

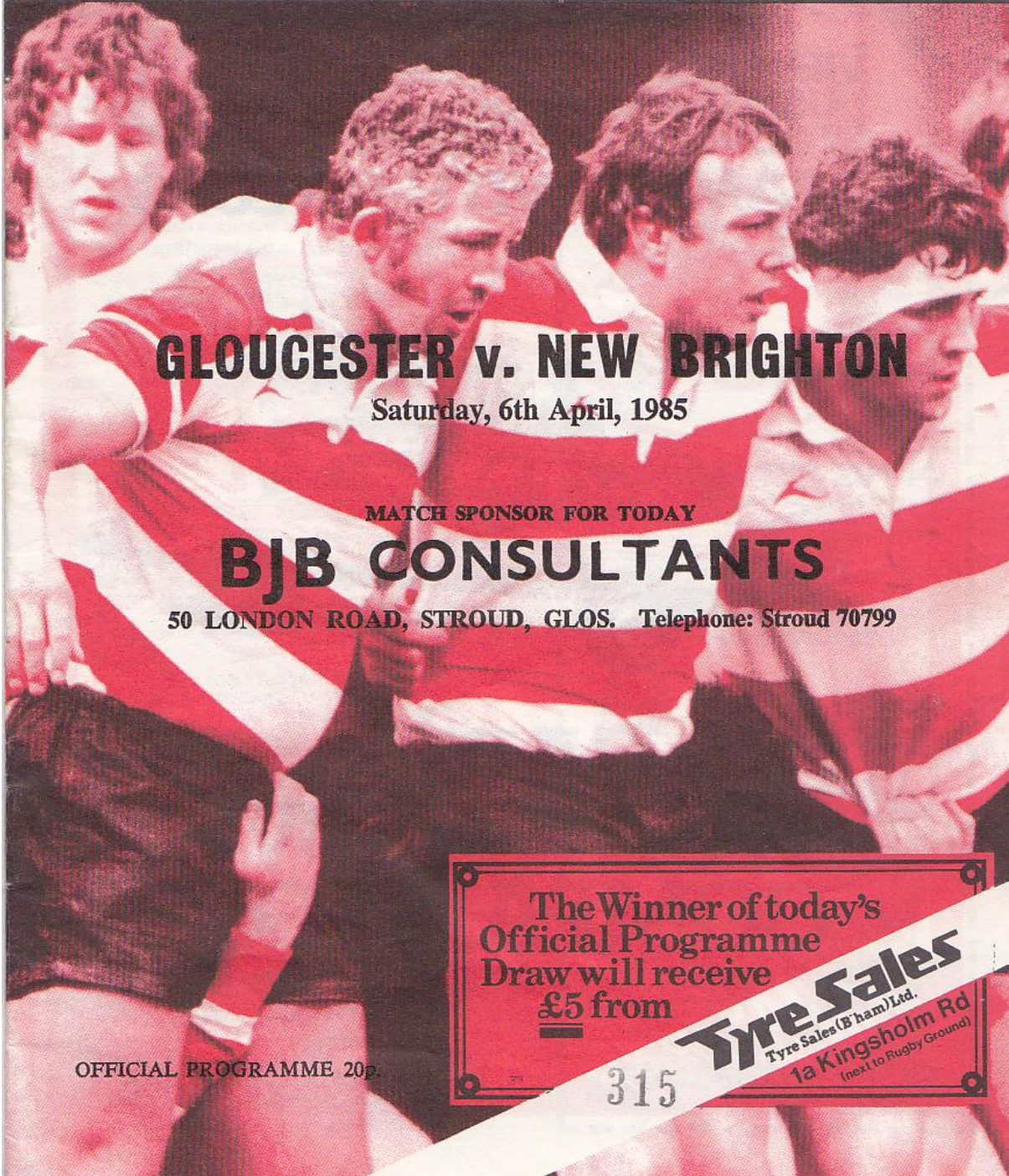


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# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Kingsholm

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## GLOUCESTER v. NEW BRIGHTON

Saturday, 6th April, 1985

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#### GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. P. Wickenden

Three Quarters

14. J. Breeze

13. R. Mogg *RELLIS*

12. P. Taylor (Capt.)

11. N. Price

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

1. P. Jones

2. K. White

3. R. Pascall

4. D. Burr *ESTHERLIDG*

5. J. Brain

6. J. Gadd

7. D. Spencer

8. J. Bennett

REPLACEMENTS

R. Wood

G. Mann

#### NEW BRIGHTON

Full Back

15. M. Doyle

Three Quarters

14. P. Bamber

13. J. Coulter

12. G. Burden

11. J. Corless

Half Backs

10. D. Blisseth

9. G. Billington

Forwards

1. S. Miles (Capt.)

2. N. Ford

3. K. Pollard

4. C. Thomas

5. D. Roper

6. R. Stratford

7. C. Evans

8. B. Roberts

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: S. TREVITHICK (Cornwall)

† International

**Good luck to one special team from another!**



**Richard Cound**

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **Rare pleasure**

The two Easter fixtures have become quite a feature of the Gloucester scene, of late. We have become used to something of a 'festival' feel to them, and usually see a fair few points scored. Last Easter, for example, Gloucester beat Headingly by 19 points to 0, and Birkenhead Park 42-0.

Another feature is that we have a species of circulation of fixtures, which gives us the pleasure, now and then, of watching clubs that we don't see all that often.

Such is the case today. It's three or four years since New Brighton graced Kingsholm with their presence, which just makes their appearance all the more welcome.

For anyone who's interested in the history of the game, New Brighton are a long-established club, having been founded in 1875. They're certainly not averse to travelling. I note that, last weekend, they were down to play Jedforest, up on the Borders, while on Monday they take on Preston Grasshoppers — not a bad mileage for three matches. You can also say that you've met someone, apart from John Fidler, who has actually **played** against Wade Dooley.

It's always nice to see new faces, and we're all very pleased that New Brighton have foresaken their hot cross buns to make the trip to Kingsholm. We hope they have a really good Easter Saturday, and we'll be doing our best to see that they enjoy themselves.

### **Thanks to BJB Consultants**

Most people would be content to send out some of those little post office cards when they change their address. Not Barrie Beattie of BJB Consultants. He is sponsoring today's game, and there's no doubt that his beer will taste better than the gum off all these postage stamps.

Not that this is the first time that we have had the pleasure of thanking Barrie for his generosity. This is certainly the third time his company has supported us in this way, and I wouldn't be surprised if this was, in fact, the fourth. Both my regular readers will therefore remember that BJB Consultants are Insurance Brokers, specialising in life and pension matters, and bringing a great deal of experience and expertise to the job too.

Now back to that change of address. BJB Consultants will soon be moving to:

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Unfortunately, the move has meant a change of telephone number too, and the new one will be Gloucester 86305.

So anyone who is in the market for new insurance, or perhaps a pension plan, will now know where to go. Especially if they agree that anyone who sponsors a Kingsholm game must be worth patronising.

Thanks again, Barrie. We're more than grateful.

### **The Hop tonight!**

This evening, as ever was, sees another of the increasingly popular Players' Discos in the Complex. Proceeds, as always, to the Players' Fund.

Well — Easter is a time for assorted jollity, and if you haven't sorted out this evening's festivities yet, why not trot along and give the lads your support? After all, they have been giving us some magnificent entertainment on the field, lately, and there seems no reason why their light fantastic occasion wouldn't be at least as amusing.

Tickets £1.50. See Jeremy Bennett, or any of the lads.

### **The Big One soon**

"Phrase it politely," said Brian Howells, "but there are still just a couple of blokes who haven't paid their 350 Club money yet."

He is at pains to point out that he isn't really getting stropky — just that the season's big draw takes place on April 26th, and that if anyone hasn't paid up, their number won't go into the hat. Which is only fair.

Draw Night is always a good night to be in the bar, so you might like to make a note that the actual draw will take place at about 9.30 on that evening. You could even make a night of it, and go straight off down to Exeter.

### Away next week

The season is rapidly running out, so you'll be wanting to get all the rugby in that you can. You'll be aware that next Monday, at 3.00 p.m., we shall be entertaining the Fylde side, which should be good, and must, in any case, be better than helping the wife with the Spring cleaning.

Next Saturday — April 13th — we're away to Neath, who have been having a good season, and it would be interesting to find out if the entertaining brand of football which the lads have been showing us, travels as well as most good vintages do.

On the other hand, United have a visit from Bridgend Sports on that day, so it could be worth staying home, if your prefer.

### We are Sale-ing

The Sale match on Saturday, April 20th remains just that. The Sale match on April 20th. At 3.00 p.m., what's more, which is precisely the same date and time as England v. Wales kicks off in Cardiff.

It's a shame, and there's no secret that Gloucester R.F.C. would have preferred it otherwise. Indeed, we offered three alternatives — The Friday evening at 7.00 p.m., Saturday at 12 noon, or Saturday at 6.00 p.m.

We are uncertain why Sale feel unable to make a change, but it could have something to do with the fact that, at the time of writing, Sale are riding high at the top of the new National Merit Table, having won six games out of six at the moment.

I suppose that it's understandable. If you're winning, you do tend to take the whole thing more seriously than everyone else appears to be doing at such an early stage. It's always nice to be first, after all.

### Clash!

Talking about not being too interested, I gather most supporters can't whip up any enthusiasm for the Divisional Championship, scheduled for next season. I now have some information, however, which would well make some of us positively 'anti'

It appears that the proposed dates clash with our games against Coventry, and would you believe, Leicester and Bath. Which, apart from anything else, won't do the Merit Table any good at all.

### Well done!

Usual congratulations to John Orwin and Phil Blakeway for the part they played in the England and Ireland game. It certainly wasn't their fault that England lost.

One wonders what would happen if Mike Teague had been on the field. Would he, perhaps, have stopped Lenihan before he'd gone far enough to give Kiernan room to drop that vital goal?

And while I'm about it, I have been remiss in not congratulating Pete Jones on his selection for the Under 23 Squad. I'm told that the wise money is saying that he could well go all the way. Which wouldn't surprise those of us who have seen in him in action.

### Tailpiece

I suppose I should put the record straight about the 6ft. 8in. Spanish lock forward who was due to join the club last Monday. Apparently, quite a few people didn't cotton on to the fact that 'Paolo Fril' is an anagram of 'April Fool'. or that last Monday was April 1st.

So anyone who was expecting to see a sort of Andy Ripley with garlic, next season, will, I'm afraid be disappointed. Just put it down to my warped sense of humour.

PETER ARNOLD.