

ON THE OCCASION OF
GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. ENGLAND (UNDER 23) XV

I did not anticipate that I would have the pleasure of welcoming the England Under 23 XV together with Rugby Football Union officials and selectors to Gloucestershire and to the Kingsholm Ground—home of Gloucester R.F.C. who are celebrating their centenary this season.

To those of our visitors for whom this is a first visit to one of the strongholds of Gloucestershire Rugby may I say you will be playing before a very knowledgeable crowd who are quick to distinguish between good, indifferent and bad rugby.

Certainly the selectors will be looking for those good performances which will make their task easier next season. In congratulating, on behalf of West Country Rugby, the incoming chairman of selectors, Alec Lewis, I am certain I speak for the same body in saying thanks to 'Sandy' Sanders for his hard work in that office over the past seasons.

Of course, this game gives those Gloucestershire supporters who were not able to travel to the away games in the later stages of the County Championship, a chance to see their county's XV in action again. Some changes have been forced on the selectors but I am sure that those players now taking part will provide a game equally as exhilarating as those against Warwickshire and Lancashire with, I trust, the same result. Incidentally Gloucestershire's eleven victories as County Champions put us in the lead for the time being. However, regardless of the result at the end of the evening, may we be treated to an excellent display of both basic and the finer arts of Rugby Football.

In conclusion, the County Union expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Gloucester Club for the facilities to stage this game and to the officials and stewards for the help and co-operation given.

C. GARDNER,
President Gloucestershire R.F.U.

Congratulations to the Gloucester Club who during the Easter Holidays became the first senior rugby club in the country to top the four figure mark, also to Mike Burton on his selection to the British Lions for the South African Tour following in the footsteps of that grand old forward the Gloucester R.F.C. President Mr. A. 'Tom' Voyce. We wish him a successful Tour.

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(County Champions, 1973-74)

v.

ENGLAND (Under 23) XV

at

KINGSHOLM GROUND, GLOUCESTER

on

WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL, 1974

Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

5p

To-day the holder of the prize winning programme will receive a £5 prize. Listen at half-time for the winning number, the prize being obtained from the Committee Room after the game.

G. E. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

TEAMS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Colour : Red	18 (1G; 4PG)	ENGLAND Under 23 XV 12 (Colour: White) (1G; 2PG)
15 P. BUTLER (1C; 4PG) Gloucester 14 R. CLEWES Gloucester 13 C. WILLIAMS Bristol 12 R. JARDINE Gloucester 11 *A. J. MORLEY (1T) Bristol 10 D. POINTON St. Paul's College & Rugby 9 R. HARDING Bristol & Cambridge Univ. 1 B. G. NELMES Cardiff 2 *J. V. PULLIN (Capt.) Bristol 3 P. BLAKEWAY <i>A. Rogers</i> Gloucester <i>Bristol</i> 4 J. FIDLER Gloucester 5 *A. BRINN Gloucester 6 *J. WATKINS Gloucester 7 J. HAINES Gloucester 8 D. OWEN Gloucester	Full Backs Three-Qtrs. Right Wing Right Centre Left Centre Left Wing Half Backs Stand-off Scrum-Half Forwards	15 *W. H. HARE (1C; 2PG) Nottingham 14 *P. J. SQUIRES Harrogate 13 C. P. KENT Oxford University 12 S. G. JACKSON Upper Clapton 11 R. WAIN Moseley 10 *K. SMITH <i>N. Bennett</i> (1T) Roundhay <i>Bedford</i> 9 *S. J. SMITH Sale 1 R. LOCKER Harlequins 2 J. A. G. RAPHAEL (Capt.) Northampton 3 J. CROASDELL Loughborough Colleges 4 N. MANTELL Rosslyn Park 5 R. M. WILKINSON Bedford 6 P. J. HENDY St. Ives 7 G. PHILLIPS Northampton 8 R. HESFORD Durham University

*Internationals

Referee:

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Captain **P. L. LILLINGTON**
 London & Army Referees' Societies

Touch Judges:

J. V. SMITH
 (G.R.F.U.)

N. P. JONES
 (Gloucester Referees' Society)