



BRIDGEND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1879

BREWERY FIELD

BRIDGEND

v.

GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1974

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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5p

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Gloucester

Cherry and White



15	Peter Butler	Full Back	...
14	Bob Clewes	Right Wing	...
13	Richard Jardine	...	...	Right Centre	...
12	John Bayliss	...	...	Left Centre	...
11	Ron Etheridge	...	...	Left Wing	...
10	Bob Redwood	...	...	Outside Half	...
9	John Spalding	...	...	Inside Half	...
1	Mike Burton *	...	...	Forwards	...
2	Mike Nicholls (Capt.)	...	...		...
3	Keith Richardson	...	...		...
4	Alan Brinn *	...	...		...
5	John Fidler	...	...		...
6	John Watkins *	...	...		...
8	Jim Jarrett	...	...		...
7	John Haines	...	...		...

Referee – Mr. J. S. P. Evans (Swansea)

Bridgend

Gold

...	Peter Manning	15
...	Doug Schick	14
...	Glyn Griffiths	13
...	Steve Fenwick	12
...	Vivian Jenkins	11
...	Lyndon Thomas	10
...	Alan Walters	9
...	Brian Jones	1
...	Geoff Davies	2
...	Meredydd James	3
...	Tony Hodge	4
...	Howard Evans	5
...	Billy Pole	6
...	Derek Brain (Capt.)	8
...	Alan Fall	7

* International

PROGRAMME NOTES (by W. A. D. LAWRIE)

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to the strong **GLOUCESTER** team who come to the Brewery Field with a very impressive record this season.

Of the 32 games they have played to date, 25 have been won, 5 lost and 2 drawn. Points for 719. Points against 350.

The team is captained by long-serving hooker **Mike Nicholls**, who can still more than hold his own with the best in the business. The powerful pack includes 3 England Internationals - prop **Mike Burton**; lock **Alan Brinn** and flanker **John Watkins**. Burton and Watkins are travelling reserves for England for the Calcutta Cup International at Murrayfield on Saturday next.

Gloucester have been beaten by only one Welsh side this season - at Aberavon on the 17th November last. Since that date they have only been beaten at Coventry, and this on an England Trial date.

Full-back **Peter Butler** is currently the top points scorer in the country. His 336 points include 285 Club points; 43 for Gloucestershire and 8 in other matches.

Right wing **Bob Clewes** is top try-scorer with 16, and has scored a try in every match since November. He is closely followed by the other wing **Ron Etheridge** (14 tries - 9 from his last 3 games). The latter, a former Scottish trialist, came to Gloucester as a full-back until Peter Butler took over, and is now taking over on the wing from **Stuart Dix** who is normally the No. 1 choice when fit.

All the Gloucester players have gained County honours, and England Trialists in the side are **Butler**, **Richardson** and **Clewes**. **John Haines** has also been an England reserve.

Outside-half **Bob Redwood** is the brother of the former England and Bristol scrum-half Bill Redwood who played against Bridgend on several occasions before emigrating. Strong-running centre **John Bayliss** sustained a serious neck injury 12 months ago, from which he has now completely recovered, and is one of the danger men in the back division. No. 8 **Jim Jarrett**, formerly with Pontypool is no stranger to the Brewery Field or to the Bridgend side, and completes a strong and mobile back row.

For **BRIDGEND**, David Griffiths is still not available and **Peter Manning** replaces him for the second week in succession.

Viv Jenkins returns at left wing, the only other change in the threequarter line following the win against Abertillery.

Lyndon Thomas remains at fly-half in the absence of Ian Lewis still having hamstring trouble. He is partnered today by the durable **Alan Walters**.

Rota changes in the pack bring in **Brian Jones**, **Geoff Davies**, **Howard Evans**, and **Alan Fall**.

Captain **Derek Brain** will have to call for a special effort to meet the strong challenge up front presented by Gloucester.

We deeply regret to announce the death, on Thursday of this week of **Inspector Gwyn Smith** who had been associated with the Club for very many years.

Gwyn first played rugby for Tondu, and then played for Bridgend with great distinction from 1931 to 1937. He captained the team in season 1932/33. He was one of the great Bridgend forwards at a time when there was an abundance of outstanding players in the team. After his playing days came to an end he was a loyal and enthusiastic supporter almost up to his untimely death. We extend our deepest sympathy to his Widow and all the members of the Family. Please join the teams before the kick-off in observing a short silence in memory of an outstanding player and a true gentleman. He will be sadly missed by us all.

We are not likely, as had been hoped, to be playing at Newport on Saturday next, the 2nd February (Ireland v. Wales at Dublin). Efforts are being made to arrange an alternative game for this date, and an announcement will be made today if we are successful.

Saturday, 9th February - Penarth - Away.

Wednesday, 6th February, 1974, at the Brewery Field. Welsh Police XV v. English Police XV. (Kick-off 2.30 p.m.). This should be a key match, with players from both teams looking for places in the British Police XV to meet the French Police XV in Paris next month, including a promising young S.W.P. outside-half Ron Evans !!