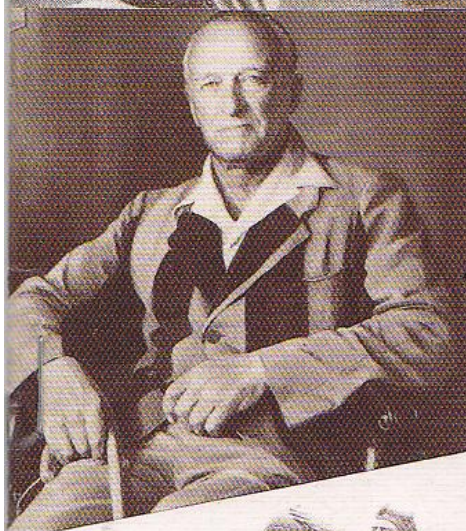


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HARLEQUINS v GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY 25th APRIL 1992

Kick-Off 3.00 pm at Stoop Memorial Ground

HARLEQUINS <i>Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate, French Grey, Black and Light Green Shirts, White Shorts</i>		GLOUCESTER <i>Colours: Cherry & White Hooped Shirts, Black Shorts</i>	
15 D. Pears*	Full Back	T. Smith	15
14 M. Wedderburn	Right Wing	J. Perrins	14
13 S. Halliday*	Right Centre	D. Caskie	13
12 W. Carling*	Left Centre	D. Cummins	12
11 E. Davis	Left Wing	S. Morris	11
10 P. Challinor	Fly Half	N. Matthews	10
9 C. Luxton	Scrum Half	M. Hannaford	9
1 M. Hobley	Prop	P. Jones*	1
2 B. Moore*	Hooker	K. Dunn	2
3 A. Mullins*	Prop	A. Deacon	3
4 N. Edwards*	Lock	N. Scrivens	4
5 S. Dear	Lock	D. Sims	5
6 M. Skinner*	Flanker	P. Ashmead	6
8 R. Langhorn	No. 8	S. Masters	8
7 P. Winterbottom* (Capt.)	Flanker	I. Smith*	7
16 M. Pratley	Replacements	L. Gardiner	16
17 R. Glenister		A. Windo	17
*International			
Referee: S. V. Griffiths (RFU)		Medical Officer: Dr. R. A. Rossdale	
J. C. Little		Touch Judges I. Kempson	

OUR VISITORS TODAY - GLOUCESTER

FOUNDED - 1873

GROUND - KINGSHOLM, KINGSHOLM ROAD, GLOUCESTER

MOST CAPPED PLAYER - A.T. VOYCE (ENGLAND) 27 CAPS

Our biggest win so far over Gloucester came on 12/10/85 across the road at Twickenham. The only survivors from our team that day who are still in the 1st XV squad are Stuart Thresher, Rob Glenister and Micky Skinner. In the first half we led 17-0 with tries from David Cooke, Jamie Salmon and Rob Glenister and one conversion and a penalty by Marcus Rose. After half time Rob Glenister completed his hat trick of tries (Micky Skinner, Simon Cooke and Andre Dent got the others) and with Marcus Rose (2) and Stuart Thresher (1) kicking conversions this took our total to 43 points and as Gloucester could only manage a try from the referee (penalty!!) and a conversion by S. Lazenby this left the final score at 43-6.

Last season we met twice at Kingsholm, once in the Cup (26/1/91) and once in the League (27/4/91). The Cup game was the all important one and we got off to a flyer - going into the lead after only six minutes with Andrew Harriman scoring and David Pears kicking the conversion. T. Smith replied with a penalty goal, but Stuart Thresher (try) and David Pears (conversion) stretched our lead to 12-3 at half time. David Pears kicked what proved to be the tie winning penalty after sixty minutes, because Gloucester came back to score tries in the seventy-sixth and eight-second minutes through M. Hamlin and N. Marment, and had T. Smith been able to convert both, the score would have been 15-15. As it was he was only able to convert the second, and so we won 15-13 and then went on to win the Cup in May.

The League meeting was ruined as a close contest because we rested our entire first XV as the Cup Final was the next week. Gloucester took full advantage and scored tries through P. Ashmeade, C. Dee (2), D. Sims and I. Smith (2) with M. Roberts kicking four conversions and two penalties. We could only manage tries from Mike Wedderburn, Mike Molyneux and Jeff Alexander (who also kicked one penalty and two conversions). His second conversion enabled us to finish above Leicester on points difference. Final score 19-38.

Gloucester currently lie in 5th position in the league with a record of P11 W7 D1 L3 F175 A147 Pts15. They have played against Leicester (H) 21-3, Rugby (A) 19-16, Nottingham (A) 14-3, Rosslyn Park (H) 12-9, Saracens (A) 12-12, Bath (A) 9-29, Northampton (H) 10-17, London Irish (H) 22-15, Orrell (A) 12-18, Bristol (H) 29-15 and last week Wasps (H) 15-10.

PLAYING RECORD: P-66 W-24 D-4 L-38 C-2 P-1 F-737 A-799

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN: 43-6 12/10/1985 Twickenham

MOST POINTS SCORED: 43-6 12/10/1985 Twickenham

HEAVIEST DEFEAT: 10-33 12/10/1974 Kingsholm

MOST POINTS AGAINST: 19-38 27/4/1991 Kingsholm

PREVIOUS GAMES (LAST 10 SEASONS)

10/10/81	Twickenham	D	3- 3	10/10/87	Twickenham JCDiv2	Postponed
9/10/82	Kingsholm	L	9-16	21/11/97	Stoop Memorial JCDiv2	D 9- 9
8/10/83	Stoop Memorial	L	3-16	11/ 3/89	Stoop Memorial JCDiv1	W 26-11
13/10/84	Kingsholm	L	6-19	10/ 3/90	Kingsholm JCDiv1	L 9-24
9/ 3/85	Kingsholm JPC Q Final	L	12-31	26/ 1/91	Kingsholm PC4thRnd	W 15-13
12/10/85	Twickenham	W	43-6	27/ 4/91	Kingsholm JCDiv1	L 19-38
11/10/86	Kingsholm JSMT 'A'	W	16-10			

HARLEQUIN TEAM INFORMATION (1991/92 Season)

MOST APPEARANCES: 20 - A. MULLINS; 19 - R. GLENISTER; 17 - M. MOLYNEUX, S. SHORTLAND, G. THOMPSON; 16 - M. HOBLEY; 15 - N. EDWARDS, N. KILICK; 14 - S. HALLIDAY, R. LANGHORN, M. WEDDERBURN, P. WINTERBOTTOM; 13 - P. CHALLINOR, M. RUSSELL, S. THRESHER; 12 - W. CARLING, A. FOX, D. PEARS; 11 - K. BRAY; 10 - J. ALEXANDER

MOST TRIES SCORED: 12 - M. WEDDERBURN; 11 - R. GLENISTER; 9 - M. MOLYNEUX

MOST POINTS SCORED: 151 - D. PEARS (6T 29PG 20C); 71 - S. THRESHER (2T 13PG 12C)

PROGRAMME NOTES



We welcome Gloucester, together with their committee and supporters to the Stoop for the final league game of the season. A warm welcome also to **Smith & Williamson (Chartered Accountants)** who are the sponsors of today's match. We are most grateful for their support and hope that they and their guests have an enjoyable day.

Next Saturday Quins go to Twickenham to defend the Pilkington Cup. Our opponents Bath, who have dominated cup rugby since 1984, have an enviable record when it comes to cup finals - played six - won six. Harlequins, the only club to have broken Bath's winning sequence, did not meet the West Country side on their way to either the 1988 or the 1991 finals, but the two clubs did meet in the third round in 1990. Quins losing 0-9 at the Recreation Ground. The magnificent achievement of Peter Winterbottom and his team in getting to Twickenham for the second year running is all the greater given the involvement of so many players in the World Cup and the Five Nations Championship. It's asking a lot for them to lift themselves to yet another peak of performance at the end of such a season but few can doubt that if our players can summon up the commitment for just one more big game, then the capacity crowd will savour a thrilling final - and Quins a famous victory.

If you want to be there on the day and have not yet got your ticket there are still (at the time of writing) a few tickets available to both members and non-members. Please enquire at the club office.

While the senior side was taking the limelight, the Under 21 XV, the Astras, has been having one of its most successful seasons ever. Unbeaten at Under 21 level they have played 29 matches, winning 25 and losing 4. Those four games were all against the 1st XV's of junior clubs. They were particularly pleased with their performances against representative sides, beating the Middlesex, the Sussex, the Combined Services and the Argentine U21 teams. Their only disappointment was in their failure to win the London Irish tournament for the third year in succession but a combination of injuries to key players and a little bit of bad luck put the trophy out of reach. Six of our players are in the England U21 squad. They are: Ian Desmond, Ben Short, Paul Simmonds, Steve Thompson, Jeff Alexander and Luke Jones. Ron Ericson has been playing for the Scottish Students, Simon Brown for the England Students and Robert Leach for the England 18 Group.

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NEXT FIXTURE:

PILKINGTON CUP FINAL

SATURDAY 2nd MAY 1992

HARLEQUINS v BATH

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m. AT TWICKENHAM RFU GROUND