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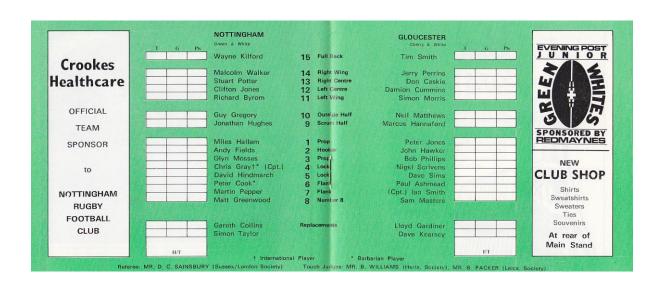
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NOTTINGHAM RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

GLOUCESTER

Programme 70p



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PROGRAMME NOTES

For the third time in six weeks we play opponents from the South-West, Our efforts against teams from this area have been disappointing so far. Today it is the turn of Gloucester. The Cherry and Whites have had a fine season, winning both their League games, and reaching the Pilkington Cup fourth round with a 23-3 win over Rugby. They were rewarded with a home draw against London Scottish.

Gloucester are captained this year by flanker lan Smith, who succeeded Mike Hamlin. Smith admits that the role of captain is made easier by the fact that he has such a strong squad, although that in turn does provide some desperately hard selection decisions. Certainly Gloucester have intense competition for places in key positions. For example, Mike Hamlin and England Under 21 International Neil Matthews battle for the fly-half spot, whilst England B scrum-half Marcus Hannaford faces a strong challenge from Richard Williams.

Another England B player, Kevin Dunn, missed the early part of the season through injury and now has a difficult job to displace John Hawker. Add to that the arrival of Sam Masters from Moseley, and the emergence of Paul Ashmead and Gloucester clearly have one of the country's strongest back rows. There is a genuine feeling that the League title will once again be heading for the West Country, but this time to Kingsholm rather than the Recreation Ground.

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Sept.	7	Terenure College	Н	10	19	Jan.	4	Wasps (L)	Α
	14	Pontypridd	A	9	14		11	Loughborough Col.	. Н
	21	Neath	H	22	18		18	London Irish	A
	28	Cardiff	A	4	28		25	Liverpool	H
Oct.	5	London Scottish	H	9	31	Feb.	1	Gosforth	A
	11	Bedford	A	11	15		8	Rosslyn Park (L)	Н
	15*	Northampton	A	3	38		15	Richmond	Α
	19	Maesteg	H	23			22	Blackheath	Н
	25	Coventry	A	3	9		29	Saracens (L)	Α
Nov.	1	Headingley	Α	36	6	Mar.	7	Sale	A
	9	Wasps	H	22			14	London Irish (L)	Н
	16	Bristol	H	0			21	Leicester	A
	23	Harlequins	A	6		-	28	Bath (L)	Α
	30	Bath (JPC3)	A	0		April	4	Aberavon	A
Dec.	7	Leicester (L)	H	14			11	Northampton (L)	Н
	14	Rugby (L)	A	P	'p'd		18	Moseley	Н
	21	Gloucester (L)	H				20	Fylde	Α
	28	Newport	H				25	Orrell (L)	A
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