



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v TORQUAY ATHLETIC

**Wednesday, 3rd December, 1980
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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Full Back
15. P. Ford

Three Quarters
14. P. Conway
* 13. P. Taylor
12. P. Williams
* 11. R. Clewes

Half Backs
10. C. Pryce
*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards
1. M. Preedy
2. K. White
*† 3. P. Blakeway (Capt.)
4. J. Brain
* 5. A. Turton
6. J. Gadd
8. M. Teague
* 7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

A. Dix
S. Parsloe

TORQUAY ATHLETIC

Full Back
* 15. A. Treby

Three Quarters
* 14. K. Butterworth
13. J. Cuthill
12. I. Butterworth
11. J. Truscott

Half Backs
10. D. Austin
9. R. Gorman

Forwards
1. M. Westaway
2. C. Rylance
3. K. Osbourne
* 4. J. Widdecombe
* 5. S. Henderson
6. L. Delve
8. R. Gulley
7. M. Maslin

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: MARTIN SOBEY (Oxfordshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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It's nice to make new friends

Obviously we didn't want to lose our match against Exeter University, which should have been on the Agenda for tonight. We wish them well in their campaign for UAU honours, however, reflecting that we have sought similar favours from other clubs in the past, and hopefully will do so again.

However — 'it's an ill wind', like the man says, and it does give us the opportunity to welcome a set of new friends to Kingsholm. It seems entirely appropriate that they should come from the same neck of the woods as our original opponents, and no one ever accused Devon of not knowing their Rugby.

The only time, in recent history at any rate, we have played Torquay Athletic, was five years ago when we were glad to accept the invitation to take part in their Centenary Celebrations. We won that one all right, but it's by no means certain that we won in the bar as well — the traditional Devonshire hospitality was overwhelming, and it's nice to be able to repay some of it tonight.

Perhaps Torquay Athletic isn't the first name you think of when you're totting up the leading Rugby Clubs in the land. They do, however, have a long and honourable history of supplying players — including Captains — to Devon, and to other representative sides.

Perhaps the most famous current 'Old Boy' is Mike Davis, the incumbent England coach who performed such wonders on the national scene last year.

So perhaps the Gloucester lads should put their best feet forward. Who knows — the word might get back to influential quarters.

Not that it matters — we're all here for a good evening's Rugby, and it's a pleasure to give Torquay Athletic a regular 'Glawster' welcome.

Please don't write to the Secretary

Terry Tandy is rapidly disappearing (and that takes a bit of believing!) under a pile of letters applying for tickets for the County Final, on the assumption that it is to be played here at Kingsholm.

I repeat the message I tried to give last week — it is by no means certain that we shall be staging the game. That depends on the goodwill of our friends at Bridgend who are due to play here that day. We also have no official confirmation from the County that they want Kingsholm for the match, the relevant Committee not yet having met.

IF the game is staged here — and I repeat the 'IF' — it looks as though our ticket allocation will be restricted, as far as the Stand goes, to one per paid-up Member, if that. Prices haven't been fixed yet either.

All the Secretary can do at the moment is return any cheques which may have been sent him, and that's a time-consuming exercise.

So please don't apply for tickets yet. All we can suggest is that you wait for announcements, and watch the Press. We'll let you know in good time.

Gadzooks!

The above expletive is prompted by the thought that the two words 'Redding' and 'Tilling' sound like some of those Middle Ages taxes we all used to have to learn about in history. Either that, or diseases of sheep.

Not so, however. They are the surnames of gentlemen who won Fivers lately, by having the foresight to buy programmes with lucky numbers.

Mr. W. Redding bought programme No. 189 at the Aberavon match, and went home £5 richer. Mr. P. J. Tilling bought programme No. 189 at the Loughborough Colleges game (Nine tries and £5 too!). Both winners were local, Mr. Redding coming from 149 Finlay Road, and Mr. Tilling taking his fiver back to 25 Wellsprings.

Coaches to Pontypridd

Terry Close tells us that he could still squeeze one or two more supporters into the Social Club coach, going to Pontypridd on Saturday next. The cost is £2.50 — exactly the same as the cost of a seat on the Patrons coach — and we gather that the intention is to leave at about midday, and not be too worried about what time the coach leaves Pontypridd. So if you feel like a good, convivial Rugby trip on Saturday, see Terry Close, or enquire at the bar after the game.

Incidentally, we also hear that the Patrons coach on the same day is just about fully booked, but if you hurry up and have a word with Andy Mitchell, he might just have the odd seat or two. This coach will leave at 10.30, break for refreshment on the way, and stop somewhere to eat on the way home.

Did you hear about the Irishman . . . ?

. . . who found he was propping against Gordon Sargent in the 'B' International? You could also ask similar questions about the winger who will mark Richard Mogg, the hooker who will have to cope with Steve Mills, and the lock who found Steve Boyle against him in the line-out.

Many congratulations to the Gloucester quartet who have attained this degree of recognition. They all richly deserve it, on both present and past form.

Pride of place, however, must go to Steve Mills who has been appointed to skipper the side. He certainly has the right credentials, and as we have seen at Kingsholm, has the knack of getting a side together. It will be great to see 'Dark Satanic' Mills leading the side out on Saturday.

And while on the subject of congratulations, the same goes for Phil Blakeway on being called into the England & Wales squad for last week's spectacular.

Just for one moment, he looked as if he might get on, when tough Graham Price had to leave the field. Far be it for any Gloucester supporter to wish ill to any Welshman, but it did cross a few minds that the incident would let Phillip on. However, they breed 'em hard in the Valleys, and 'Pricey' returned after a couple of bits of needlework had been applied.

Still — I suppose it's something to be kept off by the best there is.

1981 Club Diaries

Last year, we found that Gloucester RFC diaries were very popular. The same medicine, therefore, is being prescribed for this year.

At 60p the diary is an excellent bargain — a walk around any big stationer's shop will show you that — and it is packed with information about the Club and its officers and players. It also gives you a reasonable amount of space to write in.

Let's face it — in these frenetic days, you really do need a diary, and firms aren't quite so liberal in the ways they splash them out nowadays. So why not support the Club by buying one of ours?

They will be available around Christmas, certainly over the Christmas matches, so if Aunt Jane hasn't sent you one by Christmas Day, come and see Lydney on Boxing Day, and get yourself a 1981 diary as well.

Support the United!

Just because the 'Firsts' are away for the next couple of weeks, don't think you will be living in a Rugby wilderness. In fact, while we launch our invasions of Pontypridd and Bath, the United have two exceptionally attractive fixtures, here on the home patch.

On Saturday they will be taking on Moseley United — and it will be interesting to see if they can succeed where the Seniors failed — while on Saturday 13th, we are expecting a visit from Bath United. Ideal fare if you want to slide out of sight while the missus does the Christmas shopping.

Tailpiece

Just an intriguing thought.

With Steve Mills hooking and skippering in the 'B' International. With Steve Boyle locking behind him.

Is some poor unsuspecting Irishman going to find himself on the wrong end of the famous Steve Boyle 'cannonball' tapped penalty?

Bejabers!

PETER ARNOLD.