

PONTYPOOL PARK GLOUCESTER

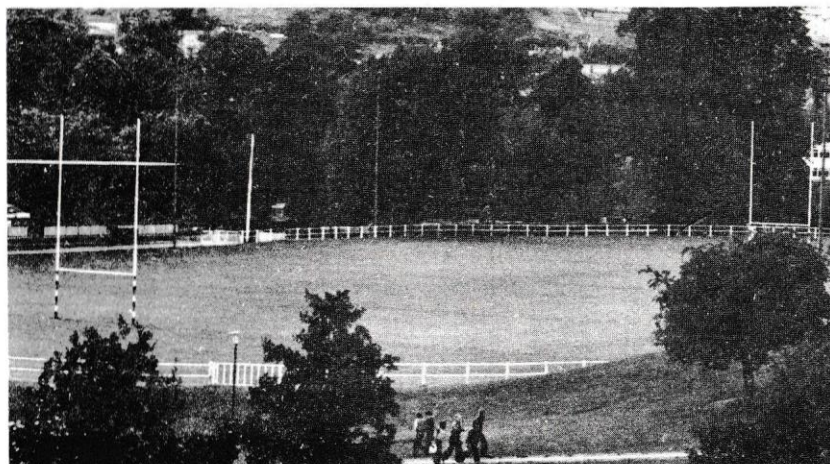
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versus

PONTYPOOL

WEDNESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 1980

A WARM WELCOME TO PONTYPOOL PARK



For tonight's game we extend a warm welcome to the Gloucester team, officials and supporters to Pontypool Park.

Gloucester are always popular visitors in Wales and especially here at Pontypool and they usually give Pontypool one of their toughest games of the season.

A talented back division includes England Under 23 international centre Richard Mogg, who must be in the minds of the England selectors for this season's international series; whilst the seige gun kicking of Peter Butler is a threat to any opposing side. Other prominent members of this back division are wing Bob Clewes, Paul Howell who has played at centre and scrum half, and England scrum half Peter Kingston.

Up front, Gloucester can field a strong front row in England prop, Phil Blakeway and last season's England replacements Gordon Sargent and Steve Mills. In the second row, England Under 23 international Steve Boyle continues to impress, together with his partner John Fidler and John Watkins in the back row.

Last season, Pontypool gained one of their best victories of the season when they won at Kingsholm by 11 points to 6.

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SCORERS TO DATE

	A	T	C	D	P	Pts.
P. Lewis	12	123	0	22	116	
P. Blight	8	4	3			25
S. Evans	10	5				20
D. Hussey	7	5				20
N. Osborne	9	5				20
C. Huish	5	5				20
T. Cobner	11	5				20
E. Butler	9	4				16
P. Crabtree	2		3	1	9	
C. Morgan	6			3	9	
G. Davies	6	2				8
L. Faulkner	9	2				8
N. Probert	10	2				8
N. Wilks	11	2				8
J. Davies	4	1				4
J. Roydon	2	1				4
Staff Jones	10	1				4
J. Perkins	12	1				4
J. Squire	4	1				4
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P. Lewis	PPPP	15
S. Evans		14
N. Probert		13
D. Hussey		12
P. Crabtree		11
P. Blight		10
S. Cannon		9
Staff Jones		1
S. Jones		2
M. Crowley		3
J. Perkins		4
S. Sutton		5
J. Squire (Capt.)		6
E. Butler		8
T. Cobner	HWS	7

Replacements:
C. Huish
N. Wilks
G. Davies



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P. Ford	PC	15
P. Conway		14
P. Taylor		13
S. Parsloe	X	12
P. Tunstall		11
C. Price		10
S. Baker		9
P. Blakeway		1
S. Mills		2
A. Brooks		3
S. Boyle	T	4
J. Orwin		5
J. Gadd	T	6
M. Teague		8
M. Longstaff		7

Replacements:
K. White
P. Kingston

Referee: K. Rowlands, Ynysybwl.
Next Home Match: Oxford, 25th October

IN TOUCH

When Aberavon deservedly beat Pontypool recently, to take the long standing ground record, it was noticed that Terry Cobner, who was skipper for the night, came in for a fair amount of criticism when he asked Phil Blight to take a couple of kicks at goal. However, at the time he asked him to take these kicks, Peter Lewis was suffering with a leg injury having had a kick on his leg a little earlier and he had turned down the kicks. As for the matter of running lap penalties when kicks at goal could be taken, if a side takes a successful kick at goal, then play obviously restarts at half way and then a different pattern of play can emerge, so it is not always a case of one successful kick leading to another.

So as much as we were perhaps looking for excuses in defeat, Aberavon were the better side on the night.


Another Pontypool player made his hundredth appearance for the club recently. He is Steve Sutton who reached this milestone against Maesteg. Well done Steve!

The Youth side are having a really good season after finishing last season with a winning flourish. They have settled down into one of the best Youth teams in the area, and one man who must take a lot of credit for this, is coach Lyn Davies who has instilled discipline and teamwork into his team. Keep up the good work Lyn, the Youth team and your hard working committee.

DO YOU REMEMBER...?

When Pontypool played Gloucester here at the Park ten season's ago, the result was a 3-3 draw. Elwyn Harcombe kicked a penalty for Pontypool.

Pontypool's team that night was: B. Herbert, F. Phillips, R. Davies, M. Davies, G. Hughes, E. Harcombe, L. Walby, M. Williams, A. Talbot, G. Price, R. Williams, S. Fry, M. Harrington, J. Davies and T. Cobner (Capt.)



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