



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER
v
BRISTOL**

Friday, 1st February, 1980

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

No 685

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Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

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* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

*§ 13. R. Mogg

* 12. D. Pointon

11. P. Tunstall

Half Backs

* 10. B. Russell

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

* 2. F. Reed

3. A. Brooks

4. P. Winnel

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins

* 8. A. Turton

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston

K. White

BRISTOL

Blue & White

Full Back

(A) C. John

Three Quarters

(B) J. Lane

(C) J. Kelly

*† (D) A. Morley

(E) D. Newman

Half Backs

* (F) D. Sorrell

* (G) R. Harding

Forwards

* (H) M. Fry (Capt.)

* (I) K. Borgira

* (J) A. Shepherd

* (K) N. Pomphrey

(L) N. Lear

* (M) P. Polledri

* (N) R. Hesford

* (O) M. Baker

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J. Watson

P. Stiff

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† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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WARM WELCOME TO BRISTOL

This evening we extend a particularly warm welcome to our old and valued county friends, Bristol, for what should have been the return match in that strange concoction of the Rugby Union which masquerades under the euphemism of the South-West Merit Table.

Tonight's game, however, will NOT count in the table, for under the new ruling matches revert to normal club fixtures if either side are supplying more than three players to representative teams, and Gloucester, of course, have their front row on duty with England in Paris, while John Fidler and Richard Jardine are both playing for the British Police against the French Police.

But matches between our two clubs need no spurious leagues nor tables to stimulate interest. The traditional friendly rivalry that has existed for over 90 years ensures ample reward in victory deservedly gained, to the satisfaction of the respective teams and their supporters.

Last season the honours were slightly in Gloucester's favour, for while Bristol shared a draw of 16 points each at Kingsholm on Saturday, September 23, 1978, the Cherry and Whites won the return match at the Memorial Ground on Friday, February 2, 1979, by 9 points to 3. This season Bristol are "one up", as we say, for they won at the Memorial Ground in September by 16 pts. to 9.

We are grateful this evening to DAVID TROTMAN, chairman of the Bristol Publicity sub-committee and their programme editor, for supplying the following interesting details of the club and their leading points' scorers this season.

BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB (R.F.U.) by DAVID TROTMAN

The Bristol Football Club was founded in 1888 and first played its matches on the Downs. 47 Players have gained International Caps - the first being J. Wallace Jarman in 1900, and the latest one being Mike Rafter. Bristol has supplied 4 Captains of England. Len Corbett who gained 16 Caps between 1921/27, the second Bristol Player to Captain England was Hooker, Sam Tucker, who is one of the Club's 5 International Hookers. He played in 27 Internationals between 1922/30. Another Bristol Hooker who had a very important part to play in England's success was John Pullin who made 42 appearances, which is still a record. As Captain of England in 1972 he

had the satisfaction of his side beating South Africa on their own soil for the first time with fellow Bristol player Alan Morley scoring the only try of the game. Richard Sharp a gifted and exciting Outside Half was the 4th Bristol Player to Captain England.

One of the brightest periods in the history of the Club was the 4 years 1957/61 under the Captaincy of John Blake. He was the instigator of 'playing in Bristol fashion' and these tactics were very much enjoyed by Spectators and Players alike. Another fine season was in 1971/72 when the Club scored 1145 points in 39 wins, under Skipper, Tony Nicholls. The highest number of points in a season is the record held by Alan Pearn who in 1972/73 scored 448 points.

1978/79 season was another outstanding season under current Captain, Mike Fry, who in 1979 was ever present in the team in all games. Last season the first XV won 31 matches and lost only 12 and enjoyed brilliant second half of the season winning the last 18 successive games.

Bristol Leading Scorers: Tries: 17 A. Morley. 16 D. Newman: Penalties: 11 P. Cue. 8 S. Gorvett: Dron Goals: 2 D. Sorrell. 2 P. Howell: Conversions: 20 P. Cue. 13 D. Sorrell: Leading Points Scorers: 93 P. Cue, 68 A. Morley.

OUR SPONSORS

This evening's match has been generously sponsored by the well-known company, Messrs. Sutcliffe Catering, Ltd., to whom we extend our very sincere thanks and gratitude. They are the largest independent staff catering company in the United Kingdom, though starting as a small firm at Stroud in 1946. They now employ nearly 800 people locally.

Their managing director is Mr. C. J. R. Page, the chairman Mr. J. K. R. "Ken" Graveney, the former Gloucestershire cricket captain, and the regional director is Mr. Jim Bennett, one of our Patrons. Mr. Chris. Page is attending tonight's game, together with several guests, most of them customers of the company. We trust that they will enjoy the match and that they in turn will derive benefit from their sponsorship.

OUR LATE PRESIDENT

A minute's silence will be observed before the kick-off this evening in memory of the late Anthony Thomas "Tom" Vovce, our late President, who died suddenly last week.

A memorial service to Tom, the "grand old man" of Gloucester rugby and the club's most capped player, will be held at the Cathedral next Tuesday, February 5, at 1.45 p.m.

THE COUNTY FINAL

Very much on the proverbial ball British Rail announce details of a special trip for the county championship final between Lancashire and Gloucestershire at the Vale of Lune tomorrow week, Saturday, February 9 — at the remarkable bargain price of £4.90.

But even they, though fully aware of the "rugby mad" population of Gloucester and the surrounding area, were taken by surprise at the tremendous support for the final; for they have announced that the special train had every seat booked by last weekend. But despair ye not, ye who have not yet procured a seat!

For British Rail are intending to run a second special train, as they have already had several applications for same. All those desiring to take advantage of this bargain are asked to keep in touch with British Rail — and Cliff Adams is the gentleman to assist — or watch the local press, as there is no other home match for Gloucester before the final to enable us to give details of this proposed second train.

A word of advice, however! It is an all-ticket match and those who are travelling by train, or other means, should ensure they have tickets before embarking on the journey. Ground tickets are available in the office on the ground this evening.

JOHN PLAYER CUP

Although Duke Orsino suggested the appetite may sicken and so die he was not, of course, referring to rugby football, and it certainly does not apply to our own supporters, who appear to relish a surfeit of it. For thoughts of the final are intermingled with anticipation of Gloucester's second round tie in the John Player Cup, against Coventry at Coundon Road, where the kick-off, incidentally, will be 3.00 p.m.

This, too, will be an all-ticket match and the prices are: Main Stand £2.00; Enclosure £1.50; Ground £1.00 — 50p for senior citizens and juniors. Applications for Stand tickets — only one per member — should be made by Wednesday, February 13, to the club secretary, Terry Tandy, 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, Gloucester, enclosing remittances and stamped addressed envelopes.

Priority will be given to our own grandstand season ticket holders but ground tickets will be available from Monday, February 11 and may be purchased from Alan Brinn Sports, Hudson & Co., or in the evenings at the Social Club.

There will be no special trains for the Cup game, but coaches will be run from Kingsholm. The arrangements are not yet completed but those wishing to book seats should contact Terry Close in the Social Club. Patrons should see Andy Mitchell or Brian Howells, also in the Social Club, for details of their special coach.

FUTURE HOME MATCHES

Although the match against Bath tomorrow week, Saturday, February 9, has been postponed, Gloucester United meet Bath United at Kingsholm on that afternoon. The senior team's next home game is against Swansea a fortnight today, Friday, February 15, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

FIXTURE CHANGES

Several of Gloucester's fixtures, called off because of the weather or representative matches, have now been re-arranged and supporters are respectfully asked to note new dates.

The return merit table clash with Bath at the Recreation Ground, due to have been played tomorrow week but postponed because of the county final, will now be on Wednesday evening, March 26. With Gloucester meeting Coventry in the second round of the John Player Cup on Saturday, February 23, the original home game with Aberavon on that date has been switched to Wednesday, March 12, instead of the away fixture with Cheltenham, which has in turn been moved to Wednesday, April 23.

Gloucester's away game with Newport which was postponed last December, will be on Wed., February 27.

DRAW FOR ENGLAND-WALES TICKETS

A raffle will be held at this evening's match in aid of Gloucester's Canadian tour fund and players will be around the ground "flogging their wares." There will be two prizes—a rugby ball autographed by the England and New Zealand players, and two stand tickets for the international match between England and Wales at Twickenham on Sat., February 16. These tickets have been donated by a Gloucester club member.

The winner will have the choice of whichever prize he or she requires, the other prize going to the second.