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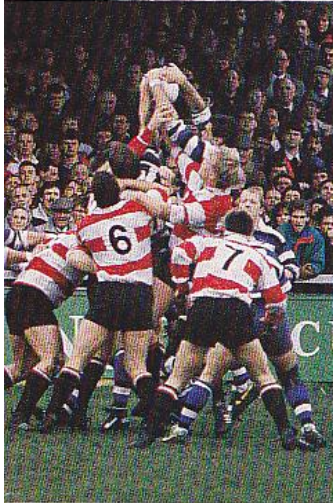
THE

# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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## BRIDGEND



Saturday, December 29th 1990  
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**BRIDGEND**  
(Blue and White)

T	G	Pts

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1	4p	16

T	G	Pts
1		4

T	G	Pts
10	H/T	3

- 15. **M. Marmont** *M. ROBERTS*
- 14. **J. Perrins**
- 13. **D. Cummins**
- 12. **S. Davis** *S. MORRIS*
- 11. **N. Price**
- 10. **M. Hamlin**
- 9. **M. Hannaford**
- 1. **M. Preedy** *B. PHILLIPS*
- 2. **J. Hawker**
- 3. **R. Pascall**
- 4. **N. Scrivens**
- 5. **J. Brain**
- 6. **P. Ashmead** *J. GARD*
- 7. **A. Stanley**
- 8. **B. Clark** *N. TEBBUE*

Replacements:

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Cumulative Match Score

4	0		
4	3		
7	3		
10	3		
13	3		
13	7		
16	7		
20	7		

Referee: I. BULLERWELL (E.Midland Society)

T	G	Pts

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Replacements:

T	G	Pts
20	F/T	7

# TOUCH LINES

by  
Peter Arnold

## SAINT NICK?

Mike Nicholls may not be a saint, precisely, but today's game adds lustre to the halo he earned himself in former years as a legendary hooker and Club Captain. Let's face it, he was faced with a daunting and unprecedented problem when he took over as Fixture Secretary.

The difficulty was — and is — that England's Courage Clubs Championship and Wales' Heineken League tend to drive a wedge between English and Welsh clubs. I'm not knocking the League concept at all, being as aware as anyone of the competitiveness and sheer interest which they add to week-by-week Rugby, but one does have to admit that the system can make it more difficult for traditional Anglo-Welsh fixtures to take place. Which is where 'Nick' enters the picture, displaying the diplomatic skills of a Tariq Aziz.

I suppose the best way of emphasising the point is to say that Gloucester supporters probably haven't even noticed that there is a difficulty at all. We've retained virtually the whole of our Anglo-Welsh fixture list (no Llanelli this year, but they were due to drop out for this season anyway), which was always just about the strongest in the country. And that brings us straight to today's game.

Bridgend have provided valued and formidable opposition for Gloucester as long as most of us can remember. At no time have they ever been anyone's pushovers, and they're just as forthright a prospect now as they ever were.

Last season, for example, in the equivalent fixture to this one, they beat us 18-9 at Brewery Field, and as you'll remember, Gloucester didn't lose many that season, and in fact the results immediately following that game were Gloucester wins against Moseley (33-4), London Scottish (19-4), Leicester (26-16), Blackheath (19-12) and Wasps, in the Cup (23-19), so you couldn't actually say that Gloucester weren't on form.

Obviously, holiday games throw up some odd-

looking sides, but Bridgend will have suffered from that particular syndrome just as much as we did.

There's a point to prove today, therefore. It's good to see the lads from Bridgend here again, and we hope that, for them, the New Year celebrations start here.

## THANKS TO PITT GODDEN & TAYLOR

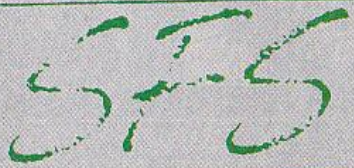
Almost exactly three years ago, I had the privilege of announcing a new Sponsor to the Kingsholm ranks. That wasn't an unusual occurrence in itself, but what was unique was the fact that Pitt Godden and Taylor had actually signed up for a match to support before they had even started trading! Such foresight, generosity, enterprise and sheer conviviality deserved to lead to success, and I'm delighted to be able to report that that has, indeed been the case.

I note that a recent opinion poll in America has established accountancy as the most boring profession. The Yanks obviously don't know Pitt Godden and Taylor, as cheerful a bunch of lads as you'll meet anywhere between Newcastle Gosforth and Penzance and Newlyn.

In any profession, however, simply being a nice bloke isn't good enough — though it helps. From their offices in George Street, Pitt Godden and Taylor now run one of the most respected accountancy firms in the area, using a highly personal, friendly approach, welded to undoubted standards of technical competence. In a period marked by national and international mergers, they have retained their identity, believing this to be the best way to deal with the special, and highly individual requirements of the local business scene.

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However, the only thing they'll be adding up today is the scoreline. We're grateful for their continued support, and hope they have a memorable afternoon.

#### TICKETS

Two matches coming up shortly will require tickets if you want to come along. One is the England 'B' game against Spain, down to be played here on Sunday (please note) January 20th, and the other is, quite obviously, our Cup encounter with Harlequins on the following Saturday, January 26th.

You can write to David Foyle, with remittance and SAE, right now, or you can wait until next Saturday when tickets should be available on the ground. Here are the details.

For the England 'B' game, Centre Stand tickets will cost £7.00, Wing Stand (unreserved) £5.00 and Ground £3.00. There's a neat offer for Juniors too. Parties of lads from bona fide Youth organisations can acquire tickets for just £1.00 a head, which seems an admirable way of spreading the gospel.

Parenthetically, you may remember the Spanish Schoolboys playing here some few seasons ago. Very lively they were, too. It will be interesting to see if any of the Spanish players are making their second visit to Kingsholm.

As far as the Cup is concerned, there's one restriction, forced upon us by the fact that Harlequins have taken up the whole of their allocation of Stand tickets. Centre Stand tickets at £5.00 and unreserved Wing Stand at £4.00 will only be available to Stand Season Ticket holders — at one per member — until Monday January 21st. After that, anything goes.

It's also worth pointing out that Ground tickets at £3.00 will be available for this game, so if you want to take a chance and just turn up on the day without a magic piece of cardboard — well — you may be all right, but it's up to you.

And before anyone starts grumbling, it's worth pointing out again that the rules of the competition

force us to make all Pilkington games 'all pay' affairs.

Incidentally, that applies to the car park, too, and there's sure to be a crush, so it might be worth considering catching the bus that day.

#### INTO 1991

This is the last home game, First XV or United, of 1990, although it's by no means out of the question for you to go and see the lads at Moseley on New Year's Day.

Next Saturday, however, you could come along and see the much-improved London Scottish side, always an attractive bunch to watch. Take the London Scots, add the whole enclave of Gloucester players who have discovered they qualify for Scotland, and you get a decidedly Caledonian occasion, worthy of Bill McLaren himself.

In fact, so North-of-the-Border has this affair become, that our match sponsors, who happen to be Stoate and Bishop who print this programme, are serving haggis to their guests that day. I can reveal, however, that heavy rumours to the contrary, Mike Stoate has decided not to wear his Clan McStoate kilt.

There's a little bit of interest in the United game on January 12th, too. The visitors are Harlequins, so it looks like a rainbow-coloured January.

#### TAILPIECE

It's been a funny old 1990, one way and another. We've certainly had euphoric ups and horrendous downs to start the decade.

One thing which has remained constant is the level of support and the standard of comment and repartee provided by the supporters. No club is better served in that respect.

As a reasonably experienced member of that happy band, I would also state that I've seldom, if ever, seen a period when we seem to have so much promising talent coming up through the Colts and the United. And we haven't 'put together packages' as the in-phrase goes, to attract any of it. Perhaps some of the lads currently making an impression in the lower echelons will come through in 1991. Which is what the club is all about.

Have a tremendous New Year, everyone. See you along the way.

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# TALKING RUGBY

with  
**Mike Harris**



At the time of writing I did not know the selections for either Gloucester or Bridgend but on recent form the South Wales team are likely to give the Cherry and Whites one of their toughest games of the season this afternoon.

Bridgend are one of the very few teams to offer a serious challenge to the mighty Neath side in the Premier Division of the new Heineken Welsh Leagues and Gloucester will have to be at their very best to beat them.

With former Neath man Ron Waldron at the helm for the Welsh national side Bridgend are unlikely to get the recognition they deserve when the Principality's team to face England at Cardiff is chosen.

Gloucester players have a similar problem with the England selectors with Mike Teague the only Cherry and White who has a realistic chance of being in the team on January 19.

Ironically the Kingsholm players have been finding it easier to gain international recognition with Scotland than England so far this season.

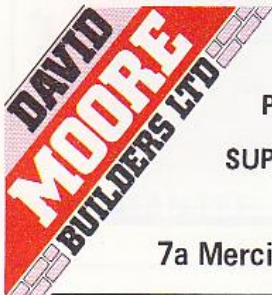
Ian Smith and Pete Jones have been selected for Scotland B after failing to make the breakthrough into the England set up while Don Caskie has sat on the bench for Scotland A.

Scotland are currently champions of Europe so the reason for this cannot be put down to lower standards North of the border although England do have greater strength in depth.

As a Scottish colleague of mine said: "We have always been better at spotting talent"

		COLTS XV FIXTURES					
1990							
SEPT.	6	Coventry	...	...	...	A	0-19
	12	Moseley	...	...	...	H	21-17
	19	Clifton	...	...	...	H	37-6
	26	Forest of Dean	...	...	...	H	29-15
OCT.	10	Lydney	...	...	...	H	14-3
	17	Nuneaton	...	...	...	A	22-9
	24	Bath	...	...	...	H	13-9
	31	Clifton	...	...	...	A	Canc.
NOV.	6	Northampton	...	...	...	A	11-10
	14	Worcester	...	...	...	H	23-14
FEB.	13	Cheltenham	...	...	...	H	
	20	Nuneaton	...	...	...	H	
	27	Lydney	...	...	...	A	
MAR.	6	Bath	...	...	...	A	
	13	Moseley	...	...	...	H	
	20	Coventry	...	...	...	H	
	27	Worcester	...	...	...	A	
APR.	3	Solihull	...	...	...	H	
	13	Brixham	...	...	...	A	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	
	9	8	0	1	170	102	

Leading Points Scorers: Gareth Fenwick 46 (12C 6P 1T), Bruce Harris 36 (9T), Leigh Hastings 16 (4T), Chris Theyer 16 (4T).



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