avenue, York Road, Zoons Road.

What was the ? 'X' ? Did I forget 'X'?

Well, The Cross, obviously.

April Fool.

ONE FIRST CLASS TEAM SUPPORTING ANOTHER

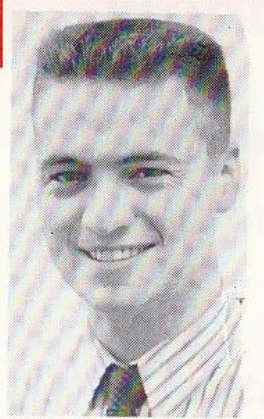


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TALKING RUGBY

with
Mike Harris



Gloucester entertain Courage Division Three side Fylde this afternoon in their last game before the showdown with Bath on Saturday.

Fylde were pushing for promotion to Division Two earlier this season but their chances of going up disappeared with their 7-7 draw at Roundhay last weekend.

West Hartlepool and Morley are now firm favourites to fill the two promotion spots although Exeter also have an outside chance of Division Two rugby next season.

Lydney pulled well clear of the relegation zone with their 10-10 draw at home to Clifton last Saturday and are now in a comfortable mid-table position.

Gloucester are hoping to put a strong side out today knowing that their Division Three opponents will provide a useful warm-up for Saturday's big game.

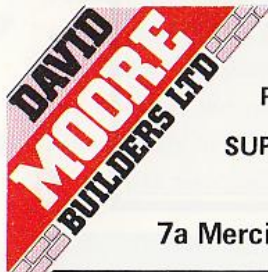
The selectors were hoping to have Mike Teague and Ian Smith back in the fold after their enviable trip to Hong Kong but Tim Smith is unavailable because he is playing in a Dutch sevens tournament.



Ian Smith

COURAGE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. H'Pool	10	9	1	0	273	80	19
Morley	11	8	1	2	200	109	17
Exeter	10	6	2	2	142	117	14
Clifton	10	6	1	3	148	130	13
Fylde	10	5	2	3	136	94	12
Sheffield	10	4	1	5	165	170	9
Lydney	11	4	1	6	122	153	9
Askeans	9	3	2	4	108	108	8
Brough P.	10	4	0	6	93	152	8
Nuneaton	10	3	0	7	123	180	6
Vale Lune	10	3	0	7	102	189	6
Roundhay	9	2	1	6	78	138	5
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