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WATERLOO v GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 30th April 1983

Kick - Off 3 p.m.

Today sees the final match of what has been an excellent season, a record number of victories already achieved and a whole new circle of friends won by our approach to the game. Last week's magnificent effort in Wales nearly shattered the home sides unbeaten two year home record and our hope to success at Twickenham next week is strengthened by the lifting of the Birkenhead Sevens recently with a virtually untested side. With further sevens tournaments entered over the weekend we should approach Middlesex with some confidence.

The results of the season have been due mainly to a fine team spirit engendered by the leadership of Laurie Connor who has tirelessly coaxed the team to its present position. Captaincy on the field has got to be supplemented by tactical approach and Gareth Hopkin's forceful direction as coach has certainly been a key factor in the sides success. Maurice Cotter of course, now richly receiving the publicity he deserves, has amassed a huge total of points, far outstripping the club's individual record and assisting the side to record the highest team effort. The whole squad have repeatedly turned in their best through the mud and sleet of winter to the more drier spring months (last week's monsoon at Pontypool Park tends to contradict this!) and the club's strength in depth has been exhibited by sterling performances from younger players when called into senior responsibility.

Today we welcome our sole West County opposition in the arrival of Gloucester. Their players and followers are no strangers to Blundellsands although it has usually been in the guise of county rugby that we have had the pleasure of their company.

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In recent years we have twice nearly snatched victory at Kingsholm, once in 1978 when Nick Spaven hit a post in the final minute with a goal attempt and back in 1976 when Mark Flett's stretch for the line and touchdown was over-ruled by a technical decision from the Waterloo touch official who acted in the fine spirit of the game in adjudging the winger's foot out of play by treading on the line. Ian Fazey survived the vilification and wrath of the players and followers however and today clocks up his 150th and possible full-time appearance as "bag man" when he hopes to hand over his bag and flag to Frank Clarke. Ian will continue to concentrate on his marathon career but of course will 'guest' occasionally on the line when the need arises. Members will recall that he recently took part in the London Marathon and will be pleased to note that he established a personal best by beating his old time by 12 minutes to end the course in 3 hours 35 mins. He receives our congratulations and has by virtue of his efforts raised well needed funds for the Merseyside Council for Alcoholism (travellers to Pontypool from the Waterloo Old Players and the Gate Committee will be pleased to hear this!). Ian told me that he gained considerable pleasure from passing some Gurkhas after rounding Tower Bridge on his way to the finish. (or was it some gherkins?)

Welcome Gloucester, our fixtures are somewhat spread over a season or two but we are always pleased to receive a club of their stature at Blundellsands and particularly glad that this fixture could be arranged at the end of our centenary year — a fitting climax to the club season. Next week its Twickenham and our best wishes go to the lads who will wear the clubs colours on the day. The bandwagon sets off again early next Saturday morning for most, this time with the ladies' (or the Rugby Widow's Society) in the party. We hope that everyone who can travel will give the team the support they certainly deserve.

A final thank you to all who have helped the club in this memorable season. To British Telecom for their valuable and appreciated assistance and to all advertisers and sponsors for their much needed financial support. There is still lots of work to be done and various notices are still dotted around the clubhouse looking for help. Next season don't just be a spectator — come along and help in any capacity — your time will be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime — enjoy what we hope will be a good summer.

Don't forget the May Ball, the list for tickets in the lounge bar finishes today.

Are you helping at the Carnival? — see Frank Harper or Dave Rowe as your help is greatly needed



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TODAY'S



TEAMS

WATERLOO

15. Paddy Shearan
14. Maurice Cotter
13. John Whitehead*
12. Steve Christopherson*
11. Mike Molyneux
10. Mike Murphy
9. David Carfoot*
1. Frank McEveley
2. Colin Fisher*†
3. Mike Cain
4. Nigel Wilkinson
5. Jim Syddall*†
6. Mike Leach*
7. Geoff Hay
8. Laurie Connor (Capt)

- Full Back
- Right Wing
- Right Centre
- Left Centre
- Left Wing
- Stand Off
- Scrum Half
- Prop
- Hooker
- Prop
- Lock
- Lock
- Blind
- Open
- No. 8

GLOUCESTER

15. Tim Smith
14. Richard Mogg*
13. Paul Taylor*
12. Cormack O'Donogue
11. Nick Price*
10. Les Jones*
9. Steve Baker
1. Paul Jones
2. Steve Mills*† (Capt)
3. Steve Ashmead
4. Nigel Scrivens
5. John Brain
6. Paul Wood*
7. Ian Smith
8. Mike Teague*

Replacements to be announced.

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