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The Manchester office of BAKER TILLY, Chartered Accountants, are this week's match sponsors. The club is very grateful to them for their continued support and hopes that they and their guests will have an enjoyable afternoon here at Heywood Road.

TODAY'S GAME.
We are very pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of GLOUCESTER R.F.C. to Brooklands for today's game. The club was founded in 1873 and has a long and distinguished history. Their most capped players include Mike Teague (now with Moseley), Tom Voyce and Don Rutherford. Since the inception of the Courage Leagues, they have enjoyed Division One status throughout and have not finished a season below sixth position. A fine record by any standards. They have not yet managed to win the championship but were runners up in the 88/89 and 89/90 seasons. Last year they finished in fourth place.

The 1992/3 league campaign has been disappointing so far. Gloucester currently occupy eighth position in the table having won three and lost four of their seven games played to date. They started the league season with two away defeats. Against London Scottish they lost by 8 points to 3 and at Leicester by the narrowest of margins, 22 - 21.

A win against Rugby at Kingsholm by 21 - 12 gave them their first league points but defeats against Wasps (14 - 9) and West Hartlepool (21 - 6) dealt their championship aspirations a severe blow. Wins against Saracens (19 - 5) and away at London Irish (18 - 6) have been encouraging and raised hopes for an improvement in the second half of the season.

Sale and Gloucester have enjoyed many exciting matches over the years and our visitors have the better overall record. The clubs have played each other on 35 occasions and Sale's best period was between 1950 and 1960 when we won six of the seven games played - 5 away at Kingsholm! Gloucester gave us a lesson in the 1988 Courage League game when we suffered our biggest defeat by 61 points to 7. The clubs met again at Kingsholm in April 1990 and this time Sale won by 21 points to 16.

This season's earlier encounter produced a win for the Cherry and Whites. Sale led 3-0 at half time thanks to a Phil Lee penalty but Gloucester began to dominate the second period and tries from Martyn Roberts and Jerry Perrins gave them the initiative, despite a late consolation try from Mark Warr. Martyn Roberts kicked both conversions and a penalty and Phil Lee added Sale's only other points from a penalty kick to leave the scoreboard reading 17 - 11 to the home side.

I am sure that we can expect another close fought match today and whatever the result we will show our visitors the usual Heywood Road hospitality afterwards in the clubhouse.

OUR RECORD AGAINST GLOUCESTER:

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TODAY'S REFEREE
Our referee this afternoon is Mr. Mike Fisher from the Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire Referees' Society. We hope that you have had a pleasant journey and that you will enjoy your visit to Brooklands. Have a good game.

DUTY OFFICER
The duty officer this afternoon is Mr. Eric Toothill. He will be available to deal with any problems or queries which you may have during your visit to Heywood Road.

ORRELL
After the disappointing league result against Moseley, Sale bounced back to form against our old adversaries from ORRELL two weeks ago and won convincingly by 24 points to 10. The stalwart supporters who opted to video the England v France game and come down to Heywood Road were treated to an excellent afternoon's entertainment. Sale led 19 - 0 at the interval with tries from Phil Stansfield, Dave Baldwin and Ian Marshall. Gareth Stocks added two conversions and then went on to score a try himself in the second half before Orrell replied with Neil Hitchen's try and Gerry Ainscough's conversion and penalty.

LEEDS
Last Saturday, Sale travelled over the Pennines to Chandos Park for our first fixture against newly formed LEEDS R.U.F.C. In conditions more suited to growing rice, both teams contributed to a lively contest which Sale won comfortably after some early pressure from the Yorkshiremen. Our try scorers were Kevin Young, Howard Fitton, Chris Parkes and Matt Birt. Gareth Stocks kicked two conversions and Leeds points came from a try by Nick Wilde. Another satisfying performance.
FIRST XV FIXTURES 1992-93

SALE V GLOUCESTER KICK OFF 3.00 PM

SALE

15. JIM MALLINDER
14. CHRIS PARKER
13. MATT BIRT
12. GARETH STOCKS
11. KEVIN YOUNG
10. PAUL TURNER
9. HOWARD FITTON
8. MARTIN WHITCOMBE (Capt)
7. STEVE DIAMOND
6. ANDY SMITH
5. DAVID BALDWIN
4. DAVE ERKIN
3. DYLAN O'GRADY
2. IAN MARSHALL
1. MIKE KERRICK

Replacements:
16. PHIL STANSFIELD
17. DON ROWLANDS

GLOUCESTER

15. MARTYN ROBERTS
14. TIM SMITH
13. DON GASKIE
12. SIMON MORRIS
11. DERRICK MORGAN
10. DAMIAN CUMMINS
9. LAURIE BECK
8. PETE JONES
7. GLYNN MANN
6. ANDY DEACON
5. RICHARD WEST
4. DAVE SIMS
3. PETER GLANVILLE
2. ADRIAN KNOX
1. PAUL ASHMEAD (Capt)

Replacements:
16. ANDY WINDO
17. PAUL WOLFORD

REFEREE: Mr. MIKE FISHER. (NOTES, UNGS AND DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY)

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Saturdays:
5. OBRELL (L) L 10-40
12. HUMBERSIDE W 30-17
19. Ponty (S) W 30-28
26. ODORPUTE L 10-39

Sunday:
8. Crawley L 18-21
15. Tynedale L 17-36
17. York (S) W 10-18
18. Vale Of Lune (L) W 10-6

November:
7. Newcastle L 12-40
9. 1st Rd Chinnor Cup
14. Wharfedale L 12-8
15. Liverpool (L) W 17-5
22. Chinnor Cup
23. 1st Rd Chinnor Cup

December:
1. North (L) W 4-10
16. Old (L) W 10-8
30. NOTTINGHAM

January:
7. Moseley L 17-33
16. Old (L) W 10-8
17. Oxford Quins (L) W 10-6
30. NOTTINGHAM

February:
5. Vale Of Lune (L)
12. Manchester U
15. West Hartlepool
22. Old Albanian
29. Fulm (L)

March:
1. Preston (L)
15. Wakefield (L)
26. Dela Salle
31. Harrogate

April:
9. Lancaster (L)
15. Bradford (L)
26. Bradford (L)
30. Harrogate

May:
1. Dudley

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