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BATH

Blue, White & Black



GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

16	Jon Callard (I)	Full Back	Mark Mapletoft	15
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6	Andy Robinson (I)	Flanker	Pete Glanville	6
5	Nigel Redman (I)	Lock	Dave Sims *	5
4	Martin Haag	Lock	Rob Fidler	4
3	Victor Ubogu (I)	Prop	Andy Deacon	3
2	Graham Dawe (I)	Hooker	Phil Greening	2
1	Dave Hilton (I)	Prop	Tony Windo	1
17	Ian Sanders	Replacements	Bruce Fenley	16
18	Neil McCarthy		Gareth Fenwick	17
19	John Mallett (I)		Paul Holford	18
20	Eric Peters (I)		Colin Bickle	19
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(I) International * Captain

Half Time

Full Time

Welcome



WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER

"JUST Y'R AVERAGE SEMI FINAL, REALLY"

by **Peter Arnold**, *Gloucester RFC*

With all respect to anyone who has wandered in from far-flung places like Nijni Novgorod or the Stoop Memorial Ground, this is a private affair. Games involving the West Country trio: Bath, Bristol and Gloucester, always are, and we don't need cups, leagues, lottery draws or demonstrations of Rugby League to make the special, highly competitive and occasions to savour.

Of course, anyone is welcome to attend – after all, Bath FC Megalopolis Holdings plc needs the money – but the neutrals, if such there be, shouldn't think they're actually involved.

There is, after all, nothing particularly new about Bath meeting Gloucester in a Pilkington Cup Semi Final. As I recall, the last such occasion resulted in a win for Bath, well into extra time, after Stuart Barnes had missed a penalty from bang in front, immediately after the added period started. You can't get more nail-biting than that.

What is different this time, of course, is the venue. We've never played Bath at this stage of the Cup at the Rec before, and neither has anyone else. Well, I suppose it's time you bought the beer, Tony Windo for one might appreciate it, it's his 100th game for Gloucester.

There's a very good chance that the most influential character in this game won't be on the field at all. I refer to the highly respected Bath alumnus, known affectionately round Kingsholm way as Richer Dill. He was always "the Man you Love to Hate" when he was indulging in his epic struggles with Marcus Hannaford, but nowadays, he's very much a cherry-and-white idol. I'm here to tell you the influence he's had since joining Gloucester is slightly incredible, and beyond anything that I, for one, would have believed.

Everything has changed since Richard's arrival. Enthusiasm, confidence, even the style of play is wondrous to behold, and I hope that, whoever wins or loses, this is made very evident to the Bath Faithful lucky enough to be here.

But today is only icing on the cake, really. It's nice to acquire silverware, but it's the League that matters, and there's certainly a feeling that, whatever happens, the important game is the one eventually and painfully scheduled for 7.45pm at Kingsholm on Wednesday April 10th. Don't think Bath only have to turn up to win, it's not like that any more.

See you there. We can promise you a – let's say – warm welcome.

Editor: I would like to publicly thank Peter for his help in producing this edition, his pleasant manner and cheerfulness speak volumes for traditional rugby values. JMC.

VIEWS FROM THE PULTENEY MUSE

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THE SEMI-FINAL

Six rounds of the competition have gone, there are just four teams left. For 30 players, perhaps a few more in these days of replacements, there is going to be the glory of the Cup Final, for 30 more there is going to be – nothing, who remembers the losing semi-finalists in any competition, no one, for the record it was Leicester and Harlequins last year. There are the supporters, looking forward not just to the semi-final but to their visit to Headquarters. The semi-final must have the biggest expectation hanging on it for both players and supporters of any game played in the season. One mistake could see your team denied the chance of glory, one error by the referee could consign the season to nothing. The pressure is on everyone, it is impossible to ignore it and yet both teams today will be attempting to play attractive rugby, the eyes of the rugby world are on them, it is not a matter of winning, but the way it is achieved that is now, apparently, important. I think the manner of victory is important, but what is of paramount importance is victory itself.

We are in danger of not seeing the wood for the trees, any game is played to win, the comments of some journalists after the recent Scotland v England game were to put it mildly, hysterical. Ask any player or supporter of any team playing any game what they most want to see, and the answer will be "the team winning". And if the game happens to be a semi-final, you don't really need to ask the question! Of the 24 finals, that have been played in the John Player and Pilkington Cup, Gloucester have made four appearances, and Bath nine appearances, a tremendous record by any standards and importantly both clubs know the pressure cooker atmosphere of a semi-final. Today it does not matter at all what has gone on in the rest of the season, this is a one-off game, and what a mouth watering occasion it is. I remember being at Kingsholm in 1989 when in another semi-final we squeezed by in extra time and in another game we only had a Stuart Barnes penalty goal between us and I expect today will be

just as close. There will be personal battles aplenty and I'm particularly looking forward to the contest between Graham Dawe and young Phil Greening (surely an England hooker in the making) and it will be good to see Mike Lloyd back here, he must be one of the few players who has played for Bristol, Bath and Gloucester in recent times, he will have to be at his best whether its Geoghegan or Adebayo he faces.

It will also be good to see the Gloucester supporters here, their cry of "Glosturr, Glosturr" is one that never ceases to make me smile with its evocation of agricultural workers and wherever they go you know they are around. Sometimes some people get a little upset with their one-eyed enthusiasm, but it has to be said if they don't support their own team, who will? Just occasionally I wish we were a bit more vocal. Bath supporters tend to be rather more cerebral, either that or they are all opera singers and they are saving their voices, perhaps today we could make ourselves noticed. If you go to Gloucester, and every one must experience that once in their lives, you will hear the notorious "Shed", surely the noisiest place in rugby. OK some of their comments are near the knuckles, they realise that and that is exactly why they are said, but generally they are humorous rather than vindictive. Having said that I wasn't amused by some of the comments aimed at some Bath players last time Gloucester were here, but I suspect that is just a reflection on what is deemed to be acceptable in today's culture. Enough of that, let's hope we all have an enjoyable day.

The result, well I gave up forecasting scores one day in May with the sun beaming down. On that day we ran our usual "what will the score be" raffle, and no one got anywhere near, we were miles off! On that day the Gloucester Director of Rugby was in different colours, he will remember the day, so will both teams, I reckon this could be a tight one, but than I was wrong on that balmy day in May too!!

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SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 1996

CUP SEMI FINALS

Bath will have mixed feelings about a home semi final, the first in 10 appearances while Gloucester will be relishing the chance to silence the Rec and show off their new found revival. Irish eyes may be happier with a Sunbury match whereas for Leicester it's another day at the office even if only a fraction of their fans will be there. This is the day to concentrate on the matter in hand and not think about Twickenham in May, although for the spectators there will be much talk of tickets, "have you got them already?" or "have you waited to see if we get there?" Clear favourites today are Bath and Leicester but sport does not always go the way of the expected, however here are my tips.

BATH v GLOUCESTER

The cup holders and current league leaders meet a side who are deep in relegation trouble and have not won a competitive match at the Rec since 30 Sep 1971. But don't let simple statistics fool you, Gloucester had a dreadful start to their season and one or two key players have suffered long term injuries, relegation could be avoided and in Rugby Director Richard Hill they have the ideal man to plot Bath's downfall. Their pack is reasonably impressive but unless it can secure more than 50% of the ball I doubt their backs have enough flair to pull the rabbits out of the hat.

Bath ooze class from 1 to 16 but don't like having the routine disrupted and this is the first time out since the Cup quarter final. If Gloucester can prevent any rhythm developing then they have a chance. Bath have never known defeat at this stage and the spur of not wanting to be the first to lose a semi final will be a

powerful motivation, if one were needed. At times this season they have played sublime rugby and I think we should see some of that today. No team though is infallible and with the fixture disruption it may take the first hour for Bath to shake out the rustiness. In the end I expect Bath to make it to their 10th final at Twickenham, probably by 11 - 16 points.

LONDON IRISH v LEICESTER

Promotion beckons, the crowd will be expectant after a home quarter final win and the pundits will all go for the opposition. Sounds like an ideal recipe for a Irish upset. The reality is that although Irish are probably the second best team in league 2, they only beat West Hartlepool who have yet to win in league 1 by one point. Of all the sides in league 1 Leicester probably are the most difficult

BATH



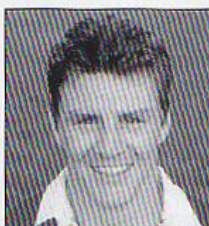
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FULL BACK

JOHN CALLARD

Born 1.6.66 5'10" 12st 7lbs
118 appearances, 55 tries, 1063 points
Popular choice for Bath & England in many eyes, his kicks have saved both teams at critical times. Hero of the famous win over the All Blacks in 93 and survivor of South African

violence. Astute, analytical player, can be a devastating runner and great 7s player. Possible future as TV pundit.



15

RIGHT WING

JON SLEIGHTHOLME

Born 5.8.72 5'10" 14st
18 appearances, 8 tries, 40 points
Shot to fame from the United when selected for England in Paris, grown in confidence in every game and fully justified selection. Came down from the North to University and to further

his rugby career. Searing pace allied to strength is endearing him to the Rec faithful who delight in a try scorer in the Fallon and Swift mode.



14

CENTRE

PHIL DE GLANVILLE

Born 1.10.68 5'9" 13st 6lbs 108 appearances, 34 tries, 155 points.

World class centre currently warming the England bench. Impeccable rugby pedigree of Durham, Oxford and now Bath. Leads from the front, hard tackler, strong runner, inspirational

captain. Articulate, charming, the very model of a modern rugby player, possible next England captain. Veteran of England wins over S. Africa and New Zealand.



12

CENTRE

JEREMY GUSCOTT

Born 7.7.65 6'1" 13st 2lbs 200 appearances, 101 tries, 480 points

The jewel in Bath's crown, local boy with global talent, back to his best after lengthy injury. First choice in most teams, national and International, devastating runner through the midfield but not averse to

tackling and defending. Model like looks, TV presenter increasingly turning to media work.



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LEFT WING

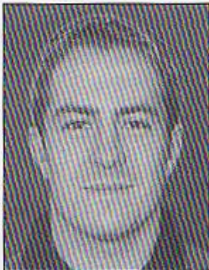
ADE ADEBAYO

Born 30.11.70 5'9" 11st 13lbs 84 appearances, 40 tries, 166 points

Ask the Tigers what they think of him, scorer of two tries against the meanest defence in the league. Under rate this man at your peril, strong finisher and knocking on the England door.

England 7s member in World Cup triumph and England winger in non Cap game v Canada.

GLOUCESTER



15

MARK MAPLETOFT

Born 25.12.71, 5ft 9in, 13st
Mercurial full-back who set Kingsholm alight when he first arrived. Cruciate ligament damage then forced him out for over a year, but now coming back with a vengeance. Highly dangerous runner from all over the field, and a very reliable goal kicker.



14

MIKE PETERS

Born 21.10.66, 6ft 2in, 12st 7lb
This season's surprise packet after arriving from Wasps to try his luck on the wing. Is probably the fastest player in the Gloucester squad, and has already scored two hat tricks this season. Has a mesmerising jink off either foot. Today's crowd will love him if he plays and gets away.



13

DON CASKIE

Born 12.12.66, 5ft 8in, 12st 6lb
Highly experienced centre, who regularly tackles at least twice his weight. A very difficult player, either to stop, or to get past. Watch for the occasional mercurial break.



12

MARTIN ROBERTS

Born 26.01.68, 6ft 3in, 15st
Hard-tackling centre, who started his Gloucester career at full-back before making the switch. His partnership with Don Caskie is, currently, regarded as one of the most difficult to get past in the League. But there's more to Martin than that. His nickname, 'Speedy', says it all.



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BATH



10 OUTSIDE HALF 10

MIKE CATT

Born 17.9.71 5'10" 13st
61 appearances, 20 tries, 189 points
South African born, mercurial, multi-
talented rugby journeyman who
became England's first professional
rugby player. Star of the 94/95 season
just approaching his top form, prefers

to be selected as full back, which causes selectorial headaches for Bath. How nice!

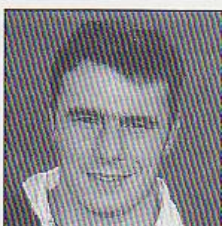


9 SCRUM HALF 9

ANDY NICOL

Born 12.3.71 6' 13st 5lbs, 9
appearance, 5 tries, 25 points
Shot to fame as Scotland scrum-half
and Captain on 93 South Seas tour
and ended up as Lions replacement in
New Zealand. Games for a World XV
and a Barbarian 7s team in Hong

Kong put him on top of the world but serious injury has held him
back. Now 3 or 4 in Scotland's pecking order and looking for a long
run in Bath team to reestablish himself.



8 NO. 8 8

BEN CLARKE

Born 15.4.68 6'5" 17st 80
Appearances, 24 tries, 120 points
Grown from a useful back row player
to one of world stature, devastating
defences close to the scrum with his
pace and strength. Loves the ball in
the hand and famed for his huge

tackles. Played in every back row position for England but No 8 is
his favourite, blind side for next weeks Grand Slam encounter. Pack
leader for England and leads from the front in all he does.



7 FLANKER 7

STEVE OJOMOH

Born 25.5.70 6'2" 15st 10lbs
Hugely talented athlete, versatile back
row player well used to the England
bench but now not in favour. Blind
side slot for Bath this season with
continued excellence of Robinson.
Dynamic bursts from the back of the
scrums and significant lineout presence
make him a favourite for other clubs
predatory aspirations.



6 FLANKER 6

ANDY ROBINSON

Born 3.4.64 5'9" 13st 12lbs 220
Appearances, 32 tries, 136 points
Nearly ten years since his Bath debut,
European player of the Year in 1989.
No debate then on "too small".
Outstanding, dynamic back row
player who lives close to the action

and would be most people's favourite of player who had to play for
your life. Still going as strong as ever and unlucky to lose England
place after S Africa game in November. One of the very best.

GLOUCESTER



MARTYN KIMBER

Born 20.09.68, 6ft 0in, 13st
Gloucester's first-choice outside-half
for a season or two now. Underrated in
some quarters, but now benefitting
from his thriving partnership with
Scott Benton. Quite capable of a
searing break, as he showed against
Bristol. And watch his boot when in
drop-goal range!



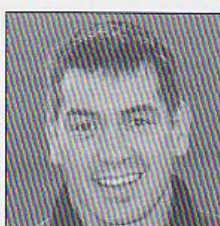
SCOTT BENTON

Born 08.09.74, 5ft 11in, 13st
New to Gloucester this season, but
undoubtedly the current no. 1 choice at
scrum-half. Has an electrifying turn of
speed, very quick hands, and a more-
than useful boot. Already being talked
about as an International prospect.



CHRIS RAYMOND

Born 01.03.68, 6ft 5in, 17st 8lb
Probably has the worst job in
Gloucester rugby. Trying to fill the
boots of Mike Teague at No. 8! Now,
however is making a very creditable
job of it, taking a lot of ball at the tail
of the line, and would tackle a brick
wall, if asked. C. J. Raymond is
certainly a name to watch out for in the
future.



IAN SMITH

Born 16.03.63, 6ft 0in, 13st 10lb
Universally acknowledged as the
outstanding open-side flanker in this
season's Five Nations Championship,
billed in one Scottish paper as 'the best
No. 7 Scotland has ever had.'
Sometimes seems to be everywhere at
once, with an unrivalled knowledge of the tactical aspects of the game.
With Dick, who played 400 times for Gloucester, the only father-and-
son Barbarians ever to come out of Kingsholm.



PETE GLANVILLE

Born 10.06.71, 6ft 2in, 15st 3lb
Blind-side flanker who never stops
running and tackling, as Mr. Dallaglio
found recently. Has impressed a lot of
very good judges over the past couple
of seasons. An excellent eye for the
game, always appearing in the right
place at the right time.

BATH



5

LOCK

NIGEL REDMAN

Born 16.8.64 6'4" 17st 2lbs 269
Appearances, 30 tries, 126 points
Played in Cup Final at age of 19 and
selected for England when a teenager.
Along with Haag he is top of the pops
with the Bath faithful, been in the
shadow of Dooley and Ackford then

Bayfield and Johnson. Bath depend on him hugely and in continued
absence of Reed he is vital to chances of success.



4

LOCK

MARTIN HAAG

Born 28.7.66 6'5" 16st 7lbs 165
Appearances, 19 tries, 90 points
Cornishman, hugely popular with the
fans, been player of the year twice in
8 seasons, a deserved tribute to his
work in the lineout and around the
pitch. Excellent 7s player and scorer

of 2 tries in last season's Cup Final. Reliable, combative and last
season made more First Team appearances than anyone else. England
B player.



3

PROP

VICTOR UBOGUN

Born 8.9.64 5'9" 16st 140
appearances, 25 tries, 108 points
Flamboyant character with a taste for
the good life, distinctive figure who
loves to run with the ball. Listen to the
roar when he gets the ball in his hand,
beloved of the Rec faithful, England

squad but not first choice for the National team.



2

HOOKER

GRAHAM DAWE

Born 4.9.59 5'11" 13st 3lbs 223
appearances, 21 tries, 87 points
Fast approaching venerable status at
The Rec, last weeks try against Wasps
showed he is as good as ever.
Probably the hooker most others
respect above all others. Desperately

unlucky not to have a string of England selections but never gives of
less than his best. Combative to the end, an advocate of the Never say
Die school of Bath front rows.



1

PROP

DAVE HILTON

Born 3.4.70 5'10" 15st 4lbs 50
Appearances, 4 tries, 20 points
Bristol butcher on verge of a Scottish
Grand Slam, formidable scrummager
excellent lineout supporter. Joined
Bath from Bristol and quickly
established himself in a front row

which has many competitors. Not your fancy dan but a grafter who
is respected by most on the circuit.

GLOUCESTER

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DAVE SIMS (Capt.)

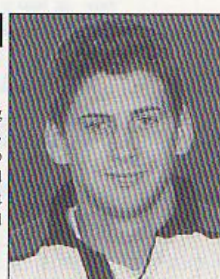
Born 22.11.69, 6ft 6in, 17st
One of the best half-dozen lock
forwards in the Five Nations, drafted
into the England squad this season.
Leads by example, and grows in
stature as a Captain, match by match.



4

ROB FIDLER

Born 21.09.74, 6ft 5in, 17st
Son of the mighty John, and following
in father's footsteps with a vengeance.
Started the season as a lock forward to
watch for the future, but has achieved
regular first-team status on merit. At
the time of writing, is keeping Richard
West out of the side!



3

ANDY DEACON

Born 31.07.65, 6ft 1in, 16st
Very experienced prop, highly
respected by all opponents. Very quick
and aggressive around the field, and
now back to somewhere near his best
form after a quiet season last year,
when he was club captain.



2

PHIL GREENING

Born 03.10.75, 5ft 11in, 16st
Regarded as the most promising young
hooker in England, with a string of
representative honours to his credit
already. Very strong, mobile and
aggressive, already christened 'Pit Bull
II' by the Kingsholm faithful. A name
you're going to hear a lot in the near
future.



1

TONY WINDO

Born 30.04.69, 6ft 0in, 16st 4lb
Always a formidable prop - well, you
must be if you can keep Scottish
International, Pete Jones, out of the
side - this season has made enormous
strides. Very quick around the park,
and a considerable handful in the tight.



REFLECTIONS: Bath & Gloucester: West Country Neighbours or Poles Apart?

Going through the archives to find the information for this edition I was struck by the number of times Bath and Gloucester have featured, frequently when they have captured the Cup but not always, sometimes it has been their downfall which has made the headlines, so I fell to musing about the two cities – by Jim Clipson

Two West Country cities separated by a common love of rugby; Bath who some still consider latter day interlopers in the rugby world, a Georgian city graced by Jane Austen, Nelson, Disraeli, Clive of India and Wolfe at some stage. Gloucester, altogether more austere, forging its reputation on practicality and commonsense, a city certainly, just look at its impressive Cathedral, but one which appears as a small town and pretty insular too at superficial glance. The Severn and the Forest of Dean seem to breed a huge local pride which absorbs newcomers only slowly, whereas Bath with its floods of visitors appears to have a more cosmopolitan atmosphere. It may not be the Royal Crescent but I rather like the Gloucester Docks, an excellent restoration which gives real life to the area and parking is certainly easier!

These attributes are evident in the rugby, Gloucester founded their game on strong forward power and an intimidating atmosphere, Bath were more ethereal only occasionally spluttering into life. Back in September 1971 when Bath entertained Gloucester in each sides first ever John Player Cup match, the game was played on a midweek evening, the score was 3 - 12 and in a game of no tries the local paper described the Bath team as raising "hardly a gesture

of defiance"! It wasn't much better the following year and after 11 years Gloucester had won two and shared one Final while Bath had two quarter final rounds as their best efforts.

Well life has moved on since then, as far as Gloucester rugby goes not all for the good, whereas Bath nowadays are top dogs. Not all changes of course, once there was the Shed and there is still the Shed, full of balanced, analytical commentators always ready to appreciate the finer points of the opposition's game plan, its own fanzine "Shed Head" articulating this equanimity in print. The Teacher's Stand has changed the Rec architecture and the Flowerpots are bisected by seats, not to everyone's taste it must be admitted. ERE, Bath's fanzine likes to give its own blue, black and white version of events.

Both these fanzines are indicative of the huge interest in the game outside the immediate locality of Kingsholm and the Rec. I wonder if these grounds can cope with the increase in demand and also of expectation of facilities. Kingsholm would seem better positioned but if Bath Rugby plc can develop the Rec and satisfy the architectural ghosts of the City maybe there is hope yet? Ask me in another 25 years, will it then be the Cherry and Whites in the ascendance, will today be the start of that revival?