



WASPS v GLOUCESTER

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP



Saturday, 8th January, 1994. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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OR our first Saturday fixture of 1994 we are delighted to welcome our old friends from Gloucester at the start of the return games in the Courage Clubs Championship. We also welcome our match sponsors, ECC Building Products Ltd who are one of the largest manufacturers of precast concrete building materials in the UK, United Airlines, our Club sponsor, and parties from, Baring Fund Managers, DTZ Debenham Thorpe and Bass Brewers who are using our hospitality suites this afternoon.

When our Clubs met in September at Kingsholm, a ground where we have only won once in the past fifty years, the result was a 9-9 draw so both teams will be hoping to improve on that today. Gloucester showed poor form in the opening months of the season but have reversed that in recent weeks and are now back to their best, winning their last League fixtures against Northampton, Orrell and Harlequins. Today marks Tim Smith's 300th game for his club and we offer him our heartiest congratulations on this notable milestone.

Wasps v Orrell

We maintained our position of third place in the League table with a

28-16 win over Orrell in mid-December. We had first use of a very strong wind and Rob Andrew gave us an early lead through two penalty goals. Orrell came back, added three more, one from very near the half-way line. It was Andrew's initial break followed by a strong run from Damian Hopley that brought Steve Bates a try, Rob converting from the touchline. This brought the half-time score to 22-3 and, with the wind behind them, Orrell began working away at the deficit.

They actually crossed the line for a try early in the second half but the referee had already whistled up to award them a penalty which, to add insult to injury, they then missed! Another penalty chance went begging before Simon Langford came on as replacement for the injured Alun Peacock. Langford almost immediately kicked a penalty goal and then added the conversion to a try which he had himself initiated. The rest of the scoring came from penalty goals, one from Langford and two more from Andrew, which brought his personal tally for the match to 23 points.

Wasps v Bath

At the start of the season, a Pilkington Cup