



## HARLEQUINS V GLOUCESTER

Saturday 13th April 1996 Kick-off 3.00 at Stoop Memorial Ground

## HARLEQUINS

Colours: Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate, French Grey, Black and Light Green Shirts, Shorts: White

### GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry, White & Black Shorts: Black

#### 15 Full back Jim Staples

Daren O'Leary Will Greenwood Peter Mensah

Spencer Bromley

Right Wing Right Centre 12 Left Centre

Left Wing

Paul Challinor Nick Walshe/Rob Kitchen

Stand Off Scrum Half

Prop

Lock

No. 8

Jason Leonard \* Simon Mitchell

Hooker Andy Mullins Prop

Alex Snow Steve Lloyd Gareth Allison

Lock Flanker Flanker

Rory Jenkins

Mick Watson

Simon Brown 16 Replacement Martin Pepper 17 Replacement Ian Pickup Replacement

Chris Wright 19 Replacement TO BE SELECTED FROM Mark Mapletoft

> Tim Smith Paul Holford Mike Peters Mike Lloyd Lee Osborne Damian Cummins Martin Roberts Martyn Kimber Scott Benton Tony Windo Adey Powles John Hawker Phil Greening Andy Deacon Warwick Bullock Rob Fidler Richard West Pete Miles

Dave Sims Pete Glanville Andy Stanley Ian Smith Chris Raymond

Referee

B. Campsall (RFU/Yorkshire)

Touch Judges

R. A. Meerloo (RFU) and C. Nicholson (RFU)

Time Keeper: D. Hurst

International/\*Captain





# Our Visitors Today - Gloucester

Founded

1873

Ground

Kingsholm, Kingsholm Road, Gloucester

Most Capped Players

M C Teague, A T Voyce (England) 27 Caps

We welcome Gloucester to the Stoop for our 74th meeting. Gloucester lead the series with 41 wins to our 28 with four draws. This is their tenth visit to the Stoop and so far each side has four wins with one draw.

Talking of draws, our first ever meeting on 29th March 1913 at Gloucester produced just that. We took the lead with a try by A H Hudson converted by D Lambert but before half time we trailed as the home side managed a try and conversion from L Hamblin and a try by their captain A Hudson. The only score of the second half was a try by Adrian Stoop. This draw stopped a losing run of three games against Leicester, Swansca and Cardiff.

Our fiftieth meeting came some 64 years later on 8th October 1977 at Twickenham. As was so often the case in these games, one side or the other had players missing due to County games and this one was no exception. Gloucester were the team this time and so we were up against a much weakened side. In the first half we scored three tries through Terry Claxton, Graham Gilbert and Colin Lambert and a penalty by Billy Bushell to lead 15-0. The second half saw the visitors make a fist of it to the extent that we could only manage two more Bushell penalties to which R Corriea replied with one for Gloucester. This gave us our first home win of the season 21-3.

Earlier this season we travelled to the west country for a very important league game on 28th October as we had just lost to Sale and Bath on consecutive Saturdays and our season needed saving even at that early stage. Any nerves we may have had were forgotten in the first six minutes as first Jim Staples and then Spencer Bromley got tries to give us a 10-0 lead. Gloucester came back with a try through Bruce Fenley with Tim Smith converting and kicking a penalty to level things up. Smith got his second penalty for the home side to lead 10-13 at the break. Chris Wright got our third try after good handling by Jim Staples, Rory Jenkins and Rob Kitchin which Staples converted. Paul Challinor was playing his first league game of the season and although his goal kicking was not up to scratch he did manage our last try which with Staples' conversion made the final score 24-13 in our favour.

Last season Gloucester finished in seventh place in the league - one above us - with a playing record of P18 W6 D1 L11 F269 A336 Pts13. In the cup they went out in the fourth round to Wakefield (A) 9-19.

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# OUR VISITORS TODAY - GLOUCESTER - CONTINUED

They currently languish in 9th position with a record of P 14 W 4 D 0 L 10 F 245 A 467 Pts 8. They have played Sale (H) 17-22, (A) 13-21, Bath (A) 11-37, West Hartlepool (A) 27-19, (H) 17-16, Leicester (H) 14-27, Orrell (A) 3-21, (H) 27-0, Wasps (H) 15-26, Bristol (A) 16-22 and last week (H) 18-14 and Saracens (A) 16-19. In the cup they defeated Walsall (H) 47-0, Nottingham (A) 36-10 and Wasps (H) 22-9 before going down to Bath (A) 10-19 in a game they had their chances to win.

PLAYING RECORD Biggest Winning Margin: Most Points Scored:	P73 W28 D } 43-6 12/1		F883 A930 Twickenham
Heaviest Defeat: Most Points Conceded:	10-33 12	Kingsholm	
PREVIOUS GAMES (LAS	T 5 SEASONS	7/04/1991	Kingsholm
25/04/92	Stoop	W	21-18 JC1
24/04/93	Kingsholm	L	. 5-25 JC1
11/12/93	Kingsholm	L	20-24 JC1
30/04/94	Stoop	W	38-20 JC1
05/11/94	Stoop	L	10-14 JC1
29/04/95	Kingsholm	W	28-17 JC1
28/10/95	Kingsholm	W	24-13 JC1



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	14	13	0	1	462	196	26
Leicester	14	12	0	2	354	176	24
Harlequins	16	11	0	5	470	276	22
Wasps	15	8	0	7	302	291	16
Sale	15	8	0	7	273	288	16
Orrell	15	7	0	8	270	353	14
Bristol	14	5	0	9	213	330	10
Saracens	15	5	0	10	252	392	10
Gloucester	14	4	Ô	10	217	289	8
W.Hartlepool	14	0	0	14	245	467	0



# "Personally Speaking".....

a visiting point of view

This week, Mike Coley, Chief Executive of Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

It has often been said that Gloucester Rugby Football Club are totally at the opposite end of the spectrum to Harlequins. The Red of "Glos" compared to the Violet of "Quins." The cider drinkers and elver caters against the champagne and caviar of the "Sequins." It is not difficult to imagine, therefore, my slight trepidation when, as ex amateur Chairman of Marketing at the Quins, I was invited to become professional Chief Executive of Gloucester (one has to pay the mortgage!)

On arriving at Gloucester just under a year ago I realised that, apart from having to learn to drink cider, the aims and objectives of both clubs were very similar, as were

their respective histories.

Gloucester was formed in 1873, when a one-line comment in the local press announced that "a football club appears to have been formed in Gloucester." This laconic notice jockeyed for position between announcements about two hangings at Gloucester prison and the unfortunate affair of a local clergyman who had been uninfluential enough to have been struck by lightning - fairly grucsome company for Gloucester's first press report. On Saturday, 10th October 1891, Rowland Hill, the then Secretary of the newly formed Rugby Football Union, opened the new ground at the Castle Grimm Fields, Kingsholm. This had been purchased by Gloucester Football and Athletic Company Ltd, a company specially formed for this purchase, for the princely sum of £4,400. When "Castle Grimm" was dropped from the ground's title is not known, however its very name "Kingsholm" derives from the fact that it was once the site of a Saxon king's castle.

Harlequins, of course, have an even older formation. Started in 1866, they played

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#### "PERSONALLY SPEAKING" . . . Continued

most of their rugby at HQ until recently. The advent of League rugby persuaded them that to keep giving their bar profits to the RFU was not conducive to a healthy balance sheet. Hence, it is only now that a development programme is taking shape. Gloucester also have development on their minds. Although the second largest ground in England in capacity (12,000 compared with Leicester's capacity of 18,000) what passed for excellent facilities in recent times is now no longer adequate. We are both, therefore, going to have the builders in.

On the playing front, there is another similarity. We both want the best possible team and to be at the top of the Leage, and win the Cup. To this end, we are both lucky in having the best Directors of Rugby - your Dick Best and our Richard Hill. Both have coached for England and both have great ambitions for their players. These players may now be allowed to be paid for their efforts, or at least from 6th May when the RFU moratorium is lifted. This, of course, means a new world to be administrated and paid for. Harlequins became incorporated last year, and we will go down that route this year.

Raising revenue to pay the professional game is another area in which the two clubs are together. Each has a Director on English First Division Rugby Ltd., the joint company set up by the top ten clubs to negotiate with the powers that be on the organisation, management and financing of the professional game.

There is, however, still one major difference. Gloucester will always wish to beat Harlequins on the field of play and, of course, vice versa. Even though the game is going through a massive period of change, some things will never change, including, I hope, the few lemonade shandies in the bar afterwards, which will be enjoyed by home and away alike. Mine's a pint of Murphy's! Viva la difference!

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