

| ORRELL                 |    |    |              | <b>GLOUCESTE</b> |   | LOUCESTER          |
|------------------------|----|----|--------------|------------------|---|--------------------|
| (Capt.) Steve Taberner | 15 |    | Full Back    | 15               | 5 | Tim Smith          |
| James Naylor           | 14 |    | Right Wing   | 14               | 1 | Paul Holford       |
| Paul Johnson           | 13 | 1  | Right Centre | 13               | 3 | Don Caskie         |
| Matt Farr              | 12 | 1  | Left Centre  | 12               | 2 | Damian Cummins     |
| Paul Hamer             | 11 |    | Left Wing    | 11               | Z | Martin Roberts     |
| Gerry Ainscough        | 10 |    | Outside Half | 10               | 2 | Ashley Johnson     |
| Dewi Morris            | 9  |    | Scrum Half   | 5                | > | Bruce Fenley       |
| Martin Hynes           | 1  |    | Prop         | 1                | Z | Tony Winder        |
| Gary French            | 2  |    | Hooker       | 2                | ? | John Hawker        |
| Dave Southern          | 3  |    | Prop         | 3                | 3 | Andy Deacon        |
| Chas Cusani            | 4  |    | Lock         | 4                | 2 | Richard West       |
| Chris Brierley         | 5  |    | Lock         | 5                | 5 | Simon Devereux     |
| Neil Ashurst           | 6  |    | Flanker      | 6                | 5 | Paul Ashmead       |
| Paul Manley            | 7  |    | Flanker      | 7                | ~ | Iain Smith (Capt.) |
| Dave Cleary            | 8  |    | No. 8        | 8                | 3 | Dave Sims          |
| Martin Ridehalgh       | 16 | 63 | Replacement  | 16               | 5 | Ady Knight         |
| Alun Peacock           | 17 | ľ  | Replacement  | 17               | - | Rob Fowke          |
| Steve Bibby            | 18 | I, | Replacement  | 18               | 3 | Jerry Perrin       |



## Welcome to Edgehall Road

Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Gloucester Rugby Football Club. Gloucester RFC have been a force in English rugby for many years and together with Bath and Bristol are in the vanguard of rugby in the South West.

Today's game will be hard and uncompromising with a lot at stake for both teams.

The win over Quins was well deserved and all credit must go to the lads for a sustained team performance.

There will be a collection today in aid of SPIRE a charity set up to support paraplegics in rugby – please give generously to this most deserving cause.

Thanks to you all for contributing to the bucket collection in aid of Aspull RFC. The money collected will be put to good use in replacing the fire damaged club house. Tickets are available from Pauline Lloyd and Alan Houghton for the New Years Eve Dance, I understand that they are going fast – don't be disappointed, order your tickets now.

The next away game is at Wasps on 11th December 1993, your support is appreciated by the team – come and cheer us to the top of the league.

Bill Huxley

## **Today's Visitors Gloucester**

Today we welcome to Edgehall Road Gloucester RFC. Gloucester together with Bath and Bristol form the basis of top class rugby in the South West. As far as last season went it was I suppose a case of 'alls well that ends well,' and in the end it all came right for the club. The daunting spectre of relegation was a real possibility for most of the season and so to finish 5th in the Courage League Division 1 was a creditable performance.

From the outset things were never going to be easy the departure of twelve players and injuries left the club woefully short in some departments, especially scrum half. Against that background a lesser club would have struggled to retain their 1st Division status, remembering that four teams were to be relegated. So it bodes well for Gloucester in the future that they could rise from the ashes to fifth place.

Coach Keith Richardson is bullish about the clubs prospects this season, and the appointment of Barrie Corless as Director of Rugby at Kingsholm will sharpen tactical awareness and harden attitudes. Des Seabrook comments "This will be a very hard game. Gloucester haven't picked up as many points as normal by this time in the season. Their last victory over Northampton will have improved confidence in the side, and Keith Richardson will have the team well motivated for todays game."

Phil Moss says "Gloucester are a hard and uncompromising side. We are under no illusions as to the seriousness of todays game. Two points for us will put us right up in contention, two points to Gloucester will edge them nearer to safety, that is what is at stake today. The sides in Division 1 are on the whole evenly matched and the results often boil down to whoever wants to win the most on the day usually come out on top. It is up to us to ensure that we are ready physically and mentally to take on the might of Gloucester. We will not be taking much notice of their league position, and we know that Keith Richardson will have them ready and prepared for a hard game." Steve Taberner - Capt comments

"Gloucester are a good workmanlike side with a lot of spirit and commitment. They are in a way similar to us here at Orrell, a team built on good solid players not liberally sprinkled with star names. It is always a hard game against Gloucester but everyone is looking forward to the game."



Back Row: Paul Holford, Tony Windo, Andy Deacon, Martyn Roberts, Simon Devereux, Dave Sims, Bobby Fowke, Paul Ashmead, Andrew Stanley, Pete Jones, Jerry Perrins. Front Row: Damian Coummins, Bob Phillips, Derrick Morgan, Marcus Hannaford, Ian Smith (Capt), Tim Smith, Don Caskie, Dave Kearsey, Ian Morgan.