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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION ONE (SOUTH)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
V
HAMPSHIRE

Saturday October 2nd 1993

Regentsholm, Lydney

3.00 p.m.

**OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME**



50p

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Colours: White

Referee:
Mr. D.C. SAINSBURY
(R.F.U.)**HAMPSHIRE**

Colours: Navy Blue



15.	NICK MARMENT	Cheltenham	<i>Full Back</i>
14.	JOHN DAVIS	Cheltenham	<i>Right Wing</i>
13.	BEN MASLEN	Gloucester	<i>Right Centre</i>
12.	LEE OSBORNE	Berry Hill	<i>Left Centre</i>
11.	ANDY WILLIAMS	Bristol	<i>Left Wing</i>
10.	MIKE HAMLIN (Captain)	Moseley	<i>Outside Half</i>
9.	GILES SHIPTON	Stroud	<i>Scrum Half</i>
1.	ADEY POWLES	Berry Hill	<i>Prop</i>
2.	NICK NELMES	Lydney	<i>Hooker</i>
3.	SIMON BALDWIN	Gloucester Old Boys	<i>Prop</i>
4.	NIGEL SCRIVENS	Cirencester	<i>Lock</i>
5.	JOHN BRAIN	Cheltenham	<i>Lock</i>
6.	BOB FOWKE	Gloucester	<i>Flanker</i>
7.	ADRIAN KNOX	Gloucester	<i>Flanker</i>
8.	DARREN MANN	Matson	<i>No. 8</i>

Replacements:

16.	BRUCE FENLEY	Gloucester
17.	STEVE RATCLIFFE	Cheltenham
18.	NICK BARTLETT	Lydney

*Touch Judges:***Mr. P.J. HUNT** (R.F.U.)
Mr. R.J. BARTLETT (R.F.U.)

15.	RICHARD ROWLEDGE	Basingstoke
14.	ANDY PINNOCK	Harlequins
13.	STEVE BOYDELL	Havant
12.	DAVE SIBSON	Havant
11.	ANDY WILSON	Havant
10.	PETER RUSSELL	Havant
9.	DAVID JONES	Havant
1.	DAVID REES	Havant
2.	IAN LILLINGTON	Basingstoke
3.	JASON FORD	Basingstoke
4.	GARY CURTIS	Havant
5.	RICHARD WARD	Havant
6.	PETER POLSON	Basingstoke
7.	NICK ROACH	Havant
8.	WILL KNIGHT	Havant

Replacements:

16.	JIM BATES	Havant
17.	ROB WHITEHEAD	Havant
18.	MIKE BALDWIN	Havant

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Hon Team Secretary: **Russ Hillier**

Welcome from the President

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the President Brian Short and the Hampshire team and officials to Regentholm today.

The result of today's championship matches will determine the semi-finalists who will meet the winners and runners up from Division 1 North on 15th January and will, unfortunately also decide the fate of the County which will be relegated.

Both sides are considerably changed since our previous game in 1990/91 and their styles are somewhat unknown to each other. Let us hope that this will produce an interesting and entertaining encounter. There is everything to play for. May the best team win.

Gloucestershire is grateful to C.I.S. Insurance, the new sponsors of the County Championship whose support was only announced three weeks ago. We welcome Mr. Ross and the C.I.S. Insurance representatives here today and hope this will be the start of a long and useful association.

Our thanks also to the Lydney Club and officials for hosting today's match and making all the necessary arrangements.

We also thank the referee Mr. Sainsbury and his touch judges and hope that all who take part will have an enjoyable day.

A special welcome to the Patrons of this County and to all spectators for supporting us. This is the chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones in our part of the largest free masonry on the world.

You are all most welcome — I hope you all have a good day and see an enjoyable match.

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Return of the Hurrican

"In Hertford, Hereford or Hampshire, hurricanes hardly happen." declaims Eliza Doolittle. Which just goes to show that old George Bernard Shaw may have been a whizz at writing plays, but didn't know a whole lot about rugby football.

At any rate, there was a pretty fair old breeze at Basingstoke, just a two or three years ago, when Hampshire blew Gloucestershire away to the tune of 22 points to 6. Anyone who thinks of that lovely county's sporting prowess simply in terms of David Gower and Malcolm Marshall should be reminded that their sportsmen are just as adept in the 'muddied oafs' department as they are in the one reserved for 'fiannelled fools'. (My, we are getting literary today. Shaw *and* Kipling in two short paragraphs. Must be coming over all intellectual in my old age).

Not that there aren't similarities between the ways in which today's very welcome visitors play their cricket and their rugby. There is a sort of 'we're going to do our damndest to beat you, but if we can't, then we'll give you a good seeing to in the bar afterwards' feeling about their approach. Which is refreshing in these days when, one sometimes thinks, top sport tends to forget that games are supposed to be played for fun.

Nevertheless, as our generous hosts from Lydney can testify, if you're up against the lads from Basingstoke or Havant, you know you're in for a battle. Just because Hampshire can't claim a Wasps or a Bath within their boundaries doesn't mean they don't know a thing or three about the game.

With both teams finishing second best to Cornwall in front of the patriots of Hell Fire Corner, but having put it over Middlesex, today's game has the added significance of a semi-final place. They both know precisely what is expected of them if they are to proceed in the competition. The present structure of the County Championship allows no margin for error whatsoever, so, even before the competition started, we were pretty sure there would be a 'crunch match' element about Gloucestershire v. Hampshire at Lydney on October 2nd. In other words, we're in for a good game.

It wouldn't be right to conclude without saying, once again, a heartfelt 'thanks' to the Lydney Club for entertaining us today. Our hosts can always be relied upon to make meticulous arrangements and generally ensure that things go well. We couldn't wish for a better venue to celebrate our only home game in the season which sees our return to Division One.

And the Hampshire contingent should be warned. We have every intention of staying there. After all, Forest fires have been known to be fanned by hurricanes before.

Peter Arnold.

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