



# WEST HARTLEPOOL R.F.C.

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**COURAGE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**  
**WEST HARTLEPOOL v GLOUCESTER**  
**SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1995**

**K.O. 3.0 p.m.**



**MATCH PROGRAMME**  
**£1.00**



## *From the Touch . . .*

**G** LOUCESTER'S only previous visit to Brierton Lane was almost exactly eight years ago in the Pilkington Cup and we have three survivors from that game (Gloucester have none) – Phil Lancaster, John Dixon and Owen Evans. Remarkably, we have only five survivors from the recent League game at Kingsholm, a game in which we finished a distinct second best.

That Cup game was before the inception of League rugby but we have subsequently played Gloucester twice at Kingsholm, our remarkable 21-6 win two seasons ago which was our first win in the First Division that season and September's trip.

Our reception in the South West has been excellent and the players, Committee and supporters of the "Cherry and Whites" are most welcome.

Gloucester have four League wins at this stage of the season – home successes against Orrell, Bristol and ourselves and the win at Harlequins which was "live" on Sky Television. Sale, Northampton and Harlequins have all still to play at Gloucester so they have the opportunity to secure mid Table status for the season if they maintain their strong home form.

They were the victims of the only Pilkington Cup shock – defeat at Wakefield, on their last trip north while they drew at Newcastle last season in the League – they are most welcome but obviously we hope their form in the North East continues.

Although there are eight League games to go, five are at the end of the season when it is rumoured that World Cup inclusions will be resting or at least restricting their appearances. Tim Rodber's comments on "Rugby Special" were interesting, but come the crunch (Northampton's next two away games are at Bath and Bristol so six points seem their best hope before the run-in) we will see what happens.

We have five home games left, four against sides in the bottom half of the Division – our fate is in our hands.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL**

Green, red &amp; white

15 Tim Stimpson  
14 Owen Evans  
13 Anthony Elwine  
12 Paul Hodder (Capt.)  
11 Steve Jones  
10 Kevin Whitaker  
9 Derrick Patterson  
1 Phil Lancaster  
2 Tim Herbert  
3 Paul Beal  
4 John Dixon  
Kevin Westgarth  
6 Dave Mitchell  
7 Alan Brown  
8 Rob Wainwright  
Replacements:  
Jonathan Wrigley, Stuart  
Kneale, Chris Murphy

Referee:  
**ASHLEY ROWDEN**  
(R.F.U.)



Touch Judges:  
**PETER THOMPSON**  
**ALAN MOULTON**  
(R.F.U.)

**GLOUCESTER**

Red &amp; White

15 Mark Mapletoft  
14 Paul Holford  
13 Don Caskie  
12 Simon Morris  
11 Lee Osborne  
10 Martin Kimber  
9 Bruce Fenley  
1 Adrian Powles  
2 John Hawker  
3 Andy Deacon (Capt.)  
4 Dave Sims  
5 Richard West  
6 Paul Ashmead  
7 Ian Smith  
8 Mike Teague  
Replacements:  
Ben Malsen, Simon  
Devereux, Pete Jones