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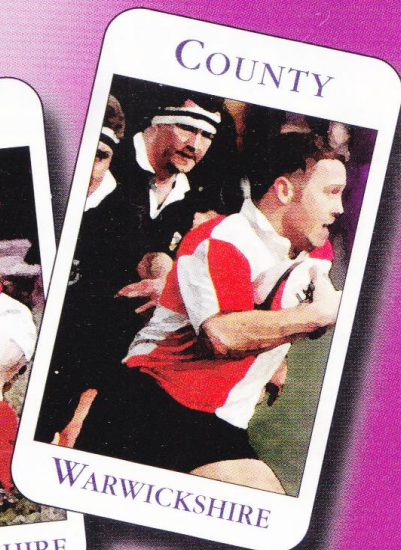
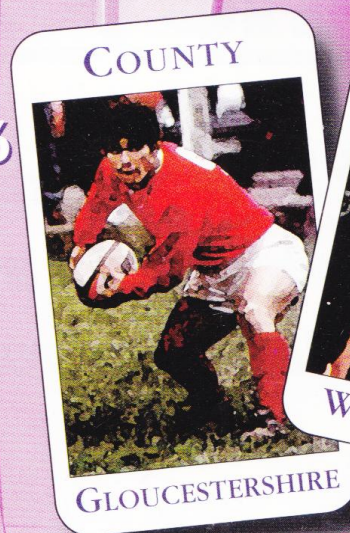
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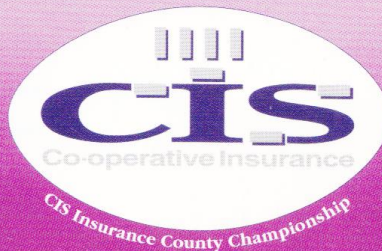


CIS INSURANCE UNDER 21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

EAST MIDLANDS v YORKSHIRE

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A WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



We welcome HRH the Princess Royal to Twickenham today and hope that she enjoys her visit as Patron of Gloucestershire.

A welcome also to all attending this Counties Day, especially the competing Teams.

Once again this year the order of the day is the same, i.e. U21 County Championship Final at 12.30 followed by the County Championship Final at 3.00 pm. The Constituent Body Conference has also been taking place here, at Twickenham, and will finish this Saturday morning, thus enabling all County Officers and representatives to give support on this very important match day for the Counties.

East Midlands and Yorkshire are the finalists in this year's U21 Final and I would like to wish all the players the best of luck on what is probably, for most of them, their first game at Twickenham and one they will always remember.

Gloucestershire and Warwickshire face each other in the County Championship and are no strangers to County Finals. The Rugby Football Union still greatly value this Competition as it provides representative rugby for a large number of players across the country.

CIS Insurance have once again sponsored the competition and we welcome Mr Alan Sneddon and Mrs Sneddon, Mr & Mrs W Tucker, Mr D J Wise, Mr & Mrs W Brown, and Mr & Mrs D S Hollas and are indebted to them for their support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

W J Bishop OBE

GLORIOUS GLOSTERS ARE BACK AT HQ

by Chris Hewett

So the Glorious Glosters are back at Twickenham, 12 long years after their last appearance in a County Championship final. It has been as a frustratingly fallow period for the West Countrymen - indeed, the longest in their history. They lost by a point in the 1994 semi-final against Yorkshire and suffered defeat at the same stage, and the same agonising margin, last season, falling to Northumberland at Tynedale.

If Gloucestershire win today, they will finally join Lancaster at the top of the championship tree with 16 titles apiece. That would delight the old-stagers from Kingsholm, the Memorial Ground and the tradition-soaked outposts of Berry Hill and Lydney, Stroud and Cheltenham.

Who knows? Even Phil Blakeway might allow himself the luxury of a smile. Remember Blakeway, the foursquare fruit and veg merchant with forearms like tower blocks and an appetite that could cope easily with three Shredded Wheat and two



Phil Blakeway

scrummaging machines for breakfast?

Phil was Gloucester's cornerstone the last time they reached the final in 1984 - the day Mike Rafter's white-shirted hordes rattled up a record 36-18 derby victory over Somerset and, on the strength of it, sent half their pack straight into the England side for the first summer Test against the Springboks way down south in Port Elizabeth. Another of the West Country's more rugged and unforgiving front-rowers, one Gareth Chilcott Esq, was serving out one of his occasional suspensions and was therefore unable

to take up arms on Somerset's behalf (perhaps just as well, given that he was in fact a Gloucestershire boy from inner city Bedminster). Enter Chris Lilley, a Bath second-teamer who hailed from Scunthorpe and has served his county apprenticeship with Dorset and Wilts. He knew perfectly well what was coming to him - he had faced Blakeway on four occasions already - but nevertheless decided to up the ante with some ill-advised pre-match comments. "I'm confident we'll be fine on our own ball," pronounced Lilley. "Its just a question of



Steve Mills (centre)

having the right attitude of mind.”

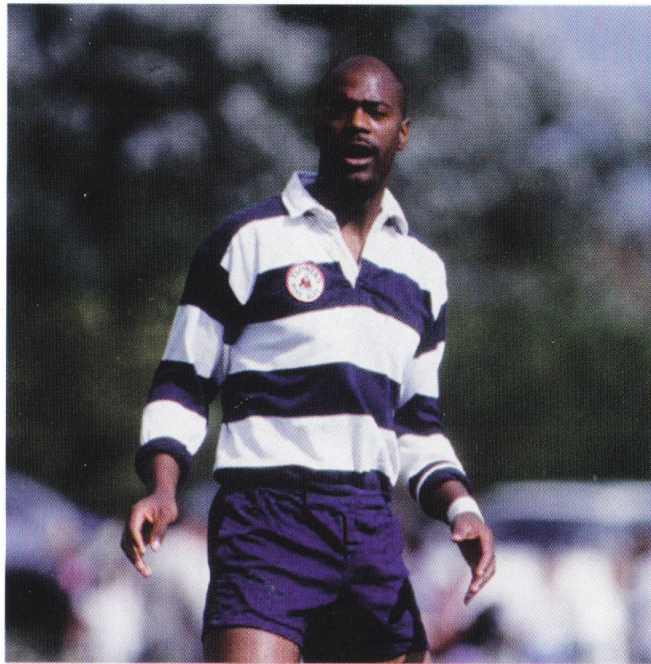
Predictably, he changed his tune after the final whistle. “Bloody strong bloke, that Blakeway,” admitted a chastened Somerset stand-in. “If I tried to hold the scrum up, he’d take it down. If I tried to take it down, he’d hold it up. If I’d tried to go off injured, I dare say he’d have stopped me doing that, too.”

The fun and games in the front-row reached such a pretty pass that referee Fred Howard called in the captains to issue an official warning to the rival props. Lilley would probably have relished the peace and quiet of an early bath but

Blakeway, an expression of purest innocence on his face, felt very hard done by indeed. “He was so angry by the end that he was beating Rafter and the rest of the pack to the breakdowns.” beamed Gloucestershire coach, Bob Redwood. Of course, Blakeway was already a stone-cold certainty for the trip to South Africa. But Gloucestershire’s tight five display was so all-encompassing that the great man’s Cherry and White henchmen, loosehead prop Malcolm Preedy and hooker Steve Mills, breezed into the test line-up in his slipstream. So, too, did big John

Fidler, at the tender age of 36. The platform they provided gave the pretty boys outside ample opportunity to look the part; had Stuart Barnes - one try, three conversions and brace of penalties in the final - and another Gloucester try-scorer, the young and elusive Bristol centre Ralph Knibbs, not declared themselves unavailable for the tour of the Republic, they would, in all probability, have made the trip along with the Grizzly Bears up front.

Not that Blakeway and company cut too much ice in that two-Test series. The entire Gloucester front row were dropped after a 32-15 shellacking at Boet Erasmus and replaced by Paul Rendall, Steve Brain and Gary Pearce. Preedy would be consigned to One Cap Wonder status and Mills would play only one more international. Unlucky? Maybe. The Bok brilliance had more to do with the likes of Erroll Tobias, Danie Gerber and Rob Louw than Okkie Oosthuizen and Chris Rogers, but the England selectors saw it differently. Well they always do, don’t they? It is a sign of the times



Ralph Knibbs

that six Gloucestershire tries and a glittering 15-man performance today will probably go unrecognised by Jack Rowell and the other movers and shakers in the national set-up. But you can bet your bottom dollar that the atmosphere in the changing room will be every bit as tense as it was on that March afternoon a dozen years ago.

For a start, Warwickshire are champions - red rag to a bull for any self-respecting West Countryman. But it runs deeper than that; Gloucestershire and Warwickshire have a county final rivalry

stretching back some 65 years, when the Midlanders lost a tight battle 10-9 at Kingsholm. In 1959 they got their own back, beating Gloucestershire 14-9 in front of a baying full-house at Bristol. Then,

in 1972, the Glorious returned the compliment by triumphing 11-6 at Coventry - an act of equal bare-faced temerity.

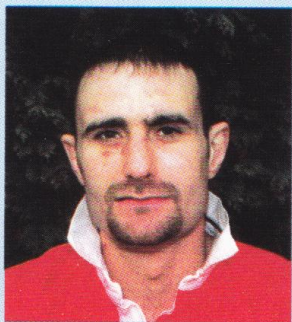
Not much in it, then. If this afternoon's renewal of hostilities follows the sequence of the previous finals, Warwickshire will hang on to their title. But the "Glaaster" boys are acutely aware that the last time the county graced Twickers, their star-spangled forerunners touched the heady heights. They have a great deal to live up to. So does the occasion.

Chris Hewitt, previously Rugby Correspondent of the Evening Post, Bristol, is Features Editor of First XV magazine



Malcolm Preedy

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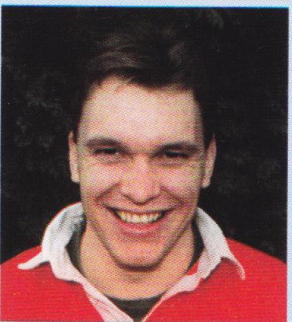
A. A. STANLEY (Gloucester) Captain

Flanker. Born 15.9.65 in Gloucester. 6ft 0 1/4 in, 14st 7lb. Andrew Anthony Stanley was educated at Kingsholm Primary and Oxstalls Secondary Modern. He has played for his present club for 11 years, having appeared for Gordon League (1973-85) and gone on to play in Australia for Sunny Bank in Brisbane, (1990) and Public Schools Wanderers. A former Gloucestershire and South-West Colts representative, he made his full county debut against Devon at Lydney two years ago and has already appeared twice at Twickenham, in the Middlesex Sevens of 1993 and 1994. He is a lecturer in construction and built environment studies at Gloucester College of Arts and Technology, where he had also studied after leaving school.



T. J. SMITH (Gloucester)

Fullback. Born 10.5.62 in Gloucester. 5ft 11 1/2 in, 14st. Timothy John Smith attended Robinswood Junior and Saintbridge Secondary School. He has worn many jerseys, the common factor being those of Gloucester, since 1982, and Gloucestershire, for whom he was a squad member when they last won the title, beating Somerset 36-18 in 1984. His other teams have been Widden Old Boys (1971-78), Brockworth (1978-79) Gordon League (1979-82) and the Waratahas, of Australia (1989). Has played at all county levels, was a South-West squad member and played for England Students. Also represented Public Schools Wanderers and Marauders in the Hong Kong 10s. This is his fourth Twickenham appearance following the 1990 Pilkington Cup Final and Middlesex Sevens (1993-95). He is a scaffolder for M.G. Scaffolding, Tewkesbury.



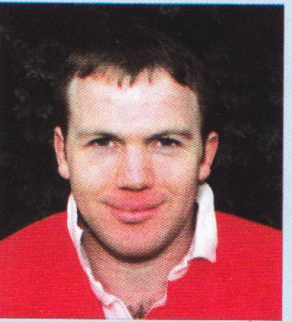
J. R. PERRINS (Gloucester)

Wing. Born 3.1.68 in Gloucester. 5ft 9in, 13st 11lb. Jeremy Robert Perrins was educated at Eastcombe Primary, Marling Grammar School, Stroud and studied modern languages for a year at Coventry University. Represented Gloucestershire Schools at cricket and soccer, played rugby for Stroud and Painswick between 1977-90 and made a Twickenham appearance for Gloucester, as a hooker, in the 1992 Middlesex Sevens. His county debut was against the Royal Signals at Bristol in 1990, around the time he was club captain at Stroud. John, his father, played for Gloucester and Painswick. 'Jerry' is an insurance manager for Participant Run-Off Ltd., Gloucester.



D. A. EDWARDS (Berry Hill)

Centre. Born 24.3.71 in Gloucester. 6ft 1in, 14st 2lb. Duncan Andrew Edwards was educated at Berry Hill Junior, Lakers Comprehensive, Berry Hill, Royal Forest of Dean College and University of Brighton. Having played soccer for Gloucestershire and Reading, following his father, who appeared for Aston Villa, Duncan's rugby involvement was with Lydney (1989-92) until joining his present club. He earned schools' representative honours for Gloucestershire and the South-West before making his full county debut against Hertfordshire at Hertford last November, as the side began a successful run under the coaching guidance of Ian Seymour and Mike Hamlin. He is a quarry operative for Clearwell Quarries, Stowe Hill, near Lydney.



L. OSBORNE (Gloucester)

Centre. Born 7.3.70 in Cinderford. 5ft 10in, 12st 7lb. Lee Osborne, who was educated at Berry Hill Primary, Royal Forest of Dean Grammar School and College, made his senior Gloucester debut against Somerset at Clifton in 1991, having played for the county colts and South-West Under-21s. This is his third appearance at Twickenham, but his first at 15-a-side level, having previously taken part in the Middlesex Sevens (1994-95). Doubtless, he hopes for better fortunes today because Gloucester were beaten in the first round both times, by London Irish and Saracens. His previous club, where his father Barry also played, was Berry Hill (1986-94). He is a buyer (metal) for Rank Xerox, Mitcheldean, Gloucester.



D. MORGAN (Cheltenham)

Wing. Born 2.8.63 in Swindon, Wiltshire. 5ft 11in, 13st 7lb. Derrick Morgan was schooled at Kingsholm Junior and Hucclecote Secondary Modern, Gloucester. He began his rugby career with the Longlevens club, for whom he played from 1977-82 before graduating to Gloucester, where he had 12 productive seasons and was a prolific try scorer. His representative career developed from Gloucestershire Schools 16-Group, to senior South-West trials and some for England Under-23s. This is his second game at Twickenham, having appeared in the 1990 Pilkington Cup Final against Bath. He is a product engineer for Automold Ltd., Stroud, Gloucestershire.



R. MILLS (Lydney)

Fly-half. Born 10.9.68 in Lydney. 5ft 8in, 10st 7lb. Robert Mills attended Severn Bank Junior and Whitecross in Lydney, before moving on to Newport College of Higher Education and Gloucester College of Further Education. Played for Gloucestershire at Schools 16-Group level, Colts and Under-21s before making his full debut against Hertfordshire last year. His representative honour also include South-West Colts and Under-21s and other sporting distinctions feature his appearances for Gloucester Second XI at cricket. This is his first match at Twickenham. He is a maintenance engineer with Petlon Polymers, Lydney.



J. DAVIS (Lydney)

Scrum-Half. Born 1.10.68 in Lydney. 5ft 7in, 11st 10lb. Julian Davis, like his half back partner, was educated at Severn Bank Primary and Whitecross Comprehensive. He progressed to Brunel Technical College in Bristol and has an impressive series of representative honours. Has played for Gloucestershire at five Levels, starting with Schools 16-Group and appeared for England Colts and Under-21s, with divisional honours along the way, including bench selection for the full South-West team. Made his senior Gloucester debut for the side beaten 11-6 by Lancashire in the 1988 semi-final at Vale of Lune. One previous appearance at Twickenham. Has also played for Bristol (1988-92) and Gloucester (1992-94). He is a design draughtsman for Patchbridge Engineering Ltd., Monmouth, Gwent.



R.J. PHILLIPS (Cheltenham)

Loose-head prop. Born 22.1.59 in Gloucester. 5ft 11in, 17st. Robert John Phillips, who attended Tredworth Junior and Saintbridge Senior schools, comes from a family with rugby traditions, his grandfather and uncle both having played for the Gloucester club. 'Bob' made his county debut eight years ago. He played for Gloucestershire Colts and progressed to South-West B and the full divisional team. His senior playing career began with Gloucester in 1981 and after 12 years, he moved on to Pontypool for two seasons and was a member of the Welsh Development Squad, before returning to play in England. He is a supply operative-mobile inspector for Severn Trent Water, Cheltenham.



N. D. NELMES (Lydney)

Hooker. Born 11.9.66 in Lydney. 5ft 11in, 14st 12lb. Nicholas David Nelmès was educated at Bream Junior and Whitecross Comprehensive School and made his Gloucester debut against Somerset at Clifton in 1991. He had played for the county schools 16 and 18-Groups and represented Gloucestershire at Under-21 level, appearing in the 1987 final against Yorkshire at Twickenham. He captained Lydney, his club, who play in Courage League Five North, from 1992-93 onwards and has the benefit of playing in this final with his clubmate and scrum-half Julian Davis, who is among four Lydney representatives. He is a civil servant, employed as a tax inspector in Gloucester.

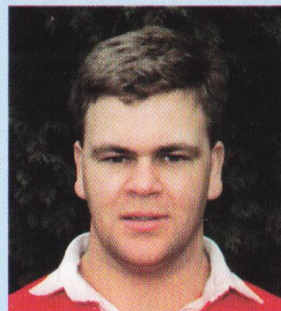
S. A. BALDWIN (Gloucester Old Boys)

Tight-head prop. Born 1.4.65 in Gloucester. 6ft, 16st 8lb. Simon Anthony Baldwin, who was schooled at Widden Junior and Crypt Grammar in Gloucester, has a fraternal prop forward partnership at his Courage League South-West One club with Steve, who has also represented Gloucestershire. Simon played his first game for the county against Devon at Barnstaple three seasons ago and today packs down against Gareth Tregilgas, the Warwickshire captain. He is a sales representative for Joseph Griggs & Company Ltd., Timber Importers, Gloucester.



T. M. CLINK (Cheltenham)

Lock. Born 11.11.66 in Hillingdon, Greater London. 6ft. 4in, 17st 8lb. Timothy Michael Clink was educated at Charlton Kings Junior and Cheltenham Grammar, now renamed as Pate's. His representative honours include South-West Schools 16-Group, together with Gloucestershire Schools and Under-21s. Made his senior county debut against Devon at Lydney in October, 1994. Has yet to tread the Twickenham turf but has been a bench replacement in the Under-21s final against Yorkshire. A familiar sight on golfing greens, though, he plays for Gloucestershire with a handicap of two. Played rugby for Old Patesians (1985-86) before joining his present club. He is a self-employed independent financial adviser-director for Stirling Associates, Cheltenham.



J. BRAIN (Cheltenham)

Lock. Born 7.6.60 in Gloucester. 6ft 5in, 16st 10lb. John Brian, who was educated at King's, Gloucester, went on to obtain a law degree at Bristol Polytechnic (now University of West of England). Today, he plays his final match in a successful career which has included appearances for England Students, under-23s and the South-West. Played for Gloucester (1979-91) before spending two seasons with Bedford and then switching to Cheltenham. Has previously played three times at Twickenham, twice for Gloucester against Harlequins and then in the 1990 Pilkington Cup Final against Bath. He is principal trading standards officer for Gloucester County Council, based in Gloucester.



A. KNOX (Lydney)

Flanker. Born 8.10.66 in Gloucester. 5ft 10in, 15st. Adrian Knox attended Bream Junior and Whitecross Comprehensive School, Lydney. He has a full range of representative honour at schools, colts and under-21s levels for Gloucestershire and the South-West and was a non-travelling reserve for an England Colts tour of Canada. Captained Gloucestershire Under-21s in the final against Yorkshire and scored a try. Joined Lydney after two seasons with Gloucester (1992-94) and his other sporting talents include cricket, being a member of the England Under-15 team and captaining Lydney in 1994. Winston Morris, his father-in-law holds the appearance record for Lydney RFC and brother-in-law Simon Morris plays for Gloucester. He is a self-employed carpenter.

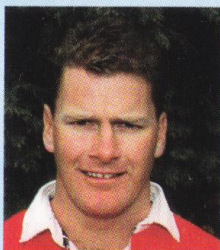


I. S. PATTEN (Coventry)

No. 8. Born 31.5.70 in Bristol. 6ft 5in, 16st. Ian Stuart Pattern was educated at Deerswood Primary, Kingsfield School and Soundwell Technical College, all in Kingswood, Bristol. He joined Coventry from Bristol last October, having played for the West Country club from 1987, when he was a colt. Has represented Gloucester at that level, played for their Under-21s and appeared for the full South-West team. Made his county debut against Somerset in 1990 and has played twice at Tickenham in the Middlesex Sevens (1994-95). He is a technical assistant at the Royal Bank of Scotland, Bristol.



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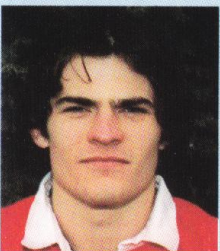
P. T. STANLAKE (Cheltenham)

Fullback/Fly-half. Born 6.3.68 in St. Austell, Cornwall. 5ft 11in, 13st 6lb. Philip Thomas Stanlake was schooled at Biscovey Junior, Fowey Comprehensive and St Austell VI Form College before extending his studies at College of St Paul & St Mary, Cheltenham. Made his debut for Gloucestershire in the 34-10 win over Oxfordshire at Banbury last December, having previously represented Cornwall and Gloucestershire Under-21s. Has represented English Colleges and played for St Austell (1980-86) but has yet to sample the unique atmosphere of appearing at Twickenham. He is head of physical education at Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester.



I. MORGAN (Cinderford)

Centre. Born 6.3.68 in Gloucester. 5ft 8in, 12st 7lb. Ian Morgan, who was schooled at Latimer Junior and Heywood Secondary, both in Cinderford, had higher education at Gloucester College of Art & Technology. Played for the Welsh Exiles, as well as for Gloucestershire Colts, Under-21s, including a Twickenham final against Yorkshire, and the senior side. Has also represented the South-West Under-21s. He has been the South-West senior judo champion for three years and won two bronze medals at the British National Championships. He is a computer aided design engineer with Rehaul, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.



G. SHIPTON (Stroud)

Scrum-half. Born 2.11.71 in Stroud. 5ft 7in, 12st. Giles Shipton was educated at Woodchester Primary and Marling Grammar School, Stroud before further studies at Stroud Technical College and Cardiff University. He played for Florida in the U.S.A., while living there, having appeared for Gloucestershire Colts and Under-21s. Made his senior debut for the county four years ago in the special match to celebrate Drybrook's Centenary. Has also represented his county at athletics, cross-country, swimming and soccer. Joined his present club from Clifton this season. He is a quality engineer for Automold Ltd., Stroud.



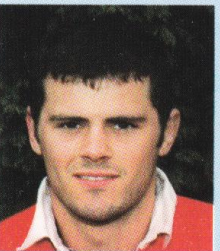
K. A. A. KOCERHAN (Berry Hill)

Prop. Born 3.5.71 in Gloucester. 6ft, 17st. Karl Andrew Alan Kocerhan was schooled at Harewood Junior and Beaufort in Tuffley, Gloucester, before studying at Gloucester College of Art and Technology. A former England Under-21 bench replacement, he made his Gloucestershire senior debut against Oxfordshire at Banbury last November, having represented the county colts and Under-21s. Played for Gordon League (1988-94) and had a brief spell with the Gloucester club. He is a self-employed electrician with Thorndale Electrical, G.C.H.Q., Cheltenham.



J. P. COLE (Gloucester Old Boys)

Hooker. Born 3.12.63 in Gloucester. 5ft 10in, 14st 3lb. Jeffrey Paul Cole was educated at Moat Junior and Saintbridge, in Gloucester. A former county schools player, he made his debut for the full county side two years ago and has made one on-field appearance as a replacement this season. A former Stroud and Coney Hill player, he is now in his third year with Gloucester Old Boys, who have competed in the Pilkington Cup for the past two seasons as Gloucestershire champions. He is an accident repair, body and paint supervisor, for Baylis, of Gloucester.



R. T. REES (Lydney)

Back row. Born 1.8.72 in Cardiff. 6ft 4in, 14st. Robert Thomas Rees furthered his education at Seale-Hayne Agricultural College, Newton Abbot after attending St. Teilo's High School in Cardiff. He made his Gloucestershire debut in the 21-6 opening win this season over Hertfordshire before the county went on to amass 116 points for, with 49 against, in their five victories leading to today's final. He is a farmer at Box Farm, Newnham, on the edge of the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.



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Jerseys
Sky Blue

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 P.T. STANLAKE
(Cheltenham)
- 17 I. MORGAN
(Cinderford)
- 18 G. SHIPTON
(Stroud)
- 19 K.A.A. KOCERHAN
(Berry Hill)
- 20 J.P. COLE
(Gloucester Old Boys)
- 21 R.T. REES
(Lydney)

REFEREE

B. CAMPSALL
(RFU/Yorkshire)

T. J. SMITH <i>(Gloucester)</i>	FULL BACK	15	A. R. PARTON <i>(Henley)</i>
J. R. PERRINS <i>(Gloucester)</i>	RIGHT WING	14	J. S. MINSHULL <i>(Kenilworth)</i>
D. A. EDWARDS <i>(Berry Hill)</i>	CENTRE	13	M. CURTIS <i>(Coventry)</i>
L. OSBORNE <i>(Gloucester)</i>	CENTRE	12	M. W. PALMER <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
D. MORGAN <i>(Cheltenham)</i>	LEFT WING	11	D. WATSON <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
R. MILLS <i>(Lydney)</i>	STAND OFF	10	M. D. GALLAGHER <i>(Nottingham)</i>
J. DAVIS <i>(Lydney)</i>	SCRUM-HALF	9	M. WARR <i>(Sale)</i>
R. J. PHILLIPS <i>(Cheltenham)</i>	PROP	1	G. J. TREGILGAS <i>(Coventry) Capt.</i>
N. D. NELMES <i>(Lydney)</i>	HOOKER	2	R. L. BURDETT <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
S. A. BALDWIN <i>(Gloucester Old Boys)</i>	PROP	3	S. T. REVAN <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
T. M. CLINK <i>(Cheltenham)</i>	LOCK	4	S. D. SMITH <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
J. BRAIN <i>(Cheltenham)</i>	LOCK	5	P. J. BOWMAN <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
A. KNOX <i>(Lydney)</i>	FLANKER	6	M. R. ELLIS <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
A. A. STANLEY <i>(Gloucester) Capt.</i>	FLANKER	7	S. M. CARTER <i>(Rugby Lions)</i>
I. S. PATTEN <i>(Coventry)</i>	No. 8	8	M. S. FOUNTAINE <i>(Bristol)</i>



Jerseys
Red/White

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 S.J. BAKER
(Rugby Lions)
- 17 S.M.A. REID
(Nuneaton)
- 18 N. RILEY
(Kenilworth)
- 19 A.M. GILLOOLY
(Rugby Lions)
- 20 R. MILNER
(Rugby Lions)
- 21 A. RUDDLESDIN
(Long Buckby)

TOUCH JUDGES

K. BEAUMONT
(RFU)
D. HUDSON
(RFU)

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County Championships Final Flashbacks

14th March 1931

Goucestershire 10-9 Warwickshire

Gloucestershire, the championship holders, were given a stiff early examination at Kingsholm by Warwickshire, who were making their first county final appearance. Inspired by their Coventry halves, Warwickshire led 6-0 through two first-half tries before powerful runs by Maurice McCanlis led to a couple of Gloucestershire tries, both converted by Harold Boughton, after the interval. The losers failed to land three goal kicks which would have added seven points to their score.

Gloucestershire: H J Boughton (Gloucester), K Dowling (Bristol), M A McCanlis (Gloucester), D W Burland (Bristol), C A Osborne (Cheltenham), W Thomas (Lydney), C B Carter (Bristol), F Wadley (Gloucester), J S Tucker (Bristol), A D Carpenter (Gloucester), R N Williams (St Bart's Hosp), P G Lambert (Bristol), L E Saxby (Gloucester), J Davies (Gloucester), K Salmon (Cross Keys).

Warwickshire: H J Davies (Rugby), H E W Smith (Rugby), T P Mayo (Coventry), C Harriman (Coventry), S H Bonham (Coventry), W E Lole (Coventry), A Gascoigne (Coventry), F Ford (Coventry), R S Roberts (Coventry), A Walker (Coventry), T Coulson (Coventry), H F Wheatley (Coventry), N C Marr (Rugby), A Rowley (Coventry), P E Dunkley (Harlequins).

Scorers: McCanlis and Saxby scored tries and Boughton converted both for Gloucestershire. Ford and Smith scored tries for Warwickshire and Bonham kicked a penalty goal.

11th April 1959

Warwickshire 14-9 Gloucestershire

This match, played in drizzle on a muddy Memorial Ground at Bristol, was a real thriller. George Cole missed two early penalty kicks at goal before Warwickshire opened the scoring with a try by Ricky Melville, their left-wing. Gloucestershire, however, replied with two penalties followed by a try by Lawrence Watts and reached the interval nursing a well-deserved 9-3 lead. Thereafter, Warwickshire's pack gradually took control. Revelling in the heavy conditions, they closed the deficit with a pushover try which Cole converted. Then the same player edged his side 11-9 ahead with a penalty before Melville rounded off the scoring with his second try.

Warwickshire: D R Cook (Coventry), P E Jackson (Coventry), G P D Morris (Coventry), J A Pargetter (Moseley), J R Melville (Coventry), C A Hewitt (Cardiff), G Cole (Coventry), P E Judd (Coventry), H O Godwin (Coventry), M R McLean (Coventry), J Price (Coventry), T A Pargetter (Moseley), S J Purdy (Rugby), J F Gardiner (Coventry), R F Batstone (Coventry).

Gloucestershire: J W Sheen (Gloucester), M G Ellery (Bristol), L D Watts (Bristol & Oxford University), J Radford (Bristol), T W Jones (Bristol), A Holder (Gloucester), M Booth (Gloucester), G W Hastings (Gloucester), J D Thorne (Bristol), R Fowke (Stroud), B J Green (Gloucester), D W Neate (Bristol), T E Base (Bristol), G Cripps (Bristol), R A M Whyte (Harlequins).

Scorers: Melville scored two tries and there was a pushover try for Warwickshire; Cole converted one and kicked a penalty goal. Watts scored a try and Cripps kicked two penalty goals for Gloucestershire.

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Gloucestershire 11-6 Warwickshire

David Duckham put the favourites, Warwickshire, in front after 16 minutes with a splendid touchline run for a try which Peter Rossborough converted. Gloucestershire though, runners-up in both 1970 and 1971, were determined to avoid a hat-trick of final defeats. Alan Morley, with a try before half-time, and Eric Stephens, with a penalty goal after the interval when Warwickshire strayed offside, put the underdogs 7-6 ahead. Finally, the Gloucestershire contingent among the crowd at Coundon Road went berserk when Charlie Hannaford charged over for a try.

Gloucestershire: P M Knight (Bristol), A J Morley (Bristol), R Jardine (Gloucester), J R Gabitass (Bristol), E J F Stephens (Gloucester), R L Redwood (Cheltenham), J A Cannon (Clifton), R J Cowling (Gloucester), J V Pullin (Bristol), M A Burton (Gloucester), D E J Watt (Bristol), A Brinn (Gloucester), R Smith (Gloucester), R C Hannaford (Bristol), D M Rollitt (Bristol).

Warwickshire: P A Rossborough (Coventry), D J Duckham (Coventry), G W Evans (Coventry), R E Griffiths (Coventry), R E Webb (Coventry), P S Preece (Coventry), C Gifford (Coventry), K E Fairbrother (Coventry), J D Gray (Coventry), G J Creed (Coventry), M Ford (Nuneaton), B F Ninnes (Coventry), T Cowell (Rugby), J Barton (Coventry), B Holt (Coventry).

Scorers: Morley and Hannaford scored tries; Stephens kicked a penalty goal for Gloucestershire. Rossborough converted a try by Duckham for Warwickshire.