

# GLOUCESTER V. EBBW VALE

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(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. P. Mansell

Three Quarters

14. D. Morgan

13. P. Taylor

12. C. Dyke

11. J. Breeze

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. R. Williams

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy (Capt.)

2. K. Dunn

3. R. Phillips

4. N. Scrivens

5. J. Etheridge

6. M. Longstaff

7. I. Smith

8. B. Fowke

REPLACEMENTS

M. Hannaford

G. Mann

#### EBBW VALE

(Red Green & White)

Full Back

15. A. Parry

Three Quarters

14. B. Thomas

13. D. Parry

12. M. Davies

11. A. Griffiths

Half Backs

10. C. Watkins

9. C. Johnathan

Forwards

1. S. Wharton (Capt.)

2. B. Clarke

3. T. Needs

4. M. Spiller

5. W. Matthews

6. N. Robinson

7. R. Stephens

8. P. Easley

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: M. EDWARDS (Warwickshire Society)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire



### **How's the Rebuilding Going?**

If you look at the Ebbw Vale entry in this year's Rothman's Rugby Handbook, you'll find that during last season "Ebbw continued to rebuild". Well — they'd certainly got up past the damp course by the time they came here, beating a lack-lustre Gloucester side by 22 points to 16, co-incidentally, the same score by which they beat South Glamorgan Institute last Saturday.

Actually that was the first time they'd beaten us for some time, Gloucester having won the two previous encounters 14-9 and 24-17 respectively.

Last season's match did do us a favour, however, it proved the turning point in the season, after which we lost only a handful of games. Whether the same thing can be said about this season remains to be seen, but it is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Nevertheless, it's always good to see Ebbw Vale here. They're a good, hard Welsh side, who perhaps don't get the publicity they deserve. They may consider that rebuilding is in order — and indeed, we can say we're in the same process ourselves — but I can't imagine that the Club which produced such stalwarts as Denzil Williams ever produces a pushover side.

One way and another, the sides look fairly evenly matched tonight, and it will be interesting to make comparisons.

Nice to see you back again, Ebbw. Hope you all have a great evening.

### **The Black Horse Rides Again**

Our thanks to Lloyds Bank for their generous sponsorship of tonight's game. When I asked Eastgate Street branch manager Harry Davey, who is himself a regular supporter at Kingsholm, why the Bank had chosen Ebbw Vale as the game to support, his reply was that Wednesday evening is a convenient time for Lloyds and their guests to attend, that he himself likes Welsh rugby, and that, anyway, Lloyds Regional Director, Hugh Williams, hails from the Principality himself, and that the selection of a Welsh game seemed a diplomatic move.

The ploy seems to have worked, I'm told that Mr. Williams is here himself, along with about 60 other people, and very welcome they all are too.

The modern range of services provided by Lloyds Bank has been published, more than adequately, by the highly effective series of TV commercials featuring Leo ('Rumpole') McKern, so there doesn't seem much point in reiterating them here. Cheltenham and Gloucester are, however, shortly to become the recipients of a completely new service which seems very interesting to anyone in business.

The new Lloyds Bank Commercial Service aims to fill a hole in the market. You'll be well aware that, nowadays, there is a whole clutch of schemes designed to help small businesses and to encourage business start-ups. At the other end of the scale, the big companies can look after themselves, thank you very much.

However, if you happen to be involved in an established company which falls between the two stools, then life is not always so easy. The Bank's new Commercial Service is designed to help just that sector of industry and commerce.

The Service itself is manned by experienced and specially trained people, geared to provide a highly professional and tailored service to what is known as the 'middle corporate market'. A high degree of technological support is available, but the main emphasis is on the personal approach. No one really likes calling on their Bank Manager, but under the new system, you'll probably find that friendly, qualified people will call on you — advising you on your own patch, where all your records are immediately available.

The first such service was opened in Ipswich just a short time ago. The Gloucester and Cheltenham one will come into operation quite early in 1987, so, as usual, we're in the forefront of things.

Still, I suppose the only profit and loss columns we're worried about this evening are those on the scoreboard, so let's just enjoy the evening and hope that Lloyds Bank and their guests do precisely the same thing.

Thanks again, Lloyds.

### **Advance Warning**

I happened to learn, last Saturday, that there is an impending change of dates, later in the season. If you look at your fixture list, you'll find that Orrell are down to visit us on Friday, March 20th. Peter Ford has now received a request from the North Country club to switch to Saturday, March 21st. It now looks likely that we shall accede to the request.



It's a long time off, I know, but it is, after all, our last John Smiths Merit Table match of the year, so you won't want to miss it, in spite of the rival attractions of Ireland v. France at Lansdowne Road and Scotland v. Wales at Murrayfield. Worth making the correction.

### **On We Go**

Talking about fixtures, the First XV visit Newport on Saturday, which naturally means that United will be playing their opposite numbers at Kingsholm on that day. The following Saturday Plymouth are the visitors, and it will be nice to see them again. The month is then rounded off by a visit from the intriguingly-titled Yugoslav Sports, who I believe come from New Zealand, arriving to take on the United on Thursday, November 30th. So there's a bit to look forward to before Hallowe'en.

### **Fid's Been Foyled Again!**

Let's face it, if you had reason to believe that you'd offended big John Fidler, you would have two choices; make immediate reparation — or emigrate.

Our usually-efficient Membership Secretary, David Foyle, finds himself in exactly that unenviable situation, and as he has no intention whatever of fleeing the country during the rugby season, he's asked me to bail him out.

The point at issue is that 'Fid's' name doesn't appear in the printed list of Patrons, this year. And it should do.

So just to set the record straight, not only is John Fidler a fully paid-up Patron in good standing, but he was last year, too. David has promised him a public apology for the omission, and this is it.

Feel better now, David?

### **Season Tickets**

You may remember that I told you that Season tickets would be on sale in the Clubhouse before each game, for a while. While there is still plenty of time to reap the financial benefits of such a purpose, the demand is now falling off a little, and David Foyle asks me to say that the system will now revert to normal, and that season tickets will be available, as usual, from the Secretary's office, and from the Caravan at the back of the main Stand.

Which needn't stop you buying one, if you haven't already done so.

### **Thanks to the Lads.**

Boxing promoter John Williamson (who is also a Patron of the Club, nowadays), asks me to thank the clutch of Gloucester players who turned up to support him in his efforts to re-establish professional boxing in the City after a lapse of many years.

Skipper Malcolm Preedy, Mike Hamlin, Paul ('Tally') Taylor and Richard Pascal were all there, at last Friday's Leisure Centre promotion, and did a very good job, chatting to sponsors and cash customers, and generally looking all posh in their club blazers and ties.

As Gloucester's premier sporting organisation, it's nice to see our players supporting new sporting ventures in the City, and perhaps there's a moral there, somewhere.

### **Tailpiece**

One thing I can't understand about that evening, however. Why was Paul Taylor sporting a bigger black eye than any of the boxers?

PETER ARNOLD.

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