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BATH

Colours: Blue, White & Black

Full Back 16 JON WEBB* (Capt)

Right Wing 15 D. COTTRELL

Right Centre 14 J. BAMSEY

Left Centre 12 I. LEWIS

Left Wing 11 L. OMAN

Outside Half 10 M. CATT

Scrum Half 9 I. SAUNDERS

Forwards 1 D. HILTON

2 C. ATKINS

3 M. CRANE

4 M. HAAG

5 P. McCOY

6 G. ADAMS

8 S. OJOMOH

7 N. MASLEN

Replacements: 17 J. KNIGHT

18 J. DEANE

19

20

Referee: TONY ROSSALL (RFU)

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Red & White

Full Back 15 MARTYN ROBERTS

Right Wing 14 PAUL HOLFORD

Right Centre 13 SIMON MORRIS

Left Centre 12 IAN MORGAN

Left Wing 11 CHRIS DEE

Outside Half 10 PAUL BEECH

Scrum Half 9 MARCUS HANNIFORD

Forwards 1 PETE JONES

2 GLYNN MANN

3 ROB PHILLIPS

4 DAVE SIMS

5 RICHARD WEST

6 PAUL ASHMEAD

7 IAN SMITH (Capt)

8 ROB FOWKE

Replacements 16 JULIAN DAVIS

17 TONY WINDO

18 JERRY PERRINS

19 MARK WADLEY

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GLOUCESTER COME THROUGH

WHEN the final whistle blew at Bristol on April 3rd, you could have heard the collective sigh of relief all the way from the Memorial Ground to Kingsholm. Gloucester's survival in Courage League Division One was, at last, assured. And a good thing too. After all, the season wouldn't be the season without Bath v. Gloucester, would it?

Gloucester were in the doldrums even before the 1992/3 campaign started. Not only had we to cope with no fewer than 12 defections to other Clubs, but pre-season injuries had left Gloucester without a recognised scrum half. From there on in, things were never going to be easy, and one is tempted to wonder how many other Clubs could have kept their First Division ranking with those odds stacked against them.

And yet, in retrospect, things were never quite as bad as they looked. Early League losses against Wasps and London Scottish were expensive, but both very narrow. There was a heartening 30-point win over Bristol, and Rugby were demolished handily enough.

Then came the really shattering blow. To lose at Kingsholm to the struggling West Hartlepool was bad enough, but the manner of the defeat was catastrophic. Frankly, Gloucester were hammered.

That was the point at which the season pivoted. Wholesale changes were made to the side, to such an extent that on Friday, November 13th Gloucester put 30 points on the mighty Transvaal side, and on the very next day beat Moseley by even more with 15 totally different players. The spirit had returned, and hasn't been far away since, in spite of a remarkable catalogue of injuries to key players.

New players were making their mark. Older hands were performing well in unfamiliar positions. Even the loss to Bath wasn't all that bad; the Champions did have to rely rather too heavily on the clinical boot of Jon Webb for real comfort.

Since then, excellent away wins against Northampton and the in-form Bristol have shown that there is a great deal of potential within the Club, even before the advent of a new Director of Rugby.

And don't forget Gloucester United. If they beat Bath at Kingsholm today, they're virtually assured of a slightly mind-boggling third successive Second XV's Championship. Next generation — you have been warned.

PETER ARNOLD

**A WARM WELCOME TO EVER-POPULAR GLOUCESTER R.F.C. PLAYERS,
OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS ON THEIR VISIT TO THE REC.**

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