
ABERAVON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



TALBOT ATHLETIC GROUND
Manor Street, Port Talbot



ABERAVON

v.

GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1973

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.



Official Programme

4p

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Gloucester, our visitors today, come to Wales for the second successive Saturday. Last week they were heavily defeated by Swansea by 43pts. to 12. In fairness to the visitors, most of their normal first team were playing for the Gloucester County side in the English Counties Championship, when they gained a narrow one point win over Eastern Counties.

Earlier this season, Aberavon lost by 27pts. to 10 at Kingsholm after leading at half-time. Most of Gloucester's points came from a succession of penalties kicked by B. Butler in the second half, when the Wizards faded. In the second row for Gloucester today is Alan Brinn, a powerful forward who played several International games last season.

Aberavon's side shows some changes from last Saturday. Mike Francis returns at full back, John Rees comes in at outside half, John Mahoney props instead of Wyndham Wright and Alan Rees plays at centre for David Prendiville. Most of these changes are on rota.

Last week's 10-10 draw with Neath surprised many local and visiting supporters. The pack played their best match for several weeks and the backs never gave up. John Bevan's try near the end was like his old form. Clive Shell improves with every match and Morton Howells is, if anything, keener than ever. He is ably supported by his lock forwards and line out experts, Billy Mainwaring and Alan Martin. Let's have the same spirit today and for the rest of the season.

Next Wednesday evening, kick-off at 7 p.m., we meet South Wales Police, and no doubt we shall see several old Aberavon players in their side—Ian Hall, Alan Davies, Terry Diaper, to mention a few.

Bill Lewis.

GLOUCESTER

Full Back	ERIC STEPHENS	15
Right Wing	BOB WHITE	11
Right Centre	DENNIS HARGREAVES	12
Left Centre	ROY MORRIS	13
Left Wing	BOB CLEWES	14
Outside Half	TOM PALMER	10
Inside Half	JOHN SPALDING	9
Prop. Forward	ROBIN COWLING	1
Hooker	MIKE NICHOLLS	2
Prop. Forward	KEITH RICHARDSON	3
2nd Row	JIM JARRETT	4
2nd Row	ALAN BRINN	5
Wing Forward	EDDIE PINKNEY	6
Lock Forward	MIKE POTTER	8
Wing Forward	JOHN HAINES	7

ABERAVON

15	MIKE FRANCIS	Full Back
14	COLIN BEYNON	Right Wing
13	ALAN REES	Right Centre
12	DAVID PRENDIVILLE	Left Centre
11	STEVE ROPER	Left Wing
10	JOHN REES	Outside Half
9	CLIVE SHELL	Inside Half
1	PHIL LANGFORD	Prop Forward
2	MORTON HOWELLS (Capt.)	Hooker
3	JOHN MAHONEY	Prop Forward
4	BILLY MAINWARING	2nd Row
5	ALAN MARTIN	2nd Row
6	GRAHAM WYATT	Wing Forward
8	PHIL BELL	Lock Forward
7	RICHE DAVIES	Wing Forward

Referee: Mr. J. C. Kelleher, Llantwit Major

Saturday, March 3rd, 1973 Kick-off 3 p.m. Semi-Final of the Howells Cup

PORT TALBOT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR R.U.
versus CARDIFF AND DISTRICT JUNIOR R.U.