Bridgend Rugby Football Club • Brewery Field

Bridgend v Gloucester

PROGRAMME

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

10p
Greetings to our friends old and new. We wish you the season's best.
## BRIDGENEND vs. GLOUCESTER

**Colours:** Blue and White vs. Cherry and White

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Replacements:
* Huw Llewellyn, Wayne Hall
* 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 pro-
gramme for today’s match and hope you will bear with us on this occasion.

We extend a very warm welcome to dis-
tinguished 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 Pontypidd, 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 per-
formances. It includes an all-England front row of
skippers 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 Gloucester-
shire 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 represen-
tative 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
redeemable 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
catering. 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 announce-
ment at the Abertillery home match
on Saturday, January 14th.

SCHWEPPES 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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