



GLOUCESTERSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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v.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1973

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Official programme

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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15 T. HAMILTON (CHELTENHAM)

THREEQUARTERS

14 A. J. MORLEY (BRISTOL) R.W.
13 P. C. JOHNSON (CLIFTON) R.C.
12 R. JARDINE (GLOUCESTER) L.C.
11 D. T. CRABBE (LYDNEY) L.W.

HALF BACKS

10 D. POINTON (ST. PAUL'S COLL.) O.H.
9 C. THOMAS (ST. PAUL'S COLL.) S.H.

FORWARDS

1 B. G. NELMES (CARDIFF)
2 F. C. REED (GLOUCESTER)
3 P. J. BLAKEWAY (GLOUCESTER)
4 N. A. JACKSON (GLOUCESTER)
5 R. HUGHES (ST. PAUL'S COLL.)
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FULL BACK

15 MARTIN BRICKELL (ABERTILLERY)

THREEQUARTERS

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13 JEFF MARTIN (NEWBRIDGE) R.C.
12 PAUL EVANS (CARDIFF) L.C.
11 ADRIAN BARWOOD (ABERTILLERY) L.W.

HALF BACKS

10 KEITH JAMES (CARDIFF) O.H.
9 GLYN TURNER (EBBW VALE) S.H.

FORWARDS

1 GARETH HOWLS (EBBW VALE)
2 ALAN WILLIAMS (NEWBRIDGE)
3 MIKE DOWLING (NEWBRIDGE)
4 LYN JONES (NEWPORT)
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WELCOME TO MONMOUTHSHIRE !

For the second Monday evening in succession we welcome visitors from "over the bridge" to Kingsholm, but this time it is formidable Monmouthshire who are here to provide stiff opposition for Gloucestershire prior to the county championship campaign which starts later this month with the match against Devon, also Kingsholm, on Saturday, October 20th.

TOUCH-LINE TWITTERINGS

With some of Gloucestershire's regular stalwarts of recent years having retired from the first-class game or reaching that age when they can no longer scorch around the field at blistering speed, the selectors are busily engaged searching for talented young players, some of whom will be seen in action this evening, to find the right combination which could bring back the title wrested from them by Lancashire last season.

Monmouthshire are undoubtedly the side to test the home selectors' findings to the full. Last season, it may be remembered, they were the only county, apart from Lancashire in the final, to beat Gloucestershire, winning at Pontypool on Tuesday, September 26th, 1972, by 13 points to 9, all the County's points coming from Peter Butler, who landed three penalty goals.

The previous season, on Thursday, October 7th, 1971, Monmouthshire visited Kingsholm, where an entertaining game ended in a decisive win for Gloucestershire by 20 points to 8. On that occasion Peter Knight, Dennis Turley and Nick Evans scored tries, Gordon Sargent converting one and kicking two penalty goals.

The County selectors have not made too many demands on Gloucester players in view of the club's "big day" on Wednesday, when they meet the powerful International XV gathered together by Don Rutherford for the special Centenary match. Shrewd rugby enthusiasts—and where are they keener than in Gloucester?—will also notice that there are no Pontypool players in the Monmouthshire team this evening. This is because the 'Pool who are the Welsh champions, meet Swansea in a "league" match as they embark on the programme in defence of their title.

It does not require a degree in geography to know that Cardiff is not in Monmouthshire, but Paul Evans and Keith James both qualify as former Newport players. This applies, too, of course, to Barry Nemes, the ex-Bristol prop, selected for Gloucestershire.

We congratulate Monmouthshire on their victory over the Japanese last Wednesday evening at Pontypool and look forward to another exciting and entertaining game this evening.

Finally, on the domestic scene as it were, Gloucester supporters, and many enthusiasts from much further afield, will be looking forward to the "plum" game on Wednesday, kick-off 7 p.m. Those who have not yet obtained tickets should apply this evening at the office on the ground.

ARTHUR RUSSELL