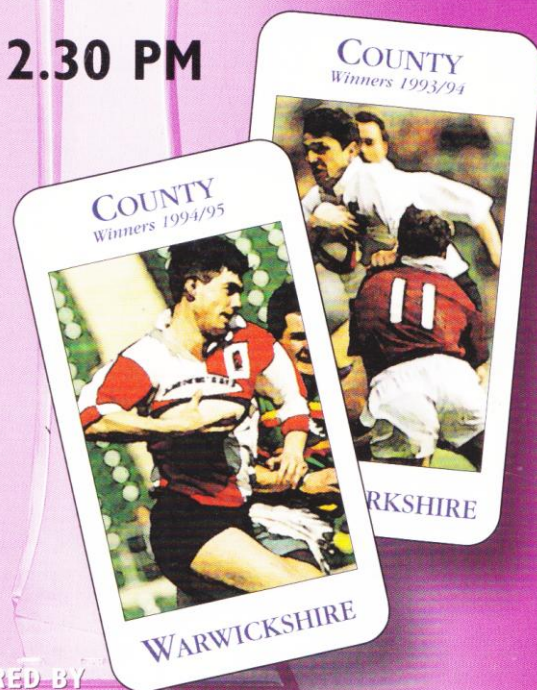


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**LYDNEY RFC
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WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome the President, Mr Peter Summers (with whom I have been associated with for the last decade or so), Players, Officials and Supporters from the Devon R.F.U. for today's C.I.S. County Championship match, and may I express the wish that you all have a most enjoyable afternoon.

We last played Devon at Lydney in the 1994/95 Season when Gloucestershire won a hard, but entertaining, game by 25-12 and today we are very much looking forward to a fine contest - exciting and enjoyable for players and spectators alike.

Gloucestershire R.F.U. are grateful to the Lydney R.F.C. for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities today.

May I also welcome today's Match Officials and hope that they too have a happy visit to Lydney. Thanks also to Doctor Peter Catlin and Robert Swannack for their attendance this afternoon.

We also welcome to Lydney members, customers and staff of the County Championship Sponsors, Co-Operative Insurance Society. Your support for County matches is of inestimable benefit to our game and we thank you for your continued support. Perhaps I may take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our own sponsors, Mansfield Sportswear and Robert Morgan of Morgan Electrical Limited. May I also extend a warm welcome to the Patrons of the County and to all spectators for supporting us here today.

Finally to the Captain, Andrew Stanley and his players, thank you and good luck.

Cyril Edwards

President, Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union

THE BETTER THE DAY, THE BETTER THE DEED

Who was it wrote about something or other, 'shining like a good deed in a naughty world'? Whoever it was, he could well have been a rugby man, and a devotee of the County Championship, at that.

As far as the 'naughty world' bit is concerned, I would point out that today is Sunday, and that, only a few years ago, to play rugby on the Sabbath was completely beyond the pale - a sure way to eternal damnation. As for the rest - well, you only have to think about it. Among the welter of contentious subjects, predatory millionaires on the rampage, players decamping to where the money is, controversy over registration periods, players' rights and all the rest, the good old County Championship remains the last bastion of rugby played as it was meant to be played - hard, seriously, but basically to be enjoyed.

I don't think many people would disagree that, while many of the recent and present changes in the game have been, and will be, enjoyable, it isn't so much fun any more.

Furthermore, if the Powers that Be hadn't fiddled about with the system, some years ago, there would be no arguments about whether touring sides should play clubs or Divisional teams: they'd be meeting the top counties, with all the pride and passion that that infers.

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Referee: Mr J WALLIS (RFU) Touch: Mr K ROBERTS
Judges: Mr C REES

GLoucestershire
Colours: Red

DEVON
Colours: Green and White

<p>15 PHIL STANLAKE Cheltenham</p> <p>14 DERRICK MORGAN Cheltenham</p> <p>13 DUNCAN EDWARDS Berry Hill</p> <p>12 RALPH KNIBBS Bristol</p> <p>11 JERRY PERRINS Gloucester</p> <p>10 ROB MILLS Lydney</p> <p>9 GILES SHIPTON Stroud</p> <p>1 BOB PHILLIPS Cheltenham</p> <p>2 NICK NELMES Lydney</p> <p>3 SIMON BALDWIN Gloucester Old Boys</p> <p>4 TIM CLINK Cheltenham</p> <p>5 JOHN BRAIN Cheltenham</p> <p>6 ADRIAN KNOX Lydney</p> <p>7 ANDREW STANLEY * Gloucester</p> <p>8 IAN PATTEN Coventry</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 20px;"> <p>Referee: MR J WALLIS (RFU)</p> </div>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Touch Judges: MR K ROBERTS MR C REES</p> </div>	<p>15 PAUL CARLTON Brixham</p> <p>14 PETER CHART Brixham</p> <p>13 JASON THOMAS Exeter</p> <p>12 RICHARD THOMPSON Plymouth Albion</p> <p>11 RICHARD FARR Brixham</p> <p>10 MARTIN THOMPSON Plymouth Albion</p> <p>9 TONY SUMNERS Barnstaple</p> <p>1 STEVE COLEMAN Plymouth Albion</p> <p>2 DEAN JEFFRY Metropolitan Police</p> <p>3 STEVEN GREEN Brixham</p> <p>4 DEREK CROSS Plymouth Albion</p> <p>5 ANDY GUBBS Barnstaple</p> <p>6 PETER HAWKINS Barnstaple</p> <p>7 JASON HART Brixham</p> <p>8 PAUL WHITE * Brixham</p>
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Talking about pride and passion, no series of fixtures in the rugby calendar ever generated more of those than Gloucestershire v Devonshire. It's a very long, and very honourable series which has produced more memorable deeds than most and inspired many players to play out of their skins.

Devon used to travel up to meet a side almost completely composed of Gloucester and Bristol players, who all knew each other very well indeed, fielding a fifteen trawled from grand old clubs such as Plymouth, Exeter, Torquay, Brixham, even Bideford (for whom heavyweight cricket umpire, David Shepherd, used to play at, would you believe, scrum-half), and it wasn't unknown for some of the side never to have met until they boarded the team coach. Yet they always gave a good account of themselves, and had to be taken seriously.

As they do today, Gloucestershire may have won 25-12 last season, but experience has taught us the hard way that last term's experience is no guide for this year's festivities. Which is as it should be, and long may it remain so. I suppose that the future of the Championship must be in doubt, yet again, but I hope that the County Unions are fighting their corner as strongly as the First and Second Division clubs appear to be, otherwise we shall lose something eminently worth saving.

But let's not worry about that today. Let's welcome Devonshire, most sincerely, hope for an excellent game, and above all, let's have - here's that word again - *fun*.

Two more things I must do. First of all, I must thank the Lydney club for making their facilities available, once again, and wish them continued success in what has already become a highly successful season. Best of luck, chaps!

Finally, I must thank retired skipper, Mike Hamlin, for the tremendous job he did for us, and express great pleasure that he is still involved on the coaching side. He's a hard act to follow, but if anyone can do that, it's Andrew Stanley, whose record as captain is quite undeniable. Best of luck Andy! Just do what you did for Gloucester United, and all will be very well indeed.

Peter Arnold

NOTE TO SUPPORTERS

If Gloucestershire emerge as winners of the pool, as a result of today's match, the quarter-final play-off will be against Berkshire at Reading R.F.C. next Sunday, 17th December - kick-off 2.15 p.m.

If there is sufficient support, it would be possible to organise a coach with pick-up points at Lydney (10.15 a.m.), Gloucester (10.45 a.m.), Cheltenham (11.00 a.m.), Stroud (11.30 a.m.) and Cirencester (12.00 noon).

Supporters interested in travelling should give names and telephone numbers to the Match Secretary, David Reed, after the game or telephone 01452 728264.

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