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

**BRISTOL**  
v  
**GLOUCESTER**

Memorial Ground, Filton Avenue

**WEDNESDAY 27th. APRIL 1977**

Kick Off 7.15 p.m.

**PROGRAMME**

**10p**

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## CLUB NOTES

It is perhaps fitting that our last First XV game on the Memorial Ground this season should be against our county rivals Gloucester. We welcome them and their committee here this evening and must congratulate them on once again reaching 1000 points, and breaking their try scoring record for any season during their game at Exeter last Saturday. The result of tonight's match will count in the South and South West Rugby Union Merit Table, and it is a coincidence that the two leading teams should meet in the last week of the season. Gloucester are probably aware that we are unbeaten in this table and will no doubt be keen to dent our record. On the other hand our players (David Rollitt in particular) will be anxious to erase the thoughts of that narrow John Player Cup defeat at Kingsholm in February. A win for us tonight would mean 2 wins out of 3 matches as we also won at Gloucester in September by 9pts, to 6pts. However, we know from experience that to predict the outcome of these derby games from the form book (see Cabot) is very precarious but it has not gone unnoticed that our visitors, during the last 7 weeks have won 12 out of their last 14 games.

Unfortunately, the strength of both sides are weakened by the England Under 23 game at Orrell tonight. For Gloucester both winger Richard Mogg and second row Steve Boyle are missing and on the Bristol side we must add our congratulations to David Sorrell, John Doubleday, and Nigel Pompfrey on their selection for the England Under 23 tour to Canada next month.

Our visitors are led tonight by county skipper John Watkins, one of 4 internationals named in their side. Their fifth international—scrum half Peter Kingston is still out because of injury, but by all accounts they have found in Paul Howell, the former Lydney player, an outstanding deputy. We are pleased to see centre Brian Vine back in action after a lengthy injury and we note with interest their pack includes the giant John Fidler and that popular tourist Mike Burton—2 players with plenty of experience of Bristol/Goucester games.

Turning to the Bristol club, we would like to congratulate vice-captain Mike Rafter on being named this week as a reserve for the British Lions tour to New Zealand. The Bristol club would also like to thank you all for supporting our 3 teams this season and we hope to see you again at the first game next season when the First XV are home to Cheltenham on Thursday 1st September. Kick off 7.30 p.m. Finally this evening it is probably the last time 2 of our most respected and experienced players—David Tyler and David Rollitt will be representing the club (see overleaf) and we hope you will give these 2 tremendous players a farewell to remember.

## STOP PRESS

The Colts match v. Ebbw Vale Youth on Saturday will now be played on the Memorial Ground Kick off 3 p.m.

## THIS EVENINGS COLLECTION

This is in aid of the Bristol Schools Rugby Union, who are now divided into three groups—Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16. This regrouping has had the effect of increasing costs and cash is badly needed. We appeal for generous support.

The Match Ball used in today's game  
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# Bristol

Colours—Blue and White

Full Back	A	David Tyler	
Right Wing	B	Ken Plummer	X
		(Capt)	
Right Centre	C	Chris Williams	
Left Centre	D	Phil Henson	
Left Wing	E	Alan Morley	X
Fly Half	F	Phil Cue	
Scrum Half	G	Richard Harding	
Forwards	H	Mike Fry	
	I	Barrie Cole	
	J	Austin Sheppard	
	K	Alf Troughton	
	L	Nigel Gaymond	
	M	Peter Polledri	X
	N	David Rollitt	X
	O	Mike Rafter	X
Replacements:	P	Andy Thomas	
	R	Rodney Speed	



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# Gloucester

Colours—Cherry and White

Full Back	15	Peter Butler	X
Right Wing	14	Bob Clewes	
Right Centre	13	David Pointon	
Left Centre	12	Brian Vine	
Left Wing	11	John Dix	
Fly Half	10	Chris Williams	X
Scrum Half	9	Paul Howell	
Forwards	1	Phil Blakeway	
	2	Fred Reed	
	3	Mike Burton	X
	4	Phil Winnel	
	5	John Fidler	
	6	John Watkins	X
		(Capt)	
	8	Eddie Pinkney	
	7	Vivian Wooley	
Replacements:	16	Ron Etheridge	
	17	John Simonett	