

CIS INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

1994/95

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DEVON

LYDNEY RFC
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
KICK OFF 2.30 PM
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Welcome from the President

It gives me great pleasure to welcome The President, Dave Rogers, and the Devon team and officials to Regentsholm today.

We last met in 1992/93 in Devon where we managed to win by 21-19 after a very close encounter in the rain at Barnstaple.

Today, under a more equitable format for the County Championship which we hope will become National next season, both sides start the campaign with everything to win.

With the somewhat more organised structured season we shall expect to see a much enhanced level of competition.

Thank you to all my colleagues for their work and support for the County.

We are delighted to welcome the Referee, Mr Tom Ashworth, and Touch Judges, Ian Lambert and Mike Coxwell. I am sure that they will provide the creative control for an enjoyable game.

Thank you also to the Co-Operative Insurance Society for their sponsorship of the County Championship, enabling us to develop the game to the benefit of players, administrators and spectators alike. A warm welcome to Martin Ross and his party today.

Thank you also to the Lydney Club and officials for hosting today's match and for making all the arrangements.

A special welcome to the Patrons of the County and to all spectators for supporting us. We shall look forward to renewing old acquaintances and to making new ones.

Finally, to the Captain, Mike Hamlin, and players, thank you and good luck. Have an enjoyable afternoon. Best wishes for the remainder of the season.

R T Phillips (*President*)

ONE BETTER THIS TIME?

Heartbreaking wasn't it? So near to Twickenham last season, but denied by Yorkshire at the last gasp. Good work, could do better, as they used to say on our old school report.

Well, if we're *going* to improve on last season's highly encouraging performance, we couldn't have more welcome visitors to Lydney than the lads from Devonshire. Not that I'm implying that they will be anything other than stiff opposition: it's the tradition of the thing which gets to me.

Long ago, when cups were something passed around at tea parties (remember tea parties?), and leagues were something indulged in by soccer players and other lesser breeds, the County Championship was the only competition in which first class players participated. You were only member of a squad while doing your National Service and training was regarded as something un-English. It certainly wasn't unknown for County players to first make the acquaintance of their colleagues when they boarded the team bus on the way to the match.

In those days, as all the world knows, Gloucestershire were the side that everyone knew they were going to have to beat, somewhere along the line, and there simply wasn't any doubt that the South West Division was the toughest one from which to qualify to the final stages of the Championship.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE*Colours: Red*

15	JEFF POWELL	Berry Hill	Full Back
14	DAVID JOHN	Bristol	Right Wing
13	MARTIN ROBERTS	Gloucester	Right Centre
12	ANDY WILLIAMS	Bristol	Left Centre
11	DERRICK MORGAN	Cheltenham	Left Wing
10	MIKE HAMLIN (Captain)	Gloucester	Outside Half
9	JULIAN DAVIS	Lydney	Scrum Half
1	TONY WINDO	Gloucester	Prop
2	NICK NELMES	Lydney	Hooker
3	SIMON BALDWIN	Gloucester Old Boys	Prop
4	TIM CLINK	Cheltenham	Lock
5	CHRIS BLAKE	Clifton	Lock
6	BOBBY FOWKE	Gloucester	Flanker
7	ANDY STANLEY	Gloucester	Flanker
8	DARREN MANN	Matson	No. 8

Replacements:

16	GILES SHIPTON	Clifton
17	JEFF COLE	Gloucester Old Boys
18	IAN SEYMOUR	Berry Hill

Referee:
Mr T Ashworth
(RFU/London)

DEVON*Colours: Green & White*

15	GRAHAM SLOMAN	Barnstaple	Full Back
14	ROBIN SALTMARSH	Bristol	Right Wing
13	JIM MAYNE	Bristol	Right Centre
12	JEREMY CHUGG (Captain)	Barnstaple	Left Centre
11	SIMON DOVELL	Exeter	Left Wing
10	MEEKU PATIDAR	Exeter	Outside Half
9	BEN HARVEY	Bristol	Scrum Half
1	JULIAN WHITE	Okehampton	Prop
2	DEAN JEFFERY	Met. Police	Hooker
3	PHIL SLUMAN	Exeter	Prop
4	HARRY LANGLEY	Exeter	Lock
5	IAN HARRISON	Plymouth Albion	Lock
6	ROB SIMMONDS	Teignmouth	Flanker
7	GARY WILLIS	Torquay	Flanker
8	TIM PRIEST	Bideford	No. 8

Replacements from:

16	ANDY MAUNDER	Exeter
17	MARTIN WOOLVERTON	Exeter
18	ROB BAXTER	Exeter
19	ANDY BAKER	Paignton
20	GRAHAM EDMONDS	Torquay
21	ALEX BRAILSFORD	Honiton

Touch Judges:
Mr I Lambert
Mr M Coxwell

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Mr Fred Mansfield • Lydney R.F.C. • Mr John Mitchell

One better this time (continued)

If you could win in the West, the chances were you could beat anyone.

Devon frequently has a lot to do with that. Exeter, Plymouth, Devonport Services, were spoken of in the same sort of terms as, let's say, Orrell, Sale or Northampton are nowadays. As for Bath the top Devonian sides could see them off twice before breakfast.

Things change. At least, most of them do, but there has always been one constant in thinking about Devonshire rugby, in my experience anyway. The standard of hospitality offered in the County of cream and cider has to be experienced to be believed as any tourist will (hazily) remember. I haven't seen a copy yet, but I'll bet that a forthcoming paperback called "What a way to spend Easter", which consists of touring stories, will have more than its fair share of Devonshire anecdote.

If you need proof, go to the high, breezy ground at Brixham. Spend time in the pleasant Torquay clubhouse, visit Bideford where the world-class cricket umpire, David Shepherd of Gloucestershire, used to play at, would you believe, scrum half.

If you're going to entertain Devon, then it's difficult to think of a more appropriate place than Lydney, where the club has more than a whiff of the Devonshire atmosphere about it.

I'm sure our very welcome visitors will feel very much at home and will wholeheartedly join us in thanking the Lydney club for enabling us to stage the match.

It's a great place to start the 1994/95 campaign.

Peter Arnold

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1994 / 1995

SENIOR

	Venue
Sat Nov. 19 v Devon	Lydney
Sat Nov.26 v Buckinghamshire	Clifton
Sat Dec. 3 v Sussex	Worthing

UNDER 21

	Venue
Sun Nov. 20 v Cornwall	Gloucester
Sun Nov.27 v Somerset	Midsomer Norton
Sun Dec.11 v Devon	Tiverton



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