

FYLDE

Rugby Union

Football Club



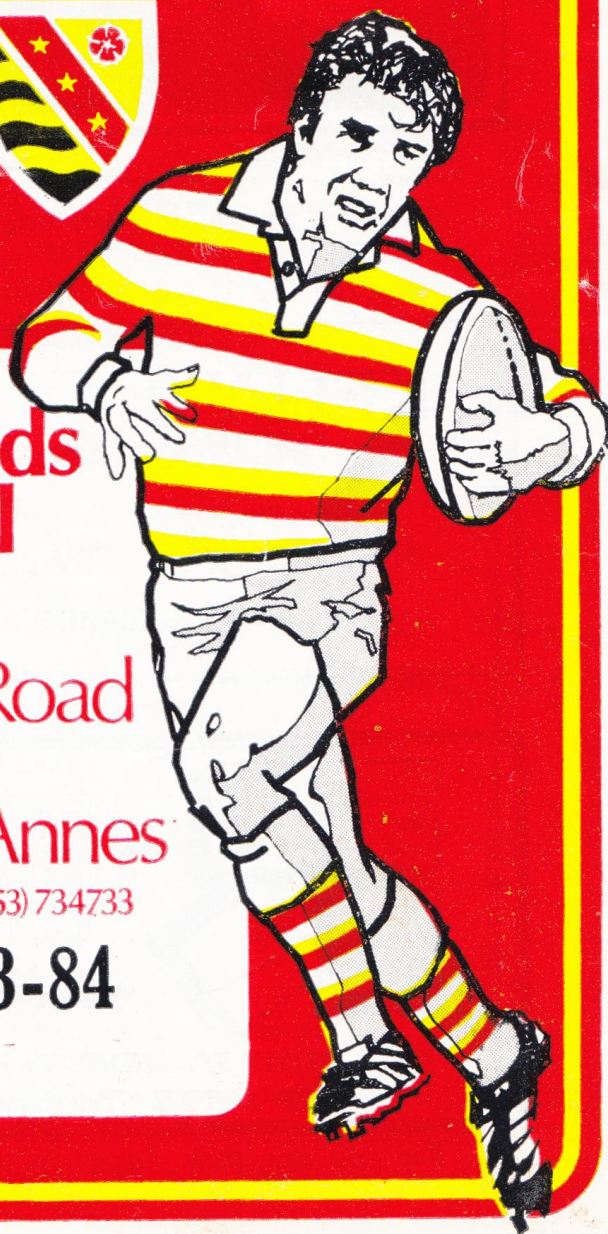
**Woodlands
Memorial
Ground**

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Season 1983-84

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CLUB



NOTES

Today we welcome one of the country's outstanding club sides, Gloucester, to 'Woodlands'. Gloucester recently achieved a tremendous accolade when the majority of their pack were chosen almost en bloc to oppose the Probables in the English Trial. The Gloucester club's feats over the last decade will be folklore in years to come and the names of Burton, Blakeway, Sargent and Mills in the front row coupled with Fidler, Boyle and Orwin as second row giants gave permutations for front five selection that sent shudders through the opposition. With back row experts John Watkins and Mike Teague plus Richard Mogg in the centre and Peter Butler at full back, they scored points at will. Although last season was not one of their best, this term they are back with a vengeance with wins over Coventry (twice), Bristol, Bath and Pontypridd among many. They have also provided the nucleus of the Gloucestershire County Championship side who meet Somerset in the County Final at Twickenham on March 31st. We extend a warm welcome to the players and officials who have made the long journey North.

After last weekends 'wipe-out' due to the weather, it is important that we regain our motivation for today's encounter and especially for next Saturday's Merit Table clash with Harrogate. We will also be travelling to Leigh tomorrow to play our Lancashire Cup match and we urge all members to come and help the side over this awkward hurdle. Playing Junior sides in Cup matches is always difficult, especially on grounds which are usually smaller, so extra support would be most appreciated. The Saturday after the Harrogate match, we entertain Orrell in another Merit Table game and they have only been beaten once this season, but we conquered them on their last visit to 'Woodlands'.

We have had a lot of press recently, both local and national coverage. It was a great pleasure to read that the 'Sunday Telegraph' had nominated Fylde as team of the week after our courageous win at Liverpool. All of us who went to Liverpool were extremely proud of the lads who achieved this victory and the award from the 'Sunday Telegraph' of a Methusalem of Champagne underlines this excellent result. Well done lads!

The same day as the Liverpool game we found ourselves the topic of a large article in the Blackpool 'Evening Gazette' with the headline "Decline and Fall of Fylde R.U.F.C." Without wishing to fuel any more controversy let it be suffice to say that certain parts of the article, read in the right context, had valid points but insufficient mention of injuries to key players got little attention. This, of course, has been the main problem and whether you are a club, County or National side, you cannot bear the horrendous number of injuries we have suffered this season and expect young players to step in and achieve instant success. It also inhibits a side to play the way coaches would wish to see their ideas and plans put into action. Any game-plan is centred around individuals and a pre-planned move helped us to gain a result at Liverpool where we played to our strengths.

Whilst on the subject, it was sad to see 'The Green' cease publication — it was part of Saturday night/Sunday morning reading matter. It was also invaluable as a source of information and as a medium for passing items of local coverage to the public. It will be missed.

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1984

FYLDE

15 L. Munday
14 *P. McShane
13 *G. Smith
12 I. Aspinall
11 C. Dickinson
10 P. Turner
9 *M. Weir (Capt.)
1 *D. Tabern
2 A. Parkinson
3 R. Moffitt
4 *D. Young
5 C. Godwin
6 A. Simpson
7 J. Roe
8 A. Macfarlane
16 A. Pemberton
17 S. Simmons

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Fly Half
Scrum Half
Prop
Hooker
Prop
Lock
Lock
Wing Forward
Wing Forward
Number Eight

GLOUCESTER

15 P. Webb
14 *N. Price
13 *P. Taylor
12 *R. Mogg
11 D. Morgan
10 M. Hamlin
9 S. Baker
1†*G. Sargent (Capt.)
2 K. White
3 *R. Pascalli
4 N. Skriven
5 J. Brain
6 *J. Gadd
7 D. Spencer
8 *J. Orwin
16 M. Mannaford
17 J. Bennett

Referee: Mr. A. Turner (Manchester Society)

* County Player

† International Trialist

‡ International