## Bristol v Gloucester

**April 3rd, 1993  Kick off 3pm**

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**Referee:** STEVE LANDER (Liverpool & District Referees' Society)

**Touch Judges:** J. C. Little (London Society) and J. M. Clayden (London Society). **Assessor:** J. Adams (Gloucestershire Society)
WHAT a performance in the last League game against Rugby as the Bristol lads, on only
their second visit to Webb Ellis Road, came back from being down 16pts-6 at half time to win by
32pts-21 with Club Captain Derek Eves running a
hat-trick of tries. Add to that another two points in the
League game against Leicester as the lads ran out
15pts-10 winners which means that Bristol are now
fifth in the table with two games to go.

It’s League action this afternoon as we extend a
warm welcome to the Memorial Ground the players,
officials and the many supporters of Gloucester for the
186th local derby between these two great clubs.

The Cherry and Whites are ninth in the table just one
place away from the relegation zone. West
Harlepool and Rugby are both relegated but London
Scottish and Saracens are snapping at the heels of
Gloucester and Harlequins for Division One survival.

The remaining League game for Gloucester is at
home to Harlequins whilst Bristol have to travel to
Southgate to play the former League leaders Wasps.

Next season, if we are both in Division One, there
will be two League games between the Clubs. The
first will be here at the Memorial Ground on 13th
November with the return game at Kingsholm on
26th March 1994.

A provisional fixture listing for next season appears
later in this programme.

In our “Press Box” feature Alastair Hignell looks at
the tradition of the local derby.

This afternoon we feature Derek Eves in the
“Dressing Room” feature as today he celebrates his
50th League game and hungry to lead the Club for
another season as Club Captain. Derek also talks
about the pre-season tour to Canada by the players
which is also featured in a special tour programme
on sale today around the ground.

Don’t forget it’s our final question today in our Cup
Competition and also your last chance to vote for the
Supporters Player of the Year. Nomination forms are
available at the Club Shop or in the Bars.

The last game here at the Memorial Ground this
season for the 1st XV is on Easter Monday against
Glamorgan Wanderers. Easter bonnets are optional.

Finally, our thanks to the Rugby programme editor
Ian Capewell for the kind thoughts about the Bristol
programme. They said “... wish we could do the
same.”

John Harding

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The Opponents

GLOUCESTER

GLoucester travel to the Memorial Ground for this afternoon’s League game with their 1st Division status still hanging in the balance after last week’s home defeat by Orrell, a result which secured Orrell’s place for next season. In a closely contested game Dewi Morris, who had just returned from playing 10’s in Hong Kong, turned in a match winning performance. Gloucester’s points were scored by Tim Smith with a try and penalty.

This season has been an indifferent one for Gloucester, who have lost a lot of experienced players in recent times for a variety of reasons.

Since the inception of League Rugby Gloucester have never finished lower than 6th and were runners up to Bath and Wasps in 1988/89 and 1989/90. This season’s League results are: London Scottish (A) 3-8, Leicester (A) 21-22, Rugby (H) 21-12, Wasps (A) 9-14, West Hartlepool (H) 6-21; Saracens (H) 19-5, London Irish (A) 18-6, Bath (H) 0-20, Northampton (A) 21-16, Orrell (H) 8-13.

Tim Smith is the leading points scorer in these games with 51 (1 try, 14 pens, 2 cons), and another full back, Martin Roberts is next highest scorer with 22 (1 try, 1 con, 5 pens).

The first game between Bristol and Gloucester was played on 24th September 1892. Since then the ‘Cherry & Whites’ have gone on to win 25 times on their journey south. It would probably be true to say that they would trade in all of those victories for 2 precious League points this afternoon.
YOU don't wanna do that! If the Harry Enfield character had been alive and kicking in February 1974 he'd surely have persuaded me not to play my first game of senior rugby for Bristol United against Gloucester United. But I was Nice-But-Dim then (only then? ed.), and though the Slob in the United pack did a fair impression of the Double-Take Brothers when they saw the puny 19-year-old who was to be their scrum half, we're all Old Gits now and time does funny things to the memory . . . .

Actually, there can never again be a match like it. Those were the days before global warming (the Memorial Ground was ankle deep in mud), the five point try (the final score was 4-3), and replacements (we played most of the match with fourteen men after Ken Phelps had his cheekbone split by a stray Gloucester fist).

The Courage League hadn't been invented either, but as far as Bristol-Gloucester matches were concerned, we didn't need it. I suspect that nothing much has changed. Even if today's match wasn't vital for the League aspirations of both teams, it would still be played with all the pride, passion and fury of past local derbies. But Bristol have their best ever League position to play for, while Gloucester still need a win to guarantee First Division survival.

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ACOVIEW – have sponsored the Minis Under 10's and donated £600 to provide kit. The Company have also supplied Andy Blackmore and Paul Hull with contact lenses. We thank them for their support and hope that they enjoy the game this afternoon.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

It would be unthinkable for a Club with such a great and glorious past to be consigned to the Second Division. Mischievous tongues have suggested that it would be neighbourly for Bristol to come in second this afternoon, but we Old Gits won't have it. If anyone's going to be Smash and Nicey to Gloucester, let it be Harlequins!

Alastair Hignell
HTV West Sport

BRISTOL 1973/80 – 58 games
14 tries, 34 cons, 28 pens, 208pts.

Mini Quiz Answers

1. SIMON HOGG in season 1988-89 with 228 points.
2. DEREK EVES against Devon 1.9.91.
3. MIKE TEAGUE.
4. SERGE BLANCO, 93 caps for France.
5. IAN SMITH and PETER JONES.