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**1994/95  
Season**

**WAKEFIELD  
R.F.C.**

**V**

**GLOUCESTER**

**Pilkington Cup — 4th Round**

**SATURDAY  
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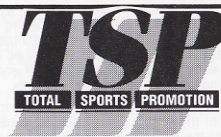
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- 14 Richard THOMPSON
- 13 Phil MAYNARD
- 12 Andy METCALFE
- 11 Paul WHITE
- 10 Richard PETYT
- 9 Dave SCULLY
- 1 Rod LATHAM
- 2 Terry GARNETT
- 3 Andy DAY
- 4 Simon CROFT
- 5 Paul STEWART
- 6 Nick GREEN
- 7 Jonathan GRIFFITHS
- 8 Mark SOWERBY
  
- 16 Mike CAWTHORNE
- 17 Shaun McMAIN
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Match Official:  
 Mr Nick Cousins  
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 Mr Clive Ieake (RFU)  
 Mr Richard Sullivan (RFU)

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- Saturday 24th Dec. 2.30  
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- Saturday 31st Dec. 2.30  
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- Saturday 7th Jan. 2.30  
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**GLOUCESTER**

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- 15 Mark MAPLETOFT
- 14 Paul HOLFORD
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- 12 Don CASKIE
- 11 Lee OSBORNE
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- 9 Bruce FENLEY
- 1 Tony WINDO
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**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

On behalf of everybody at Wakefield R.F.C. can I bid a very warm welcome to the official Gloucester party and to all their legions of supporters. At this time of the year we are all looking forward to giving and receiving presents although, I think, that feeling will not extend to the 30 players this afternoon for 80 minutes! It is a great privilege to host such a famous and mighty club as Gloucester and we regard to-day as a real yardstick to our future aspirations. We have enjoyed immensely our visits to Kingsholm for the Worthington Tens over the last couple of years and trust we can reciprocate with our hospitality to match your most generous welcomes. Let us hope that to-day may see the beginning of a long and happy friendship both on and off the field. Can I close by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. Have an enjoyable day and a safe journey home.

JOHN WAIND : Wakefield R.F.C. President.

**TO-DAY'S VISITORS**

'Twas the week before Christmas and all around the ground was still. Or, at least until 2.30 pm it is when I anticipate a wonderful atmosphere for the visit of Gloucester for the 4th round of the Pilkington Cup. Gloucester are one of the top five or six clubs in the country and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to test ourselves against the very best! Our previous meeting at 15-a-side level was in the quarter finals of this competition in February 1989 when Gloucester were victorious by 25pts to 13. That day the game was effectively over after 20 minutes when Gloucester were 15pts clear. Gloucester's feats over the years are legendary and indeed they can boast proudly that they were the first ever winners of the national knock-out cup in 1972. At Twickenham they defeated Moseley by 17pts to 6 and they repeated that victory in 1978 when they beat Leicester by 6pts to 3. They shared the title in 1982 by drawing 12-12 with Moseley and last reached the final in 1990 when they went down to a rampant Bath by 48pts to 6. A tremendous record which creates much admiration. But to-day, who knows what Santa Claus will bring? Seriously, we welcome all Gloucester players and officials most warmly after their long journey and trust that our hospitality will be up to yours on our visits. May we wish you an extremely safe journey home and pass on to you the compliments of the season from everybody at Wakefield R.F.C.

Gloucester were founded in 1873 and play at Kingsholm in Gloucester. Their most famous colours are cherry and white hoops and black shorts. They have one of the best stadiums in the country with a capacity of 12,000 and some wonderfully appointed facilities. Their most capped players are absolute legends in the game — Tom Voyce and Mike Teague with 29 caps each for England. Equally famous is the R.F.U.'s Technical

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Director, Don Rutherford who gained 15 caps for England whilst playing for Gloucester.

### **BACK TO THE CUP**

Back into Cup Rugby. It seems long ago that the third round of the Pilkington Cup was played and since then there has been the excursion into the divisional and county championship, not to mention a couple of England internationals and a Varsity match plus, just to confuse the issue, an additional round of the Pilkington Shield which puts them into round five to-day.

For both Pilkington Cup and Pilkington Shield to-day's game is only four steps away from Twickenham.

Sole survivor from the qualifiers is Sandal who are at home to Lydney while down the road Wakefield take on Gloucester to complete the double of this Yorkshire-Gloucestershire battle.

Only in one tie — Orrell v West Hartlepool — do two first division sides meet. This means that divisions one and two are well spread, interspersed by survivors from the lower national leagues with upsets a probability.

We will see all this and what come next with the draw at Twickenham on Monday which will be broadcast live on Radio Five Live at 1.15 pm.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas

TONY COVE, Media Relations Manager, Pilkington plc

### **TO-DAY'S OFFICIALS**

To-day's 'Man in the Middle' is one of England's best referees outside the international panel. Nick Cousins is no stranger to these parts being a regular visitor here. Indeed his last visit was only in October, against Newcastle Gosforth. Nick appreciates the needs and wishes of players as well as most and, hopefully, we will not see or hear much from him to-day! Welcome, Nick. We trust the game is an enjoyable one and we also hope you enjoy your day with us. We also extend a very warm welcome to your colleagues running the line — Clive Leeke and Richard Sullivan — and trust they have an equally enjoyable afternoon with us.

### **SITELINK COMMUNICATIONS LTD.**

The legislation brough in after the Hillsboro' tragedy in 1990 has affected all sports and their member clubs in many ways. Although we have not got a massive crowd capacity, the regulations governing this type of event are clear and W.M.D.C. has guided us through it all. With the number of stewards involved to-day, instant and effective communication is absolutely vital and it is to this end that we are extremely grateful to SITELINK COMMUNICATIONS LTD for the supply of radios, free, for use this afternoon. This type of support is very much appreciated and we wish them well.

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## **THE GAME WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR**

by Frank Taylor O.B.E. (Life Hon. President of the International Sports Writers)

The only sure thing about this afternoon's match at College Grove is that our visitors will get a typical warm Yorkshire welcome. For this is a match that is important to both sides. It is important to Gloucester because they will know all about the 'glorious uncertainty of the Cup'. They won't want any slip-ups.

As for Wakefield, it is doubly important. It is important for the Wakefield players because a match like this against a top calibre side will test their character to raise their game and not be overawed by the opposition. It is important for Jim Kilfoyle and the coaching staff because it will highlight just what Wakefield will need if they are to win promotion and stay up in the higher division.

The form book points to the fact that Gloucester are expected to win this Cuptie. But we spectators hope that to-day Wakefield will prove that the Cup is a great leveller. Not only that, but they will 'have the iron in their soul' to cause one of the biggest upsets the world of rugby has ever seen.'

### **REPUTATIONS COUNT FOR NOTHING—**

Wishful thinking? Come back with me down Memory Lane to savour some of the upsets of the past and to prove that Wakefield's task is not an impossible one.

As I have explained in this column many times, until I retired to Wakefield I was best known as a Soccer writer.....and Soccer is littered with great teams humbled in the cup.

Remember Arsenal's great team with Alex James, and David Jack, and Ted Drake. League Champions 5 times in 10 years who went to the Midlands to remove from the FA Cup a humble Third Division side called Walsall.....Walsall won and the great marble halls of Highbury still shiver at the memory of that shock result. Arsenal were thought to be invincible — like Bath in Rugby!

In January 1957 I went north to Hartlepoons to see the great Busby Babes remove that joke of a team Hartlepoons United from the Cup. On the way up Sir Matt Busby told me, 'I do not like these games. It is only 90 minutes; 11 men against 11 men and you can be sure Hartlepoons won't be overawed by our reputation. This is all about a test of character.'

After 20 minutes the game looked a foregone conclusion with Manchester United leading 3—0 and cruising to an easy victory. They started to play as though it was just a training kick about.....half way through the second half the score was 3—3; panic stations in the Manchester defence until they scored a somewhat lucky goal to win the match. Matt Busby said on the way home, 'I never want to live through another match like that....the Cup is the great leveller where reputations count for nothing!'

### **THE CUP IS A GREAT LEVELLER—**

Alex Ferguson is obviously an excellent Soccer manager, but I think the

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saddest, grimmest looking face I have seen on television this year belonged to him. Rightly so. His dreams of bringing off that sensational League Championship and FA Cup Double were fast fading in the Cup semi-final with lowly Oldham Athletic leading and only a minute of extra time left. In that fatal moment, against all odds, Hughes brushed off two challengers in a crowded penalty area, thrust out his right boot and volleyed one of the greatest match saving goals ever seen at Wembley.

That match again proved two things. In a Cup match even the lowly can shatter the dreams of the great.....and also that a game, especially in the Cup, is never lost until the final whistle blows. It is that never-say-die attitude we hope to see from Wakefield this afternoon. The Cup is a great leveller. Go to it boys and good luck.

Meanwhile, welcome to Wakefield to the Gloucester party. This is a great club and you will find it has a great and sporting atmosphere.

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### **CLUB SHOP**

As Christmas is fast approaching, what better presents can you give than something from the club shop. Eileen would be only too pleased to see you all to-day.

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#### **Allocations — Pilkington Cup Final May 6th 1995**

As capacity will be approx. 10,000 less this season and tickets are shared between the two finalists and the R.F.U., it is anticipated demand may exceed availabilities. Therefore closing date for schools and clubs applications will be 3rd FEBRUARY 1995. It is possible reductions may have to be imposed and in this case those clubs/schools concerned will be informed if any tickets become available after the semi-finals.

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