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v
BATH



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(1G,3P) **GLOUCESTER 15**
 (Cherry & White)

T G Pts

4 31

15. T. Smith

14. N. Marment

13. R. Mogg

12. D. Caskie

11. N. Price

10. M. Hamlin (Capt.)

9. M. Hannaford

1. P. Jones

2. K. Dunn

3. R. Phillips

4. N. Scrivens

5. D. Sims

6. M. Teague (I)

7. I. Smith

8. P. Miles

Replacements:

L. Beck

J. Hawker

6 H/T 13

(I) — International

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Cumulative Match Score

Referee: D. J. LESLIE (Manchester Society)

BATH 17 *(1G,2T,1P)*
 (Blue and White)

T G Pts

15. J. Webb (I)

14. A. Swift (I)

13. J. Guscott (I)

12. P. De Glanville

11. J. Fallon

10. S. Barnes (Capt.) (I)

9. R. Hill (I)

1. G. Chilcott (I)

2. R. Dawe (I)

3. M. Crane

4. M. Harg

5. M. Redman (I)

6. R. Robinson (I)

7. J. Hall (I)

8. D. Egerton (I)

Replacements:

S. Knight

M. Lee

15 F/T 17

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TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

POTENT BREW

The last time we attempted to enjoy the visit of Bath, we were thwarted by temperatures low enough to freeze the ballcocks off a brass cistern. Alls well that ends well, however, the most potent cocktails are often served chilled, and the mixture of fifteen blue-and-white shirts with a similar number of cherry-and-whites is guaranteed to warm even the most frigid cockles.

Indeed, we have been both shaken *and* stirred by Bath and Gloucester confrontations over the past few seasons. Admittedly, today's distinguished visitors did manage to edge* us out of the Cup Final last season, but our recent record, against what has been generally regarded as the best team in England, has been as good as anyone's.

I don't have to go into detail — anyone, from either camp, knows perfectly well what's happened and where. About the only thing we are entitled to expect from today's game is the unexpected.

Commenting from a distance, Bath do seem to be living in interesting times this season. The defection of several players — largely Newportwards — in the close season caused some people to wag heads and prophesy that Bath's star would soon be on the wane. This has not proved to be the case, and it's interesting to note that one or two players, who would have been regarded as second-stringers this time last season, have come through very successfully, and begun to achieve representative honours.

And one mustn't forget that Bath's injury list has been a lengthy one, featuring one or two key players.

I'm certainly not going to predict any result today. Bath will know that they're on no sort of a walkover, and Gloucester fully appreciate what they are up against. League points always add an incentive to both sides, and it would be pragmatic to state that Bath probably need them more than we do today.

Gloucester v. Bath is undoubtedly the regular highlight of the Kingsholm season these days. I'm sure that our visitors will thoroughly enjoy their visit.

** Well — they didn't manage to get fifty, did they?*

THANKS TO NATWEST

National Westminster Bank's generous Sponsorship of the Gloucester v. Bath game has become as much part of the Kingsholm scene as the match itself, and we thank them for their continued, and highly valued, support.

The Sponsorship is organised at Severnside Regional level, and we're very pleased to welcome Neil Brockbank, Regional Executive Director, who is attending the event for the first time, having taken over just about twelve months ago.

"These clubs are two of the finest in the country, and I'm looking forward to a thrilling encounter," he writes. "I'm delighted that NatWest continues to be involved in such an important fixture."

That's not just a pious message dreamed up by a copywriter. Neil knows what he is talking about, because he moved to Bristol from Nottingham, having previously been based in Leicester, and you can't have a better Rugby pedigree than that.

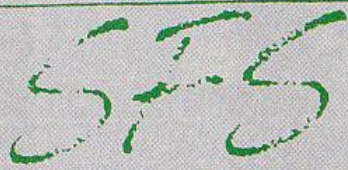
NatWest's Gloucester contingent is usually skippered by Chief Manager, Harry Richards, but unfortunately he can't make it today, and Cyril Davies, Corporate Account Executive at the Cheltenham and Gloucester Business Centre, steps into his boots. But then, Cyril would have been here anyway, Sponsorship or not.

I must also be on my best behaviour today, because my own Manager, Vernon Pritchard from the Westgate Street Branch is here too.

As always, Bath are well represented. Colin Gale, closely associated with the Bath Club is doing the honours.

Of course, NatWest doesn't confine its generosity to Rugby. You'll be well aware of the Bank's

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involvement in cricket, and may have noticed that, locally, it sponsors the Cheltenham Festival. They provide a like service for the Cheltenham Music Festival, and, appropriately enough, also sponsor the Bath International Festival. Who says bankers are flinty-hearted?

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The NatWest party always seem to have a good time at this event. We sincerely hope that the trend continues — and then some.

DIG DEEP FOR STEPHEN

I did give you advance notice, in the Harlequins programme and then over Easter, of a collection we shall be making today. All the Bath supporters, and many Gloucester people, will be aware of the sad injury sustained by promising Bath Colt, Stephen Roberts.

It happened at the Nottingham v. Gloucester League game last season, when the home side's Colts XV took on Bath Colts as an extra attraction at that vital match, and was seen by a whole crowd of Gloucester supporters.

Very early in the game, a scrum went down, and left Stephen with an injury which was subsequently found to be a broken neck. Tragically, he is now in a wheel chair, and doesn't seem to have much chance of ever coming out of it. It's difficult to think of anything worse that could happen to a fit young teenager.

Bath have set up a Trust Fund in Stephen's name, and as many Gloucester people saw the incident, asked if we would make a collection towards it.

Obviously, we agreed without the least hesitation, knowing from past experience just how generous Kingsholm people are on these occasions.

I'm sure we'll all want to contribute.

WORLD CUP AND PILKINGTON

Just to remind you that applications for World Cup tickets — at Kingsholm or elsewhere — have to be in by May 1st, so there isn't much time to acquire an Application Form and get it back in. You do this by writing to the World Cup Ticket Office, right here at Kingsholm enclosing SAE and your Membership number; strictly one ticket per Member. I hardly need add the usual proviso about the likelihood of short supply, because the worldwide distribution on this occasion speaks eloquently for itself.

Pilkington Cup Final tickets aren't so difficult however. You can buy them after the game at our nice new front offices by the Social Club.

UP THE UNITED!

Heartiest of congratulations to United on beating Moseley, last week, and therefore have won the first-ever Second Team Merit Table. And very handily too. Special greetings to Dave Spencer, who although being drafted into the First XV squad more often than he would have liked, has kept a firm hand on things. 'Spanner' is something of an unsung hero, and deserves some recognition for his efforts, over the years.

The future of the Club is obviously in very talented hands, and it's worth remembering that when lamenting the departure of one or two senior players.

TAILPIECE

Remember the theory that Gloucester is the only Club to have had members of all three Grand Slam sides — George Hastings in 1950, Phil Blakeway in 1980 and Mike Teague in 1991? Roger Gibbons has now confirmed it, once and for all.

He has now sent me photocopies of all the appropriate team sheets, and there it is, for all to read. As he adds at the bottom of his letter:

"Bath may come, and Sale may go, But Glos. goes on for ever!"

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with
Mike Harris



This afternoon's match needs very little introduction.

The vast majority of Gloucester-Bath matches in recent years have been formidable tussles with a special edge to them epitomised in their league meeting at Kingsholm last season.

Both teams will be as desperate as ever to win today. There will be a lot of pride at stake for Gloucester after last season's Pilkington Cup final demolition against their West Country rivals at Twickenham, while Bath need to win to stay on course for the Courage Division One title with Orrell breathing down their necks.

Gloucester have produced their best form only in patches so far this season but should have no trouble raising their games for today's match.

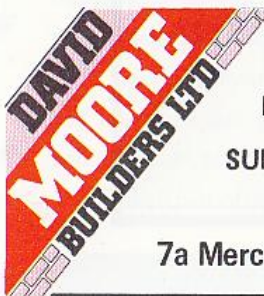
The Cherry and Whites are going through a period of transition this season and next season will hope to build on the success of the young players in their United side.

One youngster who has impressed is 17-year-old Gloucester Colts and Old Richians full-back Gareth Fenwick who last weekend became the youngest player to make a Gloucester first team debut since Steve Baker 20 years ago.

Fenwick scored a try and five conversions against New Brighton and hopes to join Kingsholm on a permanent basis next season.



Picture is of Gareth Fenwick



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