



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v. LEICESTER

KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1974

Kick-off 2.15 p.m.

Official programme

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Price 3p

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450

WELCOME TO THE TIGERS!

It is always a great pleasure to accord an extremely warm welcome to Leicester, the celebrated "Tigers", among our oldest and firmest friends on the rugger field. They invariably provide one of the sternest tests of the season for the Cherry and Whites, both at Welford Road and Kingsholm, and we look forward to another enjoyable and exciting game this afternoon.

Earlier this season, on Saturday, November 3, the lads excelled themselves by defeating the Tigers convincingly on their own ground — a victory they still regard as probably their most outstanding performance to date. And on that day Peter Butler made rugby history by reaching 200 points more quickly than any other player had previously achieved.

Last season, on Saturday, November 4, 1972, the Tigers produced excellent form at Kingsholm, where Gloucester were a trifle lucky to share a draw of 13 points each. Alan Brinn scored the try, with the redoubtable Butler adding three penalty goals.

Enjoying a successful season, apart from the occasional lapse, our visitors this afternoon will be anxious to improve on that result and and take revenge for their defeat at Welford Road. Anticipating another keen struggle one is again tempted to quote from William Blake's famous poem on the Tiger—"...frame thy fearful symmetry".

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

While it is most unfortunate that this afternoon's match with the Tigers should clash with the County's efforts to reach the semi-final yet again, we wish the Gloucestershire lads every success in their game with the South group winners. Current form suggests victory for them, even by a convincing margin—yet one does not hurriedly forget the unexpected setbacks against Oxfordshire a few years ago. Complacency, perhaps?

It is deeply regretted that the proposed trip to Paris for the France-England international match arranged by the Social Club committee has had to be cancelled. "Due to circumstances beyond their control", to use the well-worn but true expression. The present power and economic situation has made things extremely difficult. A meeting will be held shortly and all money refunded to those who have paid their deposits.

Another note on the social activities of the club. It is proposed to commence—in response to several requests—a weekly whist drive in the Social Club every Wednesday evening (7.30 p.m.) commencing on January 30. Price is 20p, and all money will be paid out to successful "whisters". Why not a quiet game of whist on a Wednesday evening in the Social Club lounge?

Next Saturday, January 19, the Wasps will be the visitors to Kingsholm, kick-off as usual at 2.30 p.m. **ARTHUR RUSSELL**