

encounters between Orrell and the Gloucester Football Club to be grand rugby occasions. Both sets of supporters/members are enthusiastic and, although partisan, understand each others desire to win; the officials are rugby men fulfilling the once common adage of 'putting

something back into the game', and

the players show a healthy respect

The last few years have seen the

Edge Hall Road. Our referee today is Mr.R.C.Rees and we extend to him a very warm

> Bryan Taberner President.

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# elcome to Gloucesi

Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Gloucester to Edge Hall Road in the quarter final of the Pilkington Cup.

Gloucester have an excellent cup record:

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and of course they have won the cup twice beating Moseley 17-6 in 1972 and again in 1978 beating Leicester 6-3 - the year Orrell joined the top flight by beating Liverpool 16-0 in the Lancashire Cup.

Last season was another successful one for Gloucester. In the league they finished sixth, one place behind Orrell. In fact since leagues began Gloucester have always finished in the top half of Division One:

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12	6	0	6	207	163	12	6th	
198	39-90							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	
11	8	1	2	214	139	17	2nd	
1988-89								
P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Pos	
10	6	1	3	208	121	13	5th	
198	37-88							
P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Pos	
11	7	1	3	215	112	15	2nd	

In the league they beat Quins 38-19, Notts 22-6, Moseley 30-12, Saracens 21-16, LSH 26-7 and Northampton 7-6.

In the Pilkington Cup their third round win over LSH was followed by a 15-13 loss at home to Qunis.

There were some good wins over Bristol 28-4, Coventry 26-7, Blackheath 38-4, Newport

20-3, Bath 15-7, Fylde 30-3 and New Brighton 54-6. Overall the Gloucester results were:

P W F A 43 32 0 11 1209 406 Last season's leading scorers for Gloucester were T.Smith 232 (4 tries, 54 cons, 26 pens), N.Marment 105 (17 tries, 14 cons, 3 pens), M.Roberts 104 (3 tries, 34 cons, 8 pens), M.Hamlin 66 (9 tries, 6 cons, 5 pens, 1 drop goal).

Most appearances last season for Gloucester were by flyhalf M.Hamlin (36), back D.Sims (28, full back T.Smith (27) and wing N.Marment (27).

Orrell commenced fixtures against Gloucester in season 1979-80 and results have gone mostly Gloucester's way (Orrell scores first)

1990-91	(A)	16-9	Courage League
1989-90	(A)	10-16	Courage League
1988-89	(H)	6-16	Courage League
1987-88	(H)	9-13	Courage League (H) 9-19 Cup
1986-87	(H)	16-10	Cup (A) 3-31
1985-86	(H)	21-16	
1984-85	(A)	10-25	
1983-84	(H)	6-20	
1982-83	(A)	3-20	
1981-82	(H)	6-6	
1980-81	(A)	0-9	
1979-80	(H)	6-10	

Whatever the result of today's game let's have all Orrell members giving a warm welcome to all Gloucester players, officials, and supporters, in the Orrell clubhouse afterwards.

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TODAY'S REFEREN

LINESMEN No1 - Mr.B.Abraham (RFU Appointment) No 2 - Mr.W.Lowe (RFU Appointment)

Tim Smith Jerry Perrins **Damion Cummins** 13 Don Caskie Simon Morris 11 Neil Matthews Marcus Hannaford Peter Jones John Hawker Bob Phillips Nigel Scrivens Dave Sims Paul Ashmea \*(Capt) Ian Smith Sam Masters

Lloyd Gardiner Kevin Dunn

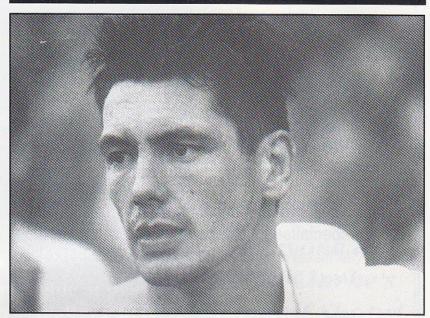
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This is his first season as captain for Ian Smith, Gloucester's 27 year old openside flanker, and son of Gloucester's legendary former player Dick Smith.

Ian made his debut for Gloucester in November 1982 against Exeter University and since then has made over 200 first team appearances and scored more than 40 tries.

With Scottish eligibility Ian has already

gained international recognition representing the Five Nations side from north of the border, an unusual role for a player from the deep South-West.

It is no accident that under his flamboyant captaining Gloucester are playing some open entertaining rugby and are currently the most successful rugby side in England, so if there is another Orrell-Gloucester classic out there today, we will know who has played an important part.

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