



# **GLOUCESTER R. F. C.**



**CANADA 1980**

**TOUR PARTY PROFILE**



**Alan Brinn. Age 39 — Tour Manager**

A Lock forward who played for Gloucester, Gloucestershire and England. Currently chairman of selectors.  
*Occupation:— Sports goods outfitter.*

*Alan Brinn*



**George Edmunds. Age 37 — Team Manager**

A Lock forward who played for Gloucester until back injury forced an early retirement. Currently team secretary.  
*Occupation:— Transport Manager.*

*George Edmunds*



**Jim Bennett. Age 45 — Committee.**

A No. 8 who played many years as captain of Lydney. Currently an active committee man with the accent on advertising.  
*Occupation:— Director of Catering Company.*

*Jim Bennett*



**Tom Durkin. Age 52 — Club Doctor**

He used to play football for Wolverhampton Wanderers as an amateur but now specialises in sports injuries.  
*Occupation:— G.P.*

*Tom Durkin*



**Ian Wilkins. Age 25 — Full Back**

An exciting runner who has also played outside half. He represented Gloucestershire in the 1978 county final and has played for English universities.

*Occupation:— Teacher.*

*Ian Wilkins*



**Ron Etheridge. Age 28 — Full Back**

A versatile player who has played many times for Gloucester and Gloucestershire, and has had a trial for Scotland.

*Occupation:— Policeman*

*Ron Etheridge*



**Paul Ford. Age 20 — Full Back**

He is in his first full season with the club and has played for Gloucester Colts, Gloucestershire Colts, South West Colts and is an England Colts trialist.

*Paul Ford*



**Bob Clewes. Age 30 — Right Wing**

The current Gloucester captain, he has made many appearances for club and county including county finals and two John Player Cup Finals. He toured South Africa with the county side in 1976.

Occupation:— *Building Supervisor*



**Paul Williams. Age 27 — Right Wing.**

An ex Bristol university student, he has made many first team appearances and is also versatile enough to play at centre and outside half.

Occupation:— *Dentist* *Paul Williams*



**Paul Tunstall. Age 22 — Left Wing**

A very fast player who gained his first team place this season. He has also played for Gloucester Colts, Gloucestershire Colts and England Colts.

Occupation:— *Engineer* *Paul Tunstall*



**Jim Delaney. Age 24 — Left Wing**

A strong running player who was an England Colt. He has played for the first team on several occasions.

Occupation:— *Engineer*

*Jim Delaney*



**Padraig Conway. Age 24 — Right Wing**

A fast, direct running winger in his second season with the club who is a product of the Cheltenham schools side.

Occupation:— *Civil Engineer*

*Padraig Conway*



**Kieran Conway. Age 26 — Centre**

A skillful player who has suffered from injury this season and has just resumed playing.

Occupation:— *Teacher*

*Kieran Conway*



**Richard Jardine. Age 29 — Centre**

An experienced player who has represented club and county many times, including county finals and John Player Cup finals. He toured South Africa with the county in 1976 and has played for the England 'B' team and British Police.

Occupation:— *Policeman*

*Richard Jardine*



**Paul Keegan. Age 22 — Centre/Wing.**

A young player in his first season with the club who is a product of Old Patesians R.F.C. in Cheltenham.

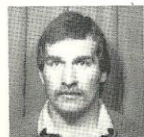
Occupation:— Computer Programmer



**Russell Ellis. Age 20 — Centre**

A hefty, strong running centre who captained both Gloucester and Gloucestershire Colts last season and also played for South West Colts. He is an England Colts trialist.

Occupation:— Camera Operator



**David Pointon. Age 28 — Centre**

A strong, experienced player who has made many appearances for club and county, including county finals.

Occupation:— Teacher



**Brian Russell. Age 24 — Outside Half**

An all round footballer and an accomplished goal kicker. He has played regularly for the first team this season and also made his debut for Gloucestershire.

Occupation:— Water Board Engineer



**Colyn Price. Age 22 — Outside Half**

A former England Colt, he joined the club recently from Lydney RFC and has had several games for the first team.

Occupation:— Insurance Agent



**Steve Baker. Age 20 — Scrum Half**

A former Gloucester Colt and England Schoolboy International, he has held a regular first team place this season as well as being a county reserve.

Occupation:— Insurance Official



**Tony Durkin. Age 22 — Scrumhalf**

He has played at Schoolboy level for the county Under 15 and Under 19 teams and has represented South West Schoolboys.

Occupation:— Assistant Aviculturist



**Gordon Sargent. Age 29 — Prop**

He has played several seasons with Gloucester and is the current vice-captain. He is an England trialist and has been travelling replacement for all four international matches this season as well as representing and touring with the county to South Africa in 1976.

Occupation:— Insurance Agent

*Gordon Sargent*



**Alan Brooks. Age 24 — Prop**

A mobile forward who joined the club from Lydney. He has already made numerous first team appearances and is a former England Colt.

Occupation:— Water Board Engineer

*A D Brooks*



**Steve Ashmead. Age 19 — Prop**

A product of Gloucester Colts who played for the County Colts, South West Colts and was an England Colts replacement.

Occupation:— Technical Illustrator

*Steve Ashmead*



**Malcolm Preedy. Age 19 — Prop**

A former Gloucester Colt who has had first team experience already. He has been travelling reserve for the county side and is in this season's England Under 23 squad.

Occupation:— Fitter

*Malcolm Preedy*



**Dennis McGill. Age 32 — Prop**

He has played for Stroud and Cheltenham as well as Gloucester in a varied career. An ideal clubman who has played several times for the first team.

Occupation:— Fireman

*D McGill*



**Steve Mills. Age 29 — Hooker**

He is rated the second choice hooker in England and has been a travelling reserve for the England team for the past two seasons! He has played many games for Gloucester, Gloucestershire and Barbarians.

Occupation:— Insurance Computer Operator

*Steve Mills*



**Kevin White. Age 21 — Hooker**

A former Gloucester, Gloucestershire and South West Colt and was an England Colt replacement. He has had first team experience and is a very mobile forward.

Occupation:— Decorator

*Kevin White*





**Fred Reed. Age 31 — Hooker**

A very experienced player, he has represented club and county for many seasons. He toured South Africa in 1976 with the county side.

Occupation:— *Personnel Officer*



**Adrian Turton. Age 30 — Lock Forward**

He played for both Stroud RFC and Cheltenham RFC before joining Gloucester and has also represented the county.

Occupation:— *Teacher*



**Jerry Herniman. Age 28 — Lock/No. 8**

The current second team captain who has a lot of first team experience. He has also represented British Police.

Occupation:— *Policeman*



**Phil Winnel. Age 31 — Lock Forward**

He is an experienced player over a number of seasons. He has played for the first team many times and toured the U.S.A. with the club in 1977.

Occupation:— *Self Employed Dairyman*



**John Brain. Age 19 — Lock Forward**

A former Gloucester Colt who is in his first season with the club. He has played for the first team on several occasions and in the Polytechnic final for Bristol Poly against Polytechnic of Wales.

Occupation:— *Student*



**John Gadd. Age 20 — Flanker**

A product of Gloucester Colts, who has played several times for the first team this season. He learnt his early rugby in New Zealand.

Occupation:— *Electrical Apprentice*



**Mike Longstaff. Age 25 — Flanker**

Originally joining the club as a three quarter, he has made a successful switch to the forwards. He is an all round footballer and an accomplished goal kicker.

Occupation:— *Tax Inspector*



**Viv Wooley. Age 26 — Flanker**

He has played many first team games and was a member of the John Player Cup winning team of 1978. He was also selected for the England Under 23 squad.

Occupation:— Production Manager



**John Haines. Age 29 — Flanker**

He has played many times for club and county, including county finals and against major touring sides. He toured South Africa with the county in 1976.

Occupation:— Self Employed Butcher



**Mark Calvert. Age 20 — Flanker**

A strong young player in his first full season with the club. He has also played for Gloucester, Gloucestershire and South West Colts.

Occupation:— Policeman



**Paul Wood. Age 26 — Flanker**

An all action player who has been a regular first team member for the last two seasons. He played for Gloucestershire against Lancashire in this year's county final.

Occupation:— Builder



**Mike Teague. Age 20 — No. 8**

A former Gloucester and county Colt who joined the club this season and has already played a number of games for the first team.

Occupation:— Water Board Engineer

The city of Gloucester, with its population these days of some 100,000, is said to be famous for its Cathedral, elvers and rugger, though not necessarily in that order. Elvers, peculiar to the River Severn, are essentially a piscatorial delicacy in the spring time for those natives of Gloucester and the surrounding area, which is why the club and its fervent supporters are sometimes known as the "Elver-eaters".

Rugby football in Gloucester is virtually a religion and has been since the club was founded in 1873; and its famous ground, Kingsholm, is regarded with almost the same reverence as the Cathedral. Gloucester is probably the only city in England where the handling code takes complete priority among its sporting population during the long winter months.

Gloucester, whose many achievements in their long history include that of being the first ever winners of the Rugby Union national club knockout, in 1972, a feat they repeated two years ago, can also claim to have the most dedicated and fervent supporters in the country.

Perhaps those devoted followers felt that their champions had let them down last season when they not only failed in the John Player Cup but scored less points — 798 — than in any season since 1970-71. Yet how many clubs would feel depressed over a record of 35 wins and two drawn matches, with only 11 lost?

Moreover, the Cherry and Whites again topped the South-West merit table and recorded several memorable victories, including "doubles" over Coventry and Newport, despite the fact that county matches as usual deprived them of key players in the earlier part of the season and a mounting injury list added to their problems in the closing months.