

SARACENS

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GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 28th March, 1981

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NOTES

Apart from Easter, today sees our last Saturday home fixture of the season, and we therefore welcome Gloucester here again. Our visitors are having yet another successful and consistent season, their only disappointment being their elimination a fortnight ago from the John Player Cup, in a drawn match with London Scottish, who as they scored the only try, progressed to the semi-final. Prior to that Gloucester had beaten Southend and London Irish in the Cup, but unluckily all their matches were drawn away. Peter Butler, the former England full back is still kicking the goals, and Phil Blakeway was in the England front row against France last Saturday.

Last weekend was one of mixed fortune for Saracens. On Friday evening under the Bedford lights they drew 3-3, played enterprising rugby but squandered points galore with poor goal kicking and then on Sunday lost narrowly 12-10 to Met. Police in the final of the Middlesex Cup, scoring the only try of the match, but yet again conceding far too many penalties. However as losing finalists, Saracens will be in the first round of the 1981/2 John Player Cup on 26th September. For today's match, Chris Fuller returns at full back after injury, and in the forwards Ivor Jones and Mike Newcombe replace Alan Dawson and Alex Keay.

In view of London Scottish appearing in the semi-final of the Cup next Saturday, Saracens had to find another fixture. They were lucky to find Pontypridd also free, due to Moseley's semi-final match, so Saracens will travel to Pontypridd for the first time since October 1953, when they lost 10-6, Saracens two tries being scored by Rob Prince and David Walton. This game is in effect a return for Pontypridd's visit to us last April, when again both clubs were free due to the John Player Cup Final.

For those Seven-a-side addicts, the club's programme before Easter is as follows: —5th April—Berkshire Sevens at Windsor and Chiltern Sevens at Amersham. 12th April—Oxfordshire Sevens at Oxford, and 15th April—Rosslyn Park Floodlit Sevens at 7.20 p.m.

SOCIAL EVENTS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Tonight-Traditional Jazz. Thursday 9th April-Race Night.

CHRIS JOHNSON, Weekly Herald



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	SARACENS (Black)		GLOUCESTER (Red & White)	
15	CHRIS FULLER	Full Back	P. BUTLER*	15
14	PHIL BARCELON	Right Wing	P. CONWAY	14
13	ANDY HARROWER	Right Centre	P. TAYLOR	13
12	TIM SMITHERS	Left Centre	S. PARSLOE	12
11	PAT KAMARA	Left Wing	R. MOSS	11
10	PHIL ANTHONY	Stand-Off	C. PRYCE	10
9	CHRIS MILFORD	Scrum-Half	S. BAKER	9
1	ROD FAIRCLOTH (capt.)	Prop	G. SARGENT *	1
2	STEVE BOOTY	Hooker	S. MILLS (Capt.)	2
3	TONY BROOKE	Prop	A. BROOKS	3
4	ANDY JASZCZAK	Second Row	S. BOYLE	4
5	IVOR JONES	Second Row	J. ORWIN	5
6	MIKE NEWCOMBE	Wing Forward	J. WATKINS *	6
8	THOR NILSSON	Lock Forward	A. TURTON	8
7	KEVIN DOUGLAS	Wing Forward	M. LONGSTAFF	7,
Replacements:		Replacements:		
15	ALAN DAWSON			16
17	NICK BULLIMORE			17
*International				
Referee: P. J. WAKEFIELD (London Society)				

NEXT HOME GAME:

SARACENS CRUSADERS

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, 1981

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.