

GLOUCESTER V INTERNATIONAL XV

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IN AID OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN TOUR FUND

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Sunday 14th November 1976

at

Kingsholm Gloucester

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Kick of 3.00 p.m.

Admission by
Official Programme Price 50p

THE GLOUCESTER R.F.C. PLAYERS EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME.

We are delighted to offer our thanks to the many International players who have consented to play in this Special fund raising match in aid of our tour to North America 1977 and to you our supporters for turning up today. We are sure that you all appreciate that the demands on the modern day players are so great that their appearance here today is all the more appreciated.

To put you in the picture our Club has had an official invitation to tour America in May 1977. The tour will be based in Denver Colorado and will consist of five 1st Team matches and two second team games.

Due to the high travel costs involved the Players have undertaken to raise a substantial amount of the initial cost. To this end this match is being organised exclusively by the Players with the valued help of the Committee and 'Kingsholm helpers' and all proceeds are going towards the Tour Fund.

Also today's match ball will be autographed by both teams and raffled at 10p per ticket.

Further we shall be shortly announcing details of our raffle, the winner of which will receive a free trip to America as a full member of the touring party. It is also the intention of the team to take the winning applicant on a proposed long weekend in Devon to get acclimatized!

May we take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support in this and all our other ventures.

Alan Brinn.
Players Representative.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Chris Fletcher of Eastgate Service Station for his help and support in production of these Programmes.

GLOUCESTER

15	P. Butler
14	R. Clewes
13	R. Jardine
12	B. Vine
11	R. Mogg
10	C. Williams
9	P. Kingston
1	K. Richardson
2	S. Mills
3	M. Burton
4	P. Winnel
5	S. Boyle
7	E. Pinkney
8	J. Simonett
6	J. Watkins (Captain)

INTERNATIONAL XV.

15	W. Hare	England
14	D. Duckham	England
13	R. Bernard	Wales England
12	R. Gravell	Wales
11	G. Davis	→ Wales
10	P. Bennett	Wales
* 9	G. Edwards	Wales
1	R. Cowling	England
2	P. Linn	→ England
3	F. Cotton	England
4	C. Ralston	England
5	D. Watt	England
7	T. Neary	England
8	A. Ripley	England
6	D. McDonald	S. Africa

Referee N. Jones (Gloucestershire Society)

W. (Dusty) Hare Nottingham (Leicester midweek!) & England

An attacking fullback who is a prolific goal kicker. Also an accomplished County cricketer. One day a week farmer, according to family information!

David Duckham Coventry England & British Lions

Has been established as one of the top wings in world rugby for a number of years. Also International class centre and one of the most exciting players to watch.

Jeremy Janion Richmond & England

Strong Running aggressive centre threequarter. Highly respected at Club and International level. Also renowned for keeping the sales of Pipe Tobacco and Guinness at record level.

Ray Gravell Llanelli & Wales

One of the strongest Centres playing today. His aggressive play is a feature which will surely earn him many more Welsh Caps. Is rumoured to eat soft Centres (and we don't mean Cadbury's Milk Tray).

John J. Williams Llanelli Wales & British Lions

Probably one of the fastest Wings in modern Rugby. Prolific try scorer and his chip over the top and subsequent chase makes him one of the games greatest entertainers.

Phil Bennett Llanelli, Wales & British Lions

Current Llanelli Captain. A complete outside half in all phases of the game. A truly devastating runner with the ball and the best line kicker in the business today. Also has been known to kick a few goals.

Gareth Edwards Cardiff, Wales & British Lions

What can be said of Gareth. Youngest Captain of Wales most capped Welsh Scrum Half. Generally considered to be the best inside half of all time (Even by Mickey Booth) surely a legend in his own time. Rumoured that he would rather play with a fly rod than a fly half.

Robin Cowling Leicester & England Trials

Ex. Gloucester forward well known for his quiet nature both off and on the field! A really great hardworking prop who has been close to full International Honours on many occasions, (Come back Robin all is forgiven).

Peter Wheeler Leicester & England

Current England Hooker. Apart from his obvious hooking talent he is a dynamic loose player, is known to have modelled his side step and dummy on our own Mike Nicholls.

Fran Cotton Sale, England & British Lions

Possibly the best tight head prop in the world today, is forced to play loose head for England by 'You know who'. Has Captained England and was the number one choice for the 1974 British Lions.

Chris Ralston Richmond, England & British Lion

A mobile second row who has been one of the leading lineout jumpers in England for a number of years. His long and distinguished playing career is exceeded only by the length of his hair.

David Watt Bristol & England

A firm favourite with the Kingsholm crowd. This burly lock has been a thorn in Gloucester's side on many occasions. His personal quest for physical fitness has taken him from being a cigarette rep. to a representative for Dewars Whisky. The mind boggles at his next step.

Tony Neary Broughton Park, England & British Lions

Current English Captain. A really fast and intelligent back row forward. Extremely unlucky not to make the test side in South Africa. An extremely handsome man who has been quoted as saying 'Doesn't like wine or song'.

Andy Ripley Rosslyn Park England & British Lions

A unique athlete who besides being England's best number eight is a top class hurdler. Has been known to hurdle full backs! His dress sense is renowned throughout the Rugby World! Peace Andy.

Dugald McDonald Oxford University & South Africa

A magnificent Back Row Forward who has already appeared for the Springboks. His size and mobility should cause our lads a few problems. Welcome Dugald.