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**BALAN SPORTS**  
Osborne Road, Pontypool

January 18th  
1989



Kick off  
7.00 p.m.

**Pontypool**

**v**

**GLOUCESTER**





Tonight's visitors are the Gloucester team, officials and supporters and we extend a very warm welcome to them.

Under the captaincy of scrum half, Marcus Hannaford, Gloucester are 'enjoying a successful season and are currently doing well in the Courage Club Championship. Their latest game in the championship was against Leicester at Kingholm last Saturday, when the visitors were crushed 28 - nil. This makes tonight's game look like an up-hill struggle for Pontypool. Indeed if Pontypool should win tonight it would be a notable victory. Gloucester's Courage Championship record reads:- played 8, won 5, drawn 1, lost 2.

Tonight's game is Gloucester's ninth against Welsh opposition this season. They have beaten Swansea and Ebbw Vale at Kingholm and Pontypridd at Sardis Road. Those games were fairly early in the season. Since then they have also accounted for South Wales Police and Bridgend at Kingholm and achieved the double over Newport.

Gloucester are, in the main, an experienced side with good reserve strength, as Pontypool Athletic found to their cost earlier in the season.

Full back, Tim Smith is a reliable place-kicker and is approaching the 200 points mark for the season. Centre, Rory Maclean played in the recent Scottish trial and will probably play for Scotland some time in the not-too-distant future.

Gloucester can field a couple of capped players. Back row men, John Gadd has played for the England 'B' team while Mike Teague has won a couple of full caps.

Derek Morgan, Nick Price and Jim Breeze share the wing positions while Richard Mogg is Maclean's regular partner at centre. Mike Hamlin is the established outside half in the team. Up front, Malcolm Preedy, Kevin Dunn and John Etheridge are among their more experienced performers so it is easy to see why our visitors are enjoying a successful season.

Graham Howden

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**PONTYPOOL**

Paul Gwatkin 15  
Alun Glasson 14  
Matthew Kehoe 13  
Tudor Thomas 12  
Shaun White 11  
  
Colin Watkins 10  
David Wright 9  
  
Staff Jones 1  
Andrew Peacock 2  
Mike Crowley 3  
Keith Anderson 4  
David Churchill 5  
Chris Huish (Capt) 6  
Eddie Butler 8  
Vince Davies 7

**Replacements**

Mike Davies  
Steve Jackson

**GLOUCESTER**

15 Tim Smith  
14 Jim Breeze  
13 Richard Mogg  
12 Darren Cummins  
11 Nick Price  
  
10 Mike Hamlin  
9 Marcus Hannaford (Capt)  
  
1 Malcolm Preedy  
2 Kevin Dunn  
3 Richard Pascall  
4 Nigel Scrivens  
5 John Etheridge  
6 Paul Ashmead  
8 Mike Teague  
7 Ian Smith

**Replacements**

Referee: R. G. Davies (Penclawdd)

**Next Home Match: Aberavon Saturday, 28th January 1989**



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As well as Kevin Moseley's appearance at Murrayfield this coming Saturday, Pontypool supporters will have added interest in Sean Lineen's first appearance in a Scottish jersey. Sean will be remembered for the time he played for Pontypool in season 1985/86. Sean made thirty-four appearances and scored thirteen tries. It will be recalled that Lyndsay Raki and Scott Pierce were with him during that same season.

Although Pontypool lost to Pontypridd last Saturday, mention must be made of the tries scored by Shaun White and Matthew Kehoe. They were superb scores while David Wright got his ninth touchdown in twelve appearances.

Without wishing to detract from Pontypridd's victory, they were a side without star players but played a simple brand of rugby with a great deal of enthusiasm.

It was good to see Mike Crowley back in action against Pontypridd. His strength certainly improved the Pontypool scrummaging. This was Pontypridd's first win at the Park since 1971.

As well as the game at Garndiffaith next Monday, Mr. Ken Childs has announced another fixture change. The Pontypridd game which was postponed in November will now be played on Wednesday, February 8th.

Our next home game is against Aberavon on Saturday, January 28th, kick off 3.00pm.  
Ten Seasons Ago

When Pontypool entertained Gloucester on Wednesday, October 4th 1979, they won the game 28-3. The team scored six tries through Brian Gregory, Gareth White (2), Graham Price, Terry Lee and Steve Sutton. Peter Lewis added two conversions. The Pontypool team that night was:- Peter Lewis, Goff Davies, David Williams, Nigel Probert, Gareth White, Martin Parry, Terry Lee, Staff Jones, Steve Jones, Graham Price, John Perkins, Steve Sutton, Brian Gregory, Jeff Squire, Terry Cobner (Captain).

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