

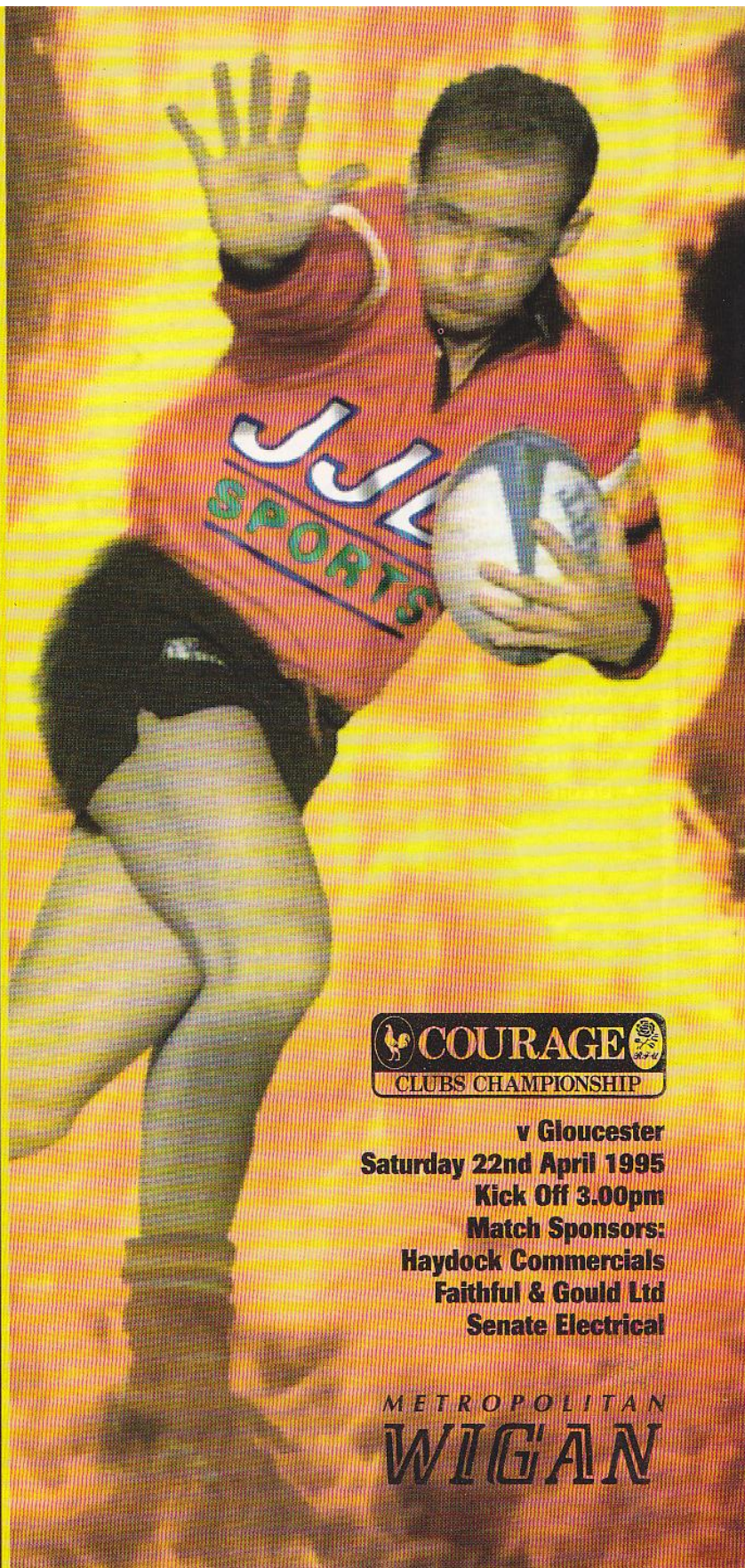
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RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB



v Gloucester
Saturday 22nd April 1995
Kick Off 3.00pm
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TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. J.J.M. Pearson
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Mr. D.A.C.Chapman
RFU

TOUCH JUDGE 2.
Mr. M. Common
RFU

**THIS IS
THE LAST
GAME OF
THE
SEASON**



ORRELL

S. Langford
S. Taberner
S. Naylor
I. Wynn
P. Johnson
P. Horrocks
A. Healey
P. Hamer
G. Ainscough
D. Morris
P. Winstanley
M. Scott
J. Cundick
S. Southern
A. Jackson
C. Brierley
C. Cooper
C. Cugani
S. Bibby
J. Huxley
P. Manley

GLOUCESTER

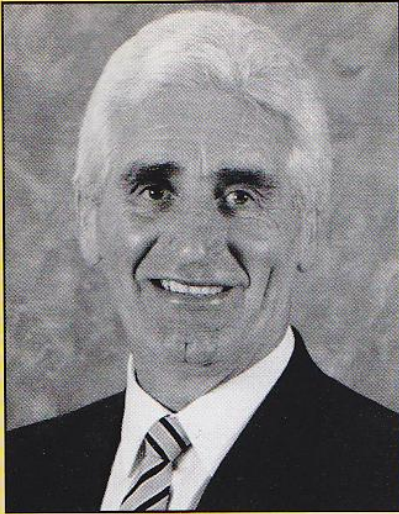


Full Back	15	<i>T. Smith</i>
Right Wing	14	<i>P. Holford</i>
Right Centre	13	<i>D. Caskie</i>
Left Centre	12	<i>L. Osborne</i>
Left Wing	11	<i>P. Saltmarsh</i>
Outside Half	10	<i>M. Kimber</i>
Scrum Half	9	<i>B. Fenley</i>
Prop	1	<i>B. Powells</i>
Hooker	2	<i>J. Hawker</i>
Prop	3	<i>A. Deacon</i>
Lock	4	<i>D. Simms</i>
Lock	5	<i>J. Cornwall</i>
Flanker	6	<i>P. Glauville</i>
Flanker	7	<i>P. Ashmead</i>
No. 8	8	<i>M. League</i>
Replacement	16	<i>M. Roberts</i>
Replacement	17	<i>M. Hammaford</i>
Replacement	18	<i>S. Devereux</i>
Replacement	19	<i>H. Brown</i>

Today's Gilbert
Matchball
Sponsor

..... *Paul, Jo & Barrie*

We are Orrell members and today's ball sponsors. Could we ask for your generous support for the bucket collection at Half-Time in aid of the Northern charity 'MAKING SPACE'



W elcome To Edgehall Road A Message from the President

With a fresh breeze off the Cretan Sea threatening to blow off both wig and tan and after reading that Orrell, an anachronism these days had their place in the magnificent seven, who have never lost First Division status, confirmed by our visitors Gloucester's weekend marginal win, shows survival is getting harder each season. Are we on the right track promoting attacking running rugby?
To be sure we are. One job is

enough. All work and no play makes Julie fractious all day, so lets play for one another and get your round in at the same time. Life's too short to worry about going backwards.
We are a village side by location, not ability and Teague and Co will today find us a proud side hard to beat but respectful of their similar status and anxious to gain possession to provide an attractive game for the terraces to cheer.



39p min Cheap,
49p min other times

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Captains comment



Four points up for grabs in the last two games, and four points lost. In both games we didn't get to grips with the game, we seemed to be going through the motions, lacking any purpose. Mind you, it's always difficult playing catch up rugby in Div 1, when you give away so many penalties in kickable positions. Div 1 has become a very defence orientated division and to have a good goal kicker is essential and can make the difference between success and failure.

Today's game against Gloucester, even though it

will have no bearing on the league, is one we must win for PRIDE if not position. We lost at Kingsholm 9 pts to 6 earlier in the season and so we are looking to today's game to reverse that result.

As you are aware, after the World Cup in South Africa I am stepping down from top class rugby and so today is my last time in an Orrell shirt (I won't be playing against Wasps next week due to the World Cup squad rule), so I wish to say to you all a great thankyou for your friendship and support at all times. I will always remember Orrell with affection.

Rugby is a great game, no matter at what level it is played. It is a game in which friendships are formed and survive many years. I have many friends from all over the world through playing rugby but the friends I have made whilst here at Orrell are the ones I treasure the most.

I have been proud to wear the Orrell shirt and prouder still to be the Captain of such a great club with such sporting traditions. This year has been hard and disappointing at times, but I know that better times will soon come along. The younger players coming through outline the skill of the Orrell coaches and under their expert tuition I know that the club will continue to prosper.

Once again may I say thankyou to you all for your friendship and support during my years at Orrell.

DEWI MORRIS

Captain Orrell RUFC

Commercial Manager writes...

1994/1995 SEASON - A COMMERCIAL VIEW

As we face our last home game of the season it is appropriate to look back at the last 8 months and see how the club is progressing on the commercial front.

There has been a steady growth in sponsorship and I must extend the heartfelt thanks of all club members to those companies who have supported us so well. Constantly I have companies commenting on how welcome they feel when they come to Orrell and it is to the credit of all our members and supporters that our warmth and friendliness extends not just to visiting supporters but also to our friends from the business world. Unfortunately we have not always been able to involve all those who have seen Orrell as an ideal venue for corporate hospitality. The demand for certain League fixtures has been such that, sadly, we have had to disappoint some potential sponsors. I am confident that as we develop our stadium we will incorporate the additional facilities we require.

Encouragingly there has been significant growth in the use of our club outside of rugby. More and more people are using the club for weddings, parties etc. and again the comments about the quality of our service have been most gratifying. Congratulations to Janet, Chris, Ken & Audrey, without whose dedication we would not have achieved the standards we have.

Commercially we now look forward to next season and I would appeal to all members to give thought to how they can help. I am sure there are members who run businesses or have influence they could use. Why not book up the club for a private party? As a member you have free use of the facilities.

The club is now looking at a long term development of Edgehall Road. This, coupled with the ever increasing costs of running the teams we do will put further pressure on club finances. Every little bit you can do to help will make our treasurer, Alan Houghton, sleep that little bit easier.

May I wish you all a very pleasant summer break but please do not wait until September before visiting the club again. Do support the May Bank Holiday charity event and remember the club remains open throughout the summer months.

JIM MCEWAN

Commercial Manager

COURAGE LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leicester	16	13	1	2	363	226	27
Bath	16	11	3	1	335	208	25
Wasps	16	12	0	4	404	269	24
Sale	16	6	2	8	299	310	14
Bristol	16	7	0	9	286	319	14
Gloucester	16	6	1	9	238	265	13
Orrell	16	5	3	8	188	259	13
Harlequins	16	5	1	10	228	306	11
Hartlepool	16	5	1	10	283	379	11
Northampton	16	4	0	12	227	310	8

V **iew from the Terraces**

A bright, shining light illuminated one side of the first team pitch on Sat. 1st April during the match against Moseley. Austin Healey took up the ball and sprinted 75 yards down the touchline to score a try at the club house end. During the course of his run he thrice employed a fast, crisp sidestep to leave defenders leaden-footed and floundering in his wake. Hallelujah! King Barry lives. His genes are in the club Draught Bass and pies and are beginning to bear fruit.

For the species it has been a tense, demanding season. Nerves are fraught, nails are bitten down to the elbow. Every league match has been like a semi-final. For myself one word sums up this season - bewilderment. I am bewildered by the R.F.U. How can they get things so wrong? Why was it necessary to have half the league games after Xmas? Did they perhaps intend to cause an end of season cock-up as a jape? Are they even now wetting their draws cellular chortling over their G&Ts in the board room at Twickers? I am bewildered by the rules which, perhaps through sheer laziness, I haven't worked out yet. But I have this uneasy feeling that they aren't quite right. Although I cannot put my finger on what is wrong, I do know that you only get a good game when one side is markedly superior in ability to its opponents. Two evenly matched sides invariably produce a turgid stalemate resolved by the accuracy of the kickers.

I am bewildered by the line-outs - that other version of the National Lottery - and I am concerned that they distort the game. If you haven't got a couple of bean poles in your side you can forget about getting a decent supply of ball to develop your attack. It is wrong that in a team game of 15 players one position should be of such overwhelming importance. I have a simple solution to the manifold problems of the line-out. All the players in the line-out should be on their knees. This would eliminate lifting. It would stop players charging through the line-out. The ref would clearly be able to detect misdemeanours and height wouldn't be of such importance, although I suppose Northampton would scour the world for someone with arms like a mountain gorilla. If this is not acceptable I would still certainly legislate against players charging through the line-out. Mostly they are in front of the ball but rarely are they penalised and they do nothing but cause a mess and prevent the ball getting into open play. What often results is what I believe is called a 'rolling maul'. This reminds me of the old Roman testudo, or

shield wall, behind which soldiers would hide for protection and move forward. When my own side is doing it I get this gut feeling of triumph, but when the opposition are doing it I get this feeling of intense irritation with the whole procedure. The oddest thing about it all is that you can't nip round the side of the shield, grab the bloke with the ball and smack him down. It is against the rules. And yet I thought that this was what the game was all about. My solution would be to get another Roman artillery piece called a trebuchet, fill the bowl full of ordure and fling it over the lot of them.

I am bewildered by the turnover of players. Not long ago we had a stable 1st team and a stable 2nd team and so on and when someone was missing from the 1st team someone would move up from the 2nd team and so on. But I have been to watch the 2nd team a few times and it has never been the same team twice. I'm forever asking 'who's that?', 'where's so and so?' A week or so later you find out that 'so and so' is now playing at Waterloo or somewhere and whoever 'that' was has disappeared without trace. Perhaps a permanent notice on the notice board logging arrivals and departures would help us keep abreast of developments.

I am further bewildered by the lack of fixtures, although I am not sure whether this is a bewilderment or a grouse. From the beginning of December to the end of March a mere 5 1st team matches were played at home and two of these were cup ties. With bad luck in the draw we would have had only three home fixtures. Poor sustenance for a red blooded male, or female for that matter. Much of the problem has been caused by teams from lower divisions not fulfilling their fixtures. I am firmly of the belief that now is the time to enlarge the First Division to 12 teams, or maybe more, because these are the only fixtures that seem to mean anything.

Now to matters less contentious. If you are a Gloucester specy reading this then let me tell you, you are very welcome here today. Having been born and bred in the heartland of Rugby League I have not always found what I perceive to be the forward orientated play of your team entirely to my taste, but I do admire your club spirit and what, from a distance, seems to be the dignified way your club has approached the era of cheque book rugby. May you survive and prosper.

Should people on the terraces comment on team tactics and style of play? Perhaps we don't know what we are talking about, but

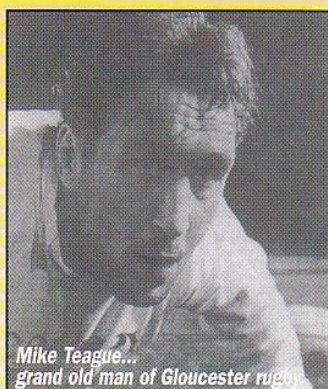
what we do know is that we have two cracking wingers who perform heroics in defence but who, many of us feel, are not given enough responsibility in attack. In the old days the job of the forwards was to get the ball out to the backs so that they could pass it to the wings, who were virtually told to get on with it. If they didn't score you would curse them. I know that now the game is faster, players are fitter and defences are tighter but even so our wingers do not see enough of the ball. Think back to the great John Carleton. When the ball went across the line to the wing you knew with certainty that he would beat the first man. Usually he beat the second man as well and very often he would beat three. These wingers can do it given the chance. They can use speed, change of pace, swerve, sidestep, hand off or even use the boot. A great punt back into the middle of the field for the forwards to chase, once known as a Garryowen, a low kick down the touchline a la Offiah or even hoof down the touchline to turn the full back.

It is hard to accept that as far as I know this is the last season for three of our very best players. Dewi has been an inspiration and driving force for a number of years. It is not long since he inspired us to within a whisker of winning the championship. He was at his best then. I hope he doesn't retire altogether. He has too much talent and you are a long time retired. Simon of course retired last season but his left boot made a comeback. God bless his left boot. It has been as consistent this season as at any time during his career and as much as anything has been instrumental in averting the threat of relegation. And what can I say about Clearo? Hacks would drag out the cliches such as 'loyal servant' and 'old warhorse' but neither would be accurate or do him justice. Clearo isn't a servant, he is a warrior and although he has been at the club many years if it hadn't been for his unfortunate injury I am sure he had a few good years left in him. On the terraces he will be remembered for his skill, commitment, courage and those great surging runs scattering the ranks of the opposition like chaff.

Finally I should like you to support the nomination of Mother Wood of Twickenham (Dudley that is) for the Nobel Peace Prize for services to the poor of Twickenham and to Brian Moore, for defying the POOFS (Pundits and Old Officer Farts), must go the No Bull Prize for calling a spade a killing the ball.

Today's Visitors

Today we welcome the officials, players and spectators from Gloucester RFC to Edgehall Road for this penultimate game of the 1994/95 season. Both clubs finished the last campaign at the wrong end of the league table. Last year Gloucester were unconvincing as new coach Barry Coiless (now with Morley) sought to implement a 15 man



Mike Teague...
grand old man of Gloucester rugby

style of rugby which went against the grain of the traditional journeyman style favoured for many a long time by Gloucester. With Mike Teague back in harness and a reversion to the 10 man style of rugby Gloucester looked to this season with optimism.

Unfortunately like Orrell, this season has been one of the same old story.

We always look forward to the visit of the supporters of the cherry and whites to Edgehall Road, the good natured banter, but most off all the game itself. Played between two old rivals, no quarter asked or given, just honest toil from time served players, no frills, no prima-donnas.

Earlier in the season we lost 9-6 at Kingsholm so today we are looking to reverse that result.



GLOUCESTER RFC

Looking at the league table both clubs are ensured Div 1 rugby next season and so both will be playing for pride this afternoon. Today is Dewi's last game so it beholds the lads to finish the league programme for this year at Edgehall Road with a decisive and fluent performance.

Relative positions of the two clubs as at 16th April 1995.

GLOUCESTER

P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts	DIFF	PTS
16	6	1	9	238	265		-27	13

ORRELL

P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts	DIFF	PTS
16	5	3	8	188	259		-71	13