



Saracens

Football Club (RFU).

Saturday 11th January 1992 2.30pm

SARACENS v GLOUCESTER

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BLACK

CHERRY & WHITE

ANDREW TUNNINGLEY	15 Full Back	TIM SMITH
PAUL BUTLER	14 Right Wing	JERRY PERRINS
JOHN BUCKTON (capt)*	13 Centre	DON CASKIE
DAN DOOLEY	12 Centre	DAMIAN CUMMINS
MARTIN GREGORY	11 Left Wing	SIMON MORRIS
BEN RUDLING	10 Fly-Half	NEIL MATTHEWS
BRIAN DAVIES	9 Scrum Half	MARCUS HANNAFORD
ANDY RODA	1 Prop	PETE JONES
GREGG BOTTERMAN	2 Hooker	JOHN HAWKER
STUART WILSON	3 Prop	BOB PHILLIPS
MARK LANGLEY	4 Second Row	NIGEL SCRIVENS
LEE ADAMSON	5 Second Row	DAVE SIMMS
CHRIS TARBUCK	6 Flanker	PAUL ASHMEAD
JUSTYN CASSELL	7 Flanker	IAN SMITH (capt)
BARRY CRAWLEY	8 Number Eight	SAM MASTERS
<i>Replacements:</i>		<i>Replacements (From):</i>
ANDY RICE	16	LAURIE BECK
ROY ABREHART	17	DAVE KEARSLEY
		MIKE HAMLIN
		PETE MILERS

*INTERNATIONAL

Referee: C.J. HARRISON (East Midlands Society)

Today's match ball is sponsored by The Old Bell, Enfield

NEXT HOME GAME

SARACENS v HARLEQUINS

SATURDAY 18th JANUARY 1992 (K.O. 11.30.a.m.)

Club News

BRADFORD AND BINGLEY BUILDING SOCIETY
- main sponsors of Saracens

TODAY MATCH SPONSORS ... PLUMB CENTER

This afternoon's match is sponsored by Plumb Center. We welcome their directors, managers and guests. It is the second year they have sponsored a Saracens match and we trust they enjoy the day.

Plumb Center are suppliers to the plumbing trade throughout the United Kingdom and have worldwide connections with depots from Alaska to New Zealand.

For the first time Gloucester, current joint leaders, visit Saracens for a Courage League match. The previous two encounters were both at Kingsholm and on each occasion Saracens came close to victory. Two years ago they pulled back from 21-6 down to draw 21-21 with a converted try in the final seconds and last year Gloucester won 21-16.

Saracens will have been encouraged by their recent form with a convincing 22-6 win at Rugby last Saturday, where the home side had won their previous league match against Rosslyn Park. Saracens, fielding only four of today's side, also had a 25-13 win over a powerful Sale team, scoring five tries to one.

Gloucester come to Southgate boasting the only 100 per cent record in the league, having won all four matches against Leicester, Rugby, Nottingham and Rosslyn Park and have a game in hand on fellow leaders Leicester and Orrell.

With a team built almost entirely around local talent they have, as always, a powerful pack which includes prop Pete Jones and flanker and skipper Ian Smith, both Scottish triallists, England B second row Dave Simms, the ever-impressive flanker Paul Ashmead and No 8 Sam Masters who joined this season from Moseley.

Added to this strong ball winning platform, they have strength among their outsiders where there is talented England under-21 fly-half Neil Matthews, Marcus Hannaford one of the country's top scrum-halves and Scottish triallist centre Don Caskie.

SARACENS TEAM

Saracens select an unchanged side from that which did so well at Rugby which means that there is no place for centre Steve Ravenscroft (hamstring) and prop Richard Andrews (pneumonia). They both had to pull out of the last match and were replaced by Andy Tunningley, with Dooley switching to the centre, and Stuart Wilson. Ravenscroft plays in the second team today with another regular first teamer centre Steve Reed playing on the wing as an experiment, Andrews is out for another two weeks.

THREE LATE TRIES GIVE LEICESTER VICTORY

In the last Courage League match at home to Leicester Saracens went down 20-9 after leading 9-6 until 15 minutes from the end through a Brian Davies try and Ben Rudling conversion and penalty. Tigers then ran in three late tries. Before the game we were treated to flanker Justyn Cassell arriving on the ground by helicopter after attending a wedding.

SAM'S DEBUT

In the Christmas fixture against Sale, Saracens won 25-13, fielding a side which included new Fijian second row Sam Domoni and some highly talented youngsters, centre Malcolm Kemp and flanker Anthony Diprose who both scored tries, and Cambridge Blue Eric Peters. Scrum-half Dave Choules and Tunningley (2), who also kicked a conversion and a penalty, scored the other tries.

VITAL WIN OVER RUGBY

Last Saturday, Saracens, starved of lineout ball were on the retreat at first. But after a heel against the head that proved a turning point, the superior pace of the back row dominated the loose play, enabling Paul Butler to score two tries either side of halftime and Ben Rudling, again in excellent form, kicked a conversion and four penalties. The 22-7 win lifted them one place up the table above Rugby.