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President: Canon H. M. Hughes BA.

v

NEW BRIGHTON



Saturday, March 30th 1991
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**GLOUCESTER
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NEW BRIGHTON
(Dark Blue)

T	G	Pts
1	5c	14

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16	H/T	0

- 15. B. Fenwick
- 14. D. Morgan
- 13. R. Mogg
- 12. J. Morgan *J. PERKINS*
- 11. N. Price

- 10. N. Matthews *M. HARMON*
- 9. M. Hannaford

- 1. A. Windo
- 2. J. Hawker
- 3. M. Preedy (I)
- 4. N. Scrivens
- 5. P. Miles *S. BRIDGEMAN*
- 6. A. Stanley
- 7. P. Ashmead
- 8. B. Clark *P. MILES*

- Replacements:
- M. Hamlin *P. WILSON*
 - D. Kearsey

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Cumulative
Match
Score

4	0	54	6
8	0		
12	0		
16	0		
22	0		
26	0		
32	0		
36	0		
42	0		
48	0		
54	0		

Referee: S. SAVAGE (Warwickshire Society)

- 15. I. Kennedy
- 14. M. Farthing
- 13. A. Duncan
- 12. G. Burden
- 11. D. Stirrit

- 10. G. Small
- 9. P. Morton

- 1. D. Adams
- 2. B. Hearn
- 3. S. Dorrington
- 4. R. Bannon
- 5. P. Buckles (Capt.)
- 6. J. Atkins
- 7. H. Forster
- 8. L. Hodges

- Replacements:
- P. Penrhyn-Jones
 - S. Watts

T	G	Pts

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54	F/T	6

TOUCH LINES

by
Peter Arnold

WELCOME 'GENTLEMEN'

Remember last season's story about the happy lads who found themselves in Gosport, Hants., when they should have been watching Gloucester play Gosforth, Newcastle, in the Cup? I was reminded of that by the thought that they would probably have found themselves in the same predicament today, had we been playing away, New Brighton, of course, has nothing to do with Sussex, and the hotels aren't any more remarkable for Mr. and Mrs. Smiths than they are anywhere else. Indeed, their part of the country, the Wirral, can boast countryside every bit as good as the South Coast can, and the beer's better too.

It's some time since we had the pleasure of welcoming today's visitors, and we've rather lost touch, but a little research reveals a thriving club which, even though they're not among the upper echelons of the game, could teach a great many other organisations a thing or two about how to run a club.

To start with, in some quarters, they are — or were — known as 'The Gentlemen in Blue', which sounds considerably more upper-crust than 'The Elver Eaters'. They run no less than five senior sides, plus four youth teams and three Mini Fifteens, so no one around Leasdale need be short of a game, even though the area can't point to quite as many junior clubs as we have around here. What's more, their 6,000-capacity ground has eight squash courts and a gym.

It's really all very encouraging. The Baths, the Wasps and (dare I say it) the Orrells may be getting all the honours from the game, but outfits such as New Brighton are obviously doing a lot to spread the gospel in their own right, and are to be congratulated.

It's nice to welcome them here again. We hope their visit to Kingsholm may reinforce their determination to return to what we fondly imagine is the 'big time', and that, quite apart from all that, they have a highly enjoyable afternoon/evening in our company.

THANKS TO JUST ABOUT EVERYONE

Today's the day when we say 'thanks' to a whole load of benefactors my inviting them to a modest buffet and a gentle libation. Plus, if past form is anything to go by, appropriate phrases of gratitude from our highly respected President, Canon Mervyn Hughes.

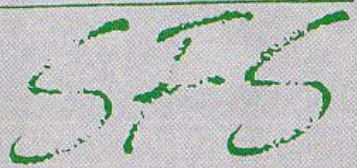
I'm sure he will point out, very forcibly, that no Club such as Gloucester can survive long, these days, without a sharp eye on the commercial aspects — and you'll have read something about current moves in that direction. The companies and organisations represented here today have sponsored games and match balls, taken on hospitality boxes, erected advertising signs on the ground, booked advertising space in the programme, or otherwise found a way to support Gloucester RFC while, hopefully, deriving business advantage in the process. It's amazing how, in the present economic climate, we have managed to retain such assistance at the level we have, and a word of thanks is also due to Peter Gould and John Hiley, who, with their happy band of helpers, have worked long and hard to ensure that this has happened.

The other thought is that one is constantly surprised by the sheer variety of business enterprises who participate. This season, we've had major clearing banks, local accountancy practices, animal feed suppliers in various sizes, large computer companies, small craft organisations, and just about any type of business you can think of. One of them, I happen to know, can point to a quarter of a million pounds-worth of business directly attributable to his match sponsorship at Kingsholm, so that traffic isn't all one way.

Nor should it be. We certainly hope all our benefactors find the exercise a worthwhile business proposition. We'll certainly do what we can to make sure this is so.

Have a great day, everyone.

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WORLD CUP TICKETS

Let's get this straight. The Gloucester v England game, at Kingsholm next September, is a relatively straightforward match, strictly under the aegis of the Club. What I am about to write has nothing to do with that game at all.

On the other hand, the All Blacks match here is a World Cup event, and if you want tickets — for that or any other World Cup match — then now's the time to do something about it, because applications have to be in by May 1st. The procedure is as follows.

Write for an Application Form, to:
World Cup Ticket Office,
Gloucester RFC,
Kingsholm,
Kingsholm Road,
Gloucester GL1 3AX

You'll need to quote your Membership Number, and enclose a SAE. One ticket per Member.

You'll appreciate that the World Cup is an international event, and that tickets are distributed worldwide, so how many will come this way is anyone's guess. Still, if you don't apply, you'll have no chance. Details about prices will accompany your Application Form.

PILKINGTON CUP FINAL

I'm told that there are already several coachloads of people going to Twickenham from Gloucester for the Cup Final, on Saturday, May 4th, and quite apart from that, Terry Tandy has some tickets for sale, or will have by Monday's game.

Prices are £12, £9, £7, seated, and £5 standing in the enclosure. They will be on sale in the Secretary's office at Monday's game, and Terry is making arrangements to lodge some in with Mervyn Ellway in the Social Club from 8.00 p.m. onwards on that day.

If you can't get along, drop a line to Terry with the remittance and a stamped addressed envelope, and he'll do the necessary, while stocks last, as they say.

Always a good day out, even last year.

BATH NEXT SATURDAY

Don't forget that we have a welcome visit from Fylde on Easter Monday, always worth watching, and a happy occasion. After that, of course, we're back to the serious stuff with the much-anticipated and weather-postponed Bath match next Saturday.

You won't want to miss that, but make sure you bring some spare change along. You'll remember that I gave advance notice of a collection for the Bath Colt who is now confined to a wheel chair after an accident playing against Nottingham Colts the day we were up at Beeston at the end of last season. I'm sure you'll want to contribute.

After that, it's away to Bristol, Bath again, and then a cracking finish to the season by entertaining Harlequins.

IS THIS A RECORD?

I commented, last Saturday, that Gloucester had had a player playing through all three Grand Slam sides: George Hastings with Eric Evans, Phil Blakeway with Bill Beaumont, and Mike Teague with Will Carling. Having read that, one very long-standing and loyal supporter said to me that he believed no other club could claim as much.

Off the top of my head, I can't think of one. Can you?

TAILPIECE

Nothing to do with Rugby, but I came across a rather interesting exercise, a while ago: one which may help you wile away Easter Sunday.

Did you know that, in Gloucester, we have a street, road or other thoroughfare which begins with every letter of the alphabet?

See if you can work it out. There are several solutions, but I'll give you mine on Monday.

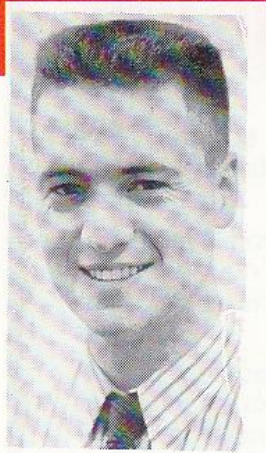
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TALKING RUGBY with Mike Harris



Gloucester have a break from league action this weekend with New Brighton visiting Kingsholm today and Fylde the visitors on Monday.

Friendly fixtures such as this afternoon's meeting with the North Division Two side from the Wirral can be something of an anti-climax in comparison with league and cup matches.

But the Easter weekend games invariably provide a hatful of tries and plenty of entertainment. And without the pressure of a big game Gloucester will hope to add some fine tuning to their play for the showdown with Bath at Kingsholm next weekend.

Wasps appear to have lost the chance to retain their Courage Division One title following their 21-21 draw with Northampton last weekend. The league honours now look certain to be decided between Bath and Orrell.

Having won for the first time ever at Kingsholm last Saturday, Orrell's hopes of winning the title now lie with Bath

slipping up in one of their remaining three matches.

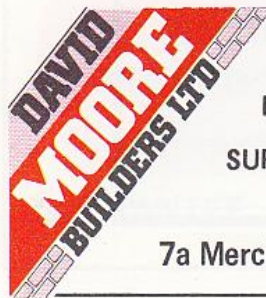
Everyone at Gloucester would love the Cherry and Whites to be the team to upset the title bid of Stuart Barnes's team.

Bath refused to play their postponed league game against Gloucester on February 23 saying that they did not want to play the week before an international.

But the feeling at Kingsholm was that they wanted to play the game at the end of the season when the league title might have already been won.

If that was the case then their plans have gone badly wrong. With Orrell having by far the best points difference in the league and only two points behind the leaders Bath have to win next Saturday to stay on course for the Division One title.

But with last season's Pilkington Cup final demolition still at the back of their minds Gloucester will be desperate to beat their old West Country rivals in their biggest game left this season.



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