

# Welcome il. Gloncester

Associated with the meeting of Bristol and Gloucester are many features of exceptional interest. Since the season 1892-93, when the Gloucester Club acknowledged the progress of the Rugby game in Bristol, some rare fights have been witnessed, and one can almost say that much that is in the history of the rise in Bristol football is connected with the annual meetings of the two town fifteens.

That's how one local reporter summed up this fixture back in March 1899 after Gloucester had beaten Bristol 9pts–5 in front of over 5000 spectators at the County Ground including 'a number of excursionists from Gloucester'.

This afternoon sees the 196th meeting between the two sides with the fixture dating back to September 1892. Gloucester have won on 100 occasions, Bristol 78 with the honours even seventeen times.

In that first game Gloucester, with home advantage, were the I4pts-nil victors after scoring through three tries and two drop goals. The return game, in March 1893, ended 2pts-2 with both sides scoring a try.

Bristol gained revenge the following season by completing the double with a 7pts—nil (one try, one drop goal) when they met in Bristol

#### Gloucester Club File

Founded: 1873

Pilkington Cup Winners: 1972, 1978, 1982 (shared) Losing Finalists 1990

League Runners-up: 1988-89, 1989-90 LAST SEASON

Courage League: Eighth

Cup: Beaten 19pts-10 by Bath in Semi-Final

President: Reg Collins Chairman: Alan Brinn

Director of Coaching: Richard Hill Captain: Dave Sims

Main Sponsors: Westbury Homes
Players In: Chris Catling (Exeter), Richard Ward
(Havant), Paul Price, Scott Edwards (both
Lydney), Andrew Metcalffe, Alex Morris (both
Wakefield), Eral Anderson (Moseley), Richard
Ward (Havant), Dave Timmington, Simon
Johnson, Ed Pearce (all Bath), Nigel Cane
(Plymouth Albion), Nick Cooper (Clifton), Nick
Smith (Bristol), Craig Emerson (Morley), Kester
Wilkingson (Cirencester), Nick Yelland (Redruth).
Players Out: Craig Raymond, Bruce Fenley, Tim
Smith, Pete Miles (all Worcester), Richard West
(Richmond), Hilton Brown (Harlequins), Damian
Cummins (Rugby Lions).

#### **Bristol v Gloucester Record**

	Р	W	L	D	For	Agst
Home:	97	52	38	7	847	691
Away:	98	26	62	10	671	1052
Total:	195	78	100	17	1518	1743

There were also two games, both at Bristol, against the Gloucester Regiment. The first, in December 1913, ended in a Bristol victory by 41pts-nil and the second, in September 1927, resulted in a 28pts-nil victory for Bristol.

On pages 20 and 21 of this programme we look back to February 1962 when Gloucester's scrum half was 17 year old John Spalding and some of the present committee featured in the line-up. Do you remember the scoreline?

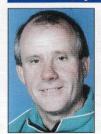
In the League 'Head to Head' Gloucester have won seven of the thirteen encounters including the double last season. Here at the Memorial Ground in January it ended 14pts-31 and then in April at Kingsholm the final score was 18pts-14.

## New date for Bath game

The League game against Bath, scheduled for Saturday 8th February, will now take place on Saturday 22nd February, here at the Memorial Ground with kick off at 3pm.

The match had to be postponed due to Bath's delayed Pilkington Cup Sixth Round tie at home to Leicester, which the League and Cup holders lost 39–28.

### Today's Match Officials



lecture and referee.

The referee this afternoon is Doug Chapman from Scunthorpe.

Doug is in a Senior Management position in the communication industry and with communications a strong feature of his refereeing, evident by the respect gained from players in Yorkshire and throughout the country. Doug, married with three children, played his rugby as a full back and outside half and fully participates in

rugby matters having taken active roles as Referee Training Officer.

Coach and chairman of his club Scunthorpe's local mini/junior sections and currently Chairman of local Referees' Society.

Doug is a member of the RFU Panel of Referees' and one of his RFU appointments took him on a trip to South Africa to

The senior Touch Judge is Steve Leyshon, also a member of the RFU Panel of Referees, from Bristol. He was a player with Bristol Combination clubs Avonmouth Old Boys and St Bernadettes OB before he started refereeing four years ago with the Bristol Referees' Society.

The RFU Adviser is Alan Welsby from Standish near Wigan.
Alan is a member of the International Referee Selection Sub
Committee.

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Tuesday 18th February 1997 Kick-off 7.30pm

# BRISTOL

Blue

# **GLOUCESTER**

Cherry & White

A	PAUL HULL	Full Back	CHRIS CATLING	15
E	DAVE TIUETI	Right Wing	MIKE PETERS	14
C	FRASER WATERS	Centre	DON CASKIE	13
D	KEVIN MAGGS	Centre	MARTIN ROBERTS	12
В	BEN BREEZE	Left Wing	MIKE LLOYD	11
F	PAUL BURKE	Outside Half	MARK MAPLETOFT	10
G	ROBERT JONES	Scrum Half	SCOTT BENTON	9
Н	DAVE HINKINS	Prop	TONY WINDO	1
ı	MARK REGAN	Hooker	PHIL GREENING	2
J	KRIS FULMAN	Prop	ADEY POWLES	3
K	SIMON SHAW	Lock	ROB FIDLER	4
L	CHAD EAGLE	Lock	DAVE SIMS *	5
M	MARTIN CORRY (Capt.)	Flanker	ED PEARCE	6
N	EBEN ROLLITT	No.8	NATHAN CARTER	8
0	CRAIG SHORT	Flanker	SIMON DEVEREUX	7
Р	RICHARD SMITH	Replacements	LAURIE BECK	16
Q	BARRY McCONNELL		JOHN HAWKER	17
R	JOSH LEWSEY		MARTYN KIMBER	18
S	CRAIG BARROW		PETE GLANVILLE	19
			CHRIS FORTEY	20

## Referee

Doug Chapman (Scunthorpe Soc.)

## **RFU** Adviser

Alan Welsby (Manchester Soc.)

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## Touch Judges

Steve Leyshon (Bristol Society)

Sam Collins

(Gloucester Society)