

BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB (R.F.U.)



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Today's Game Supported by **COURAGE (WESTERN) LTD.**

Bristol v Gloucester

PROGRAMME

10p

SATURDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1979

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



BRISTOL

Colours—Blue and White

A	Alastair Hignell	X	Full Back
B	David Newman		Right Wing
C	Jim Kelly		Right Centre
D	John Watson		Left Centre
E	Robbie Carter		Left Wing
F	Steve Parsloe		Fly Half
G	Paul Howell		Scrum Half
H	Mike Fry (capt.)		Forwards
I	Kevin Bogira		
J	Austin Sheppard		
K	Nigel Pomphrey		
L	Alf Troughton		
M	Peter Polledri		
N	Bob Hesford		
O	Mike Rafter	X	

Replacements

P	Mike Ward
Q	Nigel Gaymond

GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry & White

Peter Butler	X	15
Bob Clewes (capt.)		14
Richard Mogg		13
Brian Vine		12
Lewis Dick	X	11
Brian Russell		10
Wayne Birchley		9
Gordon Sargent		1
Steve Mills		2
Alan Brookes		3
Steve Boyle		4
Adrian Turton		5
John Watkins	X	6
Mike Teague		8
Paul Wood		7

Replacements

David Pointon	16
Kevin White	17

Referee: L. PRIDEAX, Esq. (East Midlands Society)

X Indicates International

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CLUB NOTES

We extend a hearty welcome to Gloucester today, for our first R.F.U. merit table game this season.

Gloucester have played six games so far, securing victories over Broughton Park, Stroud and Cheltenham, a draw with Coventry, and defeats by Fylde and Moseley. We congratulate that prolific goal kicker, Peter Butler, who recently passed the 3,000 points mark, and are pleased to see in their team the England B player, Richard Mogg, Brian Vine, who has recently rejoined Gloucester from Lydney, and Lewis Dick the former Scottish International.

We are also pleased to see our own players today, following a thrilling 17—17 draw at Cardiff, and a not so happy visit to Swansea. Unbeaten runs to not last for ever, the tension is now off, and we imagine our lads are now feeling more relaxed.

Shall we win today? We have not beaten Gloucester on this ground since 1975—perhaps it is time we did! We wish a speedy recovery to our injured players, and congratulate Steve Parsloe on his promotion to the senior side. Congratulations, too, to John Doubleday, and Steve Boyle (Gloucester) on being chosen for the England B side against France on September 29, and to Paul Howell and Nigel Pomphrey for their inclusion in the training squad at Leicester next Sunday.

We would like to thank Courage (Western) Ltd. for supporting today's game. Instead of providing a single programme prize, they have generously decided to give a reduction on one of their beers sold in the Social Club after the game (please see leaflet).

Winner of the prize at the Newport game—Mr. K. Dilley, of Walton-in-Gordano.

Next Saturday the 1st XV are at home to Nottingham (k.o. 3 p.m.) to be followed by our United XV v. Neath Athletic (k.o. 4.45 p.m.).

Finally the Bristol Schools Rugby Union send their thanks to those who generously contributed to the recent collection, which amounted to £130.

PHOTO ON COVER

Peter Polledri, England's Under 23 skipper, just failing to charge down a kick from David Barry, of Newport, two weeks ago.

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CABOT'S COLUMN

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 - 1979	67	32	27	8	667	634
TOTAL	157	62	78	17	1079	1211
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

TRULY A BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

In one of his television shows last winter Michael Parkinson asked his guests, among whom were Cliff Morgan and Max Boyce, why it was that Wales were so successful at rugby football. No-one gave a satisfactory explanation, yet we in the West Country could supply the answer—it is because of their geographical location!

Situated so near Gloucester and Bristol the Welsh clubs, particularly in their infancy, were able to make regular excursions over the border to our respective cities, where they first learned the basics, then the many intricacies of the game, turning that knowledge to such excellent use over the years that they are currently the national champions.

There is a rumour, unfounded as yet, that the astute Welsh are now intending to put pressure on Westminster to have their eastern boundary extended. Nothing outrageous, you understand; merely enough to include a portion of Gloucestershire and Avon, that by so doing they can call upon Gloucester and Bristol players to strengthen their national side and ensure they remain top dogs of rugby.

Yet whether or not you believe that to get the truth, the whole truth, or anything but the truth, it is an indisputable fact that Gloucester and Bristol continue to be regarded with reverence by rugby clubs all over the country. The remarkable success of Gloucestershire over the years only serves to emphasise where England's real rugby strength lies.

But Gloucester has one tremendous advantage over their old rivals; the city is probably the only one in England where rugby takes complete precedence during the winter months over every other sport. Bristol have not one, but two clubs who insist on playing with a round ball—a game called soccer which is only discussed sotto voce among discerning Gloucesterians as though it were one of the undesirable phenomena of this modern, commercial age, like beat groups and pop singers, for instance!

To mention illustrious Gloucester players of yesterday and today would be an insult to Bristol supporters' intelligence. The regulars at the Memorial Ground know them only too well, just as the thousands who attend Kingsholm week after week can expound on the great Bristol players, past and present.

Suffice it to say, then, that the present Gloucester team are nearly all "home-produced." They live in and around the city or have learned their rugby there, mainly with local clubs.

The long-standing rivalry between our two great clubs will no doubt be in evidence again this afternoon; and as long as it's healthy, why not? But sometimes one wonders if it is not the respective fervent camps that harbour the great rivalry.

For as one visiting player is reputed to have commented after his first big match at Kingsholm: "Most enjoyable, but I can't quite get accustomed to playing with 7,000 referees!"

ARTHUR RUSSELL

DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS ?

(compiled by Bristol Referees Society)

1. A free kick is awarded to the attacking side in front of the opponents posts. Can the attacking side kick direct for goal?
 2. At a kick off the ball is kicked directly into touch. What options have the opposing team?
- Answers found on Page 11.



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