

CIS INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

1994/95

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE — V — BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

CLIFTON RFC  
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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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### *Welcome from the President .....*

I have great pleasure in welcoming the President, Trevor Palm, and the Buckinghamshire team and officials to Clifton today.

The two sides have not met since the 1973/74 season. On that occasion in the quarter final of the County Championship we won 10-0 at Aylesbury with John Pullin as Captain. We went on to beat Warwickshire at Coventry 27-15 and beat Lancashire 22-12 at Blundellsands in the final.

Today, under the new more equitable format for the County Championship, both sides have everything to win.

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

We are delighted to welcome the referee, Mr Graham Hughes, and touch judges, Clark Friend and John Gibbons. 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 Bailey and his party today.

Thank you also to the Clifton Club and officials for hosting today's match and 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.

*R T Phillips (President)*

### *HERE WE GO AGAIN!*

This is, of course, the second lap in our efforts to go one better in this year's Championship than we did last year, and by doing so, earn ourselves a trip to Twickenham. Buckinghamshire will, of course, have something to say about that.

It's something of a nostalgia trip for me, because I used to live in that beautiful shire, and I can assure you that, while it probably isn't the first county you may think of in terms of the Championship, they have some delightful clubs, and they do enjoy their rugby. It keeps developing: my own town, Chesham, didn't even have a side when I lived there, but they are now just beginning to make their presence felt.

Not that the Bucks club are complete strangers to Gloucestershire. Both Berry Hill and Lydney have had some epic encounters with High Wycombe in recent seasons, for example.

High Wycombe! That name rings a bell for many Gloucester regulars who remember the Bucks lads providing a most entertaining afternoon at Kingsholm some seasons ago. I don't know whether the Wycombe lads saw it as a misfortune or a bonus to be drawn away to Gloucester in the Cup that season, but they knew that to win would be akin to a miracle, so they were simply out to enjoy themselves. I think their travelling supporters almost outnumbered us. They certainly made as much noise as we did, and *that's* an achievement for any club at Kingsholm.

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**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**  
*Colours: White*

*Referee:*  
Mr G Hughes  
(RFU/Manchester)

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**  
*Colours: Red & White Hoops*

15	TIM SMITH	Gloucester	Full Back
14	DAVID JOHN	Bristol	Right Wing
13	ANDY WILLIAMS	Bristol	Right Centre
12	IAN MORGAN	Gloucester	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	JASON MERCHANT	Matson
17	JEFF COLE	Gloucester Old Boys
18	CHRIS RAYMOND	Gloucester

*Touch Judges:*  
Mr C Friend  
Major J Gibbins

15	JAMES HAMILTON	London Scottish	Full Back
14	MARK LITTLEJOHNS	Amersham/Chiltern	Right Wing
13	JOHN HURLEY	Aylesbury	Right Centre
12	ADAM PULFER	Aylesbury	Left Centre
11	ANDY FITZGERALD	Olney	Left Wing
10	PAT JOBSON	Chinnor	Outside Half
9	DAVID CHOULES	Saracens	Scrum Half
1	ALBAN TURNEY	Leighton Buzzard	Prop
2	ALAN SIMMONS (Captain)	Amersham/Chiltern	Hooker
3	GARY PEARCE	Northampton	Prop
4	RICHARD KINSEY	Wasps	Lock
5	SIMON BURNELL	Marlow	Lock
6	PAUL LUKER	Amersham/Chiltern	Flanker
7	STEVE BARNES	High Wycombe	Flanker
8	ALLAN BROWN	Bletchley	No. 8

*Replacements from:*

16	JUSTIN EVANS	Saracens
17	TOM SALSURY	Olney
18	MATT ALLNUTT	High Wycombe
19	CHRIS LUKER	Amersham/Chiltern
20	PETER PHILPOTT	Aylesbury
21	MARK STEVELY	Marlow

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*Here we go again! (continued)*

They lost, of course, but did score first by way of a penalty in front of the posts. If memory serves, the Gloucester player who got offside was Viv Wooley, currently having an interesting time as Gloucester's Coach. I wonder what happened to the life-size, inflatable female doll which one Wycombe supporter managed to attach to the top of one of the lighting standards?

My other favourite Buckinghamshire/Gloucestershire memory concerns the grand old Chiltern club from, Amersham. You may recall that they found themselves drawn to play Gordon League at Hempsted in the Pilkington Cup. Neither side knew much about the other, but it looked like an intriguing encounter. Unfortunately, they came across the League on a 'high', and went down by 40-odd points, a circumstance which didn't seem quite so bad when League were within a whisker of defeating Waterloo just a couple of weeks later.

However, having been brought up in the tradition of 'if you can't beat 'em on the field, then beat 'em in the bar', they proceeded to provide the best rugby sing-song any of us had enjoyed for years. 'Sunset Mountain' coerced over 100 supporters, including at least two past Mayors of Gloucester, into clambering all over the furniture.

So, whatever the result today, I'm sure the Gloucestershire contingent in general, and our generous hosts from Clifton particular, will thoroughly enjoy the Bucks invasion. They will certainly enjoy Clifton, who we thank, most sincerely, for making their facilities available to Gloucestershire RFU once again.

Peter Arnold

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#### SENIOR

	<i>Venue</i>
Sat Nov. 19 v Devon	Lydney
Sat Nov.26 v Buckinghamshire	Clifton
Sat Dec. 3 v Sussex	Worthing

#### UNDER 21

	<i>Venue</i>
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Sun Nov.27 v Somerset	Midsomer Norton
Sun Dec.11 v Devon	Tiverton



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