BATH v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 29th FEBRUARY, 1992

BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back 16 JON WEBB*
Right Wing 15 TONY SWIFT*
Right Centre 14 PHILIP DE GLANVILLE
Left Centre 12 JEREMY GUSCOTT*
Left Wing 11 JIM FALLON
Outside Half 10 STUART BARNES*
Scrum Half 9 RICHARD HILL*
Forwards 1 GARETH CHILCOTT*
  2 GRAHAM DAVE*
  3 VICTOR UBOGU
  4 MARTIN HAAG
  5 NIGEL REDMAN*
  6 ANDY ROBINSON* (Capt)
  7 DAVID EGERTON*
  8 BEN CLARKE
Replacements 17 STEVE KNIGHT
  18 JOHN MALLEY
  19

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry & White

Full Back 15 TIM SMITH
Right Wing 14 JERRY PERRIN
Right Centre 13 DAMIAN CUMMINS
Left Centre 12 DON CASKIE
Left Wing 11 SIMON MORRIS
Outside Half 10 NEIL MATTHEWS
Scrum Half 9 MARCUS HANNIFORD
Forwards 1 PETER JONES
  2 JOHN HAWKER
  3 ANDY DEACON
  4 NIGEL SCRIVENS
  5 DAVID SIMS
  6 PAUL ASHMEAD
  7 IAN SMITH* (Capt)
  8 SAM MASTERS
Replacements 17 LLOYD GARDINER
  18 KEVIN DUNN
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Referee: Steve Griffiths (R.F.U.)

Today’s GILBERT Match Ball sponsors are SWEB plc.

Grateful thanks also to SWEB plc for Lucky Programme Prize.

GATORADE is the Official Sports Drink of Bath Football Club.
Gloucester put the gloss on it

A Tremendous Match in store today

ENJOYING one of their best seasons for a number of years, Gloucester come to the Rec in confident mood having already chalked up over 500 points for the season, though ironically, having been named by “Rugby World and Post” as the “Team of the Month” for January, it was not one of their best months only narrowly defeating Rosslyn Park and drawing with Saracens.

It was the spate of victories from October to December 28th — eleven games in all, including their first win at Cardiff since 1935, and consecutive victories in League and Cup — which put such a gloss on their season.

Their Kingsholm Centenary was worthily celebrated with visits of Ireland and England. Of course, a big fillup to the Club is their convincing Quarter Final win at Orrell last week.

It is very encouraging, too, for the Club to have their second XV unbeaten at the time of writing and, of course, adding immense significance to today’s game, the challenging position of Gloucester as the only unbeaten Club in the Courage League, Division 1, this season.

WE, THE CHAMPIONS, AWAIT THEM IN WHAT SHOULD BE A TREMENDOUS MATCH AND EXTEND A BIG WELCOME TO ALL PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS.
IAN SMITH, 28, Gloucester flanker, won his first full international for Scotland against England this season. A Civil Engineer, he already had a "B" international cap.

DON CASKIE (Scotland "B") and PETER JONES (on bench for Scotland against England and Ireland) complete the Scottish connection.


MIKE TEAGUE, No. 8 flanker, first played for England against France in 1984.

He won fifteen caps up to the World Cup and his very distinguished career is temporarily halted whilst he contemplates whether to continue playing.

Meanwhile he can give more time to his work as a builder and concentrate on overcoming his injuries.
NOTICE BOARD

OBITUARIES
TERRY TANDY, did sterling work for Gloucester RFC as Hon. Secretary over many years and made a lot of friends in the Rugby world as a whole. News of his sudden and untimely death last week saddened everyone who knew him. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs Tandy in the hour of her great loss.

"BERTIE" BUSE played cricket for Somerset from 1929 to 1953 and was a popular full-back for Bath and Somerset at the same time that R. A. Gerrard was our brightest star. He was a great all-round sportsman and his death last Sunday at the age of 81 will bring many memories flooding back to everyone who knew him.

PILKINGTON CUP
SO NOW we know! It’s Kingsholm again for our semi-final game on April 4th. The Gloucester Club is hoping to hire extra seating — as it did for the World Cup game played there — and is awaiting approval from the R.F.U. that the cost can be taken from the ticket income. Otherwise, the cost, which is quite substantial, would have to be borne by the two Clubs and this is not financially viable. (In the semi-final each Club receives 12½% of the gross gate, the remainder going into the “pot” for distribution amongst all Clubs participating in the competition).

On the basis of normal seating accommodation we can expect to receive approximately 300 tickets, but this would probably double if the temporary seating is approved. The number of ground tickets available is at yet unknown, as are ticket prices.

An all-ticket game is anticipated and applications by post to the Club (NOT to Officials’ home addresses) may be made for both Stand and Ground Tickets by means of a blank cheque payable to the Club and enclosing a stamped addressed return envelope. Please mark envelope “S/F”. Priority will be given to members as stated on page 11 of the membership booklet and West Stand members will be allocated one ticket per member, whilst our quota lasts.

Personal applications may be made at the Clubhouse on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00 until 9.00, starting on Wednesday, March 11th.

When final details are advised by Gloucester, the information will be published in the local Press and on Bath Rugby Call (0890 - 884554).

FIXTURE CHANGES
THE Courage League game at Rugby which should have been played on February 8th has been re-arranged for Saturday, March 21st. May I also remind members and supporters that on Easter Saturday, April 18th, our old friend Pierre Villepreux is bringing over his Treviso team. This game takes the place of the original fixture with Bristol. On the previous day (Good Friday) United XV will play Bristol United with a possible evening kick-off.

SUPPORTERS’ COACHES
KEITH Andrews has arranged the following coaches and normal arrangements for seat booking apply, except that he will also be in attendance at the Club for Gloucester coaches when match tickets are being sold for the Cup match.

WASPS — March 14th (Courage League). Members £5.50, Juniors £2.50, Non-members £6.00. Leave Pulteney Street 10.30 a.m.
RUGBY — March 21st (Courage League). Members £6.00, Juniors £3.00, Non-members £6.50. Leave Pulteney Street 10.30 a.m.
GLOUCESTER — April 4th (Pilkington Cup). Members £3.00, Juniors £1.50, Non-members £3.50. Leave Pulteney Street 12 noon.

In each case one coach will return to Bath immediately after the game and any others at 5.30 p.m.
THREE-HUNDRED-AND-FORTY
NOT OUT

THIS afternoon’s game will be “Coochies” 340th appearance for Bath — one of the most popular players in the game — he is also one of it’s greatest personalities, much in evidence in the Press and on television. We asked him for a few thoughts about his experiences playing Gloucester and he told us:

“Unfortunately, when I play Gloucester I always meet up with their strengths, Front Rows — Burton Blakeway, Sargeant, Preedy, Pascall and even the new breed in Philips and Jones. Gloucester always have been strong Front Rows.”

“No wonder I have lost my looks!”

“The great names of Kingsholm just roll off your tongue, it is the traditional home of forwards. I personally love playing up at Kingsholm and have many great memories of the ground — I mean, if you are a Forward you have got to love playing in front of the Gloucester crowd. It should, as it has done for Bath on many occasions, bring the best out of the players.”

“Bath and Gloucester, in recent seasons, have been engrossed in League and Cup campaigns, both striving to be the top dog in the West Country but, more importantly, England. This afternoon’s game will be no exception.”

THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION

THE surprise inclusion of A Van Heerden, a South African, in the France XV at the Parc des Princes (Geoff Cooke was reported as saying, “Who is he? We don’t know anything about him!”) recalled rumours that a South African whose grandmother was born in Twerton was keen to join Bath! There is some conjecture as to whether he is the same person, but probably not. Bernie Shaw custodian of the shop knows more about it.