

# **BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB (R.F.U.)**

**SEASON**



**1984-85**

**MEMORIAL GROUND,  
FILTON AVENUE, HORFIELD,  
BRISTOL**

**Friday, 1st February, 1985**

# **BRISTOL v Gloucester**

**Kick-off 7.15 p.m.**

**Sponsor of Tonight's Game is  
CLUB MACHINE RENTALS LTD.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

**20p**

## CLUB NOTES

At last at the time of going to press we might have a match tonight against our old adversaries Gloucester, owing to International calls both clubs are unable to field full strength sides and with mutual agreement the game will not count in the Merit Table

After last Saturday's disaster at Leicester, we hope that the players can pick themselves up and now we are not in the John Player Cup take the opportunity of getting back to match fitness and producing the style of rugby we all know they are capable of playing. It might be a good idea to invite Mr. Welsby down to a coaching session to try and elinate all the penalty incurring faults which Bristol seem to develop when he is the referee.

However tonight we hope the team will forget last week and show Gloucester we are still capable of playing good rugby.

We offer our congratulations to Nigel Pomphrey and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

We wish to thank our sponscrs tonight Club Machine Rentals Ltd. and hope they and their guests have an enjoyable evening, our thanks are also due to Messrs. Hill House Hammond Ltd. for their continued support of the Bristol Hospitals Broadcasting Service.

The Next home fixture is on Saturday 9th February K.O. 3.00p.m. when the United play Cardiff Athletic, if you are not going to Cardiff for the 1st XV match, why not come here where you can be sure of an entertaining game and the United would welcome your support.

### Public Address System

We have received a number of complaints from members using the Popular Stand regarding the poor quality of the public address system in that area. Our Investigations indicate that this is a variable problem affected only by occasional weather conditions and because of the high cost of replacing the equipment, the Committee have decided that at present, in view of more pressing matters, to delay further action except possible adjustments.

We trust you will bear with us until we can afford to purchase a complete modern installation.

TEAMS

BRISTOL

Colours: Blue and White

A	David Sorrell	Fullback
B	John Lane	Right Wing
C	John Watson	Right Centre
D	Simon Hogg	Left Centre
E	Huw Duggan	Left Wing
F	Simon Roberts	Fly Half
G	Paul Jeffrey	Scrum Half
H	John Doubleday	Forwards
I	Kevin Bogira	
J	Darryll Hickey	
K	Nigel Pomphrey	
L	Peter Stiff	
M	Peter Polledri	Capt.
N	Malcolm Baker	
O	Wayne Hone	

Replacements:

Ralph Knibbs  
Peter Miles

Internationals X

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

Timothy Smith	15
Derek Morgan	14
Richard Mogg	13
Paul Taylor Capt.	12
Nick Price	11
Michael Hamlin	10
Marcus Hannaford	9
Malcolm Preedy X	1
Kevin White	2
Richard Pascall	3
Nigel Scrivens	4
John Brain	5
Jeremy Bennett	6
Ian Smith	7
Larry Cummins	8

Rob Wood  
David Spencer

Referee: Roger Parker North Midlands

## CABOTS NOTES

### BRISTOL'S RECORD AGAINST GLOUCESTER.

#### ANALYSIS

	P	W	L	D	Pts For	Pts Against
up to 1914	53	16	33	4	199	364
1919 - 1939	37	14	18	5	213	213
1945 - 1985	77	37	32	8	757	735
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>1312</b>

#### HIGHLIGHTS

	HOME		AWAY	
	Score	Date	Score	Date
Highest points for	29	29/9/56	25	26/9/59
Highest points against	34	27/4/77	23	18/2/11
Highest margin win	23-0	3/2/62	18-0	26/9/59
Highest margin defeat	9-34	27/4/77	0-22	8/11/90

#### Dear Fellow Rugby Nutters,

Welcome back to the sight of our first XV on the Memorial Ground. How we have missed them! Even to hard-bitten old members, and even when in away matches our players might not acquit themselves as well as we know they can, it brings a quickening of the pulse to see our lads run out onto the pitch.

I thought you might be interested to look back at a match that took place almost 23 years to the day, and as you watch our players tonight reflect that on that occasion most of them even, if actually born, were in nappies or short pants!

#### LOOKING BACK

Bristol 23 Gloucester 0

3rd February, 1962

This return match provided a major incentive since earlier in the season Gloucester had beaten Bristol 15-3 at Kingsholm. The score of 1 goal, 1 dropped goal and 5 tries (23 points) without reply from Gloucester reflected only half the story of their overwhelming superiority in practically every phase of the game which became so one sided as to be almost unbelievable. With a first-class kicker the score could have been almost double.

For most of the game the Bristol pack was contained in the tight, but when it mattered against the head John Thorne and his front-row colleagues were most successful. An outstanding example of the understanding between scrum-half and outside halves was provided by Bill Redwood and John Blake, and Mike Ellery, on the right wing, showed splendid powers of side-stepping combined with astonishing passes on the muddy ground. He scored three tries bringing his total for the season to 26. So superior were Bristol that even David Watt is said to have had "cruel luck in not scoring in the hectic opening spell . . ." He was held back by one arm as he was about to grab a pass inches short of the line. This was a match in which Bristol took their points total for the season to 455.

It is also interesting that on the same day Bristol United fielded five county players in beating Gloucester United 24-3, and the side included the young John Pullin, who on the day unfortunately lost the hooking honours to Mike Nicholls.

Old Cabot.