NEW BRIGHTON FOOTBALL CLUB
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NEW BRIGHTON

versus

GLOUCESTER

at REEDS LANE, LEASOWE

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1960

KICK-OFF 3:15 p.m.

Programme: THREEPENCE
PROGRAMME NOTES

The large crowds over Easter were rewarded by a grand exhibition on the Monday, after a disappointing game on the Good Friday. Of course London Irish were anxious to preserve their unbeaten English record and so must be excused somewhat for not treating our spectators to the anticipated feast. As a cup-tie effort it was certainly first-class, but one wished that, with a six points lead, our visitors might have opened up a bit. As it was, the only cheering sight was of our own men trying to make the most of few opportunities. Perhaps our team was expecting open play and was not prepared for adjustments of tactics.

Against Wasps it was a different matter entirely. Here we had nothing but delightful running and passing by both sides. Of course we were glad we won, but our opponents had their full share of appreciation.

Today we are very pleased indeed to welcome Gloucester on their first visit to Reeds Lane. We have the most happy recollections of all our games on their ground. Every match has been very well worthwhile, and played always in the most sporting spirit. A word too for their spectators, a most fair-minded crowd. Don Staniford

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and Bob Mustard are not likely to forget the applause they received after scoring tries. Our pre-war supporters will be interested to be reminded that Dan Evans went to Gloucester after his grand association with Ronnie Boon in our team.

While we had no chance to include Jim Harty in our team during the vacation, as he elected to remain in Ireland, we had good news of one of his younger brothers, Len, who played at scrum-half for Cheshire Schoolboys last week.

Also excluded from selection consideration, in order not to disturb a winning team, were Dennis Hackett (the Loughborough captain) and David Gealy, who was so brilliant against Aberavon.

And now, with only one match left, against Nuneaton next Saturday, it will soon be time to be speculating on the prospects for next season. And it is not too early to congratulate Bernard Wright and his men on their magnificent showing this year. For once there will be few hard words for our Selectors, under the chairmanship of Wardie Griffith, a worthy successor to Alan Cain.

Finally a special word of praise for our Ladies, who had a very busy time indeed over the holiday, with meals to provide for teams on Friday, Saturday and Monday.