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BRISTOL v GLOUCESTER

MEMORIAL GROUND, BRISTOL. SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 1995

KICK-OFF 2.15pm

CLUB PROGRAMME
OF THE YEAR



League One Saturday 21st October 1995 Kick off: 2.15pm

BRISTOL

BACKS

A	PAUL HULL (Capt.)
B	KEVIN MAGGS
C	JASON KEYTER
D	MARK DENNEY
E	DAVE BENNETT
F	ARWEL THOMAS
G	KYRAN BRACKEN

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

GLOUCESTER

TIM SMITH	15
MARK NICHOLSON	14
DON CASKIE	13
PAUL HOLFORD	12
LEE OSBORNE	11
MARTYN KIMBER	10
BRUCE FENLEY	9

FORWARDS

H	ALAN SHARP
I	MARK REGAN
J	KRIS FULLMAN
K	MARK FOUNTAINE
L	GARATH ARCHER
M	BOB ARMSTRONG
N	MARTIN CORRY
O	EBEN ROLLITT
P	BEN HARVEY
Q	ANDY LATHROPE
R	CRAIG BARROW

Prop
Hooker
Prop
Lock
Lock
Flanker
No. 8
Flanker
Replacement
Replacement
Replacement

TONY WINDO	1
JOHN HAWKER	2
ANDY MARTIN	3
DAVE SIMS (Capt.)	4
RICHARD WEST	5
PETER GLANVILLE	6
ROBERT FIDLER	8
IAN SMITH	7
JEREMY PERRINS	16
PHIL GREENING	17
GREG KEYSE	18

Referee: CHRIS REES (London Society)

Touch Judges: Bob Ockenden (Surrey) & Colin Little (Surrey)

Assessor: Mike Curling (Bath)



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WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER

NEWSDESK

Welcome – to Gloucester

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, committee and supporters from Gloucester FC which was founded in 1873.

The first game between the two clubs in Gloucester on 24 September 1892 with the home side scoring two tries and two drop goals to win 14pts-nil.

The second game was here in Bristol on 11 March 1893 with both sides scoring a try in the 2pts-2 draw.

This is the 191st meeting between the two sides with the Cherry and Whites leading 96 wins to 77 with 17 draws.

In the League the Head-to-Head is five games each. For more details see page 19.

Teams Line-up

Bristol make five changes, plus one positional, after the 52pts-19 defeat at Bath last weekend.

Mark Denney returns to the centre as Dean Wring is carrying a couple of injuries with Dave Bennett taking over on the left wing.

Welsh Under 21 Arwel Thomas makes this League debut as he takes over the flyhalf slot from Mark Tainton.

In the pack Kris Fullman replace David Hinkins as the tighthead prop, Mark Fountaine deputises for the injured Simon Shaw with Eben Rollitt at openside flanker as Craig Barrow move to the bench.

For Gloucester, England A Wing Paul Holford moves to the centre with Mark Nicholson taking over on the right wing. Tony Windo returning to the front row in place of Adey Powles.

Player of the Month

The Forte Crest at Hambrook are again very generously sponsoring the Player of the Month Award. Two weeks ago we asked you to nominate your favourite player.

It looked as if flanker Bob Armstrong, winner of the award twice last season and voted Supporters Club Player of the Year, would be continuing his hold.

From those voting for Simon, the first out of the hat was Fiona Cawsey from Filton who, with a guest, will be enjoying Sunday lunch at the Mondaile Restaurant at the Crest.

Members Newsletter

As we mentioned in our last programme, the Club will shortly be launching a Club newsletter that will be issued FREE to members.

It will be your chance to express your views and we'll get them answered.

We'd also like to hear from you if you'd like to contribute an article or if you can compile crosswords, preferably sporting.

Write to the Programme Editor, Bristol FC, Memorial Ground, Filton Avenue, Bristol BS7 0AQ.

100 Today

Neil Williams, the Club Statistician, pens his 100th contribution to the programme today. His first was back in September 1990 when the then editor Gordon Lovell didn't demand as much copy as the present one.

Here's to the next 100! so get on with it (Ed).

1996 Players Calendar

Watch out for the 1996 Calendar featuring all your favourite Bristol players. It will be on sale, at a very affordable price, towards the end of November.

It will make the perfect Christmas present.

Crossland Returns

Bristol wing Stuart Crossland has just returned from a six month posting to the Falklands.

Stuart, who is based at RAF Innsworth in Gloucestershire, made his 1st XV debut in the Boxing Day game against Glamorgan Wanderers in 1991.

"Not having seen so much snow for such a long period of time means that this coming British winter will be a welcome relief" said Stuart who is already back in full training.

Today's Collection

The collection this afternoon is in aid of the Bristol Minis and Juniors.

At present there are nearly 200 boys and girls between the ages of 6 to 16 enjoying rugby here at the Memorial Ground every Sunday morning.

Please give generously to the players of tomorrow.

GLOUCESTER R.F.C.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

There has been a fair amount of change at Kingsholm since last season. Former Bath and England scrum half Richard Hill is now installed as Director of Coaching, and his former international colleague, Mike Teague, is Team Manager with Viv Wooley continuing as coach, Mike Coley who has in the past worked for the RFU has been brought in as Chief Executive/Marketing Manager to give off the field activities a boost. Dave Simms has taken over the captaincy from prop Andy Deacon and has recently been appointed as Rugby Development Officer for the club.

On the playing front there have been no great changes from last season, but the major achievement was in persuading Mark Mapletoft to pursue his international aspirations at Kingsholm rather than moving to Bath. The highly publicised signing of All black centre Frank Bunce failed to materialise. Injury is already a major concern for Gloucester with Mapletoft, Simon Morris, Neil Matthews and Damian Cummins all long term absentees with cruciate knee ligament problems.

Both games last season were won by the home side. Gloucester won at Kingsholm 19-17, with Dave Simms scoring a try for the Cherry & Whites and Mark Mapletoft kicking 4 penalties and a conversion. Bristol replied with a Derek Eves try and 4 penalties from Mark Tainton. In the game at the Memorial Ground, in April, Bristol won 21pts-17 with wing David John getting two tries and Mark Tainton adding a conversion, 2 penalties and a drop goal. Paul Halford also scored 2 tries and Mike Teague 1, but Lee Osborne could only manage one conversion. Tainton's conversion took him to 363 for the 1st XV, a new club record and his first penalty

was his 300th for the senior team.

Last season Mark Mapletoft scored 2 tries, 9 conversions and 19 penalties to finish as their top scorer in the league with 85 in 11 games. That equalled Tim Smith's record for points in a season. The full back/wing scored his 85 points back in 1988-89 in 10 games. Smith is easily Gloucester's highest points scorer in League matches. So far he has amassed 532 points in 86 games. Mapletoft's points last season were enough to move him into second place. Last season Paul Halford, who toured Australia in the summer with Paul Hull's England A side, finished top try scorer in Courage League 1 with 8 tries to his credit. So far this season he has scored a further 4 tries to take his total League tries to 16, one ahead of Derek Morgan who had previously scored most tries for Gloucester. Scotland flanker Ian Smith has extended his club league appearance record to 96 so far this season and is vying with Bath hooker Graham Dawe to become the second player to appear in 100 Courage League games. Tim Smith has made appearances as a back.

Despite the behind the scenes activity at Kingsholm since last season, Gloucester will be disappointed with their playing form so far this season. They started off with a home loss to Sale - 17-22, with new skipper Dave Sims scoring his sides only try. Next up was a trip to the Rec with Bath winning 37-11 but the long journey to West Hartlepool was rewarded with their only win to date. Tries by Paul Halford (2), Sims and Andy Deacon led to a 27-19 win. Since then they have lost at Orrell 21-3 and last weekend at home to Wasps 26-15. Martin Kimber is leading points scorer with 22 and Halford is again setting the pace as leading try scorer.



CHERRY & BLUES?

FROM THE PRESS BOX

I wonder whose faces were the gloomier at 4.35pm last Saturday. Gloucester had just slumped to their fifth Courage League defeat of the season after losing a fairly tight game against Wasps, while Bristol were on the end of a 52pts-19 thumping at the hands of Bath.

Bristol's league position is by far the healthier, as they have three wins to their name, but we may only find out this afternoon just what sort of effect that huge defeat had on a team who fancy their chances of finishing in the top three or so this season.

Gloucester have a much more modest ambition. In August new captain Dave Sims said he would be happy with a top six finish from his side. Since then, Gloucester have made a decidedly sticky start to the new season and anything better than relegation will now suite the Cherry and Whites down to the ground.

The Gloucester squad has lacked the strength in depth of the other first division outfits in recent years, but this year an extraordinary run of injuries has compounded the problem.

This season they have been deprived of the services of Mark Mapletoft, Simon Morris and Neil Matthews in the long term because of knee operations and, without them to feed from England A winger Paul Holford is not receiving enough passes to trouble the scorers too often.

However, Gloucester's problems are certainly not all in the backs. The pack has not been in prime form yet – although the back row have usually been the exceptions to that rule this season, with some particularly good performances being produced by Ian Smith and Peter Glanville.

The line-out has been most disappointing, but Richard West is sure to be keen to show Simon Shaw who's boss today and perhaps that will make the difference.

Gloucester's unlikely knight in shining armour is former England and Bath scrum half Richard Hill, who has joined Gloucester as Director of Coaching after a playing career spent plotting the Cherry and Whites' downfall.

Stuart Barnes called it a 'surreal' move and it was certainly one which the bookmakers would have given long odds against even six months ago.

Still, Gloucester swooped to snap up Hill when he became available – beating Bristol to their man if the rumours are true – and he could well be the person to build a rosier future for the club. Time will tell.

Katie Coker

Rugby Writer, Gloucestershire Citizen

SKY TV GAMES

Oct 28th **Orrell v Wasps**

Nov 4th **Harlequins v Leicester**

Nov 11th **Bath v West Hartlepool**

All these games kick off at 2.15pm

BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

1. Leicester and England No. 8 **DEAN RICHARDS**, who received yellow cards in consecutive games for stamping and punching and was banned for 14 days.
2. Llanelli lock **TONY COPSEY**.
3. **MURRAY KIDD**, a New Zealander who has recently coached both Limerick and Sunday Wells in the All Ireland League.
4. **ANDY MULLINS** the Harlequins prop.
5. **EDDIE SAUNDERS** who has scored 45 League tries for Rugby.