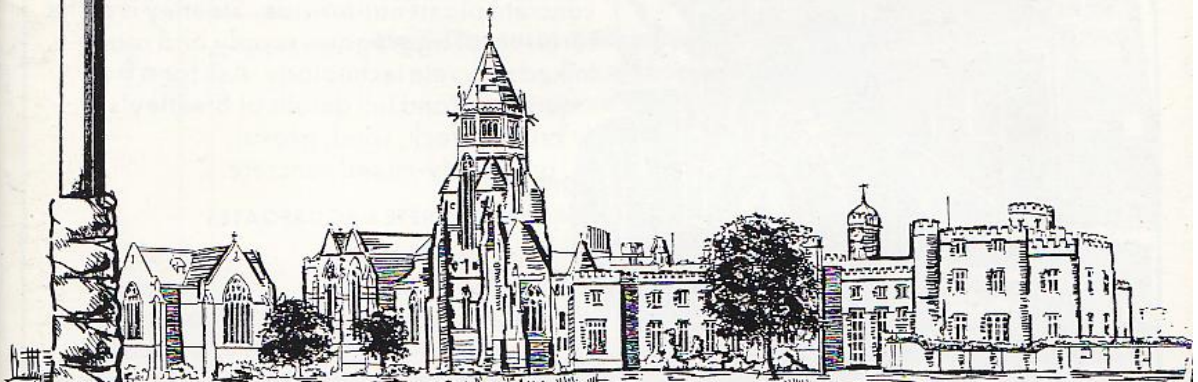




The Rugby Football Club

Patron : Marstons Brewery
November 30th, 1991

RUGBY
v
GLOUCESTER



**THE HOME
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RUGBY CEMENT



RUGBY

Colours:
Orange/Black/White



§ International ★ Trialist
+ Divisional * County

GLOUCESTER

Colours:
Cherry/White

15	Stuart VAUDIN *	Full Back	Tim SMITH	15
14	Mark MAPLETOFT § u/21	Right Wing	Jerry PERRINS	14
13	Stewart HOUSE *	Centre	Don CASKIE	13
12	Stuart GLOVER *	Centre	Damien CUMMINS	12
11	Dean WATSON *	Left Wing	+ Simon MORRIS	11
10	Richard PELL *	Fly Half	+ Neil MATTHEWS	10
9	David BISHOP *	Scrum Half	+ Marcus HANNAFORD	9
1	Gareth TREGILGAS *	Loose Head	Peter JONES	1
2	Steve BRAIN § Capt.	Hooker	+ John HAWKER	2
3	Trevor REVAN §B	Tight Head	+ Bob PHILLIPS	3
4	Martin FLEETWOOD *	Lock	Nigel SCRIVENS	4
5	Phil BOWMAN *	Lock	+ Dave SIMS	5
6	Mark R. ELLIS *	Flanker	+ Paul ASHMEAD	6
8	Daniel MANU ★ NZ	No. 8	Sam MASTERS	8
7	John JENKINS *	Flanker	Capt. Ian SMITH	7
16	David FRY	Replacement	Lloyd GARDNER	16
17	Richard COX	Replacement	Dave KEARSEY	17

Referee: Mr. Ian Bullerwell – East Midlands Society
Touch Judges: Mr. C. Leeke – East Midlands Society
Mr. A. Wells – Leicester Society

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PROGRAMME NOTES

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We open today's notes by including a message from **Tony Cove, Public Relations Manager for Pilkington PLC**, the sponsors of today's Cup game.

"Round Three of the Pilkington Cup brings increasing interest as the Division One clubs come in. With the exception of two matches the top division are kept apart. More interestingly is that there are still seven qualifiers left giving the opportunity for a few of the giant killing acts that make up cup competitions. One qualifier at least will go into the last 16, the winner of Manchester, doing well in their first appearance in the Cup, against Cumbria's Wigton. Looking back on the last round, Ralph Zoing, Harrogate's fly half, put himself alongside Les Cusworth in the Cup records, equalling the Leicester fly half's four drop goals in a match. There may or not be records broken today, but one thing is sure there will be surprise, disappointment and elation come the final whistle. This round sees a break in the Pilkington Cup until January 25th, so can I use this early opportunity to wish all clubs a good Christmas and a successful New Year."

There is little need to enlarge on a further introduction of today's match in view of the publicity already abounding about our second meeting in the space of seven days, with **Gloucester**. However, to them we may say "Hello again", at the same time denying any rumours that some of them are still here from last week.

By all accounts there will be a lot more cherry and white supporters today than the considerable number making the journey a week ago and to them all, in addition to their players and officials, we again extend a warm welcome.

In the aftermath of last week's result there will be little or no requirement for animated pre-match team talks, with both sides already knowing what is expected of them, although Gloucester's No. 8, Sam Masters commented last week, "We learnt more about Rugby today than they did about us". We are sure that Steve Brain and his team will be mindful of that, but it should also be said that we had done our homework before last week's game and were far from being uninformed of Gloucester's credentials.

The promoters for the Pilkington Cup in a recent press release have presumably made up their minds about today's game when commenting about Gloucester, "Always a strong Cup team, the cherry and whites will be confident of going into the round 4 draw at Twickenham on 3rd of December, under new skipper, Ian Smith". They have, of course, a proud Cup record that shows; - P59, W42, L16, D1, F1022, A527. Best performances: Final 1977/8 v Leicester. W 6-3. Final 1971/2 v Moseley. W 17-6.

We are naturally well aware of these performances as well as our own modest Cup performances reading:- P13, W7, L6, F247, A201, with a best performance of a 4th round defeat to London Irish by 15-22, (not 11-22 as noted by the press release) last season.

But being seen as underdogs is not new to us. All the way through from Area League North to Division 1 in the Courage Leagues, we were told at every step we would go no further, but we did, and to Brainy's Braves the next game has always been the next challenge. It's meat and drink to them. Today's game is the next challenge in which **Mark Mapletoft** moves to the right wing in place of **Eddie Saunders** who is recovering from a tweaked hamstring but should be available for our next league game, away to Wasps.

Stuart Vaudin comes in at fullback and **Daniel Manu**, now eligible for Cup and League rugby, plays at No. 8. **John Jenkin** moves to blindside, **Tony Simms**, who had a stormer last week, is the unlucky player to step down.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

At the official opening of the Club House on Tuesday evening the Secretary of the RFU, Dudley Wood was one of the distinguished guests. On his arrival at the club he made his way to the bar through a packed gathering. On reaching the bar he decided to introduce himself to a barmaid saying "Good evening I am Dudley Wood and was last here twelve months ago". "I can't help that" said the barmaid. "I am going as fast as I can. You'll have to wait your turn".

A tongue in cheek story from Dudley Wood's after dinner speech 26/11/91.