



Lydney Rugby Football Club

LYDNEY



GLOUCESTER

at Regentsholme

THURSDAY April 15th, 1976

Kick-off 7pm

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Chairman: E. J. Parfitt

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
PRICE 5p

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<i>Full Back</i>]	15.	K. RODWAY
<i>Three Quarters</i>]	14.	P. SAUNDERS
		13.	J. LAMBERT
		12.	P. BIDDLE
		11.	A. COLE
<i>Half Backs</i>]	10.	I. WILKINS
		9.	P. HOWELL
<i>Forwards</i>]	1.	G. SARGENT* (Capt.)
		2.	P. PRICE
		3.	A. BROOKES
		4.	T. BEALE
		5.	J. WHITE
		6.	K. LINDLEY
		7.	S. COLLINS
		8.	C. PURVIS

Ref: Mr M. Titcombe (Bristol) * County I International i under 23

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<i>Full Back</i>]	15.	P. BUTLER, *I
<i>Three Quarters</i>]	14.	S. CLEWES, *
		13.	R. MOGG, *i
		12.	B. VINE, *
		11.	P. WILLIAMS
<i>Half Backs</i>]	10.	C. WILLIAMS, *I
		9.	P. KINGSTON, *I
<i>Forwards</i>]	1.	P. BLAKELAY , *i <i>Bob Gwilliam</i>
		2.	N. MILLS
		3.	M. BURTON, (Capt) *I
		4.	A. BRINN, *I
		5.	J. JARRETT, *
		6.	J. HAINES, *
		7.	J. WATKINS, *I
		8.	P. WINNELL, *

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Notes

Round about elvering time for longer than most people can remember Gloucester has paid their annual visit to Regentsholme.

There is no doubt that their arrival is anticipated with enthusiasm for the City team has a reputation second to none in the world of Rugby. Today's team is a reflection upon their ability and includes no less than six full internationals and two England under 23 players. Needless to say we are delighted that half backs Peter Kingston and Chris Williams, both of whom were "run in" at Regentsholme, have gained considerable recognition and wish like success to former Lydney centre and club vice-captain Brian Vine.

Lydney's reputation has been established in the past by deflating the idea of clubs who believed Rugby in Gloucestershire stopped at Gloucester and Bristol. We are proud in saying, whatever the score, no-one gets an easy passage against the Severnsiders particularly at Regentsholme and tonight, of course, will be no exception.

One is reminded of the story of a visiting outside half who complained that, though without the ball, he was hit for six by Lydney's Frank Fletcher.

"You looked the most likely bugger to catch it," said Frank as he helped his rival to his feet!

Supporters are reminded that the kick off against Bournemouth tomorrow has been put back to 5.30pm. Lydney United play Stroud Nomads at Regentsholme on Saturday and the First XV entertain Preston Grasshoppers on Monday (kick off 3pm).

On a more sober note a decision by the Forest of Dean District Council not to allow the Rugby Club a 50 per cent reduction in rates has come as a severe financial blow. It now means that the club has to pay £14 A WEEK in rates which by any standards is a scandalous imposition. All the work within the club is carried out voluntarily and Rugby is provided at low cost for 200 young men from the age of six upwards. In addition, because no other suitable accommodation is available in the town, the club house is used at peppercorn rent by Lydney's old folk.

The local elections are due shortly and club supporters are asked to question candidates carefully and vote accordingly!