GLoucester Rugby Football Club
Founded 1873
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Opening Floodlight Fixture
Gloucester v. Bosuns
Kingsholm, Gloucester
Monday, 6th November, 1967  Kick-off 7-30 p.m.
Official Programme  Price 6d.
THE LIGHTS GO UP ON THE BOSUNS!

This evening marks another page in the long and proud history of Gloucester Rugby Club; a moment, one might say, which supporters have long awaited. For tonight the lights go up at Kingsholm!

Further discourse on our excellent new floodlights is unnecessary, as you may form your own conclusions this evening. Those of you who have visited other grounds for floodlit matches, however, will no doubt proudly and justifiably claim them as “the best in the West.”

And who better to “christen” the lights than our distinguished visitors tonight – the Bosuns! That this is their first-ever visit to Kingsholm makes our welcome the warmer – not only because of the star-studded side they bring; nor yet because they are determined to provide the constructive, spectacular rugby we all want to see.

But most of all, perhaps, because of the charities to which they have allied themselves so willingly and unselfishly, not the least of which is the Star Centre for Youth. The first centre was opened last May at Ullenwood Manor, within easy reach of Gloucester and Cheltenham.

It is dealing with the problems of further education, independence, training and personality development of physically handicapped children leaving school, so that these young people may overcome their disabilities sufficiently to lead purposeful lives.

Funds to ensure the continuance of this great work and to provide for further expansion are urgently needed by the Star Centre. The Bosuns play their rugger to entertain all who watch them, and to bring the utmost benefit to these physically handicapped boys and girls. They hope to make a generous contribution to the Star Centre as a result of this evening’s game.

May we appeal to you all, when the collection is made at half-time, to raise the Bosuns’ hopes beyond their wildest expectations. They in turn, we may be assured, will do their part on the field to make this a match worthy of such a memorable occasion, with our own lads, of course, not to be found wanting, so to speak! On behalf of the Bosuns and these handicapped youngsters, many thanks!

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Hearty congratulations, in duplicate, to our popular skipper, Don Rutherford! On his well-merited selection for England against the All Blacks last Saturday, of course – and on his achievement of becoming a proud father! For since he last played at Kingsholm the “Don” has had a little tributary – if he will forgive the simile. His wife, Susan, has presented him with a bonny boy. (And already the rugger fans are saying that Rutherford, junior, has an undispersed birth qualification for Gloucestershire!)

The holder of the lucky programme, No. 8, for last Saturday’s game with Old Blues was Mr. R. Creese, of 9 Bedford Street, Gloucester, who won the £5. Congratulations!

Belated congratulations, too, to prop forward Mike Burton, who recently took upon himself a charming wife!

A.R.