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**BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB**  
(RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION)

R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

**BRISTOL**  
v  
**GLOUCESTER**

Memorial Ground, Filton Avenue  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1971

**PROGRAMME** - - - **5p**



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## BRISTOL

Colours — Yellow



Full Back

**A P. Smith**

Threequarters

Right Wing **B P. Knight** T

Right Centre **C J. Gabbitass** T

Left Centre **D C. Williams**

Left Wing **E A. Morley**

Half Backs

Out. Half **F A. Nicholls**

(Capt.) T

Scrum Half **G A. Pearn**

Forwards

**H A. Rogers**

**I J. White**

**J R. Bryce** T

**K D. Watt** X

**L R. Orledge** T

**M D. Rollitt** X

**N C. Hannaford** X

**O A. Munden**

**Kick off**

**7.30 p.m.**

**Take**



**Courage**

Referee:

V. T. MARTIN  
(Cornwall R.F.U.)

T — Trials

X — International

## GLOUCESTER

Colours — Red & White



Full Back

**15 R. Etheridge**

Threequarters

Right Wing **14 R. Clewes**

Right Centre **13 J. Bayliss**

Left Centre **12 R. White**

Left Wing **11 E. Stephens**

Half Backs

Out. Half **10 T. Palmer**

Scrum Half **9 M. Booth**

Forwards

**1 R. Cowling**

**2 M. Nicholls**

**3 M. Burton**

**4 A. Brinn**

**5 J. Jarrett**

**6 J. Watkins**

**7 R. Smith**

**8 M. Potter**

## CLUB NOTES

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Tonight sees our second game in the Rugby Football Union Knock-out Competition and we extend a hearty welcome to our old friends and rivals from Gloucester. Despite the setback experienced at Newport, we approach this game with quiet confidence, bearing in mind the excellent results Tony Nicholls has obtained this Season, and we expect to see a fast, open display.

Once again we would remind you of the Second England Trial, Probables v. Possibles, to be played on this ground on 18th December, kick-off 2.30 p.m. Pay at the gates for all parts of the ground except the stand, Enclosure 40p, Ground 30p. Scholars and O.A.P.'s Ground only 20p. Stand tickets £1 can be obtained from the Hon. Gen. Secretary, or from Harris's Sports Depot, St. Stephen's Street, Bristol.

The Supporters' Club Christmas Auction will take place in the Clubhouse on Wednesday 15th December and on the same night we shall be making the BFC 400 Club draw for the December prize of £100. This is instead of drawing on the last Friday, which is New Year's Eve. We hope you will turn up in force to support the Club and incidentally get some bargains.

The players are running a New Year Draw, and tickets can be obtained in the Clubhouse after the game. Players' dances will be held in the Clubhouse on 11th and 27th December.

The Supporter's Club Dinner and Dance will be held on 29th January. Full details later.

Listen at half-time for the winning programme number. The £5 prize was won at the County game on 27th November by Mr. C. Dunaway, 62 Stanley Road, Gloucester.

### United XV Games

We have frequently drawn attention to the excellence of these games which curiously are not very well supported. No charge is made for admission to the ground as it is not economic to pay gatemen. However, collecting boxes are passed round but we want to emphasise that season ticket holders are not expected to subscribe, although naturally they are welcome to do so if they wish. We hope that other supporters will contribute.

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### OUR CLUB COACH — PETER JAMES COLSTON

The Club is fortunate to have such a dedicated Rugby man as Peter for coaching the teams. He had made an intensive study of tactics, and is willing to give time and energy to this important duty, which is backed up by his long playing experience of the game. When at St. Brendan's College, he appeared at centre and full back and after he left he assisted the Old Boys in those positions. Then he went to St. Mary's College, Twickenham, and this was followed by a year at the College of Physical Education at Leeds then Carnegie College of Physical Training where he played under the captaincy of John Robins, who was in the Lions tour of New Zealand in 1950. On coming back to Bristol Peter joined the physical education staff at his old school and played for St. Brendan's Old Boys. In 1957 he commenced playing for Bristol and although occasionally in the centre, he made most of his 252 appearances at full back, where his intelligent positioning, safe handling, coupled with sound tackling and reliable kicking, earned him his place in the Gloucestershire side. He lost it after a couple of seasons to Don Rutherford, the England full back, and Somerset were quick to invite him to join them and this he did. He was captain of Bristol in the 1963-64 seasons and played for the Western Counties against New Zealand. Peter reluctantly had to retire from the game in 1968 owing to back trouble but continued his interest in the club as a member of the executive committee and became a team selector. Later he was invited to be the club's coach and became well known at this job. He has been to Hanover and Heidelberg to assist in setting up coaching systems in Germany. He is on the Advisory panel of the Rugby Union. Peter now enjoys playing golf. He is a sales executive of the Avon Rubber Co.