

The Teams

Neath 17 Castell Nedd

Gloucester 10 Caerlovw

- 15 Paul Thorburn †
- 14 Jonathan Griffiths
- 13 Adrian Davies *
- 12 Jason Ball (EDMONDS)
- 11 Graham Davies *
- 10 Jeff Bird
- 9 Gary Williams
- Brian Williams †
- 2 Andrew Thomas
- 3 John Davies
- 4 Glyn Llewellyn †
- 5 Mike Whitson
- 6 Kevin Fox
- 8 Rowland Phillips †
- 7 Martyn Morris †

Full Back (Cefnwr)

Right Wing (Asgell dde)

Right Centre (Canolwr)

Left Centre (Canolwr)

Left Wing (Asiell chwith)

Stand off (Maswr)

Scrum half (Newnwr)

Loose head Prop (Y rheng flaen)

Hooker (Bachwr)

Tight head Prop (Y rheng flaen)

Lock (Yr ail reng)

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Left Flanker (Blaenasgell)

No.8 (Y rheng ol)

Right Flanker (Blaenasgell)

15 Tim Smith I con.

- 14 Derek Morgan
- 13 Damion Cummins
- 12 Don Caskie
- 11-Nick Price MARMENT
- 10 Mike Hamlin (Capt)
- 9 Marcus Hannaford
- 1 Malcolm Preedy Trascau
- 2 Kevin Dunn HAWKER
- 3 Peter Jones
- 4 Dave Simms
- 5 John Brain
- 6 Dave Parry SPENCER 1 tm
- 8 Barry Clark
- 7 Andy Stanley

Replacements:

Kevin Phillips † Alan Edmunds † Kevin Mathews

Referee Mr. Steve Hilditch Ireland

Replacements:

General Manager: John Williams

Senior Coach : Glen Ball Coach: David Pickering Fitness Coach : Alun Roper Touch Judge : W Thomas

Match Sponsors Watney Trueman

Match Ball Sponsors Boots The Chemist and Abbey National (Neath) Coach: Keith Richardson Touch Judge: Brian Glanville

† Internationals * B Internationals

Our Visitors



Welcome Gloucester



Croeso Caerloyw

Too many seasons have passed since we last had the pleasure of welcoming Gloucester to The Gnoll. It is therefore with great pleasure that we do so today.

the former Glamorgan cricketer W C Jones who was outside half at Kingsholme for many seasons. He also, of course, played for Neath.

In view of our visitors defeat by Swansea last Saturday at Kingsholme, we can be sure that Gloucester will be out to ensure there is no second defeat by a Welsh club.

Our visitors played their first game in 1873 at their present ground but then moved until 1920 when they returned to Kingsholme.

Today Gloucester will be without many of their leading players and internationals. Very much like Neath, they are sometimes affected by international calls and this weekend it is unfortunate that an England squad training weekend has been called. It means that we shall be deprived of seeing that outstanding British Lion, Mike Teague, in action.

Teague is only one of many England internationals who have come from the Gloucester club. There have also been close Welsh connections over the years. John Gwilliam, who led Wales to its first Triple Crown after the War, is a former Gloucester player and many people at today's match will have fond memories of

Last season promised particularly well for Gloucester. For much of the season they seemed certain winners of the Courage League. They won their way through to the final of the Pilkington Cup. It was a cruel disappointment when both trophies eluded them. We, at Neath know only too well what it is like to be denied the honours at a late stage but just like the Welsh All Blacks, the men of Gloucester will undoubtedly come back with a renewed and strengthened resolve.

We look forward avidly to this afternoon's encounter wishing both teams well as we offer our visitors the warmest of welcomes.