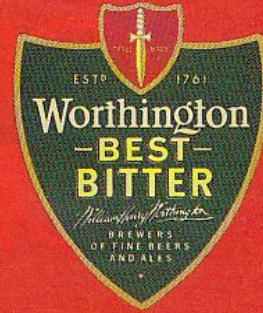




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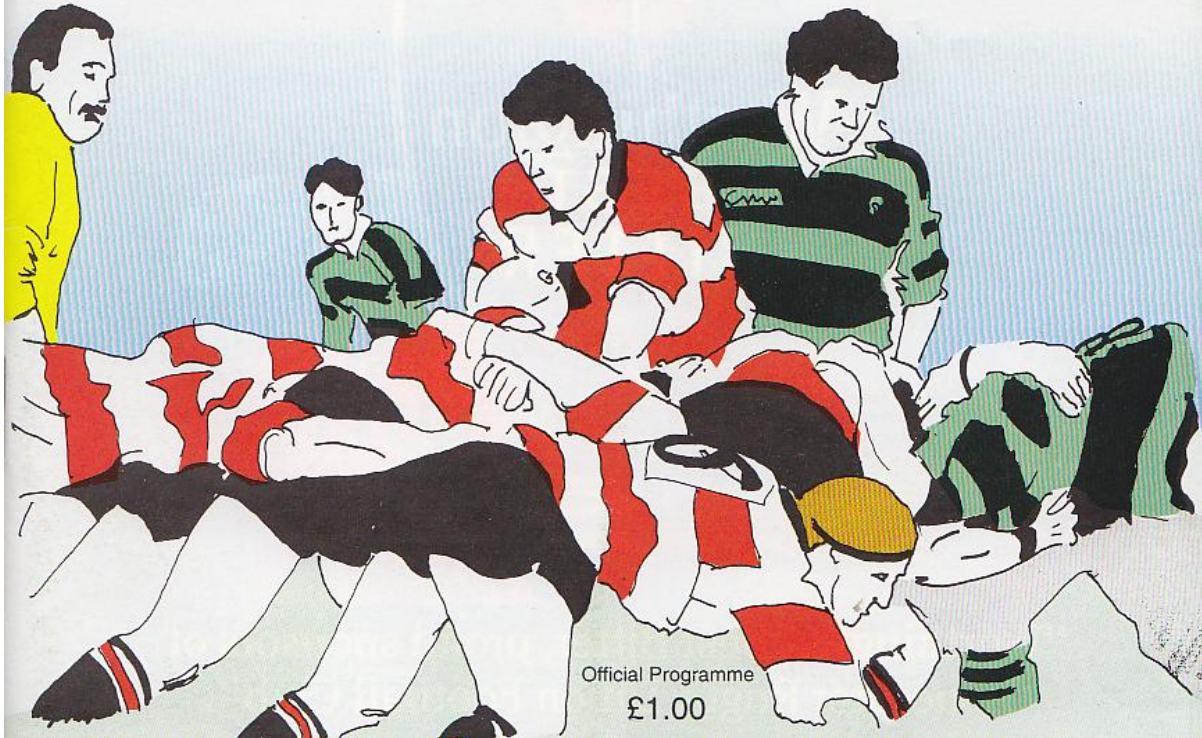
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NOBBY'S NEWSDESK



Hello and welcome to Kingsholm for the visit of the Portuguese President's XV. Following last Saturday's disappointing display against Bristol in the league the press was littered with reports such as "Rubbish" "Shambles" and "Hopeless". While many of the reports were factually correct, the way it was portrayed led readers to believe the players went out with the intention of losing the match. That suggestion is ludicrous, as any true Gloucester fan will tell you. The Cherry and White jersey has always been worn with great pride and I am sure the lads will be as dejected as the crowd at having lost a match home to one of our oldest rivals.

Now is the time to really get behind the players and show them that the finest supporters in the land still appreciate that the poor showing was a one off amongst a string of promising performances from a side that is still finding it's feet with one another and missing several key players. Let's hear a good roar today and enjoy what should be a fine game of running rugby.

*Happy Easter,
Cheers, NOBBY*



Peter Arnold



PORT AND DOUBLE GLOUCESTER



Over Easter last year, we had the pleasure of entertaining the side from Italy's Benetton Treviso club. That was quite an event, culminating in Gloucester winning both games in a double header which included matches at United and First XV level. Of course, with the World Cup still reasonably fresh in our minds, we had a fair idea of the way in which the Italians like to play their rugby, and I compared it, in these pages with the sparkle of their very palatable Asti Spumante wine.

I can't quite do that sort of thing today. To start with, we don't know quite so much about Portuguese rugby, although we are aware that Portugal is one of a whole clutch of emerging nations, in rugby terms, and today's game will enable us to judge for ourselves just how far they have progressed down the road towards full World Cup status.

Second, the drink one first thinks of when considering Portugal is a fine old crusted port; one of my own favourite tipples, on the right occasion, but a little too heavy and sleep-inducing to invite comparison with rugby. I have a feeling that today's welcome visitors will provide entertainment more reminiscent of bright, sunny days on the Algarve than of port-pickled Squires from the Shires.

One could, actually, regard today's occasion as something of an occasion for waving the Union Jack. With all the respect in the world, if Portugal isn't the name you first think of when talking rugby, neither does one really compare their tennis with the likes of, say the United States or Sweden. Yet, just a few days ago, the Portuguese Davis Cup team dumped Britain unceremoniously out of the world's premier competition before it had really got started.

We can't have that, can we? If our tennis players have come unstuck at the hands of the Iberian nation, then it's up to us to redress the balance a little today.

Not that we need to be chauvinistic about it. We are so used to sides from all over the world playing at Kingsholm, that if any crowd should have a cosmopolitan outlook, then it must surely be the Gloucester one.

I wonder if anyone has told our distinguished guests that, when they run out on the field, they will, almost literally, be following in the footsteps of the New Zealand All Blacks who took on Emerging England just a month or two ago? Or that the South African Barbarians made the same safari just a short time before that?

Perhaps they could read a dire warning into the fact that the last side styling itself a 'President's XV' who came here was the Irish one, and that they got beaten by Gloucester. Yet just a week or two later, virtually the same side gave the eventual World Cup Champions, Australia, the fright of their lives before going down to a little piece of Campese magic a minute or two from full time.

While welcoming the Portuguese President and his players, we should also offer them our thanks for making a late change of date. This game was, as you probably realise, originally scheduled for next Monday, but Pontypridd's continued involvement in the Welsh Cup forced them to withdraw from the previously arranged fixture here today, and the Portuguese President's XV readily agreed to a change of date at short notice. Which is very nice of them, and we're grateful for it.

Finally, when talking about port wine, one tends to associate it with a ripe, delicious old Stilton cheese. We're not offering that today, but perhaps we could welcome them to a Double Gloucester. The 'Double' in this case would refer to our rugby and our hospitality. We sincerely hope they enjoy both, and we welcome them, without reservation, to Kingsholm, which, as everyone knows, is the real home of English rugby.

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NORTHAMPTON NEXT WEEK

Perhaps the most significant result in last Saturday's Courage League round, as far as Gloucester is concerned, wasn't so much the defeat by Bristol, as the London Irish victory over Wasps, unlooked for as it was. The combination of those two events mean that we still have rather more than a mathematical chance of relegation. So we need to win at least one more out of Northampton, Orrell and Harlequins.

Which means that we badly need a victory at Northampton next Saturday. Admittedly, we've already beaten them twice this season, but this is the first time we've visited Franklins Gardens since our epic, and equally vital, win there last season.

Anyone who played that day will tell you that the marvellous support given by the coachloads from Gloucester was a significant factor in achieving that win. They'd dearly love to have the same sort of 'backing group' behind them next Saturday. If you can make it, please do. Coaches leave Kingsholm at 11.00 am, and will cost you £6.50. Tickets, as always, are available at the office.

If you're going by car, the instructions I have simply say 'look for the A45 to Northampton which will take you to Weedon Road'. That's the postal address of Franklins Gardens, so you shouldn't have much difficulty.

After all, you wouldn't want to miss such a crunch game, would you?

WEST GOING WEST

Some idiot commented, in that recent appalling 'Sunday Times' article, that Gloucester RFC 'hardly ever have any Internationals', blithely ignoring the fact that, in Ian Smith and Pete Jones, we had two Caps playing the following Saturday. Which just shows how much he knew about it.

In addition, of course, we have a whole string of younger players playing representative rugby, all the way from Colts up to England 'A'. It was very nice to learn that there's now another notch on our collective gun belt, provided by the invitation for Richard West to join the long, long list of Gloucester Barbarians by taking part in the traditional Easter Tour.

Richard has, of course, been making his presence felt at Emerging England level, and it's a matter for sincere congratulations that this most prestigious invitation has come his way. Good on you, 'Westy'!

WE GET LETTERS

There was I, waiting at the bar, when Laurence Hull wandered up to me. Do you know Laurence? If not, look for a guy, quite brazenly, flaunting a Harlequins Players tie around Kingsholm, and that's Laurence. He never did play for Harlequins, of course, and there's a disreputable story about how he acquired the tie, concerning a con trick by an unprincipled Mayor of Gloucester. I have written the story down, and sealed it under lock and key with instructions that it be opened 50 years after my death, to protect the innocent and avoid libel actions, but that's another story.

Anyway, Laurence wandered up and handed me a note. Just a little note, and this is what he wrote:

"Dear Peter,

You may be surprised to learn that you have a devoted group of fans as far away as Newent! Your writings in the Gloucester programme have given us very great pleasure, over the years, and are the framework around which Gloucester provides what must surely be the best club programme in English Rugby.

The subject was raised at a recent get-together of Newent Cricket Club, and knowing that you have also written extensively on the summer game, we felt we would like to acknowledge your valuable contribution to Gloucestershire sport in some tangible way.

On Friday May 6th, Newent CC are organising a major dinner at Cheltenham Race Course. The guests of honour are to be Ian Botham, Gladstone Small and Peter Scudamore, and proceeds will be applied to developing Newent's youth cricket.

We would be delighted if you would accept our invitation to attend as a guest of the club. We are sure you will have a very enjoyable evening, and that your presence will be a significant contribution to the success of the occasion.

Incidentally, if you know anyone who would like to attend, tickets cost £35, and can be obtained from Richard Martin at Hilter's Farmhouse, Oxenhall, Newent. Telephone 0531 821354.

*Yours sincerely,
Lawrence Hull.*

Well, isn't that nice of them! I don't usually print plugs for sporting events, other than rugby ones, in these pages, but youth sport is something we should all be encouraging where

we can, and anyway, in view of their kind invitation, it would be churlish of me to ignore the letter, wouldn't it? But don't see this as a precedent.

The second letter I've received recently comes all the way from Stratford upon Avon, not an area one immediately thinks of when thinking about rugby. However, I do learn that the Stratford upon Avon club was founded as long ago as 1876, which makes them nearly as old as us, and that their ground capacity is over 2,000 with seating for 200, so they're not a negligible outfit by any means.

I don't know if my correspondent, Iain Kelso, is connected with that club or not, but he certainly attended one Gloucester game recently, as his missive reveals:

Dear Mr. Arnold,

I purchased a programme at the recent Gloucester via Orrell game which when I got home I found a good read and of interest.

However I have one constructive comment to make. As a neutral and not knowing the players on either side very well I did buy the programme primarily to help me identify individuals during the course of the game but due to the small type face used I found that in the far recess of the stand in poor light that reading the names and numbers was quite difficult.

Would it be possible please to ask the worthy typesetters at Stoate and Bishop to alter the layout of the centre spread to display clearly the key

programme information to the benefit of all — especially the visiting supporter?

*Many thanks, Regards
Iain Kelso*

Thanks for that, Mr. Kelso, I must admit that it's a criticism I haven't had before. I'll certainly talk to Stoate and Bishop and see what can be done — if not this season, then next.

However, the letter did remind me that we are now at that stage of the season when we ought to be thinking about what we should do next time round. I'd be glad to receive comment, insult and criticism to that end, and would welcome any suggestion for improving our programme.

Please do remember, that things aren't always what they seem. I remember someone showing me a 90-page programme last season and asking why we can't do something about that? On inspection, it turned out that, of the 90 pages, only three or four — certainly less than applies here — pages were actually rewritten for each match, and that the whole thing was largely a vehicle for advertising. Nothing wrong with that from the marketing point of view, of course, but it must get awfully boring for the regular supporter. Investigation at the club concerned revealed that they don't actually sell any more programmes than we do.

It's also worth bearing in mind that some ideas which seem good from the outside aren't easy to achieve. Pen pictures of players, for example, sound like a good idea, but it's an awful hassle getting all that information.

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Peter Arnold cont.

One other criticism I've heard lately is that our programme actually has too *much* interesting information to be assimilated readily.

I can live with that one! After all, the complainant can always do what many others do, and take the thing home for later perusal.

TENS

Interest in the second National Tens Tournament, to be held here on Monday, May 2nd, is now building nicely. It's sponsored by Worthington, and if the event is just one quarter as enjoyable as it was last year, then it will still be a very good day out.

I should make the point that the event is not organised by Gloucester RFC, which accounts for one or two small differences in pricing, for example.

Tickets are available from the office now, and will be each day from 10.00 am to around 3.00 pm. Stand tickets, including those for temporary stands at Worcester Street and Dean's Walk cost £8.00, with no concessions for OAP's and Juniors.

That doesn't apply to Ground tickets, however. OAP's and people under 16 (Note, not under 18, which is the usual Kingsholm rule) can come along for £3.00, while the rest of us will be charged £5.00 — for the whole day, commencing at 11.00 am naturally.

One interesting innovation concerns the inevitable hiatus which always occurs between the Semis and the Final. It is intended that the gap will be filled by a 15-a-side 'England v Wales Classics' match, which should be great fun.

The other innovation is that there are two guest sides this time round. We've seen Cardiff at Kingsholm before, of course, but it will be interesting to welcome Melrose.

Anyway, it will certainly be a good day out. Highly recommended.

FAR FLUNG JONATHAN

We've had all sorts and conditions of Match Mascots over the past couple of seasons, but we've never had one as far flung as today's. Nine-year-old Jonathan Orridge comes to us all the way from Hellaby in Yorkshire. I'm told that his devotion to rugby is only equalled by his devotion to swimming.

To be fair, we can't claim that he came all this way solely to run out for us today. His is a family of Gloucester exiles, forced to emigrate to the far North because of Dad's profession. They still keep links with Gloucester, and follow the doings of Gloucester RFC even to the extent of arranging for a programme to be sent to them after every game.

They invariably come down for Easter and Christmas, and at those times, never miss the Easter or Boxing Day matches. The defection of Pontypridd this year meant that they have been deprived of one of their regular fixtures, so it seemed a nice gesture to arrange for young Jon to tread the sacred turf today.

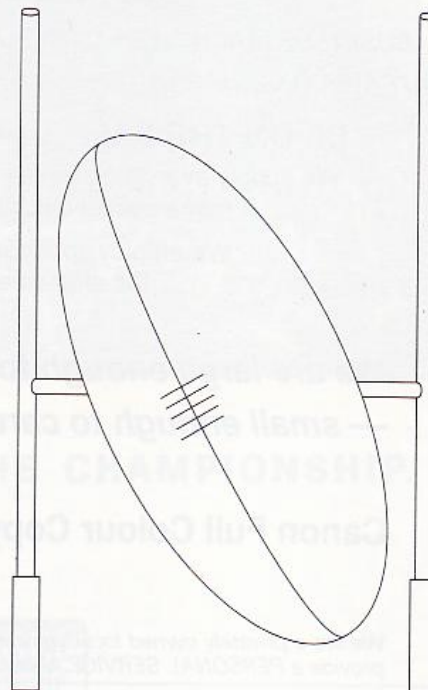
Nice to see you, assembled Orridges! And keep spreading the gospel up there in the Frozen North.

TAILPIECE

Did you notice that, according to the 'Citizen', the bottom has fallen out of the elver export market? To such an extent, reportedly, that the elver station may not open at all this year.

Hard on the chaps who rely on the trade for a sizable proportion of their annual income, of course, but it may mean that the likes of you and I may now be able to afford a feed of elvers once again. The return of the 'Elver Eaters'!

Perhaps the lads should have had a plateful before the Bristol match.



Ed Martin – IN PERSPECTIVE

WITH NO "history" against Portuguese teams, apart from the 50-21 win on August 14 1992 in the Leiden Euro Tournament, it is perhaps an appropriate time to reflect on schoolboy rugby - and an astonishing record of a school 99 seasons ago. The school, in a five year period, produced five international boy players.

The achievement did not go un-noticed by the Citizen. Here is the article, written by A. Harris, that appeared in the Football Final of Saturday April 4, 1925:

In properly organised Rugby football the record of Gloucester Archdeacon-street schoolboys for the season 1924-25 must be unique in the whole history of the handling code. The eighteen matches played have all been won, and the team has scored 1,040 points to 6. All the games were played at Kingsholm or on other full-sized grounds, and were under the control of the Gloucestershire Referees' Society.

This is the third successive season Archdeacon have been unbeaten, and the figures for the last three years form remarkable reading, for it should be remembered that the results have been obtained against boys of similar age and physique.

Season	Won	Lost	Pts For	Pts Agst
1922-23	24	0	547	14
1923-24	20	0	563	6
1924-25	18	0	1,040	6

Mr. G.A. Baker presented a challenge cup for Schools Rugby in 1920, and in the five years of the competition the Archdeacon boys have been the winners four times, National being the leaders in season 1921-22.

The rugby spirit in the West-end of Gloucester is traditional, and is undoubtedly a factor in the continued success of these youngsters. The seniors of the district are justifiably proud of the rising generation, and give the boys every encouragement. Students of the game who saw the match, Archdeacon School v the Rest of Gloucester Schools at the close of last season, recognised that it was the wonderful team spirit which enabled the West-end lads to win. To those who know the inner working of the team, this unselfish playing of the game and earnestness in determination to win have been built up by a succession of clever boy players who have also possessed leadership in a marked degree. Of these leaders, the boys awarded International honours

are worthy of mention, viz.: F. Windo 1921, H. Collins 1922, D. Meadows 1923, H. Boughton 1924, H. Boughton 1925 and A. Beard 1925; while Percy Hall (last year's captain), F. Gardner and J. Coulson (this season) have been of the highest moral value to the side.

The record of the scorers indicates that these boys "play the game." Pittman (wing threequarter) is credited with 55 tries, Coulson (centre) 52 tries, Boughton (centre) 43 tries, Worrall (half) 31 tries, and Beard (open work forward) 30 tries. Boughton converted 109 tries, dropped 8 goals and kicked 2 penalties. Four boys were awarded places in the City team - H. Boughton, A. Beard, W. Pittman and F. Gardner - while J. Coulson and A. Rea were reserves. Abel Beard (forward) obtained his place in the International team and Harold Boughton had the honour of being selected captain of his school, city, county and country.



The unbeaten Archdeacon School XV of 1924-25



Archdeacon School's five England boy internationals (from left): F. Windo, H. Collins, D. Meadows, H. Boughton and A. Beard

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