

RUNNING WITH THE GREEN & WHITES



BEESTON
PROGRAMME

THE 
PILKINGTON
CUP

4th Round
Saturday
18th December
1993

£1.00

**NOTTINGHAM
RUGBY
FOOTBALL
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GLOUCESTER

Welcome to our Visitors

It only seems like yesterday when we last welcomed Gloucester to Ireland Avenue. But, it was in fact six weeks ago that the famous Cherry and White strip was seen at Beeston for a club fixture. Today though we bid greetings to the players, supporters and officials of Gloucester for the Pilkington Cup 4th Round tie.

Ourselves and Gloucester have only met once before in Cup competition, and that was back in February 1990, when Gloucester won by 26 points to 16. Since then there have been many changes at both clubs, with players and officials coming and going. Perhaps most significant has been the arrival at Kingsholme of Barrie Corless as Gloucester's first Director of Rugby. Barrie arrived after success at Northampton in recent years, and has no doubt brought new ideas and initiatives to the West Country side. Couple that with the entrepreneurial skills of Mike Burton and one sees a Club in transition—with good youngsters at all levels within the Club, Gloucester look set fast to soon regain their former eminence.

The Gloucester side are one of the earliest, forming in 1873, and for most of their existence have been at the famous Kingsholme ground. Over that period they have provided many famous players to Club, Country and British Lions—names like Rutherford, Burton, Blakeway, Boyle and Teague spring to mind. Youngsters like David Sims, are carrying on the tradition—he recently represented England A against New Zealand, and will no doubt continue to push for representative honours.

Both sides have struggled in their respective leagues, to a greater or lesser degree this season. But both won last Saturday, and with that encouragement, and the special atmosphere of a Cup tie, we can look forward to an exciting encounter this afternoon.

As this is the last game before the Christmas break, may we wish everybody, from Nottingham and Gloucester alike, a Happy Christmas and good fortune in 1994. Safe journey home, one and all, and we look to continuing support and backing at all levels in the New Year.

FROM TONY BUTCHER — MANAGEMENT CHANGES

I think it important that Club members and supporters are given the background to the changes in the Club Management last week with the decision by David Roberts and myself to step down.

I made it clear to the Club Committee when I was appointed in 1991 that I was only prepared to take the Chairmanship for three years and to ensure a smooth changeover my successor Alan Bragg had been identified, the intention being for us to work in tandem until the end of the season.

There are some long term issues such as the Clubhouse development and the Club's commercial development which it is essential that the new chairman is closely involved in, and because of this and the lack of playing success it seemed to me that it would be in the best interests of the Club for me to make my time available to support the playing side of the Club and for Alan Bragg to get started. I could not see any justification for further delay. The changes are in every sense intended to be a positive move forward.

I know you will join David and myself in wishing Alan and Gordon Wallis every success. You cannot start better than last Saturday with a League win and wins by both the Corsairs and Under 21.

DIRECTIONS TO OTLEY RFC

We are quite concerned that after the success of the away trip to Waterloo those of our supporting hordes not travelling by coach could cause traffic chaos in the Leeds area. Consequently we can offer two alternative routes to this next League match on 8th January.

Route 1: Take M1 to its end in Leeds, then A660 to Otley. Right at traffic lights in town centre on A659 (direction Harrogate). Ground half mile on left.

Route 2 (avoiding Leeds): Take A1 towards Wetherby. At roundabout at Boston Spa, left on A659 to Otley. Ground on right before town centre.

NOTE! 2.15 p.m. kick-off.

NOTTINGHAM *Green & White*

Matthew Gallagher
Richard Byrom
Buster Musto (Cpt.)
Andrew Furley
Andy Smallwood

Guy Gregory
Alan Royer

Martin Freer
Steve Drury
Andy Jackson
David Hindmarch
George Robinson
Gary Reest
Dorian West
Mark Bradley

Miles Hallam
Nigel Malik
David Wright

15 Full Back
14 Right Wing
13 Right Centre
12 Left Centre
11 Left Wing

10 Outside Half
9 Scrum Half

1 Prop
2 Hooker
3 Prop
4 Lock
5 Lock
6 Flank
7 Flank
8 Number 8

Replacements

† International Player
* Barbarian Player

Cherry & White **GLOUCESTER**

Tim Smith
Mark Nicholson
Don Caskie
Damien Cummins
Jerry Perrins

Ashley Johnson
Bruce Fenley

Tony Windo
John Hawker
Andy Deacon
Richard West
Simon Devereux
Bobby Fowke
(Cpt.) Ian Smith
Dave Sims

Laurie Beck
Rob Baxter
Ady Knight

Referee: MR. CHRIS HARRISON (RFU/East Midlands Society)

Touch Judges: MR. R. J. JAMES (RFU), MR. P. C. DUNNETT (RFU)