



SOUTHEND  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB  
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FOUNDED 1870

John Player Cup 3rd Round

**Southend v  
Gloucester**

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Warners Bridge Southend  
Saturday 24 January 1981  
K.O. 2.15pm

**SOUTHEND**  
(Brown and White)

**GLOUCESTER**  
(Red and White)

**REFEREE**  
F. A. Howard  
(Lancashire/Liverpool R.S.)

15 D. GREGORY  
14 P. PENNINGTON  
13 C. BAYNES  
12 D. WEBB  
11 C. ELDRIDGE  
  
10 R. WILLIAMS  
9 G. PARTRIDGE  
  
1 D. WOOKEY  
2 P. BRENNAN  
3 J. STOKOE  
4 T. FAIRBRASS  
5 G. SPITTLE  
6 R. GARTLAND  
7 K. GREGORY (Captain)  
8 R. HAWES

Full Back  
  
Right Wing  
Centre  
Centre  
Left Wing  
  
Stand-off  
Scrum Half  
  
Prop  
Hooker  
Prop  
Lock  
Lock  
Flanker  
Flanker  
No. 8

P. FORD 15  
  
R. CLEWES 14  
P. HOWELL 13  
P. TAYLOR 12  
\*R. MOGG 11  
  
C. PRYCE 10  
S. BAKER 9  
  
\*G. SARGENT 1  
\*S. MILLS (Captain) 2  
\*\*P. BLAKEWAY 3  
\*S. BOYLE 4  
\*J. FIDLER 5  
\*J. GADD 6  
M. LONGSTAFF 7  
M. TEAGUE 8

Replacements:  
P. Thomas, N. Branch, G. Pace

Touch Judge: D. M. Robinson (Eastern Counties)

The match balls were kindly donated by Gerry Curtis

\*\*International \*International Trialist

Replacements:  
S. Parsloe, K. White

Touch Judge: J. Jarrett (Gloucester)

## WELCOME GLOUCESTER

We extend a warm greeting to the Players, Officials and Supporters of Gloucester to Warners Bridge.

Originally a fort and still a major junction as it was in Roman times, Glevum later Gloucester is famous for its 11th century Cathedral and its 20th century Rugby Union forwards. Both are majestic and seemingly impregnable!

Founded in 1873, Gloucester known as the "Cherries" beat Moseley in the first John Player Cup Final in 1971-72. They won again in 1977-78 against Leicester, 6-3.

Gloucester enter the 3rd round of the John Player as they were in the first four of the South West Merit Table last season. Southend, of course, reached the 3rd round by winning the Eastern Counties Cup last year and then beating Stroud, the Gloucestershire cupholders, 16-13.

We had a pleasant social contact with one of Gloucester's favourite sons, the late A. T. Voyce. Tom Voyce won 27 England caps in the 1920s. He attended our Annual Dinner when he was President of the Rugby Union in 1961.

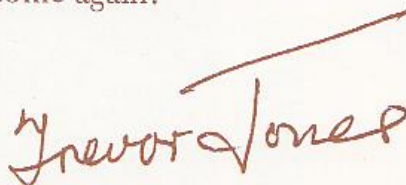
County rugby takes precedence over Club rugby in the West Country.

Gloucestershire entertain Northumberland in the Thorn County Final next Saturday in their 16th County Final since the war, hoping to notch their fifth final victory. Gloucester will, as usual, fill half of the positions in the County side.

Whatever the result today, we hope the match will be a triumph for competitive Rugby football so that at the end of the day, we shall have two Clubs, Gloucester and Stroud in Gloucestershire with friendly memories of Southend Rugby Club.

We also welcome all Rugby Union officials, The Press, The BBC Television staff, The Council Officials, Members of other Clubs and the Public.

Have a great day and do come again!



President

GLOUCESTER  R.F.C. 1st XV



## THE INTERNATIONAL SET

Gloucester R.F.C in its long history has supplied many members to international sides, some of whom have become rugby legends.

Before the second world war there was the incomparable Tom Voyce, John Gwilliam with 23 caps for Wales, D. R. Gent and many others.

In more recent times they have produced great forwards like Peter Ford (over 500 games for Gloucester), John Watkins and Mike Burton. Outside the scrum they had one of the great thinkers and coaches of the game in full-back Don Rutherford.

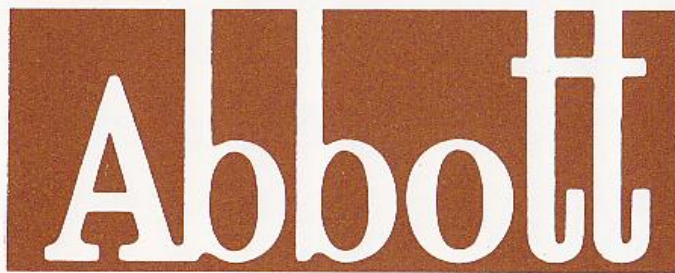
The current side contains 4 players who were in the England B side v. Ireland B on the day we played at Stroud.

These are Steve Mills who was captain (has anyone been more unlucky than Steve not to win a full cap?), Gordon Sargent, Steve Boyle and Dick Mogg. All 4 were also in the final England trial squad.

Missing from the photo opposite is Phil Blakeway (presumably he was out training on a diet of Welsh props!). Phil had a great 1980, being a member of England's grand slam team, a Lion in South Africa, and also a member of the England/Wales team which took part in the Welsh Centenary match. Last week he played for England against Wales at the Arms Park.

Gloucester truly have many members past and present of which they can be proud.

IF PROPERTY IS YOUR *GOAL*, TRY US, BREAK  
OUT OF THE *PACK*, WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE *BALL*  
SCORE WITH JAMES ABBOTT

The logo for Abbott, featuring the name 'Abbott' in a white, stylized, serif font. The letters are set against a dark brown rectangular background. The 'A' is tall and narrow, while the 'o's are rounded and the 't's are thin and vertical.

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