



CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB

CARDIFF v GLOUCESTER

WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1976 K.O. 7.15 p.m.

Official Programme 10p



Cardiff

15. J. DAVIES
14. P. BOLLAND
13. P. EVANS
12. M. MURPHY
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. G. DAVIES
9. B. WILLIAMS
1. B. NELMES
2. M. WATKINS
3. D. LLEWELLYN
4. P. RAWLINS
5. I. ROBINSON
6. T. WORGAN
8. R. LANE (Capt.)
7. R. D. JONES

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Gloucester

- P. BUTLER 15.
- R. CLEWES 14.
- J. BAYLISS 13.
- B. VINE 12.
- R. MOGG 11.
- C. WILLIAMS 10.
- P. KINGSTON 9.
- K. RICHARDSON 1.
- S. MILLS 2.
- M. BURTON 3.
- S. BOYLE 4.
- J. FIDLER 5.
- J. WATKINS 6.
- J. HAINES 8.
- E. PINKNEY 7.

Referee: D. O. HUGHES (Newbridge)

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Fresh from their third successive win in seven consecutive County championships come the eight Gloucestershire representatives in the Gloucester Club XV. Of course it is Peter Butler who scored all 24 points in their win over Middlesex (1 try, 1 conversion and 6 penalty goals) that gets the accolades and limelight, but this is not to gainsay the sterling work of our own Barry Nelmes, and John Bayliss, the Gloucestershire captain, ably supported by R. J. Clewes, Chris William, Peter Kingston, Mike Burton, J. H. Fidler and John Watkins. It might not be known to Chris Williams that the glowing reports given to Ben Edwards, the Gloucestershire selector, by various Cardiff officials after his game for Headingly at the Arms Park must have helped him into the County and eventually the English team. He was certainly the best English fly half we saw that season. Perhaps his all round ability might balance the preponderance of emphasis on the Gloucester forwards to a more balanced and effective style of play. That might be a vain hope, because Gloucester have built a highly successful pattern of forward play around their proven pack, aided by the goal kicking of Peter Butler, and who can blame them for playing it the way they know best?

As for Cardiff, it seems strange that a team playing so well a month ago should lose twice to Newport in a fortnight. As a consequence we find ourselves in the very unexpected situation of having lost three times to Newport this season, the last season of course when we play them four times. So it seems our chances of the Welsh Championship have flown, and we must look critically at our team and shore up some obvious weaknesses before our Centenary Season next year.

We have been playing Gloucester since 1882, since when we have played 157 matches against them, winning 104 and losing 35. I have no doubt that today's game will prove as hard and as even as most of the 157 others.

We welcome our doughty West Country Champions to the Arms Park tonight.

D.J.H.

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