

Bridgend Rugby Football Club • Brewery Field

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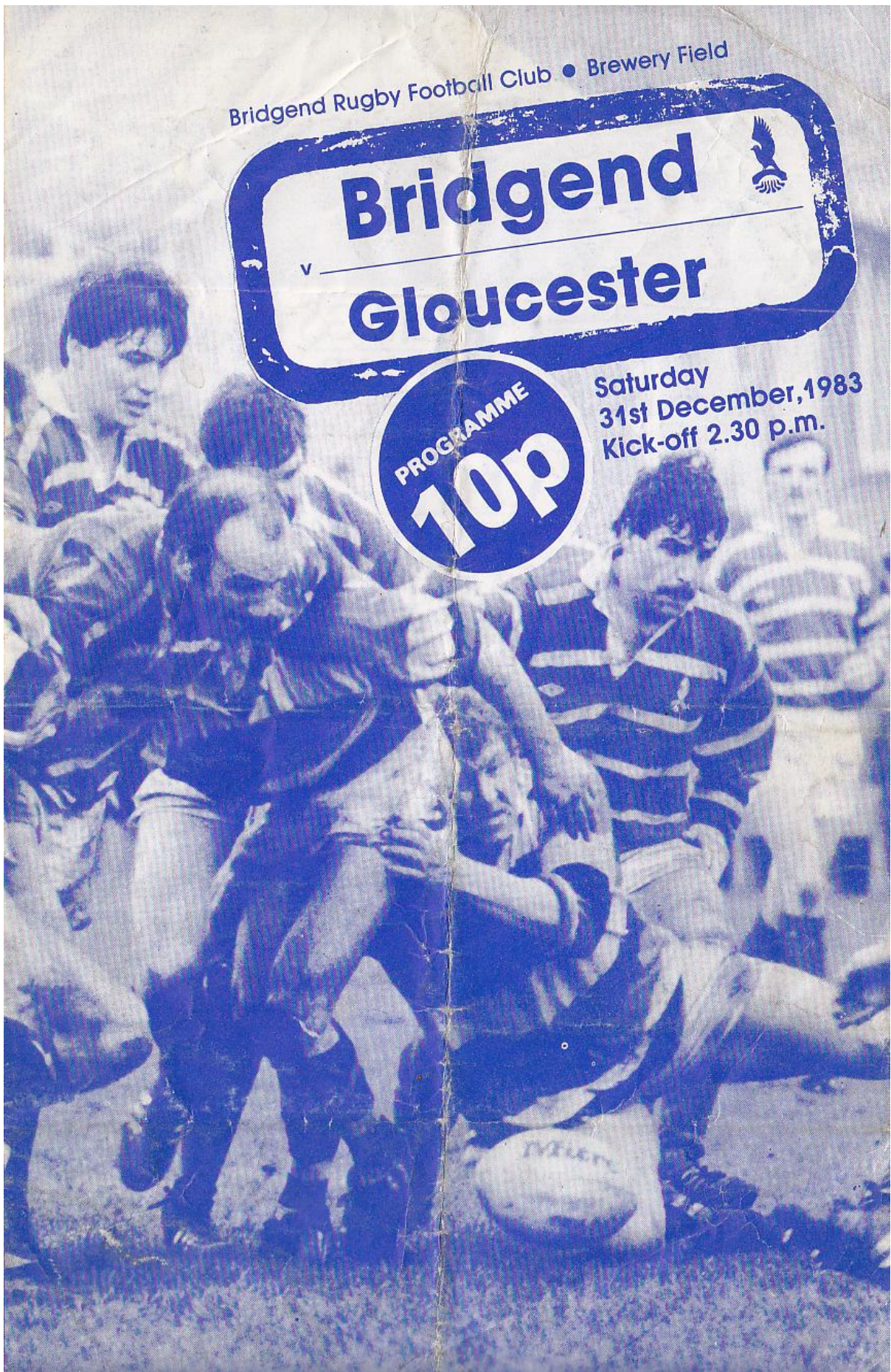
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Gloucester



PROGRAMME
10p

Saturday
31st December, 1983
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.





GREETINGS
TO OUR
FRIENDS
OLD
AND NEW.
WE WISH YOU
THE
SEASON'S
BEST.

BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

15 HOWELL DAVIES	Full Back	15 TIM SMITH
14 GLEN WEBBE	Right Wing	14 DEREK MORGAN
13 RICHARD GRIFFITHS	Right Centre	13 RICHARD MOGG
12 JOHN APSEE	Left Centre	12 PAUL TAYLOR
11 TONY LEWIS	Left Wing	11 NICK PRICE
10 JEFF STEPHENSON	Stand-off	10 MIKE HAMLIN
9 GERALD WILLIAMS*	Scrum-half	9 STEVE BAKER
1 IAN STEPHENS*	Loose-head	1 GORDON SARGENT* (Capt.)
2 COLIN HILLMAN	Hooker	2 STEVE MILLS*
3 M. D. JAMES (Capt.)	Tight-head	3 PHIL BLAKEWAY*
4 ROY EVANS	Lock	4 JOHN ORWIN
5 RUSSELL CORNELIUS	Lock	5 JOHN FIDLER*
6 JOHN MORGAN	Left Flanker	6 JOHN GADD
8 GARETH WILLIAMS*	No. 8	8 MIKE TEAGUE
7 MICHAEL BUDD	Right Flanker	7 DAVE SPENCER

*International

Replacements:
Huw Llewellyn, Wayne Hall

Replacements:
R. Willmott, Kevin Smith

Referee— Mr. ALUN RICHARDS (W.R.U. Int.)



Today's Teams and Programme Notes by W. A. D. Lawrie

We regret that owing to printing difficulties it was not possible to publish a full scale programme for today's match and hope you will bear with us on this occasion.

We extend a very warm welcome to distinguished English visitors GLOUCESTER, who out of 27 matches to date this season have won 17, lost 9 and drawn 1. Of the games against Welsh Clubs they have a 'double' against Newport and have also beaten Pontypridd, Abertillery, Ebbw Vale and Glamorgan Wanderers. The drawn game was against Llanelli, with defeats by Swansea, Cardiff, Pontypool, Newbridge and South Wales Police. They have an excellent record against the top English Clubs with a 'double' against Coventry and a very creditable win over Bath.

Their Christmas programme includes games against Plymouth Albion and near rivals Lydney.

They will be boosted today by the presence of a near full-strength pack which makes all the difference in the world to the team's performances. It includes an all-England front row of skipper GORDON SARGENT, STEVE MILLS and British Lion PHIL BLAKEWAY. The other international—lock JOHN FIDLER, is currently keeping British Lion Steve Boyle out of the Gloucester pack. He is going for a record nine appearances in County finals when Gloucestershire clash with West Country rivals at Twickenham in March. At 36 he very nearly gave up top rugby this season but was persuaded to continue by Gordon Sargent, and is now adding considerably to his 40 County matches and over 400 for the Club.

Wing NICK PRICE is top try scorer with 17 touchdowns, and DEREK MORGAN at right wing has scored 13 tries. Centre PAUL TAYLOR has been in excellent form this season, and is strongly tipped for representative honours before the end of the season.

Although the Bridgend side was selected before the start of the Christmas holidays, provided the players remain injury-free, there should not be many changes in a strong line-up which will have its work cut out against the redoubtable Gloucester XV.

NEXT HOME GAME — WEDNESDAY, 4th JANUARY — SOUTH WALES POLICE.

We extend best wishes to everyone in the Gloucester party for a very enjoyable New Year's Eve both on and off the field of play, and to all our supporters — A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

W.A.D.L.

SUPPORTERS NOTES

Bridgend R.F.C. Souvenirs— Call in and see our superb range of sweaters, ties, badges, etc. In addition to our normal selection of the finest quality acrylic sweaters, orders are being taken for lambswool sweaters.

Hot Drinks and Snacks are on sale at our cafeteria. For children there's a wide choice of their favourite sweets.

TRANSPORT— Bookings are now being taken for the following away matches **NEWPORT, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th.** Coach leaves at 1.30 p.m. and will remain after the match returning at 6.00 p.m. £1.90 Adults, Juniors and O.A.P.'s £1.40. **PENARTH, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th.** Coach leaves at 6.00 p.m. returning immediately after the match. £1.40 Adults, 90p Juniors and O.A.P.'s.

If insufficient tickets are sold and the coach is cancelled there will be a half-time announcement at the Abertillery home match on Saturday, January 14th.

SCHWEPES CUP THIRD ROUND SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, PONTYPOOL

Supporters coaches will leave the Brewery Field at 1.00 p.m., returning immediately after the match. Adults £1.90, Juniors and O.A.P.'s £1.40. There will be a considerable demand for tickets so avoid disappointment and book early.

20p EXCESS ON ALL THE ABOVE FARES FOR NON S.C. MEMBERS.

**The Supporters Club
Committee wish you all a
Happy and more Prosperous
New Year.**

R. H. LOCK
Hon. Secretary

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