Bridgend Rugby Football Club

Brewery Field

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v

GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 30th January, 1982
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

PROGRAMME

20p
Today's Teams and Programme Notes—W.A.D. Lawrie

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to one of the leading sides in England—GLOUCESTER, currently enjoying one of their best seasons for many years. Their record speaks for itself—Passed 28, Won 24, Drawn 1, Lost 3, Points for 926, Against 498.

I am indebted to ANDREW WISE (Rugby Reporter of the Gloucester Journal) for his very helpful information for programme notes.

This year's captain is hooker STEVE MILLS, and almost permanent understudy to Peter Whelan in the 1979. This season he has well deserved England caps in Argentina.

The leading scorer to date is PAUL FORD, 119 points in 4 mins, 16 P.G., 9 convs; LES JONES 88 in 9 mins, 10 P.G., 7 convs; I. D. W. M. T. CALDER 74 in 17 mins; and STEVE BOYLE 60 in 13 mins.

The back three are under fire from the Press, but they more than hold their own.

The Club's promising young players include wing PHIL Pritchard, a Welsh Schools Under 19, wing MALCOLM PREEDY, an English squad member and at 21 one of the country's outstanding young forwards; and scrum-half STEVE BAKER, an England Under 23 cap.

This year's outstanding achievements include the victory of Premiers and London Welsh's unbeaten record, and also Gloucester's ground record. They have recorded 5 wins out of 6 against Welsh Clubs and 2 of those against Swansea.

The match is against Gloucester, who are well known for their fast, attacking play and strong teamwork. Gloucester has a well-balanced team with a mix of experienced internationals and promising youngsters. Their record this season is impressive, with 5 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss, scoring 150 points against 50.

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GLOUCESTER

Colour: Blue and White

15 Howells Davies 14 David James 13 Paul Daniel 12 Chris Williams 11 Robert James 10 Gary Pearce 9 Gerald Williams 8 Simon Stephenson 7 Colin Hillman 6 Lloyd James 5 Morley D. James 4 Lyn Davies 3 Billy Howie 2 Steve Ellis 1 Gareth Williams

GLOUCESTER

Colour: Cherry and White

15 Paul Ford 14 Philip Pritchard 13 Paul Taylor 12 Steve Parsons 11 Richard Monnig 10 Les Jones 9 Steve Baker 8 Malcolm Peady 7 Steve Mills 6 Phil Blackway 5 John Driscoll 4 Steve Boyle 3 John Geddle 2 Mike Teague 1 Mike Longstaff

Replacements: Bob Clews, Adrian Turton.

The Club has a host of County players, South West team members, including Prop PHIL BLAKEWAY (Bristol), Backs, Backs, GLOUCESTER, Hooker STEVE BOWIE, England 'B' cap and wing RICHARD ROSS—3rd cap this season.

Today's impressive line-up could include 2 England internationals, 3 England 'B' caps; 4 Under-23 internationals; 10 County players, with two internationals—JOHN FOULAT and S. B. SARREY—on regular play.

The match is on England stand-by at Mumbles Road, and if England win, Peneker John GADD on an England 'B' cap and England residues this season. Others in the England 'B' squad include F. JONES (winger), Prop MALCOLM PREEDY and wing JOHN OWEN—a regular with the R.A.F. and Combined Services. All of which must combine to make this one of the strongest Bowley Cup challenges of the season, with GLOUCESTER always in the hunt for their third title in 1971/72.

We extend our congratulations to PHIL BLAKEWAY on his recall to the English team to meet Ireland at Twickenham a week from today, for BRIDGENG, PAUL DARLING serves to his right centre position after replacing Glenorphy. Genco's brilliant wing game against Glamorgan Wanderers; ROBERT JONES takes over the left wing position, making it the same, but re-arranged back divisions as for the Wanderers. COLIN HILLMAN is a move change on hooker for Geoff DAVIES 14 WATERS taking over from Roy Evans at back and STEVE ELLIS returning in the No. 8 position for Lyn Dennis.

The Club's Annual General Meeting is to be held this year at 33 Avon Road, Llanelli, on Thursday, 1st November, at 8 p.m., at which an urgent need for new members has been raised.