



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v NEW BRIGHTON

**Saturday, 18th April, 1981
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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-
- Full Back
*† 15. P. Butler
-
- Three Quarters
14. P. Conway
*§ 13. R. Mogg
12. P. Williams
* 11. R. Clewes
-
- Half Backs
10. R. Lewis
*† 9. P. Kingston
-
- Forwards
1. M. Preedy
2. K. White
3. A. Brooks
*§ 4. S. Boyle (Capt.)
5. J. Brain
*† 6. J. Watkins
‡ 8. M. Teague
* 7. J. Haines

REPLACEMENTS

A. Durkin S. Ashmead§
M. Longstaff

NEW BRIGHTON

-
- Full Back
15. P. Sheridan
-
- Three Quarters
* 14. J. Basnett
13. J. Brown
12. W. Hagley
11. M. Turner
-
- Half Backs
* 10. M. Merry
9. M. McNally
-
- Forwards
* 1. S. Miles
2. M. Healey
3. B. Bowker
4. B. Murphy
5. R. Ford
* 6. A. Norman
* 7. K. Culligan (Capt.)
8. M. Dooley

REPLACEMENTS

M. Cannon
T. McGraw

Referee: T. FRIEND (Devon Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Northerners again!

There can't be many of the stronger Northern teams that we don't see at Kingsholm these days. Broughton Park, Waterloo, Orrell . . . even Gosforth, if you count the County Final.

Today we entertain another famous old Club from 'up North', and the fact that we don't see them very often only makes the occasion more pleasant.

For those whose geography is not their strongest point, New Brighton has nothing to do with the Prince Regent, or illicit weekends on the South Coast. In fact, New Brighton is just across the Mersey from Liverpool, and has more to do with the Beatles than the Brighton Pavilion.

According to Terry Tandy's records, which are akin to Holy Writ as far as I am concerned, we don't seem to have played them last year, so I can't give you any past form to mull over. Nevertheless, we can count on a good game this afternoon — and without much more to look forward to this Season, it's nice to see some useful opposition to help us digest the hot cross buns.

Welcome New Brighton! Any Rugby man who knows what it's all about, holds your neck of the woods in healthy respect.

Well done Steve and Fid!

Surely, the inclusion of Steve Mills and John Fidler in the England party to tour Argentina will be welcomed by any Gloucester supporter with more than the usual enthusiasm. Both of them thoroughly deserve the honour, after years of faithful service to English Rugby.

Steve has occupied the English reserve benches so often that he must almost qualify for a debenture. Big John Fidler has played for England 'B' sides. Neither of them have ever given England selectors anything but unswerving loyalty.

It seems very likely that full England Caps will be awarded to Players who appear in the Test Matches, so perhaps it isn't too much to hope that the illusive honour will come the way of our two stalwarts at last.

And while we're on the subject, commiserations are due to Richard Mogg and Gordon Sargent who, in the absence of one or two automatic selections, must have come very close to making the tour. The same might be said of Steve Boyle. But then, if you're playing in the same position as Bill Beaumont, you have everything against you from the start.

. . . and the Under 23's!

The England Under 23 v. Holland match may have been akin to maching Pete Hanlon against my eight-year-old nephew, but it didn't do our quartet of Young Hopefuls any harm at all. John Gadd scored a try, Messrs. Ashmead and Teague distinguished themselves, and after Steve Baker came on for the injured Nick Youngs "the back division moved more smoothly", according to John Reason in the 'Sunday Telegraph'. And that has precious little to do with the strength of the opposition.

So congratulations are again due all round. One way and another we look like having the makings of a very strong side, nowadays. If the ludicrously top-heavy representative fixture list lets us get everyone on the field at the same time, that is.

Board Meeting

Today's the day when the Club says 'Thanks' to all those excellent companies and businessmen who have the foresight to advertise their products and services on the boards around the ground.

If you happen to notice one or two representatives of the various organisations shouting a little more loudly than usual today, the modest hospitality which the Club has extended to them before the game may have something to do with it.

Nevertheless, the board advertisers perform a very valuable function for the Club. In these days when the strip for one player can cost as much as it used to take to kit out a whole team, we need every source of revenue we can get.

Not that it's any sort of a charitable gesture on the advertisers' part. A board at Kingsholm must be one of the most cost-effective media of publicity available locally, and we certainly hope that our board advertisers have found it so.