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GLOUCESTER v. MOSELEY
KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1973
Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Official programme — Price 3p

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WELCOME TO MOSELEY!

There are few more popular visitors to Kingsholm than our old friends from Moseley, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome, also expressing our thanks for agreeing to switch the match to this evening to avoid the clash of tomorrow’s televised international game between Wales and Australia.

It is unfortunate that for many years, because of the difficulty in arranging an alternative date, the second of the two fixtures with Moseley, among the most formidable of our opponents, invariably falls on a County match day. Although Gloucestershire’s important game with Somerset at Weston-super-Mare is not until tomorrow afternoon, the Cherry and Whites’ County players are not in this evening’s side.

Moseley, of course, have deservedly earned the reputation over recent years of being one of the country’s leading clubs; one that insists, whenever possible, of playing constructive rugby, with the accent on running and handling, so we look forward to an entertaining game, which could be called a “Centenary clash”. For Moseley, too, is celebrating its 100th birthday this season!

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Moseley’s last visit to Kingsholm was on Wednesday, September 6th, 1972, when Gloucester ran out decisive winners by 31 points to 12, with John Bayliss, John Watkins, Gary Mace, Bob Clewes and Bob Redwood scoring tries, and Peter Butler making four conversions and landing a penalty goal. And earlier this season Gloucester also won at the Reddings by 24 points to 4, so Moseley will be particularly keen to gain revenge this evening.

The Gloucester centenary book, “One Hundred Cherry and White Years”, has been in great demand, even from many other parts of the country. For our own supporters who have not yet bought a copy, they are obtainable, at the extremely reasonable cost of 50p, from the Social Club, Hudson & Co., sports outfitters, Northgate Street, or Alan Brinn’s sports shop in Barton Street.

Hearty congratulations to the lads on their magnificent victory over Leicester last Saturday—one of the heaviest defeats the Tigers have ever suffered on their own Welford Road ground. And, of course, to the inimitable Peter Butler who, during the match, reached 200 points to create a record—the earliest this target has ever been reached in any season in first class rugby! This is a remarkable performance for so young a player, only in his second season in the top flight of the game. And congratulations, too, to John Watkins on his selection for England against Australia tomorrow week.

Gloucester’s next game at Kingsholm is on Wednesday, when British Police are the visitors. Those intending to travel to Weston-super-Mare tomorrow to watch the County championship match are advised that the kick-off is at 2.45 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL