



## RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

# WILSON

**v GLOUCESTER**

Saturday  
7th October 1995  
Kick off 3.00pm  
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Division One

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# Orrell

# Gloucester



## Today's Referee



Charles (Chuck) Muir  
Age 45  
Married, 2 daughters  
Textile Manufacturer  
in Laingholm  
Referee for 11 years  
Scottish National  
Panel Referee  
Played for Laingholm  
& Hawick Full Back  
and Stand Off  
Refereed  
France v England  
U21  
Cambridge v  
Romania

## FROM

**captain**

Simon Mason  
James Naylor  
Paul Johnson  
Ian Wynn  
Phil Horrocks  
Graham Smith  
Paul Hamer  
Austin Healey  
Phil Winstanley  
Martin Scott  
Peter Mitchell  
Karl Fenton  
Chris Brerley  
★ Chas Cusani  
Clive Cooper  
Paul Manley  
Jeff Huxley  
Steve Bibby

Full Back  
Right Wing  
Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
Scrum Half  
Prop  
Hooker  
Prop  
Lock  
Lock  
Flanker  
Flanker  
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Replacement  
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Tim Smith  
Paul Holford  
Don Caskie  
Martin Roberts  
Lee Osborne  
Martin Kimber  
Bruce Fenley  
Adey Powles  
John Hawker  
Andy Deacon  
Dave Sims **captain**  
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# welcome

Gloucester, our well supported visitors today have, like ourselves, struggled in recent years to match past glories. But, with a management spearheaded by Mike Teague and Frank Bunce due to arrive to help the coach weld the formidable pack with an adventurous backline, which put four tries past West Hartlepool, the production of a great side is predicted. They are another side not to be treated lightly. Although the gurus predict a lowly placing, as for ourselves, we have over the years of combat relished our meetings and the games have provided ample enjoyment so welcome once more.

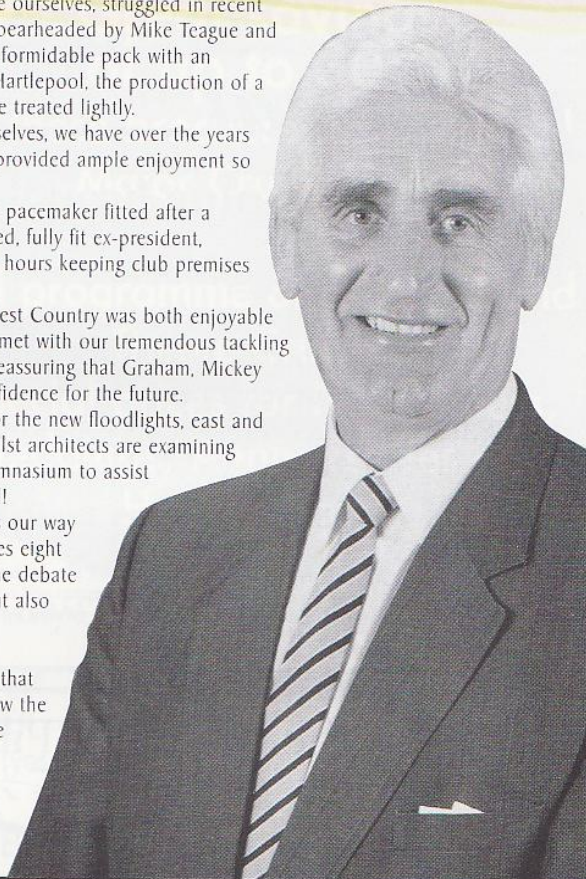
Hopefully today we will meet Tom Charnock, with new pacemaker fitted after a three week hospital stay, but now hopefully re-equipped, fully fit ex-president, captain and back row union member, who spent many hours keeping club premises from falling apart. Happy returns Tom.

Despite the scoreline last weeks performance in the West Country was both enjoyable and heartening in that Bath, very much on song, were met with our tremendous tackling ability and never say die footballing skills and it was reassuring that Graham, Mickey and Howard gave their all and the team enthused confidence for the future.

Off the field, grant applications are being submitted for the new floodlights, east and west terracing upgrades and enlarged seater stand, whilst architects are examining possibilities for clubhouse refurbishment, including gymnasium to assist our own and community needs; roof leaks are doomed!

Shortly a members meeting will be arranged to discuss our way forward in the open era. The introduction of the leagues eight years ago put most clubs on a business footing, and the debate will centre on not only whether players can be paid but also whether management will seek payment.

It is within the RFU's responsibility to ensure damage limitation caused by professionalism, always assuming that the RFU's general meeting in December agrees to follow the route marked out by the IRFB. The matter is still in the hands of individual clubs so let us decide our fate, confident that we can survive with success at the top level, given more effort on our part and deserved assistance. Bob



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## PAUL JOHNSON



Matches can be interpreted in many different ways. The popular line in the press regarding our visit to Bath was to emphasise the difference between the haves and the have nots. Nobody at Orrell disputes that the Bath club for whatever reason have all sorts of advantages in assembling a quality side. For myself I prefer to concentrate on the positive things we achieve despite this imbalance. The Rec is currently the most difficult assignment in club football. We went there and competed for the entire game. We also troubled the Bath defence on many occasions and played attractive, effective rugby. Had we not spurned chances of points early in the game the result may have gone down to the wire. Our performance together with our last home win against Sale has given us the confidence to believe we can play positive rugby and win games and it is this attitude which we take in to today's match against Gloucester. Last season we lost away but gained revenge with a superb home win in the second half of the season. A repeat of that home win would be great. No doubt Gloucester will have their own views on that. Gloucester and Orrell have a great deal in common as rugby clubs and it is always a pleasure to see their teams and supporters at Edge Hall Road. I hope you enjoy the trip. Congratulations to Mike Slemen on our players behalf for his elevation to the role of national selector. Plenty of free ale to come for you Slem and whilst regretting that this will mean slightly less regular involvement with the team to whom he has contributed much in a comparatively short time we wish him success in his new venture.

## RICHARD HILL



Having been recently appointed as the Director of Rugby at Kingsholm it was with a great deal of apprehension that I attended the game with Leicester last Saturday. How would the supporters of the cherry and whites receive a former Bath player one who until recently had been minded to defeat their idols.

How wrong one can be. From all levels at the club I was received with friendship, but I realise that I will have to work hard to gain their respect. But now to the game in hand. For both clubs the start to the present season has been far from rosy and today's game is an important one for both clubs if they are to climb away from the relegation zone (not a place I'm used to). It is not going to be easy but both clubs today have played at the top level with passion and commitment over the years even though they have not had the services of Internationals, in numbers to call upon. Talking to my former mates at Bath last weekend one thing came through about their game with Orrell. Even though Bath won the Bath players were in unison regarding the guts of the Orrell lads. They fought like tigers and never once did they let their heads drop. I've played many times at Edgehall with Bath and I think that I speak for most players when I say that Orrell is not a favourite venue. I've had many a heart stopping moment when the Orrell lads have given us quite a fright. But that is in the past and so today whilst I will be looking for Glos to reverse the result of last season I hope to meet friends at Orrell and renewing old friendships, after the game.

### At Home with...

#### SIMON MANSON - Full Back



FAVOURITE DRINK: Guinness  
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pies & cakes  
FAVOURITE PASTIME: Reading and playing golf  
FAVOURITE FILM: Reservoir Dogs  
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: "Reeves & Mortimer" & "Match of the Day"  
FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Britt Ekland  
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Ronnie Moore in the 18 yard box  
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Estartit  
BEST BOOK READ: Doomsday Conspiracy by Sidney Sheldon  
FAVOURITE TEAM BESIDES ORRELL: Old Anselmians

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Anselmians, Liverpool St. Helens, Newcastle Gosforth  
AMBITIONS: To play for Ireland and get into Europe with Orrell

### Courage League How They Stand... LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	4	4	0	0	126	55	8
Harlequins	4	4	0	0	117	72	8
Wasps	4	3	0	1	116	68	6
Leicester	4	3	0	1	83	43	6
Bristol	4	2	0	2	66	78	4
Sale	4	1	0	3	58	70	2
GLOUCESTER	4	1	0	3	69	105	2
ORRELL	4	1	0	3	50	96	2
Saracens	4	1	0	3	42	102	2
W. Hartlepool	4	0	0	4	55	93	0



# today's visitors

GLOUCESTER



**T**oday we extend a warm welcome to the cherry and whites from Castle Grim in England's south west corner. Kingsholm as it is now known was the name of the ground when it was acquired by the Gloucester RFC over a century ago. It is said that either within the grounds or very close is the site of a Saxons Kings Palace so Kingsholm is an appropriate name (maybe this is why Gloucester RFC has this kings and peasants approach to other teams). One can imagine the Saxon hoards sweeping across the Severn and onto Wales intent on looting pillaging, and what was that other thing? Well Glos RFC have until recently been carrying on the good work. Some 20 years ago I had the pleasure of living in the area, and of the three major rugby clubs in the SW Gloucester was looked upon as top dog, but recently things have turned head over heels. When one thinks of Gloucester one thinks of the Gloucestershire side which regularly contested the County championship with Lancashire, and players like Peter Bulter, old golden boots who helped to spread the gospel of SW rugby far and wide. But back to today's game. One glance at the league table will emphasise only too well the poor start to the league season made by both clubs. 4 played 3 lost 1 won and Gloucester above Orrell on points difference only. This game is as they say a real four pointer, but with 2 clubs to be relegated aren't they all from here on in? There have been changes at Kingsholm

over the summer Mike Teague takes over as team manager, and no doubt he will have a great input in the coaching set up, with new captain Dave Sims on the crest of a wave following on his excellent tour with England A in June. But the best news for the cherry and white hoards as they sweep around the country will be the news that the proposed move of Mark Maplettoff is off and Glos will have the use of this talented full-back again this season.

To cap it all recently Glos have appointed Richard Hill (Bath, England and any other representative side you care to mention) as Director of Coaching. Good a player as he was, Hill will need time to restore Glos's faith in themselves. Magic wands are not included in a directors gear.

Last season Orrell had a great win at home by 43pts to 14, but lost the away fixture 9-6. It may have been Dewis last game for all the Orrell XV played above themselves and a similar performance is required today. Having spoken to Richard Hill I know that Glos are intent on reversing that defeat here at Orrell. But we can bounce back from the Bath defeat and show everyone that we can play Rugby with passion, enthusiasm and no little skill.

I look forward to today's game.

## 1994-1995 Review

After a couple of mediocre seasons we started 1994/95 with hopes of making an impact in Division One, after a successful pre-season Tour to South Africa. Unfortunately we failed to find any consistency and although achieving some

good results we lost a number of matches by narrow margins. A few of these results going our way would have changed the outlook dramatically. However these criteria could be applied to a number of 1st Division Clubs.

In spite of this we had some encouraging representation at International level with Ian Smith (Scotland) and Richard West (England) going to the World Cup and David Sims and Paul Holford touring Australia with England 'A'. We were also delighted that our young forward Phil Greening captained England Colts. Although we do not have an official Player of the Year several players enhanced their reputations throughout a difficult season. A straw poll conducted amongst our supporters, however, would almost certainly come out with the name of David Sims. He was magnificent all season and has been acknowledged by the players who have elected him captain for the 1995/96 season.

With thoughts already turning to next season, there are some exciting developments in the quest to make us a force in the 1st Division again.

The appointment of Mike Coley as our Chief Executive/Marketing Manager and the involvement of former internationals Mike Teague, John Fidler and Peter Kingston on the playing side will form a team that we hope will transform the fortunes for the club. We have ambitious plans for ground development which we hope will run in tandem with the re-emergence of success on the playing field.

## COURAGE LEAGUE STATISTICS

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	T	C	P	D	A	T	C	P	D	Most Points	Most Tries
1987-88	1	10	6	1	3	206	32	18	14	121	9	2	23	4	42	Mick Marment	6 Jim Breeze
1988-89	1	11	7	1	3	215	31	14	21	0	112	14	7	13	1	85 Tim Smith	6 Mike Hamlin
1989-90	1	11	8	1	2	214	32	10	21	1	139	16	9	19	0	75 Tim Smith	6 Derek Morgan
1990-91	1	12	6	0	6	207	29	17	19	0	163	19	9	22	1	75 Tim Smith	3 Ian Smith, Derek Morgan, Paul Ashmead, Chris Dee
1991-92	1	12	7	1	4	193	19	12	29	2	168	16	10	26	2	81 Tim Smith	5 Simon Morris
1992-93	1	12	6	0	6	173	17	8	24	0	151	12	5	25	2	71 Tim Smith	3 Tim Smith, Derek Morgan
1993-94	1	18	6	2	10	247	21	11	36	4	356	29	23	53	2	82 Tim Smith	3 Tim Smith, Derek Morgan
1994-95	1	18	6	1	11	269	25	15	32	6	336	37	17	37	2	85 Mark Maplettoff	8 Paul Holford
<b>Totals</b>		104	52	7	45	1724	206	105	196	13	1546	152	82	218	14		

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