



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1873

PRESIDENT: A. T. VOYCE, OBE

**GLOUCESTER**

**v**

**BROUGHTON PARK**

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1974

Kick-Off: 3.00 p.m.

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Price: 5p

## BROUGHTON PARK

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| 15. K. O'Brien            | 1. S. Harris    |
| 14. C. Milne              | 2. K. Pacey     |
| 13. A. Bond               | 3. D. Sellors   |
| 12. W. Jackson            | 4. K. Wilson    |
| 11. P. Coop               | 5. J. Siddall   |
| 10. J. Partington (Capt.) | 6. W. Livesey   |
| 9. S. Neary               | 7. P. Stenhouse |
|                           | 8. P. Lavin     |

Referee: J. ABBOTT (Warwickshire)

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The City of Gloucester Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade

## GLOUCESTER

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| 15. P. E. Butler* (2 caps, pl) | 1. K. Richardson (Capt.)* (try) |
| 14. R. Jardine* (try)          | 2. M. J. Nicholls*              |
| 13. J. A. Bayliss*             | 3. P. J. Blakeway §             |
| 12. R. E. White*               | 4. A. Brinn*†                   |
| 11. J. Dix*                    | 5. J. H. Fidler*                |
| 10. T. Palmer*                 | 6. J. A. Watkins*† (try)        |
| 9. R. C. Nicholls*             | 7. J. S. Jarrett* (try)         |
|                                | 8. J. H. Haines* (2 tries)      |

\*County

†International

§Under-23 International



## WELCOME TO THE PARK — AND ANOTHER NEW SEASON

Each new season brings its high hopes, great expectations, a few fresh faces, and a general hum of excitement that our great winter game is with us once again.

And this afternoon we extend a cordial welcome to our Northern visitors, popular Broughton Park, to open our 101st season. It was two years ago, on Saturday, September 2, 1972, that the Park last visited Kingsholm and on that occasion Gloucester were made to fight hard for victory by 14 points to 4, Mike Potter and Bob Clewes scoring tries, and Eric Stephens, now a committee member, landing two penalty goals.

Last year the Park launched Gloucester's centenary season in a manner which supporters will not readily forget, inflicting upon the Cherry and Whites one of their comparatively few defeats — and by the convincing margin of 33 points to 24! Our Lancashire friends, then, are formidable opponents and Gloucester's bid for revenge this afternoon will be hotly contested.

## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

On a more domestic note another very special welcome for our new skipper, Keith Richardson, leading the Cherry and Whites for the first time this afternoon. A modest and unassuming man Keith, who is a master at Wycliffe College, says it is a great honour to be appointed captain of Gloucester — "the finest club in the country" — and emphasises the wonderful leadership of his predecessor, Mike Nicholls. Sentiments that we all echo!

It is not a job that comes strange to Keith, for last season he skippered Dorset and Wilts in the county championship, inspiring them to rise, to the challenge, above their everyday skills. His magnificent displays for Gloucester last season brought him well-deserved recognition in being selected as a substitute for England in the Match against Wales. And good news for the Gloucestershire selectors — they will be able to call upon Keith's services this season.

Next Monday evening, paying their first-ever visit to Kingsholm, L'Aquila, a strong Italian side, will provide attractive and exciting opposition for Gloucester. L'Aquila, with seven internationals in their ranks, were last season's runners-up in the Italian championship and won their country's knock-out trophy. They are on a seven-match tour of this country.

As many supporters know, Gloucester have been drawn at home to St. Luke's College in the first round of this season's Rugby Union national club knock-out competition.

Finally, officials, committee and players wish you all another season of enjoyable ruggar, and thank you for your continued interest and support.

A.R.