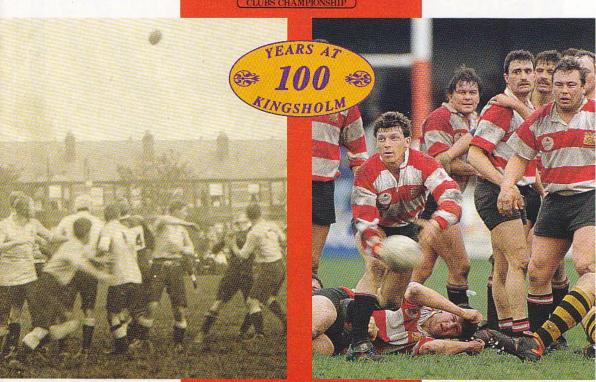
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TOUCH LINES Peter Arnold



FIRST FOOTING

It's the Courage Clubs Championship again. And the first dark strangers to cross our threshold in 1992 are Rosslyn Park. Not that there's anything particularly dark about them, and they're certainly no strangers to

Kingsholm.

Last season, however, the League fixture was played at the pleasant and hospitable Roehampton ground, and Gloucester came home rejoicing to the tune of 17 points to 10. 'Park' have yet to show their true potential this season, but in common with their London colleagues, Harlequins, they have a knack of coming good in the second half of the season, which starts here, so there's no room for complacency in the Gloucester ranks. I remember that some pundits were tipping Rosslyn Park for relegation at this stage last year, but here they are again, bright eyed and bushy tailed as ever, a circumstance which we welcome warmly.

There's another point, too. At the time of writing the holiday period still getting in the way of my usual routine - the Gloucester side hasn't been selected, but our three representatives in last Sunday's Murrayfield matches acquitted themselves so well that it looks as if we've lost Pete Jones, Don Caskie and skipper lan Smith to the Scottish Trial. We have more than adequate cover in all three key positions, of course, but the established side which has been all-conquering in League games so far this season may be disrupted to a certain extent. The bookies are rating Gloucester as fifteen points better than Rosslyn Park today, but all things considered, I can't really see it.

Whatever happens, we should be in for a good game, which is nothing new when 'Park' visit Kingsholm. We're very happy to see them again, and hope that — not counting today — they have a highly successful second half to the Season.

Have a good time, chaps!

THANKS TO AMALGAMATED PLASTICS

It's always good to welcome, and most sincerely to thank, a brand new Sponsor to Kingsholm. It's especially nice when it enables me to report on a company which isn't just weathering the interminable recession - it's drop-kicking it out of sight.

That's Amalgamated Plastics Ltd. and just to put the icing on the New Year cake, both of the firm's Joint

Managing Directors are devout and practicing Rugby players. Simon Englander plays for Tabard RFC, and brother Nick for Old Millhillians. There is also a third brother, Adam, who also works for Amalgamated Plastics, but I don't have any information about his prowess on the field, which is probably considerable. You'll have noted that the clubs quoted aren't local. That's because the company operates from Potter's Bar, Hertfordshire, which makes it one of our farthestflung Sponsors.

Amalgamated Plastics Ltd. has been around since 1957, originally producing a whole range of products including carrier bags and black bin liners, of which, at one time, they were selling some nine million a month. However, things change, and much of the original over-diverse product line became hard to sell and in some cases, actually uneconomic to make. That obviously caused a lot of hard thinking and sophisticated planning and research, until in 1985 the company achieved its focus, and developed a single product which bids fair to become a world beater.

Anyone in Gloucestershire is familiar with the sight of those enormous round bales of silage — cut grass for animal feed to us townies - which dot our farmland at appropriate times of year. You may even have realised that they're wrapped in plastic. If so, it's all Twickenham to a second-hand scrum machine that the plastic concerned is a tough, resilient stretch film called SILAFLEX, and that it's been supplied by Amalgamated Plastics. Turnover in 1991 was a record

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As I said, it's nice to be able to tell this sort of story. But, just for once, we hope everyone concerned forgets it all, and simply has a thundering good time at Kingsholm. Thanks again!

PILKINGTON TICKETS

Stand tickets for the Pilkington Cup game against London Scottish on January 25th will be on sale from the Office alongside the Clubhouse, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm each day from Monday next. Members only for the first week, and the cost is £6.00 a time. From Monday, January 13th it will be first come, first served.

Of course, you can always order one by post, quoting your Membership number, and not forgetting a stamped addressed envelope.

MASS. EXODUS

'Mass.' in this case, being short for 'Massachusetts'. And if you ask what the New England State is doing in the Gloucester RFC Programme, the answer is that the Club is going there just after the end of the season. From 17th to 28th of May, to be precise.

I use the word 'Club' quite deliberately, because it isn't just a trip for the players. You could go along

Just think about it. Three nights in New York, where both First XV and United have fixtures against Old Blues RFC, and then on to Boston where the lads are to compete in the Boston International Rugby Tournament, quite easily the most prestigious event of the type in the good old US of A and United have additional fixtures against local sides.

You'll also be invited to a variety of social events, which include the 'Kick-off Party', which is a three-hour cruise around Boston Harbour, accompanied by around 1,000 other supporters. Should be quite a thrash; the largest invasion of Boston Harbour since the famous Tea Party, although I don't imagine tea will feature very prominently this time. There is also a barbecue and the all-important Awards Banquet. Plus, of course, plenty of time for your own sightseeing.

It's obviously a trip not to be missed, and you could

stake your claim right away. Ring Mike Burton on Gloucester 419666 and he'll be glad to make an Advance Registration in your name. It should be a very happy band of pilgrims, and Boston will probably never be the same again.

RESTORES YOUR FAITH

A very nice story, this week, which illustrates that there isn't much wrong with the younger people who frequent Kingsholm. One Saturday, after a United game, a charming young lady came to the office and presented Terry Tandy with two $\pounds 10$ notes which she had picked up somewhere on the ground, a display of honesty which all of us must applaud. Terry was too much the gentleman to enquire the lady's age, but guesses it as somewhere in the mid 'teens.

During the evening, he received a call from a Mr. Brian Curtis of Churchdown, enquiring if anyone had handed in the money, an exercise which Oscar Wilde would have described as the triumph of hope over experience. Brian and his money were reunited, and Miss Codling, I'm told, suitably recompensed.

So the Christmas spirit is alive and well and living at Kingsholm.

YOUNGEST YET

Not only are Amalgamated Plastics our farthestflung Sponsors, but they have also provided our youngest Mascot to date.

Thomas Tate Englander is just five years old, and is the eldest of the three children of Nick Englander, the Joint Managing Director who plays for Old Millhillians.

At five years old, young Thomas hasn't really had time to accumulate any sporting credentials, but springing from such an obviously Rugby-oriented family, at least he has done a good job of choosing his relations. Perhaps his proud ownership of an authentic Gloucester strip may stimulate him into following his father's footsteps, not to mention those of his tiples.

Nothing like catching 'em young!

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BACK THEN

Thanks to Gloucestershire County Library for supplying the information

One way and another, I haven't had much chance to continue my series about the Club's doings precisely one hundred years ago, during the first season of matches at Kingsholm. So here are some facts to rectify the omission.

December 1891 opened with a game against Swansea, then, with Cardiff and Newport, undoubtedly one of the top three Welsh clubs. It doesn't seem to have been a very auspicious occasion, although Gloucester won by five points to nil. As the 'Journal' reported:

The Gloucester v. Swansea match, like all the good fixtures up to the present at Kingsholm, was spoilt by the persistent rain. Swansea had not their strongest team, nor was that which turned out to do battle for Gloucester the committee's first selection. A wellcontested match was witnessed by those who braved

Some indication of Gloucester's selectorial difficulties is given by the fact that a hero of the past returned

to help out:
C. E. Brown, Bagwell's predecessor as Captain, made a reappearance, and showed all his old form in defence, and more than once brought relief at critical

Gloucester didn't get away with it against Newport, however, losing by two points. But the 'Journal' wasn't

The best team won, but for all that, it was a lucky win. One of the touchdowns adjudged as such in the first half was no touchdown at all, being nom less than a try for Gloucester.

Taylor had kicked over the line and followed up well. England did nothing more than hit the ball when it was two or three feet from the ground, and Taylor scored a try. Mr. Holmes awarded it as a touchdown, and thus victory rested with the visitors by two points.

Grapes a little sour there, one suspects.

That day was terribly wet, too. Gloucestershire had been expecting to play Somerset that day - weakening Gloucester for their game against the Welsh champions in the process — at Bath, but the ground turned out to be partically under water, and the referee declared it unfit. No doubt he was right, but there were the likes of Walter Jackson, W. George and S. A. Ball twiddling their fingers, while back at Kingsholm their team mates

were struggling against the mighty Newport.
Incidentally, the official concerned was Rowland
Hill, who had officiated at the inaugural Kingsholm game against Burton-on-Trent.

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ED MARTIN'S FACT FILE

There have been three previous Courage Clubs Championship meetings between Gloucester and Rosslyn Park with Gloucester leading the series two games to one.

Unbeaten at Kingsholm by Rosslyn Park in the Championship, the Roehampton club from London won the first-ever encounter between the two clubs 6-3 on March 8. 1980 in the John Player Cup competition. This win is Rosslyn Park's only success at Kingsholm in six visits.

Gloucester's 41-12 win against Rosslyn Park two seasons ago at Kingsholm is the second highest score that the Cherry and Whites have posted in a Championship game — the highest was the 61 points scored against Sale in the inaugural season of the competition.

It was the second meeting between the clubs — on September 15, 1981 — the Gloucester recorded its first win against Rosslyn Park, a 25-0 verdict. This is the only time that Gloucester has prevented Rosslyn Park from scoring.

In the 11 encounters, Gloucester have outscored Rosslyn Park 237-100. But in their six visits to Kingsholm, the London club have only scored 40 points

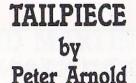
GLOUCESTER v ROSSLYN PARK

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA
Kingsholm	6	5	1	0	140	40
Roehampton	5	3	2	0	97	60
Total	11	8	3	0	237	140

COURAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

1988-9 26- 8 at Roehampton 1989-0 41-12 at Kingsholm 1990-1 12-17 at Roehampton





THAT INSERT

The 'Gold Bond' insert in this programme was orginally intended for use during the frosted-off Wasps game on December 14th. Having paid to get it printed, we weren't going to waste it, so here it is today.

we weren't going to waste it, so here it is today. So far, so good, but it does mean that some of the information therein is now out of date. You'll notice, for example, that we were going to announce the winner of the £10 lucky number competition on Boxing Day, but that's obviously gone by the board, so we'll now print the winning number in the programme for the Newport game on Friday, January 17th (Note to Dave Golder: for the Lord's sake, don't let me forget.)

The delay in publication also means that we have some more winners to announce. As follows.

£100 winners — Miss B. K. Townsend, Tuffley; R. Brown, Oxford Road; M. E. Franklin, Tuffley; L. Durston, Tuffley; Mrs. D. Claridge, Tuffley; (what's so lucky about Tuffley, all of a sudden?) Mrs. E. Gardner, Goodyere Street; N. E. Hammett, Tuffley; Miss B. Keck (here we go again!) Tuffley; R. Merry, Staverton; Mrs. A. Lodge, Hucclecote.

Consolation prizes — Mrs. S. Wilkins, Longlevens; Mrs. E. Gardener, Goodyere Street (again!); Mrs. S. Wright, Tuffley; R. R. Pottinger, Chichester (!); Mrs. J. Gray, Tuffley Crescent; Mrs. M. Browne, Birch Avenue; Mrs. G. Cambridge, Redlane Close; Mrs. M. Edwards, Guiting Power; M. Blakeway, Laburnum Road, Miss A. Gwilliam, Churchill Road.

The Agents concerned — some of them more than once — were: Seymour News, J. Dix, R. Whitehead, M. Benzie, Tailor's House (one for Ron Watkins), D. McLellan, Rod's Shop (well done, Rodders!)

So all those people are, to some extent or other, better off for participating in Gold Bond. Isn't it time you got into the act? See the insert for information.

TARTAN TRIO

If memory serves, the last Gloucester player to be selected for a Scottish Trial was full back, Ron Etheridge. He had flu at the time, I remember, but insisted on taking his chance and consequently didn't do himself full justice. I also recall that it was regarded as a great wonder for one of our blokes to be in danger of selection for Scotland, and now we have not one, not two, but three, all in the same side at the same Trial.

I don't know if any English club, apart from London

Scottish, has ever supplied so many people to one Scottish Trial, but it seems doubtful.

Having watched last Sunday's two matches on TV, I can't say that I'm terribly surprised by the selection. Pete Jones and Don Caskie posed constant problems in the 'A' game against Spain, and Ian Smith, who captained the 'B'side, was one of the few unqualified successes in the losing game against Ireland. I suppose that the absence on holiday of Sean Lineen and David Sole from the Trial had an influence on Don and 'Joner's' selection, but Ian has forced himself into the reckoning purely on merit.

Of course, we could have done with them here today, but let's not be churlish about it. It's a fine achievement for the players and an undoubted honour for the Club. We wish our Tartan Trio all the best, and congratulate them most sincerely.

Just one more thought. For all those years we cheered Ian Smith's father Dick on for his all-action, often brilliant, performances on the flank — and, on occasion, in the centre, don't forget — he must also have been qualified to play for Scotland. How did they let him get away?

What was that bit about 'unto the third and fourth generation'?

STOP PRESS

Terry Tandy obviously hasn't got over the season of goodwill yet. Because of the comparative rarity of home games before January 25th, allied to the early availability of tickets from the printer, he has decided to sell Pilkington Cup Stand tickets today, in addition to the arrangements quoted earlier.

Everything else I wrote remains the same. It's just that, in addition Members (only) can get their magic pieces of cardboard by calling at the Office before or after today's match. With Membership card and six quid clutched in their hot little hands, of course.

INTO 1992

It's been a fair old Season so far, and bids fair to be even more interesting from here on in. But, and I blaspheme, there is more to life than Rugby, and all of us at this end of the programme would like to thank you for your invaluable support, and wish you the happiest and most prosperous of New Years.

See you along the way.

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