



*Championships*

**1992/93 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE v KENT**

**Saturday, December 19th, 1992**

**Horfield, Bristol**

**2.30 p.m.**

**Programme 50p**

**ADT Sponsors of English Rugby  
at Divisional, County and Under 21 level**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**



## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

A sincere welcome to the Kent players, officials and supporters to Bristol on this our final game in this season's County Championship.

The last time our Counties played each other was two years ago when Kent beat us at Lydney 13—7. Prior to that, in the semi-final of the County Championship in season 1985/86, Kent were again winners 16—3. The previous season, in October 1984, we played at Bristol with Gloucestershire winning 16—10. Nine full Internationals played for Gloucestershire that day, while a future England player, Mike Skinner, played for Kent. Richard Pascall, the former Gloucester Club tight head also played for Kent, propping against his old club mate Malcolm Preedy on the day. An interesting confrontation I recall! We are once again extremely grateful to Bristol Football Club for staging another Championship match and making all the necessary arrangements. Thanks are due to ADT as sponsors of the County Championship and also for their generous support to Rugby in general.

It is a personal pleasure to see so many former County Schools, Colts and Under 21's playing today. Both Counties work extremely hard to select, coach and encourage future players to play top class Rugby.

We must also thank today's referee and touch judges, and hope that all who take part will enjoy themselves.

Let everyone do their utmost to show that Rugby Football is the best team game in the world and the one in which life long friendships are made.

All the best to everyone, have a grand day, and enjoy the remainder of the season.

**MIKE SHORE**, President Gloucestershire RFU.

## ADT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - Division Two South

|                       | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts. |
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| KENT.....             | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 11 | 4    |
| GLOUCESTERSHIRE ..... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 24 | 4    |
| DEVON.....            | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 43 | 0    |
| HERTFORDSHIRE .....   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 65 | 0    |

### MATCH RESULTS

December 5/6th 1992

|                     |                       |    |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----|
| DEVON.....19        | GLOUCESTERSHIRE ..... | 21 |
| HERTFORDSHIRE ..... | KENT.....             | 29 |

December 12th 1992

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|-----------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| GLOUCESTERSHIRE ..... | 36 | HERTFORDSHIRE ..... | 5 |
| KENT.....             | 22 | DEVON .....         | 5 |



## WHERE THE MONEY IS

It's an odd thing, but if you're a rugby man, and want to go where the money is, you could do far worse than pack your boots and take a trip to Kent. Not, I'm sure, because today's welcome visitors would claim a particularly affluent RFU, but because, for some reason, three of the major clearing banks play their rugby in the Kent Leagues.

Indeed, according to the official Rugby Union Club Directory, Lloyds, Nat West and Midland all operate from Beckenham, two of them with addresses in the same road. I imagine that the habit of having branches huddled together in the same areas of many town centres is hard to break, and that the principle simply continued as a matter of form.

Incidentally, the exception is Barclays, who preside, in lofty isolation, over very pleasant facilities in Ealing. Not far from the Western Avenue, actually.

But we don't have to confine ourselves to such esoterica when considering Kent rugby. After all, the oldest club of all is generally regarded as residing in Kent, whatever the Local Government reorganisation of 1974 may have to say on the matter. The Blackheath v. Richmond game of 1863 is generally regarded as the first club game of all. Unfortunately, that game, along with one or two others, revealed that everyone wasn't playing to the same rules. Apparently, it depended on which school you had attended.

In fact, Blackheath withdrew from fixtures against some clubs because they weren't in favour of hacking. So did Richmond, and the practice (officially) disappeared from the game shortly thereafter, although it was retained at Rugby School for some time.

As a result of this controversy, a meeting was called, in 1871, at the Pall Mall restaurant in Charing Cross. Twenty clubs attended, and the result was the formation of the Rugby Football Union.

That meeting, of course, had a pivotal effect on the whole game, but echoes of it still resound in our fair County. One of the clubs attending was called 'Flamingoes', their representative being a gentleman called Frank Hartley. A year or two later, he hied himself off to Gloucester, fell amongst elver-eaters, and founded Gloucester RFC.

That was in 1873. Fifteen years later, the Bristol club was formed, and here we all are today.

But, as any Kentish Man or Man of Kent will tell you, there is life beyond Blackheath. A Scottish prison officer of my acquaintance was transferred to Canterbury, took up refereeing again after a break of some seasons, and had a whale of a time. He found it a great way to acquire a social scene for himself and his family, in an area where they simply didn't know anybody.

Sometimes the traffic goes the other way. Gloucester 'Citizen' reporter, Katie Coker is not only, as far as we know, the only female rugby correspondent in the country, she's also a Maid of Kent. I believe that she used to support Maidstone, and is not happy about the reversal of fortunes that that fine old club has been having lately.

However, perhaps the most memorable thing about today's game is that the Memorial Ground, Bristol is once again staging a County Championship match. We thoroughly understand the reason why the Bristol Club hasn't felt it possible to grant us their facilities over the past few years, but it was always a pity that a ground which has seen so many epic County games over the years has been denied to Gloucestershire RFU. We are absolutely delighted to be back again, and thank everyone at Bristol for their help and support once again. It's great to be home — particularly in such welcome company as the contingent from the Hop County.

**PETER ARNOLD.**

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE



Colours:  
Red Jerseys, White Shorts

|    |                     |   |
|----|---------------------|---|
| 15 | TIM SMITH           | (Gloucester)                            |
| 14 | DERRICK MORGAN      | (Gloucester)                            |
| 13 | BEN MASLEN          | (Bristol University)                    |
| 12 | LEE OSBORNE         | (Berry Hill)                            |
| 11 | ANDY WILLIAMS       | (Bristol and<br>Avon & Somerset Police) |
| 10 | MIKE HAMLIN [Capt.] | (London Welsh)                          |
| 9  | RICHARD REES        | (Northampton)                           |
| 1  | ADEY POWLES         | (Berry Hill)                            |
| 2  | STEVE RATCLIFFE     | (Cheltenham)                            |
| 3  | SIMON BALDWIN       | (Gloucester O.B.)                       |
| 4  | NIGEL SCRIVENS      | (London Welsh)                          |
| 5  | CHRIS BLAKE         | (Clifton)                               |
| 6  | IAN PATTEN          | (Bristol)                               |
| 7  | RHODERI LEWIS       | (Lydney)                                |
| 8  | JULIAN HORROBIN     | (Berry Hill)                            |

### Replacements

|    |                |              |
|----|----------------|--------------|
| 16 | JOHN DAVIS     | (Cheltenham) |
| 17 | PETER HOLMYARD | (Cheltenham) |

Referee:  
**Mr. TONY ROSSALL**  
(R.F.U.)

Full Back  
Right Wing  
Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing

Outside Half  
Scrum Half

Prop  
Hooker  
Prop  
Lock  
Lock  
Flanker  
Flanker  
No. 8

### Touch Judges:

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|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>Mr. MICHAEL ROBERTS</b> | (R.F.U.) |
| <b>Mr. RICHARD BEALE</b>   | (R.F.U.) |



## KENT

Colours:  
Dark Blue Jerseys and Shorts

|    |                    |                  |
|----|--------------------|------------------|
| 15 | STUART THRESHER    | (Harlequins)     |
| 14 | CHRIS JOHNS        | (Askeans)        |
| 13 | RICHARD SMITH      | (London Irish)   |
| 12 | STUART MONTGOMERY  | (Askeans)        |
| 11 | DAVID OSBOURNE     | (Askeans)        |
| 10 | GARETH HUGHES      | (Saracens)       |
| 9  | PHIL HULSTON       | (O. Alleynians)  |
| 1  | PAUL ESSENHIGH     | (Rosslyn Park)   |
| 2  | ALAN CLARK         | (Saracens)       |
| 3  | MARTIN DOWNEY      | (Maidstone)      |
| 4  | DOUG HURSEY        | (Blackheath)     |
| 5  | GARY MAYOR         | (Westcombe Park) |
| 6  | MICKEY HARRIS      | (Wasps)          |
| 7  | JOE CHALLIS        | (Maidstone)      |
| 8  | STEVE HILL [Capt.] | (Askeans)        |

### Replacements

|    |                  |                 |
|----|------------------|-----------------|
| 16 | PAUL LITTLEJOHN  | (New Ash Green) |
| 17 | JAMIE MacPHERSON | (O. Alleynians) |

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