

The Headingley Football Club



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versus

Gloucester

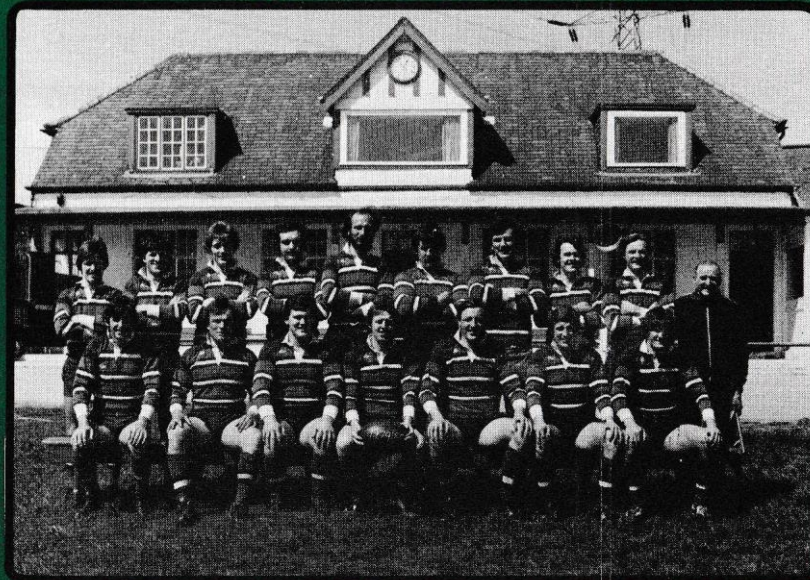
Saturday, 11th April

1981

Official Programme

15p

Clarence Field Kirkstall Leeds



HEADINGLEY versus GLOUCESTER

We offer a special welcome to Gloucester who this afternoon, for the first time in their distinguished history, play a match in Yorkshire. We hope they will enjoy themselves.

Their playing record shows 34 victories from 45 games, with a points total of 831, and whilst this is a most impressive record they do not rate it a vintage season as they have not progressed as far as usual in the John Player Cup. Gloucester have a young side as witnessed by the fact that four of their players are involved in today's England U-23 game. Nevertheless they bring seven county players and two internationals, Peter Kingston and Gordon Sargent. Their hooker, Steve Mills, has been a regular replacement for England and is to tour the Argentine this summer. All in all we are in for one of our hardest games of the season, and it is to be hoped that with the pressures of Merit Table qualification and the Yorkshire Cup behind us, we can relax and provide a memorable performance.

Recent form has been mixed indeed. On an appalling day we lost 7-9 to Liverpool. Our first half performance suggested a comfortable victory but Liverpool took the second half and although the result could have gone either way we lost what might have been a vital Merit Table match. 1T Goatman, 1P Philpot.

A much improved display saw us beat New Brighton 31-4. Tries: Philpot, Goatman, Smith, the late Hugh Robinson. Apprentice kickers Philpot (1C 3P), and the text book Adam Machell (2C) added to the interest.

We won our Yorkshire Cup first round match against Old Crossleyans 10-0. The first half went our way almost entirely, but a try by Hugh Robinson was our only score. In the second half, Crossleyans dominated the possession and although Peter Winterbottom scored a try, converted by David Norton, we were not impressive.

In our second round tie, Sheffield were comprehensively beaten 22-3, and we looked set for a good run. Scorers: 1T 1P Philpot, 1T Harrison, 1T Riozzi, 1T Mulligan, 1DG Norton.

Last Saturday at Northampton we showed the effects of too much football and suffered our biggest defeat of the season, losing 0-35 to a side who were much sharper on the day. Whatever the reason we cannot afford such results against prestige opposition. However our spirits were lifted by the fact that Otley's defeat at Orrell ensured our re-entry to next season's Merit Table.

One of our biggest disappointments of the season came last Tuesday when we lost 6-9 to Halifax in the Yorkshire Cup. For an hour we were fully in control but apart from two penalties by Peter Philpot the points were missing and once Halifax had crept into the lead, nothing we tried could produce the vital score. Perhaps five games in ten days was too much for us, or perhaps we failed to stretch Halifax enough when we were getting our best possession, but it was a sad end to our hopes of qualifying for the John Player Cup next year.

Despite this set back we still have four games in which to make this our best season ever. Today's side shows one change with Mike Beaumont replacing Jim Panter who is unavailable. Overall it has been an outstanding satisfactory season in which we have achieved our main objective, and we wish the side well in striving for 30 victories.



JUNIOR TEAM REPORTS

FOURTH XV by Tim West

After a poor start to 1981, losing three games out of five in January, we have only lost one since, to Ripon II. Our most notable victory was 4-0 over Market Rasen II, due to a well taken Gary Medforth try. Down to 13 men (thanks to Bob Birkenshaw who substituted from the 1st team crowd). The defence of Ron MacKenzie's pack made Rorke's Drift look like a tea party. We have had three notable coach trips, to Waterloo, Sheffield University and Wharfedale. The games were all won, but we lost Paul Thielle's Socks, my Trousers, Gary Medforth's Eyebrows, and Jeremy Nunn. We now have a settled core, all enjoying themselves, have run in 41 tries since Christmas, and are looking forward to the last three games of the season.

SIXTH XV by David Wakefield

The Sixth team started the new year not having lost since November the 1st. Two narrow defeats however, 4-10 to Bramley and 6-8 to Otley, quickly shattered any overconfident mood that existed and the winning way which has been a feature of the Sixth this season was restored with a 43-8 win over Yorkshire Copperworks.

The highlights of the year so far have been the trip to Lansdowne and the Test series with Otley. (The honours were shared with two wins each!) One moment of notoriety occurred when Peter Fisher was verbally attacked by an Otley second row whose use of all known expletives left nothing to the imagination. Peter responded by inquiring "I say, which school did you go to?" Plus SIXTH v LANSDOWNE

Following our trip to Dublin, many questions were left unanswered. Did Kitch really go 72 hours without sleep? Did he really attend mass with Tony O'Reilly and just why did the police escort him on board ship when the rest of the team had given him up for good.

The match with Lansdowne was a game of two halves. Trailing 6-0 at half-time (2 pens) we put the opposition under tremendous pressure, and when Nick Arundel crashed over for a try in the corner the stage was set for a grandstand finish.

Unfortunately the opportunity to wrap up the game was lost when a penalty attempt late in the second half narrowly drifted wide of the posts. In the dying minutes the Lansdowne winger broke away and sealed a 12-4 result which did not reflect the balance of play.

Our thanks go to Lansdowne for a wonderful reception and also to Billy Torney for arranging the fixture in the first place. We look forward to a return at Headingley.

UNDER 17 & UNDER 16 by Peter Hirst

UNDER 17

The side continues to put in some creditable performances with good wins against Otley and West Park Bramhope and narrow defeats against Bingley and West Leeds. Individually, Neil Gemmill has been outstanding with good support from all members of the side, particularly Jeremy Coyle, Lance Thornton and Ian Johnson. However injuries to Stephen Thomson and Harold Barrett have later weakened the side.

UNDER 16

The under 16 XV, despite one or two adverse results continue to work hard and are showing improvements. A good win over Keighley when everything "clicked" holds well for the future. Andrew Dawson, Andrew Brown and Mick Armitage of the forwards and Philip Robinson, Mark Thornton, Mark Mills and Andrew Scott of the backs have proved the teams' outstanding players.

Wanderers, 3rd and 5th XV Reports will appear in the Coventry programme.



TEDDY'S TALES

Please note that our 7's Tournament, sponsored by the Skipton Building Society, takes place on 4th May. So far, entrants include Wakefield, Sheffield, Bradford, West Hartlepool, The Army, R.A.F. and, if Geoff Parker remembers, The Luddites.

Congratulations to Mike Mulligan, Jeremy Harrison, Jim Panter and Mike Tattersall on winning their 1st XV ties.

Congratulations also to the fourth team who under the splendid leadership of acting unpaid captain, Tim West, struck a blow for the true spirit of our game by hiring their own coach to travel to Upper Wharfedale.

Next season will start with a West Country tour when we will play Plymouth and Torquay on September 3rd and 5th respectively. The team and its supporters will be staying in the Torbay area, and interested parties should, after cancelling their existing holiday plans, contact Paul Stephens at Leeds 665959.

In answer to many queries members should know that our public address announcer is not, as has been suggested, John Snagg getting a bit of pin money, but Charles Hainsworth, Headingley's answer to David Jacobs.

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HEADINGLEY

(Green Black & White)

Full Back

15 C. GOATMAN *

Three-Quarter Backs

14 F. G. C. SMITH *

13 P. J. PHILPOT

12 A. M. LAYCOCK

11 M. MULLIGAN

Half Backs

10 D. M. NORTON * (capt.)

9 J. HARRISON

Forwards

1 A. J. MACHELL

2 T. C. SINCLAIR *

3 M. TATTERSALL

4 J. M. BEAUMONT

5 J. RIOZZI

6 R. T. A. JAZWINSKI

7 P. J. WINTERBOTTOM

8 K. HIGGINS *

Replacements

20 T. O'BRIEN

21 I. BOYDE

GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15 P. FORD

Three-Quarter Backs

14 P. CONWAY

13 P. TAYLOR *

12 S. PARSLOE *

11 R. MOGG *

Half Backs

10 C. PRYCE

9 P. KINGSTON †

Forwards

1 G. SARGENT †

2 S. MILLS *

3 A. BROOKS

4 S. BOYLE *

5 J. BRAIN

6 J. HAINES *

7 M. LONGSTAFF

8 J. ORWIN *

Replacements

16

17

† International

* County

Referee: Mr. F. A. HOWARD (Liverpool Society)



DATES TO NOTE

April

18 First XV v Rugby

18 Clubhouse Dance

20 First XV v Coventry

26 Wine & Cheese Party and Supercouple Competition

May

4 Headingley 7's

June

25 Annual General Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

September

3/5 West Country Tour



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