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GLOUCESTER v. COVENTRY
KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1973
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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GLoucester (Red and White)

FULL BACK
15 P. Butler (c)

THREEQUARTERS
14 R. Clewes (c) r.e.
13 R. White (c) r.w.
12 T. Palmer (c) l.e.
11 R. Etheridge (c) j.w.

HALF BACKS
10 R. Redwood (c) o.b.
9 J. Spalding (c) s.h.

FORWARDS
1 R. Cowling (c) (R)
2 M. Nicholls (c) (C)
3 K. Richardson (c) (C)
4 A. Brinn (c) (R)
5 J. Fidler (c) (R)
6 D. Owen (c) (R)
8 J. S. Jarrett (c)
7 J. Haines (c)

First XV Fixtures
1974

Sept. 1 Boroughfield Park A 24-13
12 Autumn Gardens A 25-6
13 Summer Gardens H 31-8
14 Windmill Park H 23-0
16 Walford House R 24-6
17 Portway A 21-15
18 Rectory A 29-6
3rd International H 33-0

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COVENTRY

Full Back
1 S. Adams

THREEQUARTERS
2 R. Webb (c) r.w.
3 B. Corless r.c.
4 P. Coulthard l.e.
5 T. Barnwell l.w.

HALF BACKS
6 A. Cowman (c) o.b.
7 W. Gittings s.h.

FORWARDS
8 K. Fairbrother (c) (C)
9 J. Gallagher
10 J. Broderick (C)
11 I. Darnell (C)
12 D. Simpson
13 B. Holt (C)
14 R. Walker
15 R. Creed (C)

First XV Fixtures
1974

Jan. 5 London Scot. A 17-6
10 Leicester H 49-12
13 Newport H 46-19
20 Edgbaston H 23-6

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CENTENARY WELCOME TO “COV”!

What more attractive and formidable opposition could one wish for as first visitors to Kingsholm in Gloucester’s centenary season than the powerful and famous Coventry side? Gloucester and Coventry—the two winners to date of the Rugby Union club knock-out competition. With probably the two strongest club sides in the country in opposition we look forward to a memorable and enjoyable game this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

This is the time of year when the sportsman has to adjust his thoughts from leg before wicket to off-side at a scrum or line-out. Which is perhaps an appropriate moment to congratulate Gloucestershire C.C.C. on their magnificent victory in the Gillette Cup Final against Sussex at Lord’s last Saturday.

There is a close liaison between the county cricketers and the Gloucester rugger club, who follow each others fortunes with terrific interest. This was shown on Wednesday evening at Fromehall Park, where Tony Brown and his lads watched the match between Stroud and Gloucester, and displayed the coveted Cup. Indeed, there was a special message from the Gloucestershire skipper to the rugby supporters. “Thank them sincerely for the telegram of good wishes we received from them at Lord’s. It was quite the best and most original of them all!”

Tony added, “The support for us from Gloucester has been really fantastic, and we know that much of it came from the rugger boys in the city. We all appreciate it very much indeed!”

It was a disappointment to lose the first match at Broughton Park last Saturday, but it is early days yet and we are sure that there will be plenty to cheer about as the centenary season gets under way. Skipper Mike Nicholls and his men are certainly determined to make it a memorable season. The United have already got off the mark with two remarkable away wins, and their victory over Hereford by 103 points to 3 on Tuesday evening was a club record. Congratulations to Eric Stephens and his boys!

There is a feast of rugby at Kingsholm this month, for next Wednesday evening South Wales Police are the visitors (kick-off 7 p.m.) and next Saturday brings the match against Ebbw Vale. By then, incidentally, it is hoped that the Gloucester R.F.C. Centenary Book, “One Hundred Cherry and White Years”, will be ready for sale. It has meant nearly a year’s hard work for officials and writers—all a labour of love—but we hope that everyone who reads it will feel that it was a job well done, and worthy of such a great club and the special occasion.

The Social Club are arranging a trip to Paris for France v. England international match on March 2, 1974. The exact cost is not yet known but will be approximately £30, which includes a ticket for the match and two nights at the hotel. Anyone wishing to go on this trip must hand in their names to Mervyn Elway or one of his committee before Sept. 30.