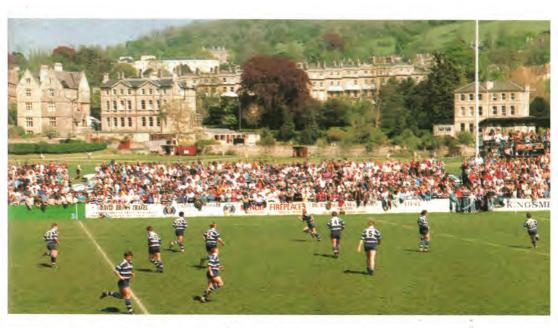
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A PAUL HULL

Right Wing **B KEVIN MORGAN** Right Wing 15 TONY SWIFT* Right Centre 14 JEREMY GUSCOTT* Right Centre C RALPH KNIBBS Left Centre 12 PHILIP DE GLANVILLE Left Centre D JUSTIN REDRUP Left Wing 11 JIM FALLON Left Wina **E WILL WAGHORN**

Outside Half F DAVID THOMAS Outside Half 10 STUART BARNES* Scrum Half G ROB KITCHEN Scrum Half 9 RICHARD HILL*

1 VICTOR UBOGUTMKUEIT **Forwards** 2 COLIN ATKINS

3 RICHARD LEE **4 MARTIN HAAG**

5 PAT McCOY 6 ANDY ROBINSON* (Capt)

7 STEVE OJOMOH

8 BEN CLARKE

J DAVID HINKINS K PETER STIFF

H DAVID HILTON

/ DAVID PALMER

L ANDY BLACKMORE M PAUL COLLINGS N CRAIG BARROW

O DERRICK EVES (Capt). TRY

Replacements 17 STEVE KNIGHT Replacements P JULIAN DAVIS 18 JIMMY DEANE **Q ANDY LATHROPE**

Forwards

Referee: JOHN PEARSON (R.F.U.)

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=Internationals

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Touch Judges: JEFF REES (R.F.U.); TIM PRATT (R.F.U.)

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FIRST XV FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date		Opponents	Ven	ue	Pts	Date	0	pponents	Venue	Pts.
Sept. 1991		FA			Jan. 1992					
		Pontypool	н	28	12		4	Harlequins	*A	
	14	Llanelli	Н	25	9		11	Leicester	*H	
	21	Cardiff	A	10	9		18	Metropolitan Police	Н	
М	23	Cullompton	A	56	4		25	Northampton	§A	
	28	Cork Constitution	H	13	3			and a state of the		
						Feb.	1	Coventry	A	
Oct.	5	Newport	**H	Post	poned	7.0	8	Rugby	*A	
	12	Richmond	**H	10	9		15	Blackheath	A	
	18	London Scottish	**H	9	6		22	Exeter	§A	
	26	Plymouth	Н	34	3		29	Gloucester	*H	
Nov	1	Neath	Α	21	14	Mar	6/7	Newbridge	н	
	9	Gloucester	A		14	- Alleria	14	Wasps	*A	
	16	London Irish	*A		21		21	London Welsh	Α	
	23	Oxford University	н	19	3		28	Nottingham	*H	
	30	Nottingham	§ H		0			•		
						April	4	Bridgend	§Α	
Dec.	7	Northampton	*H	15	6	442.5	11	Rosslyn Park	*A	
	14	Orrell	*A		10		18	Treviso (all pay)	H	
	21	Bristol	*H				25	Saracens	*H	
	28	Swansea	A			May	2	Pilkington Cup Fina	I §A	

UNITED XV FIXTURES AND RESULTS

* * = Divisional Championship

§ = Pilkington Cup

Date	0	oponents	Venu	e F	rts	Date	0	pponents	Venue	Pts.
Sept.	. 1991		F		A	Jan.		1992		
	7	Pontypool United	A	9	23	12220	4	Harlequin Wanderer	s H	
	14	Ebbw Vale United	A	26	12		11	Leicester Ex 1st XV	Α	
	21	Cardiff Athletic	H	27	24		18			
	28	Cwmbran	A	10	17		25	Nuneaton 2nds	A	
Oct.	5	Newport United	A	20	21	Feb.	1	Coventry Ex 1st XV	Н	
	12	Nottingham Corsairs	A	Postp	oned	1000	8	Moseley United	H	
	19	Bedford Wanderers	A	Postponed			15	Bedwas	Н	
	26	Plymouth United	A	9	13		22	Abercarn	H	
						3	29	Gloucester United	A	
Nov.		Wasps Vandals	A	24	15					
	9	Coventry Ex 1st XV	A	28	21	Mar.	7	Rugby Wanderers	H	
	16	Leicester	H	21	15		14	Wasps Vandals	H	
	23	Rugby Wanderers	A	28	16		21	London Welsh Druid	s H	
	30	Gloucester United	Н	12	18		28	Northampton Wds	LH	
Dec.	7	Northampton Wands	. A	15	22	April	4	Nuneaton 2nds	н	
	14	Richmond Athletic	A	Can	celled	1000	11	Rosslyn Park XXX	H	
	21	Bristol United	Α		1412		18	Bristol United	H	
	28	Bedford Wanderers	Н				25	Saracens Crusaders	. A	
								L—Lambridge Gro	ound	

NEIGHBOURS by Kevin Coughlan





KEVIN COUGHLAN

THE last decade has been the most eventful in rugby history with the introduction of a nationwide league programme, two World Cups, an England Grand Slam, South Africa emerging from isolation - not to mention the full-blown commercialisation of the sport.

What a different world it was on the

evening of October 19, 1981!

County rugby remained the route to international honours and senior clubs, dismissive of proposals for a national league involving — God forbid — promotion and relegation, trumpeted their support for merit tables.

Remember those? They had nothing to do with advancement on merit but were mysterious mathematical devices with the sole purpose of preserving the status quo.

Sponsorship was a rather dirty word; expenses were measured in halfpence per mile; and as for "boot money", that only happened in Wales.

Locally, Bristol were top dogs and proved it that night at the Recreation Ground, beating Bath 19-6 with the help of tries from Bob Hesford, Alan Morley and a young Peter Stiff.

Chief talking point that night was Clive Norling's dismissal of 24-year-old Gareth Chilcott for kicking No 8 Hesford. Who would have dreamed that official and offender would one day team up as hugely entertaining World Cup TV pundits?

But no-one was laughing when Cooch (sporting rather more hair than nowadays) was banned for a year; even Bristol protested at the severity of the sentence and it was reduced on appeal.

Defeat proved especially serious for Bath because they ultimately failed to qualify for the John Player Cup in the following season, 1982-83, when Bristol lifted the trophy.

WHEN BRISTOL LAST WON AT THE REC

But now, after nearly a decade of dominance by Bath, that does seem so important. In fact, that 19-6 scoreline carries greater significance for the simple fact that it is the last time Bristol won at the Rec.

They have come close a number of times, most notably in that mud-lark of a Pilkington Cup-tie three seasons ago when Richard Hill stole a semi-final place with a last-gasp try.

Here, for the record, are the teams from a decade ago. Where are they now . . . and who's that Bath hooker?

Bath: Ralston; Simmons, Bird, Martin, Trevaskis; Horton, Lewis; Chilcott, Cunningham, Lee, Marriott, Barry, Spurrell. Patching, Parsons.

Bristol: Cue; Morley, Williams, Carr, Lane; Sorrell, Harding; Doubleday, Bogira, Sheppard, Pomphrey, Stiff, Polledri, Hesford,



* = Courage League