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GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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PRESIDENT: A. T. VOYCE, OBE

GLOUCESTER

v

HARLEQUINS

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 1974

Kick-Off: 3.00 p.m.

Price: 5p

GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

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| 15. P. E. Butler* | 1. K. Richardson (Capt.)* |
| 14. R. J. Clewes* | 2. M. J. Nicholls* |
| 13. J. A. Bayliss* | 3. M. A. Burton † * |
| 12. R. Jardine* | 4. J. H. Fidler* |
| 11. S. Dix* | 5. A. Brinn † * |
| 10. R. L. Redwood* | 6. J. A. Watkins † * |
| 9. P. Kingston* | 7. R. Smith* |
| | 8. J. S. Jarrett* |

Referee: A. F. STURGEON (Ireland)

The First-Aid Service on this ground is voluntarily provided by
The City of Gloucester Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade

HARLEQUINS

Light Blue, Magenta, Chocolate, French Grey, Light Green and Black

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| 15. K. M. Bushell | 1. C. Claxton |
| 14. R. Hammond | 2. B. Judd |
| 13. D. Cooke | 3. R. Looker |
| 12. G. A. Birkett | 4. N. O. Martin (Capt.) † * |
| 11. K. Jenkins | 5. M. Rocks |
| 10. C. R. Woodward | 6. V. P. Simmons |
| 9. B. Bazell | 7. I. Howard |
| | 8. A. C. Alexander |

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†International

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WELCOME TO THE 'QUINS

We extend a very special welcome to the famous Harlequins this afternoon, for it is three years since they last visited Kingsholm. We trust this will be a case of absence making the heart grow fonder, for our old friends and rivals from London like their rugger open and constructive.

The Harlequins' colours are officially described as light blue, magenta, chocolate, French grey, light green and black, and the last time their delightful, multifarious jerseys were seen at Kingsholm was on Saturday, October 9, 1971. On that occasion Gloucester won by 12 points to 4, though they only scored one try, through John Watkins, with Eric Stephens making the conversion and adding two penalty goals.

Those who watched Harlequins' convincing victory over neighbouring Lydney on Tuesday evening in the special match to 'switch on' officially the Regentsholme floodlights will readily agree that the Cherry and Whites face a stiff task this afternoon and we look forward to an entertaining game.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations today, of course, are reserved for our remarkable veteran flanker, Dick Smith, who runs on to his beloved Kingsholm turf to make his 500th appearance for Gloucester's senior XV. Dick follows in the footsteps of Alan Brinn, who achieved the same feat a few weeks ago, and it is surely unique for two such long-serving players to be in the same team with these amazing records to their credit.

The news about John Haines, whose injury against Bedford a week ago enabled Dick Smith to return to the first-class game, is that he is likely to be out of action for another week or ten days. 'Happy Henry' reports that the damaged nerve in his shoulder is mending nicely and he hopes to be 'in full flow' again later this month.

The rugger fare continues at Kingsholm on Wednesday, when our near neighbours, Cheltenham will be the visitors, kick-off 7.00 p.m. Then next Saturday, October 19, the opponents will be the popular Devon side, Plymouth Albion, (kick-off 3.00 p.m.).

Those whose appetite for rugger is insatiable may like to know that, provided they care to make the journey down to the Forest of Dean, there are two County Cup games tomorrow afternoon, with Cinderford meeting Ashley Down Old Boys at Cockham Road, and Drybrook home to Thornbury.

We make no apology for a final reminder to supporters that the *200 Club* competition will soon be starting, with the first monthly draw on November 29. Those wishing to take part are asked to contact one of the committee as soon as possible, for only a few vacancies remain.

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