

# BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB (R.F.U.)



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PROGRAMME

## Bristol v Gloucester

10p

SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1977

K.O. 3.15 p.m.

**BRISTOL**

Colours—Blue &amp; White

<b>A</b>	<b>David Sorrell</b>	Full Back
<b>B</b>	<b>Ken Plummer (Capt.) X</b>	Right Wing
<b>C</b>	<b>Alan Morley X</b>	Right Centre
<b>D</b>	<b>Mike Ward</b>	Left Centre
<b>E</b>	<b>Rob. Carter</b>	Left Wing
<b>F</b>	<b>Phil Cue</b>	Fly Half
<b>G</b>	<b>Alan Pearn</b>	Scrum Half
<b>H</b>	<b>Mike Fry</b>	Forwards
<b>I</b>	<b>John Tasker</b>	
<b>J</b>	<b>Austin Sheppard</b>	
<b>K</b>	<b>Nigel Pomphrey</b>	
<b>L</b>	<b>Steve Gorvett</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>Peter Polledri</b>	
<b>N</b>	<b>Andy Hoon</b>	
<b>O</b>	<b>Mike Rafter X</b>	

**GLOUCESTER**

Colours—Cherry &amp; White

<b>Peter Butler X</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Bob Clewes</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Brian Vine</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Richard Jardine</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Richard Mogg</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Chris Williams X</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Peter Kingston</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mike Burton X</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fred Reed</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Phil Blakeway</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>John Hall</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>John Fidler</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>John Watkins (Capt) X</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Eddie Pinkney</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>John Haynes</b>	<b>7</b>

**Replacements:**

<b>P</b>	<b>Clive John</b>	<b>John Simonett</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Rodney Speed</b>	<b>Paul Williams</b>	<b>17</b>

Referee: C. P. J. THOMAS Esq. (Welsh Union)      **X Indicates International**

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#### CLUB NOTES

Today we welcome Gloucester for a South and South West Merit Table game, and our thoughts go back to their visit last April when we were well beaten. This game is referred to by Cabot in his notes, but we take this opportunity of congratulating Gloucester on a splendid display of 15-man rugby, and approving the spirit in which the game was played. We hope the same spirit prevails today, not only for the enjoyment of the players and spectators on the ground, but for the enjoyment of the large number of viewers to "Rugby Special." For today we also welcome Nigel Starmar Smith and his team from B.B.C.-2 (rare visitors to the Memorial Ground) and remind you that the game will be shown at 4.50 p.m. tomorrow (Sunday).

Needless to say we hope to turn the tables today despite a depleted side and our thoughts go out to Chris Williams in his hospital bed—our wishes for a good and speedy recovery.

Gloucester have started the season well, five games and five victories, including the defeat of Coventry 27—0, and compiling a total of 178 points to 32 against. They will miss today the murmurings of Dave Rollitt, who enjoyed these local derbies. We note our visitors' side includes their record points scorer, Peter Butler and the England Under 23 player Richard Mogg, and scrum half Peter Kingston, back following a serious injury last season.

Congratulations to our four players selected for the England Under 23 game against France on October 1 ("Sorell for Orrell")—we shall have a hard tussle against London Irish at Sunbury that day.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Will members please note that subscriptions for season tickets can be paid to the Hon. Membership Secretary in the Social Club before any home match in September. Application forms for membership are also available.

#### PHOTOGRAPH ON COVER

A line-out action photo taken at this season's game with Newport.



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**CABOT'S COLUMN**  
**BRISTOL'S RECORD WITH GLOUCESTER**

Analysis	P	W	L	D	Points	
					For	Against
up to 1914	53	16	33	4	199	364
1919-1939	37	14	18	5	213	213
1945-1976	63	32	24	7	633	582
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>1159</b>

**Highlights**

	Score	Home		Away	
		Date	Score	Date	Score
Highest points for	29	29. 9.56	25	26. 9.59	
Highest points against	34	27. 4.77	23	18. 2.11	
Highest margin win	23—0	3. 2.62	18—0	26. 9.59	
Highest margin defeat	9—34	27. 4.77	0—22	8.11.1890	

Dear Fellow Rugby-Nutter,

Now, let us be frank, let us look matters straight in the face and not flinch nor prevaricate. I am not talking about our country's economic condition—I am talking about a very grave matter, namely, the biggest drubbing ever dished out by Gloucester to Bristol on Bristol's home ground in 153 games spread over 89 years.

You can all see the sombre truth in the analysis above—this new record was set up in the last home game of last season. Old Cabot wants to see that record rest for ever because his nerves won't stand it being broken!

But isn't this the joy of a new season that we can put events like that behind us, consign them to history, and make fresh challenges? If our players respond today as their predecessors did 15 years ago (see 'Looking Back') we shall go home content. We might even have a new record—and if we do there is certainly enough ale in the clubhouse to do justice to it.

**LOOKING BACK**

**3rd February, 1962: Bristol 23, Gloucester 0**

This return match provided a major incentive since earlier in the season Gloucester had beaten Bristol 15—3 at Kingsholm. The score of 1 goal, 1 dropped goal and 5 tries (23 points) without reply from Gloucester reflected only half the story of their overwhelming superiority in practically every phase of the game which became so one sided as to be almost unbelievable. With a first-class kicker the score could have been almost double.

For most of the game the Bristol pack was contained in the tight, but when it mattered against the head John Thorne and his front-row colleagues were most successful. An outstanding example of the understanding between scrum-half and outside halves was provided by Bill Redwood and John Blake, and Mike Ellery, on the right wing, showed splendid powers of side-stepping combined with astonishing passes on the muddy ground. He scored three tries bringing his total for the season to 26. So superior were Bristol that even David Watt is said to have had "cruel luck in not scoring in the hectic opening spell . . ." He was held back by one arm as he was about to grab a pass inches short of the line. This was a match in which Bristol took their points total for the season to 455.

It is also interesting that on the same day Bristol United fielded five county players in beating Gloucester United 24—3, and the side included the young John Pullin, who on the day unfortunately lost the hooking honours to Mike Nicholls.

CABOT

We report with deep regret the death of Don Cummins, a forward who played 130 games for Bristol between 1932 and 1939.



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