



**County Championship
Semi-Final
1990-91**

CORNWALL v WARWICKSHIRE
Saturday, 2nd February, 1991
K.O. : 2.15 p.m. at Redruth RFC



CORNWALL RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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CORNWALL

* International



(Colours : Black & Gold)

- (15) K. THOMAS (Plymouth Albion)
- (14) A. MEAD (Plymouth Albion)
(13) C. ALCOCK (Camborne & Royal Navy) Captain
(12) G. CHAMPION (D. & C. Police)
(11) M. CHATTERTON (Exeter)

- (10) W. PETERS (St. Ives)
(9) R. NANCEKIVELL (Northampton)

- (1) J. MAY (Redruth)
(2) * G. DAWE (Bath)
(3) R. KEAST (Redruth)
(4) M. WESSON (Plymouth Albion)
(5) A. REED (Bath)
(6) G. WILLIAMS (Redruth)
(7) A. BICK (Plymouth Albion)
(8) J. ATKINSON (St. Ives)

Replacements:

- (16) S. WHITWORTH (Redruth)
(17) K. PLUMMER (Bath)
(18) A. ELLERY (St. Mary's Hospital)
(19) B. ANDREW (Camborne)
(20) P. THOMASON (Redruth)
(21) A. CURTIS (Redruth)

Touch Judge: (No. 1) J.D. Rees (RFU)

Full Back

Threequarters
Right - Wing - Left
Right - Centre - Left
Left - Centre - Right
Left - Wing - Right

Half-Backs

Stand Off
Scrum

Forwards

Prop
Hooker
Prop
Lock
Lock
Blind Side
Open Side
No. 8

Referee:

A.J. Spreadbury
(RFU Panel)

WARWICKSHIRE

(Colours : Red & White Quarters)



- (15) S. REID (Nuneaton)

- (11) D. WATSON (Rugby)
(12) R. HENSLEY (Rugby)
(13) M. PALMER (Rugby)
(14) K. SHAW (Coventry)

- (10) S. VAUDIN (Rugby)
(9) S. THOMAS (Coventry) Captain

- (1) G. TREGILGAS (Coventry)
(2) A. FARRINGTON (Coventry)
(3) R. HARDWICK (Coventry)
(4) J. HYDE (Coventry)
(5) S. SMITH (Coventry)
(6) S. CARTER (Nuneaton)
(7) K. HICKEY (Coventry)
(8) I. PICKUP (Coventry)

Replacements:

- (16) J. WILLIAMSON (Leamington)
(17) S. BURNS (Nuneaton)
(18) N. MAPLETOFT (Rugby)
(19) R. MILNER (Nuneaton)
(20) J. PIPE (Nuneaton)
(21) T. GULLIVER (Coventry)

Touch Judge: P. Kingham (RFU)

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Some Cornish games to remember
Colin Gregory, of The Western Morning News

Two years ago most of us were in this very ground, cheering to the rafters after a wonderful victory over Warwickshire which took us to the County Championship final. It was a wonderful experience at Twickenham, but I think my most vivid memory of that season was the scene when Cornwall won the semi-final. Ten—nil at half-time, Cornwall added another penalty and then held out against the Warwickshire onslaught to win 13—10. There were players, supporters and selectors with tears in their eyes.

Today is only the fifth time Cornwall and Warwickshire have met, and all have been fairly close games. The occasion previous to the 1989 semi-final was a friendly at Redruth in 1980 which the home side won 28—19. Camborne full-back Derek Taylor scoring 20 points in the process.

The counties first met in the 1958 final at Coventry. Special trains took the Cornish to the Midlands on that cold March day, and there were 5,000 Cornishmen in the Coundon Road ground an hour before the start. Warwickshire, with nine Coventry players and several internationals, took the title by 16 points to eight, against a team which included our present chairman of selectors Bonzo Johns and former chairman Mike Jenkin.

Four years later, travelling to Coventry again, Cornwall came up against the best county pack in England. Bonzo Johns, Stack Stevens, Richard Sharp and Derek Prout were among those in the Cornish side, but Warwickshire won 8—0.

We have had a lot of enjoyment in the run-up to today's game. The Hertfordshire ground at Croxley Green can never have seen a sight quite like the Falmouth Marine Band marching towards it. The week afterwards many of us made the abortive trip through the snow to Newbury, where there were more people gathered for a game that never took place than the Berkshire people ever saw for a prime fixture.

Returning home in a bus in which the wiper motor had failed, and the blades were operated by string is something I will never forget. One person stood by the driver's window and another by the door to operate the wipers with a length of string to keep the windscreen clear through the snow and rain back to Cornwall. When someone asked why the bus stopped outside Exeter the reply came: "The string broke".

Cornwall have seldom played better than in the win over Middlesex here at Redruth, and then this home semi-final was clinched with a solid display in terrible conditions in the re-arranged game against Berkshire. We have certainly seen some good rugby from our boys this season, and had some fun in the bargain.

With the honours two-all between the counties at the moment, let's hope the fifth game between Warwickshire and Cornwall is one which gives us equal pleasure. Who knows, instead of battling through the snow, we might have another trip to sunny Twickenham.