

## BRIDGEND

## **GLOUCESTER**

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15	Chris BRADSHAW	Full Back	15	Tim SMITH
14	Glen WEBBE*	Right Wing	14	Jerry PERRINS
13	Gareth THOMAS	Right Centre	13	Ian MORGAN
12	Paul FLOOD	Left Centre	12	Simon MORRIS
11	Graham DAVIES	Let Wing	11	Chris DEE
10	Clive BARBER	Stånd-off	10	Mike HAMLIN
9	Huw LEWIS	Scrum-half	9	Marcus HANNAFORD
1	Leighton GERRARD	Loose-head	1	Pete JONES
2	Wayne HALL* (Capt.)	Hooker	2	John HAWKER
3	Richard SHAW	Tight-head	3	Bob PHILLIPS
4	Jeff JENKINS	Lock	4	Nigel SCRIVENS
5	Greg PROSSER	I_ock	5	Peter MILES
6	Simon BRYANT	Left Flanker	6	Paul ASHMEAD
8	Owain WILLIAMS*	No. 8	8	Sam MASTERS
7	David BRYANT*	Right Flanker	7	Andy STANLEY
*Inte	rnational			*International

Replacements:— Robert Howley, Leighton Phillips, Owain Lloyd.

Laurie Beck, Dave Kearsey.

Referee: - Mr. J. G. MORGAN (Pontyclun) W.R.U.

Physio Staff:— Richard Evans, Nicola Munson, Joanne Phillips. Biggage Masters:— George Painter, Colin Lewis.

## Programme Notes by W. A. D. LAWRIE

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to GLOUCESTER, now, and who have always been, one of the leading rugby sides in England. We extend our very best wishes for a Happy New Year to all officials, players and supporters of this very prestigious Club. Printing deadlines rather restrict what can be said in Club notes although there are not likely to be too many changes in the selected teams. Please bear with us on this. The main point is that it is always a great pleasure to welcome England sides to the Brewery Field, especially at the outset to the forthcoming 5-Nations Championship.

For BRIDGEND, the latest in a long time of defections could not have come at a worse time for the Club now at a very low ebb in its fortunes, resulting in an 8th place in the First Division table, with the stem postponed test against Neath and the visit to Sardis Road to be faced before the turn of the season. Whilst the departing fly-half Aled Williams could virtually command a regular place in the

Brewery Field line-up, it remains to be seen whether he will wield the same superiority at St. Helens where Steffan Jones-playing in top form—and exciting prospect Paul Williams are challenging fly-halves. But let it be said that in his 203 games for Bridgend Aled was a talented amenable and committed sportsman both on and off the field, and it would be churlish not to wish him the very best of luck in his new challenge. In these days of "Cash and Carry", there is not the slightest doubt that he has only been prompted by the desire and hope to gain a full Welsh "Cap" and who would gainsay this. It is now up to John Lloyd and Company to conjure up their own particular brew which will "reach those parts", etc, etc. In this, it will be vital to have 100% effort from every single player in the squad.

## D. C. THOMAS CUP

Pontypridd have made a spirited start in their bid to win the South Wales Echo sponsored D. C. Thomas Cup for the first time

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