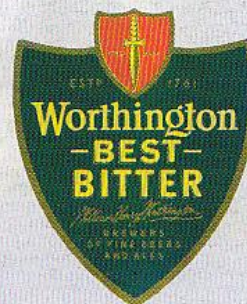


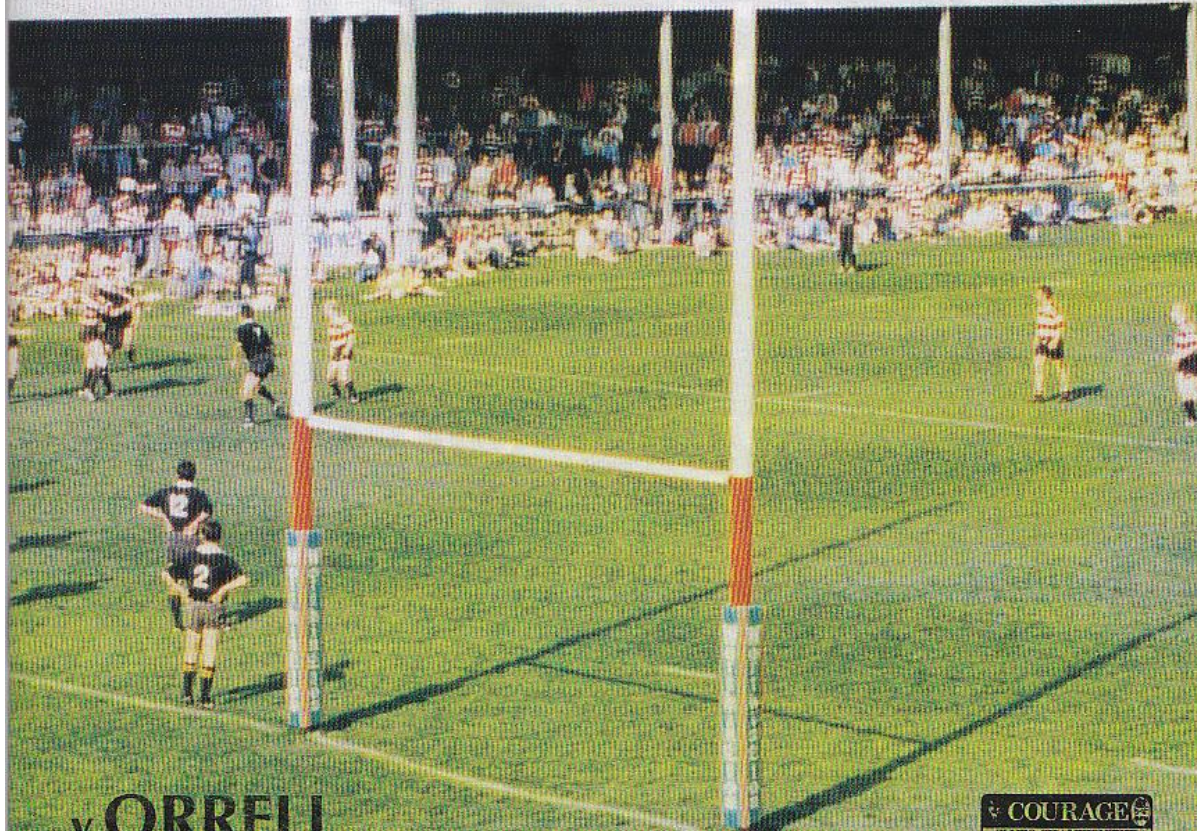
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A MESSAGE FROM ALAN BRINN-CHAIRMAN

For many years **Kingsholm** has had a wonderful crowd creating an atmosphere unrivalled among the senior clubs.

Unfortunately, incidents in the last two games have attracted criticism from the media and other sections of the Rugby community.

The booing of opposition kickers is to be deplored and the chants of "cheat" ringing round the ground at the Bristol game cannot be acceptable. The Referee that day was jostled and pushed as he left the pitch and the Rugby Union have asked us for a report.

It is too easy for good humoured banter and voiciferous support to turn into abusive language and behaviour.

We want a noisy and fiercely partisan crowd - but in the right spirit and at the right time.

Please accept this message in the spirit in which it has been written and help us to enhance the reputation of our great club. Thank you.

THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL . . .

And it's a winding one too. The trek towards safety in Division One seems to get longer every time we play away from home. Difficult to understand why, really. At Kingsholm we give Bath all they can handle, and beat the highly impressive Bristol outfit, but in furrin parts we lost to Sale, and then hand Northampton their first points of the season. Talk about the little girl who had a little curl, right in the middle of her forehead!

Obviously, the support at home is great, but it's not that bad away either, and although we like to think we have a salutary effect on the lads' morale and commitment, we can't take all the credit. Neither can we keep on blaming the ref. for the worrying penalty count.

However, that's all a matter for consideration by the people who can actually do something about it. The point at issue today is the exchange of pleasantries between ourselves and Orrell - and as you very well know, recent encounters between the two sides have been nothing if not eventful. That Cup encounter last season was one which we should have won and didn't so there is a point to prove today. The performances

of both sides this season have, so far, been such that it is difficult to make any predictions. About the only thing we can say with certainty is that the Wigan lads aren't about to make it easy for us.

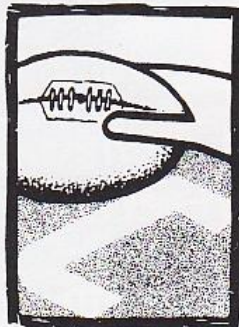
But then, they never did, and we wouldn't have it any other way. In many respects, our two clubs are similar. Orrell have a very pleasant ground, a great bunch of supporters, and a healthy disrespect for reputations or records. Both sides have their stars, but neither would claim to be overstocked with them. And neither side likes losing.

And we can also be sure that today's game won't be dull, whatever else it may turn out to be.

Speaking for myself - and I'm sure for a great many other Gloucester supporters - I can say that I have had some great times with the Orrell fans. They know their rugby (and their beer), they are always good for a laugh, and enjoy a good crack, on just about any subject under the sun. Speaking as a good Barton lad, I always feel very much at home with the fellows from Wigan, whether we're forgathering in Gloucester or Points North. Football apart, what more can we ask.?

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GLoucester Golden Gamble Weekly Draw

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WINNING NUMBER	WINNING PRIZE	WINNING NAME AND ADDRESS	AGENTS NAME
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019276	2nd £105.00	Mr. E. Caspari, at the Glos v Bristol Match	Match Day Sale
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How Barrie



Saw It

Before the start of the season, Barrie Corless produced a nice little brochure to accompany the Tour Party on that conspicuously successful visit to Capetown. Naturally enough, it contained pen pictures of the players and officials who made the trip.

I thought you might like to see some of them, and see whether you think Barrie might have written something different if he'd been putting pen to paper now - two months later.

PAUL ASHMEAD (Flanker) — A refrigeration/calibration engineer. Paul has made 133 first team appearances and scored 47 tries, playing in all three back row positions, but not at the same time. Has represented the South West Division. Married to Glenda with two sons, Thomas and William. Paul has previously toured USA, Italy, Holland and Portugal. An extremely accomplished footballer.

SIMON MORRIS (Centre/Wing) — Occupation Police Officer. A speedy and elusive winger Simon has made 83 1st XV appearances scoring 36 tries. A former England Colt he has also represented South West Division and the British Police. Tours include South Africa, Italy, USA, Singapore, Romania and Holland. Simon diplomatically names South Africa as his favourite country visited, so he should have a good tour. Keen on golf, mountain biking, music and eating.

LEE OSBORNE (Outside half) — Occupation - Planner Analyst with Rank Xerox. A new recruit to the side from local club Berry Hill, Lee finished in the top twenty points scorers nationally and should be an asset to the club. Lee has represented Gloucestershire at senior level and the South West Division U21's. He has previously toured Ireland and Belgium and is a keen Manchester United supporter.

BRUCE FENLEY (Scrum half) — Bruce joined the Club from Moseley last season and quickly established himself in the 1st XV making 26 appearances scoring 5 tries. A commercial chartered surveyor Bruce is engaged to Donna. An illustrious representative career saw Bruce play for England at U16, U18, as captain and U21 levels, unfortunately his representative finished when he stopped growing. Previously toured Holland, Eire, Germany. A keen sun bather who loves off shore power boating, grouse shooting and Pool, he also is in a permanent dream.

DAVE SIMS (Lock) — Married to Jill. Occupation Tyre sales. Now firmly established as the clubs senior lock forward Dave has thrived on the extra responsibility he has been given. He has now made 117 first XV appearances scoring 11 tries. Dave has also represented the South West Division. He is looking forward to visiting Table Mountain so his head can be permanently in the clouds.

RICHARD WEST (Lock) — Occupation - Student. Richard has now completed his first full season as lock partner to either Dave Sims or Simon Devereux making 54 1st XV appearances scoring one try. He has represented the Midlands and South West Division and England U21 and Emerging Players v New Zealand represented the Barbarians. Tours include New Zealand, USA, Zimbabwe and Italy, lists New Zealand as the favourite country visited. Hobbies include Architecture and Old Buildings but not jumping in the line out. (Just a joke Westie').

TONY WINDO (Loosehead prop) — Occupation - Warehouse supervisor. Married to Cheryl with a son Sam. Tony is developing into a very useful prop forward with over 70 1st XV appearances scoring 20 tries. He has a habit of matching his co-prop in the try stakes, is also a prolific seller of dummies. He has represented the South West Division 'B' XV and England at U21 level. Previous tours to France, Holland, USA, Italy and Portugal. A keen trainer (so he says!) also interested in golf and goal kicking.

Peter Arnold cont.

So Orrell are extremely welcome for all the right reasons. Whatever the result of the game, we sincerely hope that they have a thoroughly enjoyable time in our fair city. We certainly intend to enjoy their company.

SOMEBODY OUT THERE LIKES US

You'll have read the Chairman's message by now, and like me, can only agree with him, and regret the necessity for it. However, ironically enough, I've recently had a contact which demonstrates the more positive side of the equation.

During the week following the pulsating Bristol game, I received a phone call from a complete stranger. That's not so unusual, except that in this case the call came from an opposition supporter who had been at Kingsholm the previous Saturday, and had picked my name up from the Programme.

He proceeded to tell me that a local Bristol paper had jumped on the bandwagon, and printed a piece complaining about Gloucester's 'hostile' crowd. My caller, Mr. Paul Hardiman from 32 Ralph Road, Horfield, Bristol, opened his conversation by telling me that he was so incensed by the article that "I felt I must ring and tell somebody that not all us Bristol supporters feel like that."

Apparently, Paul was, in fact, born in the Dean's Walk area, but left at the age of six, and hadn't been back to Kingsholm since. It wasn't surprising, therefore, that he and his travelling companion found themselves in the Dean's Walk Inn before the game. "The place was heaving with red-and-white shirts, he told me, and quite frankly, we wondered what we had got ourselves into."

But he needn't have worried. The Gloucester lads welcomed the visitors into their midst, and so well did they get on, that the locals invited them to join them for the match. In the Shed, naturally.

"It was absolutely great!" he went on. "Pity about the result, from our point of view, but we loved the company. Yes - they're partisan, all right, but that's what it's all about. There's certainly no malice in it."

But I really liked his closing remarks. "We were fairly buzzing all the way home." said Dave Hardiman. "Usually, if Bristol are playing a long way away, we slide over the Bridge and watch Cardiff. Not any more though. From now on, it's Kingsholm for us!"


Isn't that great? After all, Dave didn't absolutely have to make an expensive, long distance call did he? We do appreciate the thought. Nevertheless, we must also take serious account of the burden of the Chairman's contribution on the subject, and regard the Hardiman experience as a super example of the way Gloucester supporters ought to behave, and as the majority of them do. I only hope that the contretemps doesn't put Dave Hardiman, and others like him, visiting what is still the finest rugby venue in the country.

JACK PRICE

Jack Price died over last weekend. Perhaps not a name which is immediately thrown into the conversation when the topic turns to old-time Gloucester greats, but nevertheless, Jack was the embodiment of the honest, wholehearted player and supporter on which the Club was founded, and on which it still, to a large extent, depends.

Jack was one of those products of the Thirties whose sides and players have a secure niche in Gloucester's mythology. His heroes were the likes of Dix, Millington and McCanlis. He played for Gloucester alongside many of them; not often, it's true, but enough to say he'd pulled on the cherry-and-white shirt. Most of his appearances were for the United, and he was equally proud of having been a regular member of the all-conquering Atlas Works side - Fielding and Platt, to the uninitiated - who swept all before them for a few seasons.

After he hung up his boots, he became a regular at the Worcester Street end, just like his ancestors before him, and hardly missed a game for many years. He was proud of his son, Mike, who is now Mayor's Officer to the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, in Birmingham, but cocked a quizzical eyebrow when offspring deserted Dad for the breezier pastures of the Tump, whereof



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I never heard Jack Price use two words where one would do, and he'd come back and haunt me if he thought I was going on too long. So, in sending out condolences to his family, I'll simply say "Hail and Farewell, Jack Price. You were the of the stuff which Gloucester RFC was made on."

HARLEQUINS NEXT WEEK

As you'll know, we're off to the rarefied realms of The Stoop, next Saturday, to try conclusions with Keith Richardson's Harlequins, and I wouldn't mind being a fly on the wall at the conversation between 'KR' and Viv Wooley when they get together.

If you're driving up, then about the best advice I can give you is to look for the A316 and head towards Twickenham. When the famous old 'Twickers' stands heave into view, double back at the roundabout, and then take first left off the dual carriageway.

Trevor Pritchard tells me that he fully intends to run a coach, if demand is sufficient, but as the 'Quins trip hasn't proved to be all that popular over the past season or two, he'll make the final decision on about the Wednesday before the game. All being well, the coach will cost £6.50, and leave at 10.30 am, but don't leave it to the last minute to book, or you might be

disappointed, and your tickets could have been just the ones to sway the decision. By the way, I'm informed that ground entry at the Stoop is £6.00, with a £2.00 Stand Transfer charge.

That game will mark the end of the first half of the Courage season, of course, but just to prove that there is Life after Leagues, we're away to Cardiff on the following Tuesday - that's November 8th. At the time of writing, no First XV game has been arranged for Saturday, 12th, and I know that there's a school of thought which holds that it wouldn't be a bad idea to give the boys a week's rest on that day, so we must await events.

On the other hand, there's a lot to be said for supporting Bobby Fowke's United. They have a home game against Newport on Wednesday, November 9th, followed by another against Devonport Services, which is a blast from the past, if you like. That game replaces the originally billed match against Derby. Should be interesting, though.

And a little bit of Stop Press for you: I gather that Gloucestershire Colts will be meeting Cornwall Colts on Sunday, November 20th, right here at Kingsholm.

CANTERBURY

Here's a nice bit of news about that eagerly awaited game against the mighty New Zealanders

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Ed Martin

Back in September 1982, Gloucester got off to the dismal start. The season opened at Fromehall Park with a 21-16 loss against Stroud. It was much the same against Swansea at Kingsholm - the Welsh side won 23-16. Then Lydney visited for a midweek match and Gloucester managed an 18-12 win, but on the Saturday came a tough encounter at Coundon Road that saw John Gadd and John Orwin both limp off as with injuries as Gloucester went down 12-10 against Coventry.

So when Gloucester travelled to the leafy London suburbs of Roehampton on Wednesday September 15 to play Rosslyn Park, there was an air of optimism that perhaps the season could start to get going in the wins department. It was in vain as the club founded by C.C. Hoyer Millar in 1879 swept aside Gloucester 17-9.

What makes this particular match of significance today is that a young flanker made his Gloucester first team debut at Rosslyn Park - and that was exactly 300 appearances ago.

Ian Smith, son of Dick Smith, could well have a little niche in the history books. He must be one of the very few players from a senior club to have had a proverbial "early bath" in a debut match!

The Citizen headline the following day read:

Flanker sent-off, but there is . . .

HOPE FOR BATTLING GLO'STER

Andrew Wise, the then "scribe from St. John's Lane" wrote in the September 16 Citizen: *Beleaguered Gloucester hit more trouble at Roehampton last night, having flanker Ian Smith sent off on his debut, and slipping to their fourth defeat in five games this season.*

With Gadd and Orwin both injured, Gloucester fielded a makeshift pack that evening - Adrian Turton, selected at Number 8, replaced Orwin in the second row, up and coming back row Mike Teague came into the side at Number 8 for his first game of the season, and Jeremy Bennett coming in for Gadd at Number 6.

During the first half, Paul Wood, the other flanker, came off injured and was replaced by Smith who, according to Wise, made an impressive debut.

The sending-off came at the game's "death". *Smith's sending off, along with Park prop Paul Curtis, came in controversial circumstances two minutes into injury time.* Andrew Wise wrote.

Curtis was ordered off for kicking hooker Kevin White and Smith ... retaliated with a punch and was dismissed. It was a sad end to an encouraging start for the son of club coach Dick Smith. He had looked quick and positive in attack and was involved in the sustained pressure which led to Gloucester's one try of the game.

Not surprisingly, Rosslyn Park pack tended to dominate. Not only was the home pack much bigger and heavier, it also contained internationals Neil Mantell and Andy Ripley. And if that were not enough, Mantell was partnered in the second row by one Paul Ackford who was soon to get international recognition.

For the record, Gloucester's scoring that evening was a try 10 minutes from the end by Paul Taylor, converted by Mike Hamlin who had earlier kicked a dropped goal. For Rosslyn Park, unconverted tries came from Dermont Cullen and Stuart Archer, with Mike Greenhalgh kicking three penalties.

But Gloucester did touch down on a further two occasions. Wise wrote: *Twice Nick Price was robbed of a try by bad luck - the first occasion he looked to have got the decision from referee Peter Kingham after catching a deft cross kick from Mike Hamlin and diving over in the corner. The London Society referee at first signalled the score, then changed his mind and said that the Gloucester winger had been bundled into touch in goal. And three minutes before half time Price was again unfortunate when Mr. Kingham adjudged that his touch down after an upfield chase had come just after the ball had crossed the dead ball line.*

The 1982 season is perhaps best remembered as being the last occasion when Gloucester played both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. And playing for Oxford at fly half against the Cherry and Whites (October 30 at Iffley Road) was one S. Barnes. Four days later at Kingsholm, turning out for Cambridge University at fly half was one R. Andrew. Gloucester won both matches - 34-9 against the Dark Blues and 33-9 against the Light Blues.