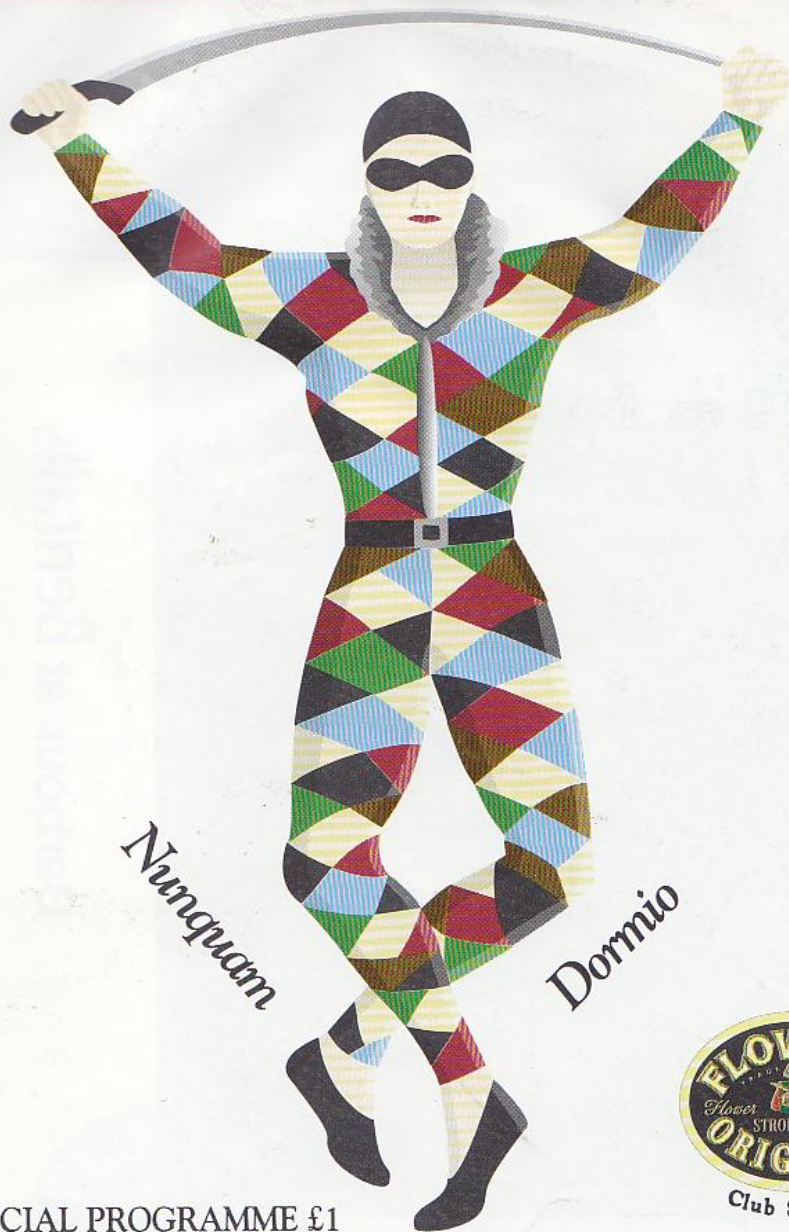


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HARLEQUINS v GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1994

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Saturday 5th November 1994

Kick-off 2.15pm at Stoop Memorial Ground

HARLEQUINS

Colours: Light Blue, Magenta
Light Green Shirts, Shorts: White

Will Greenwood	15 - Full Back - 15
Daren O'Leary	14 - Right Wing - 14
Will Carling	13 - Right Centre - 13
Jeff Alexander	12 - Left Centre - 12
Gavin Thompson	11 - Left Wing - 11
Kent Bray	10 - Fly Half - 10
Rob Kitchin	9 - Scrum Half - 9
Jason Leonard	1 - Prop - 1
Brian Moore*	2 - Hooker - 2
Simon Brown	3 - Prop - 3
Alex Snow	4 - Lock - 4
Peter Thresher	5 - Lock - 5
Troy Coker	6 - Flanker - 6
Martin Pepper	7 - Flanker - 7
Chris Sheasby	No. 8
Craig Luxton	16 - Replacement - 16
Bill Davison	17 - Replacement - 17
Jim Hamilton-Smith	18 - Replacement - 18
	Replacement - 19

Referee: B. Campsall (RFU / Yorkshire)

Touch Judges: S. Griffiths (RFU)

C. Leeke (RFU)

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry, White & Black
Shorts: Black

Mark Mapletoft
Paul Holford
Simon Morris
Ben Maslen
Lee Osbourne
Martin Kimber
Bruce Fenley
Tony Windo
John Hawker
Andy Deacon*
Dave Sims
Richard West
Paul Ashmead
Ian Smith
Mike Teague

Simon Devereux
Dave Kearsey
Ian Morgan
Greg Keyse

Bold - International

* Captain



PROGRAMME

NOTES



Being asked to write the programme welcome to Gloucester must have a parallel, though it escapes me right now: how about the newly divorced husband inviting his ex-wife to come around to tea to meet his latest? It may not be very accurate or apt but I'm sure you get the gist. It is not easy.

Not because Gloucester are anything but easy to greet, I coached there for seven years and we parted on the best of terms, but this match had to arrive sometime. I am grateful that it is the last in the batch of nine and after today I have only the return to Kingsholm to get out of the way.

The two clubs, Harlequins and Gloucester, appear to be light years apart at first glance. But once you get under the surface there are many similarities. Most escape me right now, but I can usually think of a few after a couple of drinks !!

Both clubs have an image problem as the rest of the rugby world generally likes to think in terms of obvious stereotypes. The Quins are the London dandies who control the City and play frilly rugby; Gloucester are a forward dominated side who shoe the ball up to wait for the up and under. Historically there has been a teeny weeny bit of truth in both, but the leagues have put paid to historical strengths. You play to the strength that is there now and it may be that Gloucester rely on a running game far more than Quins - funnier things have happened at sea.

The two clubs have a pride and tradition that is very important to the game. Gloucester enjoy a massive local support because they are a town side; Harlequins could never reproduce that, nor could any London team, but there is a genuine fervour among our followers, willing, urging the side to do well. The support may not be from a local base but it cares every bit as much as do the Kingsholm faithful.

Fate will have his little say for today and it is a genuine four pointer as both clubs have six at the moment. The question is often asked whether so and so are too good to go down to the second division. An answer is simple; nobody is too good for the drop and it all comes down to league points at the end of the season. Because this is the last game in the first set of nine, the encounter today will be even more important for the players so that they can creep away from the psychological sump.

When I was coaching Gloucester my milkman used to write coaching manuals of advice on a daily bulletin. I thought that I'd escaped Gary Jerram, but he has now turned his early-morning pen to putting things right at the Stoop. The moral to the tale must be 'buy your milk from a soccer nut', better still, drive to the supermarket and collect it.

The Gloucester crowd will travel well and in numbers. Hopefully Charlie Haddock will be here and his article in next week's 'Pinkun' under his pseudonym will record a Harlequins win. Whatever happens I am certain that the two clubs will oppose each other for many years to come; and in division one. There has been a Bath domination of the game for a long time, too long in many people's opinion. My ideal scenario would be a not too distant league win for the Harlequins with Gloucester close runners-up.

K. R.



OUR VISITORS TODAY - GLOUCESTER

Ground - Kingsholm, Kingsholm Road, Gloucester
Most capped players - M.C.Teague, A.T.Voyce(England) 27 caps

Today is the 71st meeting and our ninth in the league. Our biggest win at Kingsholm in 37 visits was by 11 points, on 14/10/78 when we came out victorious 20-9. The first-half saw Neil Booth and B.Russell share four penalties for a 6-6 scoreline. Russell dropped a goal to put Gloucester 6-9 ahead but tries by Gordon Wood and Graham Gilbert (2) plus a conversion by Booth saw us home.

Last season, the league honours were shared with a home victory each. At Kingsholm on 11th December we were missing seven regulars so were pretty depleted. Windo scored for Gloucester after 15 minutes and Deacon got their second try, but in between times we had scored tries by Rob Jardine-Brown and Jason Keyter. A conversion and penalty by Kent Bray put us 15-10 up at half-time. Gloucester came back and tries by Nicholson and Fenley, both converted by T. Smith, gave them a nine point lead. Kent Bray got our third try with 21 minutes left but neither side was able to score again and so we went down 20-24. Interestingly, these two games are the only times we have scored twenty or more points at Kingsholm.

At Stoop at the end of April we were in our best attacking form. Kent Bray and T. Smith exchanged penalties before Daren O'Leary scored a try, Bray converted and added a penalty to put us 13-3 ahead at the break. Will Carling then scored our second try before chipping through for Jason Keyter to get the third. By this time Bray had converted Carling's try and kicked two more penalties while Windo and Kearsay ran in tries for the visitors. Captain I. Smith scored the sixth try of the game (converted by Beech) and O'Leary got his second and our fourth (converted by Bray) to make the final score 38-20.

Last season Gloucester finished in 8th place with a record of P18 W6 D2 L10 F247 A356 Pts 14. In the cup they defeated Nottingham (A) 29-9 and Northampton (H) 11-6 before losing to Orrell (H) 3-10 in the quarter finals.

This season in the league they lie in 6th position with a record of P8 W3 L5 F120 A136 Pts 6. They have played Wasps (A) 8-45, West Hartlepool (H) 48-12, Leicester (A) 6-16, Bath (H) 10-15, Sale (A) 14-16, Bristol (H) 19-17, Northampton (A) 6-9 and last week Orrell (H) 9-6.

(Harlequin scores shown first)

PLAYING RECORD P70 W26 D4 L40 C2 P1 F821 A886

Biggest Winning Margin/Most Points Scored: 43-6 12/10/1985 Twickenham

Heaviest Defeat: 10-33 12/10/1974 Kingsholm

Most Points Conceded: 19-38 27/4/1991 Kingsholm

PREVIOUS GAMES (LAST 5 SEASONS)

	10/3/90	Kingsholm	L	9-24	JCDIV1			
26/1/91	Kingsholm	W 15-13	PC 4th Rnd	27/4/91	Kingsholm	L	19-38	JCDIV1
25/4/92	Stoop	W 21-18	JCDIV1	24/4/93	Kingsholm	L	5-25	JCDIV1
11/12/93	Kingsholm	L 20-24	JCDIV1	30/4/94	Stoop	W	38-20	JCDIV1