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Saturday
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1995

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BRISTOL 21

A	PAUL HULL
B	DAVID JOHN
C	NICK SMITH
D	MARK DENNEY
E	ANDY WILLIAMS
F	MARK TAINTON
G	KYRAN BRACKEN
H	ALTAN OZDEMIR
I	MARK REGAN
J	DAVID HINKINS
K	BOB ARMSTRONG
L	MARK FOUNTAINE
M	CRAIG BARROW
N	IAN PATTEN
O	DEREK EVES (Capt.)
P	MARK CHUDLEIGH
Q	ANDY LATHROPE
R	GAVIN SHARP

BACKS

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Scrum Half

FORWARDS

Prop
Hooker
Prop
Lock
Lock
Flanker
No. 8
Flanker
Replacements
Replacements
Replacements

17 GLOUCESTER

TIM SMITH	15
PAUL HOLFORD	14
DON CASKIE	13
MARTIN ROBERTS	12
LEE OSBORNE	11
MARTIN KIMBER	10
BRUCE FENLEY	9
ADEY POWLES	1
JOHN HAWKER	2
ANDY DEACON (Capt.)	3
MARK CORNWELL	4
RICHARD WEST	5
PETE GLANVILLE	6
MIKE TEAGUE	8
IAN SMITH	7
PETE JONES	16
SIMON DEVEREUX	17
MARCUS HANNAFORD	18

Referee: STEVE LANDER (Wirral)

Touch Judges: Tom Ashworth (Bracknell) and Laurie Prideaux (Camborne)

Assessor: Lt Col Mike Dickinson (Warminster)

SCORE SHEET

Score	Scorer	Pts.	Score	Scorer	Pts.
Full time	BRISTOL		GLOUCESTER		

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1st XV	P Lander
United	M Evans
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Colts	T Prosser

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WELCOME to the 190th local derby game between Bristol and Gloucester that dates back to September 1892 when Gloucester won on their own ground 12pts-nil. We welcome the players, officials and the Cherry and White supporters to the Memorial Ground.

With any one from six sides still liable for the drop to Division Two we all know what points make – happy, relieved faces. We take a look at this afternoon's fixtures in the National Leagues on page 15. Plus there's a preview of this afternoon's SWALEC Cup quarter final ties in Wales and the Heineken League.

Bristol have made three changes from the last League game at Orrell. Captain Derek Eves returns after leading the England side in the Hong Kong Sevens. Kyran Bracken, the England scrum half, is now fit following a groin strain whilst David John is recalled on the right wing.

To ensure that the visiting supporters feel at home Katie Coker, Rugby Writer with the Gloucestershire Citizen, pens her views at a Gloucester follower in our Press Box feature on page 25.

Who was it that felt like an Eastern bride being taken to a ceremonial sacrifice? Find out on page 9 but here is a couple of clues – he's taking his whistle to the World Cup and I've offered to carry his bags on the trip.

So that our match official doesn't feel too homesick, our Back in Time feature looks at the fortunes of Merseyside Club New Brighton on page 23 whilst From The Dressing Room features South African born Nick Smith.

Staying with the World Cup, this week Neil Williams features France in the Countdown to South Africa. The French squad have been on a two day commando course where they abseiled, canoed and went on manoeuvres. There is no truth that Bristol's own Royal Marine, Bob Armstrong, offered his team mates a similar trip rather than going to Atlanta for pre-season training.

Congratulations to Bristol vice-captain Paul Hull on being selected to lead the England A side to Australia. Could it be Paul is the one who knows how to handle Bristol hooker Mark Regan who is also in the squad!

Finally, cast your minds back to Grand National day 1994 when Wasps were the visitors to the Memorial Ground – the match was postponed as it was claimed the pitch was unsafe. Did you know that the name of the first National winner was Lottery – now a tip for the big race – Minnehoma. Have an enjoyable afternoon.

John Harding
Programme Editor

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WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN

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FRANCE

Previous Form

1987:- Scotland 20-20; Romania 55-12; Zimbabwe 70-12 (group winners)

Q/F Fiji 31-16; S/F Australia 30-24; Final New Zealand 9-29

1991:- Romania 30-3; Fiji 33-9; Canada 19-13 (group winners). Q/F England 10-19

They say that a week is a long time in politics, well the French have found that the span of an international season can greatly affect the fortunes of a Rugby team. They went into this season's 5 Nations championship as many punters favourites after a successful summer down under, where they defeated the All Blacks 2-0 to become the only Northern Hemisphere country to record a series win there, apart from the British Lions.

Their opening game against Wales was a drab affair which they won 21-9 with tries by Phillippe St Andre and Emile N'Tamack. The major incident of the match was missed by all 3 match officials and most of the crowd. But television captured French lock Olivier Merles attempted head butt of Welsh prop Rick Evans which result in him falling awkwardly and breaking his left leg. Merle was dropped for the game with England.

That game was built up by the press as 'Le Crunch', between the rival back rows. On the day Rodber, Clarke and Richards totally dominated Benazzi, Cabbanes and Bennetton as England won 31-10. Scotland travelled to Paris and recorded their first win there since 1969, with the French front row and half backs particularly ineffective. They took a step back into time for the match against Ireland, recalling old hands, Frank Mesnel, Louis Armary and Mark Cecilion. They salvaged something from the season winning 25-7.

In 1987 the French topped their group to set up a quarter final date with Fiji, who they eventually overcame in an exciting game. The semi final with Australia has been described as the greatest International every played. The score was tied at 254 points each when Serge Blanco scored a dramatic last minute try to put his country into the first World Cup final. The semi final took its toll on the French players as New Zealand won convincingly to lift the trophy. Current French coach, Pierre Berbizier scored their try in the final.

Four years later they again finished their group as winners without ever hitting top form with their forwards failing to dominate play. In the quarter-final, played in Paris, England ruthlessly exposed the failings of the French pack and tries by Rory Underwood and Will Carling sealed victory. After the game French coach, Daniel Dubroca, who had captained his country in 1987, manhandled and abused David Bishop, the New Zealand referee, which eventually led to his resignation after the French authorities first tried to pass off the incident.

There are no surprises in the French squad for the World Cup with coach Berbizier claiming that things can be put right on tour. So what are their chances. The dry hard South African pitches should suit their liking for counter attack, and they should have little difficulty in qualifying from their group along with Scotland, Tonga and the Ivory Coast making up the numbers. If they can top their group they should set up a quarter-final date with the winner of the Wales Ireland game and have an excellent chance of progressing to the last 4. A potential problem area for the French is place kicking. Thierry Lacroix is at best inconsistent and when he was dropped for the game against Ireland, wing N'Tamack took over kicking duties and looked less than convincing.



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: STEVE LANDER

Society: Liverpool & District.

Home: Irby, Wirral, Merseyside

Occupation: Married to Phillipa, one son Thomas aged three and a five week old daughter Grace Elizabeth.

Rugby Career: Wing/Centre for Swindon and Oxford.

Referee Career: Joined Oxfordshire Society in 1983, transferred to Liverpool & District in 1986.

Appointed to the RFU Panel in 1989 and the International list this season. First International was Scotland v Wales at Murrayfield last month.

Along with Bristol's Ed Morrison, will be the English referees at the World Cup in South Africa.

Was in charge of the Leicester v Wasps Pilkington Cup semi final at Welford Road last Saturday.

Other notes: Interviewed by Paul Ackford (*Talking Rugby - Daily Telegraph*) days after taking charge of his first International Lander said: "The anthems were especially emotional before the big game. What with the new baby, my first International, there was a little tear shed at the beginning.

I felt like an Eastern bride being taken for a ceremonial sacrifice ... it was a step into the unknown ... after 20 minutes all the pieces seemed to fit into place and it was like Star Wars and 'feel the force'."

As Ackford commented "Any referee who admits to that must be nine tenths human. May it stay with him for a while, because the game needs competent men out in the middle."

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