

Bridgend Rugby Club – Clwb Rygbi Penybont

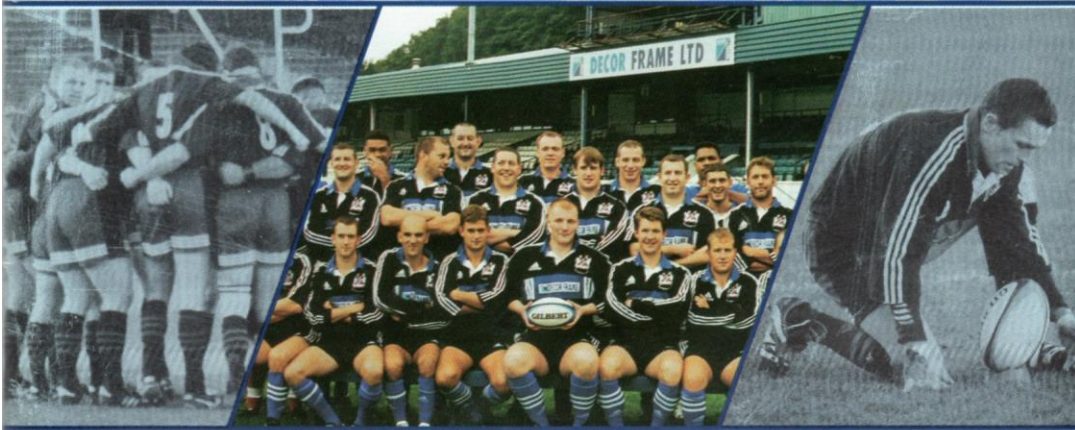


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BRIDGEND -v- GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 11th December, 1999

Kick Off – 5.30pm



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Six Profiles from Kingsholm



Kingsley Jones – Former Welsh captain and club captain Kingsley came to Kingsholm in December 1998 but ruptured his Achilles Tendon in only his third game for Gloucester. Since his comeback, Kingsley has impressed many spectators as both a captain and as the linkman that Gloucester have been missing for too long.

Ian Jones – Gloucester's major signing this season. Jones, who has 79 All Black caps, brings a wealth of experience into Gloucester's second row – and indeed into the pack. Scored a try on his debut for Gloucester (vs Biarritz in the European Shield). Wanted to finish his playing career in the Allied Dunbar Premiership and Kingsholm was his choice – "this is real rugby territory," he says.



Tom Beim – Having been released by Richard Hill, it was ironic that he became one of the former coach's final signings. In the interlude, Tom enjoyed a successful spell with Manchester Sale becoming one of the country's top try scorers. He will be looking to regain the form that brought him to the attention of the England selectors.

Junior Paramore – Samoan International Junior brings a wealth of experience together with a reputation enhanced by strong performances. Though primarily a back-row specialist, Junior could also provide cover at centre if needed. His unfortunate calf injury means his debut for Gloucester will be further delayed.



Richard Tombs – The indestructable Richard Tombs missed his first league game for Gloucester through injury after one and a half seasons of being a constant presence on the team sheet. He remains a solid presence at the heart of the team and has proved himself to be one of Gloucester's most committed performers.

COACH, Philippe Saint-André – Thrust into the hot-seat last spring and working with an inherited squad, Philippe found it impossible to break the dismal form. However he has brought in several new faces and dismissed a number of local favourites. It remains to be seen if this strategy will best be described as a hasty reflex action or an enlightened masterstroke.

