

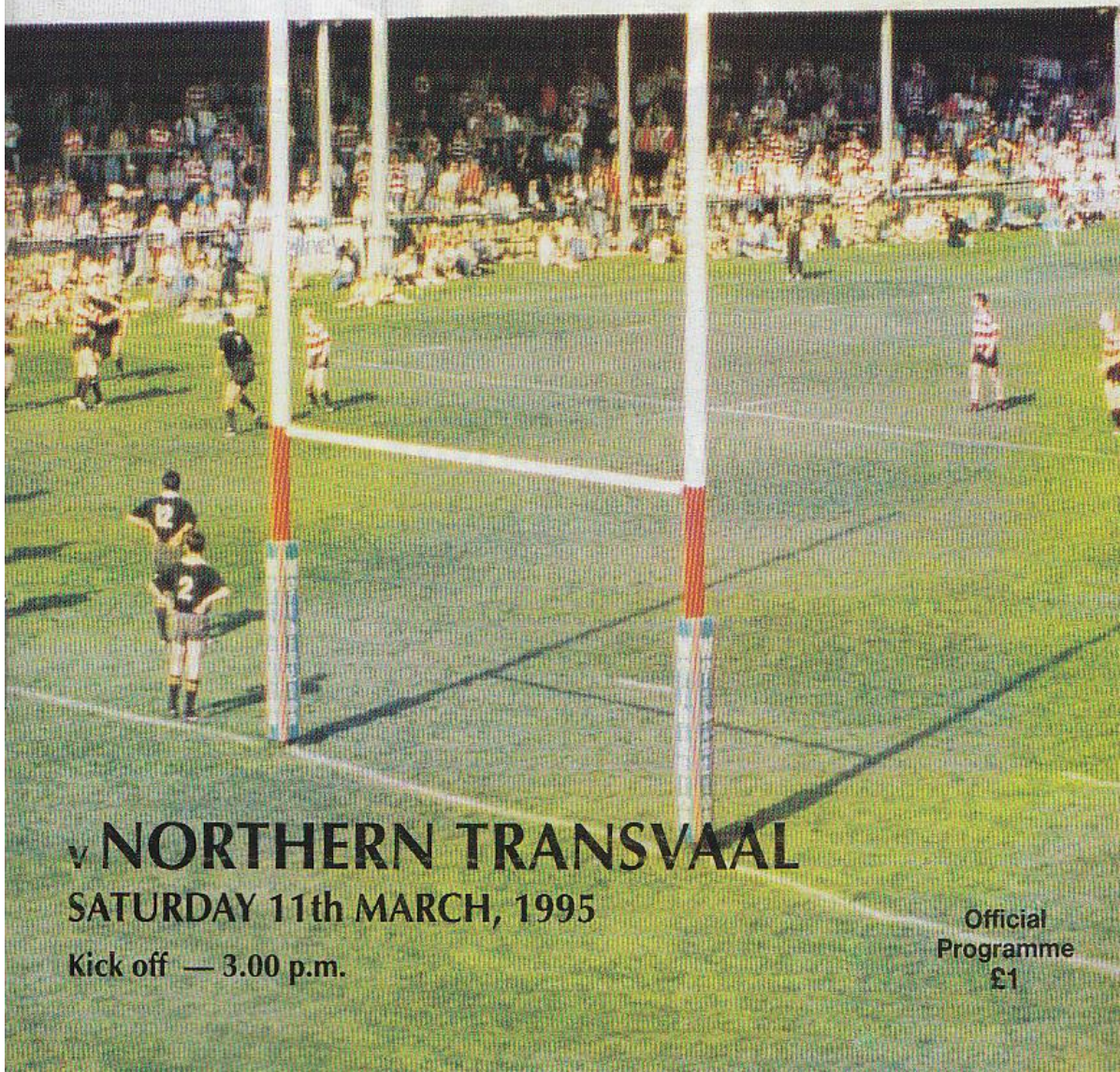
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SATURDAY 11th MARCH, 1995

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..... **Peter Arnold**

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES

You'll, no doubt, recall the unkind hilarity engendered when Western Samoa beat Wales in the World Cup. "Oho!" went the old chestnut, "Good job they weren't playing the *whole* of Samoa!"

We're not about to fall into the trap of making such comparisons. To start with, we have a better knowledge of the structure of South African rugby than that. Two years ago, we beat the Transvaal side in their first match on English soil, right here at Kingsholm, and we have also come perilously close to beating the South African Barbarians, a year or so ago. Indeed, the SA Barbarians President went on record, after that match, for his opinion that his side *would* have lost if a kick or two had gone over. And we also have far too healthy a respect for today's highly welcome visitors to expect anything other than a very stern test indeed. Beating Leicester and tying with Bath count for nothing when the Springboks come marching in. After all, Northern Transvaal, at the time of writing, have only lost one match on tour, and that to the mighty Ulster, who have been known to beat the All Blacks.

One of the more fascinating aspects of World rugby, over the past couple of seasons, has been to observe the sheer speed with which the South African game has been able to catch up after all those years in the wilderness. That Transvaal side was about the first to visit the British Isles after the long-awaited return, and when they ran out at

Kingsholm for their first game, they didn't know quite what to expect. In the event, they looked slow, slightly at sea, and duly received what their President called in his after-match speech, "a hell of a licking".

The contrast, when South African Barbarians arrived during the following season, couldn't have been more marked. We may have given them a fair old game, but the standard of rugby displayed was a quantum leap from that we had seen from the previous visitors. I've no doubt at all that we shall be treated to a similar exhibition of skills today, and that we may be given a preview of what awaits everyone else in the world when they arrive in South Africa in May.

Northern Transvaal's tour appears, from all reports, to have been a blazing success already. I note from the itinerary, that today is not their first Gloucester connection, in that they were met and welcomed at Heathrow on their arrival, on February 23rd, by our own Adele Thomas, from Mike Burton's office, and that the great 'Burto' himself was there to greet them when they landed in Dublin. We can certainly guarantee them just as warm a welcome this afternoon.

About my only regret about the tour is that our guests only arrived in Gloucester this morning, and leave again this evening. It would have been nice to show them the sights of the City. The 'Jockey', the 'Dean's', the 'County Arms'...

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REGISTRATIONS

You may remember that my correspondent, Mr. Stone of Dudbridge posed some pertinent questions about the tangled topic of player registration the other week. I promised I would get someone appropriately in the know to answer them. That turned out to be our old mate, Andy Mitchell, who is the Club's Registration Officer.

Here are his replies.

- Q** A Player who registers after January 31st. When is he allowed to play for his new club?
- A** Players joining a Club at level 6 (e.g. South West One) or above must complete 120 days qualifying period before becoming eligible to play League or Cup Rugby for their new Club. (They may, however, continue to play for their old Club during this 120 days period). Therefore a Player who signs after 31st January will not be eligible to play for his new Club until 2nd October. (In practice that will probably mean 7th October, this being the first available Saturday). Dates quoted are for next season and will vary season by season. Below level 6 the qualifying period is 60 days, moving from below level 6 to above is 120 days. The period between 1st May and 31st August is considered the closed season and does not count by way of the 120 day qualifying period. The majority of Players that were moving this season registered by the 1st January to ensure eligibility on 1st September next season. However, as League Rugby commences on the second Saturday of the season, it is possible for a Player to delay registration until around the second Saturday of January (depending on how the corresponding dates fall) to qualify for League Rugby on the first League Saturday).
- Q** Are Players currently outside the First Division made to comply to the criteria as

First Division Players.

- A** This covered in previous answer. Any Player joining a Club at level 6 or above, must complete 120 days qualifying period, unless he is a student or has not played for any other Club.
- Q** What regulations occur to a Player with i.e. local lower League Clubs who move to the First Division Clubs? On a parochial note are Players who appear for Lydney, Berry Hill or lower down the scale **Cheltenham, Stroud, or Gloucester Old Boys** able to move to the First Division with no restriction and appear on the inaugural day of the 1995/96 season?
- A** As previous answers 120 days qualifying period applies. It obviously also applies to the Players moving Club at level 6 or above.
- Q** Is there any restriction in the movement of Players from Welsh Clubs to England?
- A** The same 120 days qualifying period applies to Players from Wales, Scotland and Ireland (Home Unions). Players from overseas eg. South Africa, New Zealand need to complete 180 days qualifying period unless they hold a British Passport. They may not sign registration forms until they arrive in this country.

It should not be accepted by supporters that a new Player who plays in a non League or Cup Fixture for our Club has necessarily signed the registration forms.

Peter Arnold cont.

Of course, it makes sense for the party for them to be based in Bristol with fixtures arranged against Bristol, Treorchy and Gloucester. And it's a shame that Bristol, in their wisdom, decided that they couldn't raise a side worthy of the occasion. It does give a chance for another Emerging England game, but I hope that the withdrawal of our neighbours doesn't give Northern Transvaal a jaundiced view of West Country rugby. We don't mind carrying the banner ourselves - not for the first time - but it's a shame, nevertheless.

Be that as it may, it's great to see Northern Transvaal at Kingsholm. Their stay may be short, but it's all the sweeter for that, and we trust (as Graham Spring would say), that they have a thoroughly enjoyable time with us.

HERE'S THE TOURING PARTY

My thanks to the aforementioned Adele Thomas who has been kind enough to organise Player Profiles for your further enlightenment. In the interests of conserving space, we present them to you exactly as we received them, but I don't think you'll have much trouble in deciphering South African shorthand. Here goes.

A EIGHTHMAN AND CAPTAIN: RICHTER, Adrian Hendrikus. Born 66.05.10, Roodepoort; 100kg. 1.96 m; School-Roodepoort, Craven week for Tvl, N-Tvl u/20. Provincial debut for Tvl in 1988. Seven tests for South Africa since 1992. Total of 26 matches for Springboks (7 tries). 65 matches or N-Tvl. Has captain N-Tvl in 34 matches. Broker. Married.

B SCRUMHALF AND VICE CAPTAIN: VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, Joost Heystek. Born 71.02.20, Pretoria; 87 kg; 1.87 m; School - FH Odendaal. Craven week for N-Tvl. N-Tvl u/20. University: Pretoria. 7 test matches (1 as sub) 5 test tries, 28 matches for Springboks - 23 tries (115 points) which is a Springbok record for N/Tvl. 59 tries in 83 first class matches. 50 matches for N/Tvl (35 tries). Springbok in basketball and N-Tvl junior high jumper. Marketer. Single.

1 PROP FORWARD: RODGERS, Pieter Heinrich. Born 62.06.23, Harrismith, School - Harrismith. Craven week for E.OFS University: Pretoria. Club-Pretoria. Springbok since 1989. 5 test matches. 20 matches for Springboks. 112 matches for N-Tvl and has captained them. Also 35 matches for Transvaal. Provincial debut in 1985. Businessman. Married.

2 HOOKER: TROMP, Henry (Trompie). Born 66.12.29, Namibia; 111 kg; 1.89 m. School-Klerksdorp. Craven week for W-Tvl University-Pretoria. Club-Pretoria. Has played for SA A-team and member of Springbok training group. 18 matches for N-Tvl, 14 ex-Natal, 42 ex-W-Tvl. Father played provincial rugby. Marketing agent. Married.



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- 3 **TIGHTHEAD PROP: HURTER, Marius Hofmeyr (Forrest).** Born 70.10.08, Potchefstroom; 110 kg, 1.87 m. School - HTS Potchefstroom. Craven week for W-Tvl. Universities-Potchefstroom and Pretoria. Ex-W-Tvl, SA Barbarians, SA Development XV. 5 matches for N-Tvl. Springbok training group. Father was a Springbok trialist. Student. Single.
- 4 **LOCK FORWARD: ACKERMANN, Johannes Nicolaas (Johan).** Born 70-06-03, Benoni; 115 kg; 1.98m. School-Brandwag. N-Tvl u/20. Club-Pretoria Police. New cap. Struggled with injuries in previous years. Married. Policeman.
- 5 **LOCK FORWARD: OTTO, Johan.** Born 72.09.29; Belfast, Tvl; 105 kg; 2.00m. School-HTS Witbank. Club-Iscor-Technicon. Senior provincial rugby for SE Tvl. SA u/23/ SA Development team to Britain in 1994. Younger brother of injured Springbok, Krynauw Otto. New cap for N-Tvl. Single. Student.
- 6 **FLANK FORWARD: KRUGER, Ruben Johannes.** Born 70.03.30, Vrede; 105 kg; 1.89m. School-Grey College. SA Schools 1987-89. SA u/20. Ex-OFS. Provincial Debut in 1992. Springbok since 1993. 4 Tests. 24 matches for Springboks, 75 points, tries. Springbok sevens player. Brother-in-law of Springbok-lock, Drikus Hattingh, 15 matches for N-Tvl (8 tries), 41 for OFS. Market agent. Married.
- 7 **FLANK FORWARD: SCHROEDER, Karl Ralf (Ralf).** Born 70.03.31, Zeerust. School-Zeerst. Craven week for Stellaland. N-Tvl u/20. Club-Pretoria Normal College. Seven matches for N-Tvl. Provincial debut in 1992. N-Tvl athletics. Teacher. Married.
- 8 **PROP FORWARD/HOOKER: HILLS, Willem Garhardus (Willie).** Born 62.01.26, Pretoria; 112 kg; 1.79m. School-Tulne. Craven week for Ntlv u/20 N-Tvl. Club-Police. 40 matches for Ntlv. 6 tests as prop and hooker. 21 matches for Springboks. N-Tvl softball and power lifter. Policeman. Married.

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- 9 FLANK FORWARD: SCHÜRMAN, Deon.** Born 66.05.03, Pretoria; 1.94m; 108 kg. School-Eldoraigne, SA schools. N-Tvl u/20. University-Pretoria. Club: Harlequins. New cap. Civil engineer. Single.
- 10 HOOKER AND PROP FORWARD; CAMPER, Laurens Petrus (Lourens).** Born 69.12.30. 108 kg; 2.82m; School-HTS Potchefstroom. Cravenweek for W-Tvl. 13 matches for N-Tvl. Club-Pretoria Police. Motor mechanic. Older brother, Connie played for N-Tvl & Tvl. Married.
- 11 FLANK FORWARD: STEWART, Terence.** Born 69.04.17, Randfontein; 1.69m; 105kg. School-Goudrand, Randfontein. University-Potchefstroom. Club-Adelaar, new cap for N/Tvl. Has played for W-Tvl, Transvaal and SE-Tvl. Businessman. Single.
- 12 LOCK FORWARD: ROUX, Petrus Daniel Jacobus (Pieter).** Born 65.10.26, Villiersdorp; 112kg; 2.02m. School-De Villiers Graaff, Villiersdorp. University-Stellenbosch. Club-Centurion. New cap for N-Tvl. Engineer.
- 13 FLYHALF: SHERRELL, Lance.** Born 66.02.09, Durban; 84k; 1.89m. School-St. Stithians, Johannesburg. Craven week for Tvl. Club-Pretoria. Springbok team to New Zealand in 1994. 6 matches, 40 points. No tests. Eleven matches for N-Tvl (1994). Ex-Tvl (3), ex-WP (70), ex-Natal (3). 1257 points in first class rugby at the end of 1994. Holds N-Tvl record for most points in a match-39 pts vs N-OFS in 1994. Father played rugby for Natal and W-Tvl. Played cricket for Tvl-B. Provincial debut in 1966. Representative. Married to former beauty queen, Sasha Lee.
- 14 WING: OLIVIER, Jacques.** Born 68.11.13, Pretoria; 86 kg; 1.80m. School-Menlo park. University-Pretoria. Nine tests for SA (since 1992). 26 matches for Springboks (11 tries). 52 matches for N-Tvl (31 tries). Nephew of Springbok flanker, Jan Ellis. Father, Theuns played scrumhalf for Namibia. Businessman and student.
- 15 CENTRE: MEIRING, Francois Anton (FA).** Born 67.08.24, Somerset East; 90 kg; 1.85m. School-Gill College, SA schools and Craven week for NE Cape. Club-Pretoria Police, Ex-EP, 68 matches for N-Tvl. (36 tries). With Springbok team to New Zealand in 1994. No tests. 7 matches for Springboks (2 tries). National Police team. Wife Karen athletics for SA & W-Tvl. Policeman. Married.
- 16 FULLBACK: DU TOIT, Jan David (Dawie).** Born 74.02.26, Pretoria; 92 kg; 1.89m. School-Monument, Krugersdorp. SA schools. N-Tvl u/20. Played for Transvaal senior team as school boy. University-Pretoria. 5 matches for N-Tvl. Student. Single.
- 17 CENTRE: SCHÜTTE, Johan.** Born 72.04.06, Paulpietersburg; 90kg; 1.88m. School-Vryheid. Cravenweek for Northern Natal, N-Tvl u/20 u/21. Club-University of Pretoria. Provincial debut for N-Tvl in 1994-7 matches. Student.
- 18 FLYHALF: VAN AS, Carel Rynhard (Rynhard).** Born 73.3.20, Pretoria; 75kg; 1:84m. School-FH Odendaal where he played with Joost van der Westhuizen. N-Tvl u/20 & u/21. Club-Pretoria Police. National Police team. New cap for N-Tvl. Brother and sister are Springboks in basketball.
- 19 FULLBACK/WING: TERRE BLANCHE, Clive.** Born 69.05.20, Nelspruit; 83 kg; 1.88m. School-Capricorn, Pietersburg. Club-Harlequins, ex Police. 23 matches for N-Tvl National Police XV. 65 points for N-Tvl. Manufacturer of biltong crisps. Single.
- 20 WING; NAUDÉ, Francois Paulus (FP).** Born 71.12.29, Kroonstad; 85kg; 1.79m. School-HL Kroonstad. Craven week for N-OFS. University-Pretoria. SA Barbarians in 1993 in Britian. 26 matches for N-Tvl. Debut in 1992. Student. Single.
- 21 SCRUMHALF: SWANEPOEL, Werner.** Born 73.04.14, Bloemfontein; 77 kg; 1.73m. School-Grey College, SA schools and Craven week for OFS, SA u/21 and u/23. 6 matches for N-Tvl, 4 for OFS. University-Pretoria, Student. Single.
- 22 UTILITY BACK: BREYTENBACH, Coenraad, Lodewyk (Conrad).** Born 70.11.10, Middleburg Tvl; 87kg; 1.79m. School-Middelburg. Craven week for SE-Tvl. Club-Pretoria Police. National Police XV as scrumhalf. 13 matches for N-Tvl as scrumhalf. Father played for SE-Tvl. Policeman. Married.

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LADIES DAY

You may have noticed that Wednesday of this week was National Women's Day. On the other hand, you may not, and I do assure you that the fact that we have a young Lady doing the honours as Match Mascot today is purely coincidental. But welcome, nevertheless.

Margaret Williams is six years old, and although she comes from Whitchurch near Ross-on-Wye, is certainly no stranger to Kingsholm in spite of her tender years. That's because she loves accompanying her father, Les, to home matches, and the pair of them don't miss many. As one might expect, Margaret also has a mother, Ruth, one of whose duties is washing the kit of her daughter's 15-year old brother, Mark who plays for his school. So we have a good rugby family here.

Miss Williams attends the VA Primary School in Whitchurch which has already instilled in her a great love of reading, which is nice to hear in these days of omnipresent TV and computer games. She is also seriously into music. Wonder if she knows the words of 'Gloucester Boys' yet ?

Incidentally, my thanks to Adele and Karen from Mike Burton's office who supplied me with details while my usual guide, mentor, friend and boss-lady, Margaret Nelson, was away fiddling with her didgeridoo in the land of the billabongs.

WE GET LETTERS

Talking about the Land of Oz, today's letter is a plea from the heart from a chap in Worcester. You will recall that the match in question was not a Gloucester game so your humble scribe only had a minor part in producing the match programme, and doesn't have a copy. Can anyone help ?

65 Upton Road
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*Dear Mr. Arnold,
I am wondering if you could help me. I have been a collector of rugby programmes for several years and I am trying to obtain a copy of the England 18 - Australia 18 game at Gloucester played earlier this season.*

Hope this is not to much trouble for you.

*Kind regards
John Farr*

SKY TWO

As all the world knows by now, the Scottish RFU has given permission for McEwans League matches to be postponed if the sides concerned have any Grand Slam team members down to play today. We won't get into any arguments about that, but one of the matches affected is the one which Sky was to have covered.

It's an ill wind. Showing extreme good taste, the Sky hierarchy have decided to come to Kingsholm instead, the second occasion on which they have graced us with their presence this season. Welcome Chaps ! Come again !

FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

Just to remind you not to turn up on Saturday next week, because the Newport game will be played on Friday evening.

TAILPIECE

It isn't every day that one sees the daughter of an eminent and respected anaesthetist displaying her knickers to all and sundry in the Gloucester Clubhouse. It pains* me to tell you, however, that such was indeed the case after the Waterloo game. The unmentionables in question were bright red, and black stockings with (steady chaps !) long black suspenders were also much in evidence.

Not that Sue Eltringham was on her own. She was aided and abetted by just about all of the Cheltenham Ladies RFC, dressed in Moulin Rouge costumes, doing the Offenbach Can-Can, and collecting for the Special Care Baby Unit. I'm told they would consider repeating the same - highly artistic - performance for the same worthy cause at any suitable event.

Good for them.

**No, it doesn't.*