

NEATH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1871

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SEASON 1986-87

NEATH VERSUS GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 11th APRIL, 1987

KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.



Official Match Programme 25p

NEATH

15	JONATHAN GRIFFITHS
14	ALAN EDMUNDS
13	STEVE POWELL
12	RICHARD GRIFFITHS
11	GRAHAM DAVIES
10	STEVE GRIFFITHS
9	MARK DOUGLAS
1	DAVID JOSEPH
2	MIKE RICHARDS
3	JEREMY PUGH
4	STEVE DANDO
5	PAUL JACKSON
6	ROLAND PHILLIPS
8	MARK JONES
7	LYN JONES

Replacements:

Carl Gnojek
Carwyn Jones

GLOUCESTER

Full Back	NICK MARMENT	15
Right Wing	DEREK MORGAN	14
Right Centre	RAURI McLEAN	13
Left Centre	RICHARD MOGG	12
Left Wing	NICK PRICE	11
Outside Half	MIKE HAMLIN	10
Inside Half	MARCUS HANNIFORD	9
Prop	MALCOLM PREEDY	1
Hooker	KEVIN DUNN	2
Prop	RICHARD PASCALL	3
Second Row	NIGEL SCRIVENS	4
Second Row	JOHN BRAIN	5
Wing Forward	JOHN GADD	6
No. 8	MIKE TEAGUE	8
Wing Forward	IAN SMITH	7

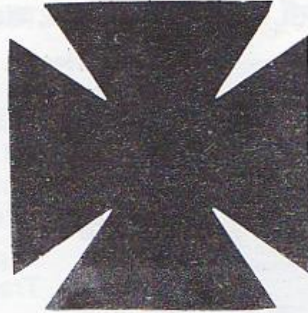
Referee

Mr. Gareth Simmonds
Taffs Well

Replacements:

All Blacks Notes

By Berwyn Davies



Congratulations to Paul Thorburn, Jonathan Davies, Stuart Evans, Kevin Phillips and Huw Richards on their selection for the Welsh Squad for the World Cup. We wish them a happy and successful trip. Our sympathy to Mark Jones whom we all feel was worthy of selection.

Today we entertain our friends from the West Country, Gloucester. We extend to them a warm welcome. In recent seasons the encounter has been won by the home side and the All Blacks will have to be at their best to overcome what will undoubtedly be a powerful performance by Gloucester.

Over the years, Gloucester have been renowned for their powerful forward play. The Cherry and Whites are captained this year by Malcolm Preedy who was capped by England on their South Africa Tour in 1984.

Last Season Gloucester became the first winners of the John Merit Table A and won 32 games, and lost 13 and in the process scored 1015 points. They have not enjoyed the same success this season and find themselves in Mid Table. They were defeated in the fifth round of the John Player Cup by Orrell.

John Gwilliam who captained Wales in the early '50's played for Gloucester and another Welsh connection was W.E. Jones who also played for Neath but was better known as a Glamorgan Cricketer. Last Season Willie Jones was Present as Kingsholme for the visit of the All Blacks on three occasions. Jones topped 200 points in a season for Gloucester. The connection continues in the present side with Richard Williams at scrum half. Williams recently appeared for The Glamorgan County XV.

A Welcome to Mark Douglas who has now transferred to the club from London Welsh. Mark who hails from Lampeter has shown outstanding form on his appearance for the All Blacks. Mark played for Llanelli after gaining a Welsh Youth Cup and gained full caps in 1984 against Scotland, Ireland and France. Mark's brother Carl who is also a scrum half, made 1 appearance for the All Blacks last season.

On Wednesday last, Neath beat Cross Keys by 36 pts. to 7 - This victory virtually ensures that the All Blacks win the Merit Table.