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BROUGHTON PK.**

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### GLOUCESTER

(Cherry & White)

Full Back

15. N. Marment

Three Quarters

14. T. Smith

13. R. Mogg

12. P. Taylor

11. J. Breeze

Half Backs

10. M. Hamlin

9. R. Williams

Forwards

† 1. M. Preedy (Capt.)

2. K. Dunn

3. R. Pascall

4. G. Guest

5. J. Etheridge

6. J. Gadd

7. I. Smith

† 8. M. Teague

REPLACEMENTS

J. Davis

K. White

### BROUGHTON PARK

Full Back

15. K. O'Brien

Three Quarters

14. K. Knowles

13. A. Richardson

12. G. Higginson

11. S. Brown

Half Backs

10. A. Rimmer

9. S. Hartley

Forwards

1. C. Helm

2. O. Brabins

3. N. Pickavance

4. K. Wilson

5. D. Stone

6. J. Wilde

7. G. Bayle

8. N. Sever

REPLACEMENTS

A. McClure

C. Tatton

Referee: J. PEARSON (Durham Society)

† International

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



# Richard Cound

BMW in Gloucestershire

### **All Down in Black and White**

Good to see the lads from Manchester today. Of course, it's only every other year that they sally down to Kingsholm, which simply makes the Broughton Park side that much more welcome.

I'm told that the black-and-whites are a predominantly young side, although it would be unwise to write off the experience of such bonny campaigners as Kevin O'Brien, who has been known to do Gloucestershire a nasty or two on County days.

I do have to admit that today's visitors haven't had the best of luck against Gloucester in recent seasons. Three years ago we squeaked it at Chelsfield Grove, but it took a 25-24 scoreline to do it. After that, the last time they visited Kingsholm proved to be 'one of those days' for the visitors, who came second by 49 points to 3 on a day when Gloucester hit peak form at just the wrong time as far as the Mancunians are concerned. On the return trip, last season, we won 18-7.

I also notice an ominous weather note too. On two out of those three years Broughton Park have been our last game before the climate turned nasty, and one or two matches were cancelled. Just coincidence of course, I hope.

Nevertheless, things are looking up for the Northerners. Last season it took Leicester to knock them out of the John Player — one of their victims in previous rounds being Bedford in the pre-Orwin days. Certainly, they are now entrenched in the Northern Merit Table, and I'm told they have some young players of considerable promise.

No doubt you'll be able to judge for yourself this afternoon. But whatever happens, Broughton Park are, as ever, very welcome.

### **What Have We Got Toulouse?**

At last, the promised visit of French Champions, Toulouse has been finalised. January 31st, as ever was. It's a pity we have to lose the Bridgend fixture to arrange it, but such an opportunity doesn't come along all that often.

Like most people, I have been wondering just what was so difficult about finding a date suitable for both clubs. Having just spent a considerable time with a cold towel round my head, try to fathom the complexities of the French league system, I now begin to understand the reasons.

It appears that, until this season, the French First Division consisted of 80 clubs, split into two groups of 40. Just to complete the picture the Second Division had 120 clubs, and the Third 160!

No wonder it took until mid-February to complete the league phase. At that point, Toulouse and Agen headed the list, and the other Quarter Finalists were Montferrand, Toulon, Beziers, Biarritz, Graulhet and Perpignan. The whole thing ran to form, and Toulouse won the Final 16-6, although there were a few grumbles that the game wasn't as open as had been expected, the participants being universally regarded as the two most attacking clubs in France. And that's saying something.

So it looks like a real treat in store. In fact, as the game follows our trip to West Hartlepool in the Cup, January seems set to be going out like a lion. Just hope the weather doesn't repeat last season's performance at round about that time.

### **Providence Capitol Again**

Once again, we have to thank our old friends from Providence Capitol for their generous sponsorship of today's game. If you want to know why they chose to bestow their bounty on Broughton Park, then I suspect that the answer is that Manager Jim Ryan comes from that part of the world. And what better reason for his selection?

One of the features of developments around the County over the past few years, has been the advent of insurance-related companies of all shapes and sizes. While Providence Capitol don't have the major presence of one or two of the giants who are now around, they can certainly claim to be one of the most successful.

Their main preoccupation is providing pension plans, unit trusts and similar services. On the evidence of the figures supplied to me by Jim Ryan, anyone thinking of stowing a few quid away for their declining years, would be well advised to take Providence Capitol into their calculations.

Jim gives me a few good examples. Last year, he used these notes to recommend various unit trusts which had not long been launched. This time, he has supplied me with the results to date of these trusts.

If, for example, you had invested in PC's 'European' Unit Trust in October last year, then it would have been worth £172.70 now. That, as they say, ain't peanuts. Other funds have done almost as well — the 'Japan' fund, for example, has risen by 57.1% over the same period.

You don't want too many money-type figures in a rugby programme, so I won't go on, but what I can tell you is that there are only half-a-dozen UK investment groups who can claim to have done as well over the last year.

Apart from anything else, Jim Ryan is a good, beer-drinking rugby supporter, so he's a man after your own heart. Why not give him a ring on Cheltenham 584117?

### **Christmas Comes . . .**

And with it, the Social Club Christmas Draw. There won't be a grand, major prize this year, because the Committee took the view that scads of smaller prizes would give everyone a better chance to win. According to John Beaman, the prize list will certainly top the hundred mark. Which can't be bad.

But, of course, it all depends how many tickets you buy. If you buy large quantities — perhaps a few at a time — then you're going to have a better chance of winning something convivial for Christmas than if you only buy one or two. And if you don't buy any, then you've dipped out before you start.

Go on — why not have a dabble?

### **Better Clear the Decks**

Talking about Christmas (where has the year gone?) it's not too early to point out to you that this year, four of the five holiday games are at home. To be precise, we have Coventry on the 20th of December, Lydney, as usual on Boxing Day and Newport the day after. Then we're away to Moseley on New Year's Day with a visit from London Scottish on January 3rd. This will put something of a strain on Yours Truly because our Friendly Neighbourhood Printer, Stoate & Bishop, will be closed down for most of that period, so I have to do all the programmes at once.

I do have one arm twist though. Stoate and Bishop are sponsoring the London Scottish game!

### **Patrons Night**

All of which reminds me that David Foyle wants to inform all Patrons that the annual beanfeast known as the Patrons Evening will be held sometime in the New Year. So you have plenty of time to think about it.

### **West Hartlepool**

We really don't have any firm information about transport to the John Player vet. What we can say is that the Club are negotiating with British Rail over the possibility of chartering our own train for the purpose.

The 'Elver Eater Express' perhaps?

I'll keep you posted.

### **300 Club**

Just a reminder that, if you fancy a gamble for more-than-useful cash prizes on the 300 Club, that time is bearing down on you. The first draw is at the end of this month, which gives you just about two weeks to DO something about it.

Have a word with any member of the Social Club Committee.

### **Tailpiece**

'Digger' Morris had a nice little story the other day. Apparently, at one of our recent evening matches, no fewer than five members of the 1935 Gloucester side were in the bar together.

Well — six really, because surely 'Digger' counts as two.

But it's quite a record really. Pity we didn't have a photographer handy.

PETER ARNOLD.