



### GLONCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1873

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# GLOUGESTER

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## ABERAVON

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 1974

Kick-Off: 3.00 p.m.

Price: 5p

#### **GLOUCESTER**

Cherry and White

15. P. Butler\*

14. J. Dix\*

13. J. Bayliss\*

12. R. Jardine\*

11. S. Dix\*

10. R. Redwood\*

9. P. Kingston\*

1. K. Richardson (Capt.)\*

2. M. Nicholls\*

3. M. Burton †\*

4. A. Brinn †\*

5. J. Fidler\*

6. J. Watkins † \*

7. J. Haines\*

8. E. Pinkney

Referee: T. FRIEND (Devon Society)

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

#### **ABERAVON**

15. K. Davies

14. D. Condon

13. J. Thomas

12. A. Rees

11. M. Triggs

10. J. Bevan

9. C. Shell\*

1. J. Owen

2. M. Howells (Capt.)

3. W. Wright

4. A. Martin\*

5. W. Mainwaring

6. R. Davies

7. O. Alexander

8. P. Clarke

\*County

†International

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#### WELCOME TO THE WIZARDS

Always among the most popular visitors to Kingsholm are Aberavon, the Welsh 'Wizards', to whom we extend a very cordial welcome this afternoon. Currently the most successful club in the Principality — as, of course, they usually are — Aberavon were unbeaten until the end of last month and occupy second place in the unofficial league table of English-Welsh clubs.

Aberavon's visit here last season, on Saturday, February 23, 1974, brought a memorable 'double' for our club and country. For while Gloucestershire were gaining their magnificent victory over Warwickshire in the semi-final of the county championship at Coundon Road, the Cherry and Whites rose to the occasion to beat the Wizards by 18 points to 10.

But it was a success of more modest proportions, for Gloucester could not cross our Welsh friend's line and it was only the accurate placekicking of Eric Stephens that carried the day. He landed no fewer than five penalties, with Dennis Hargreaves adding a dropped goal.

#### KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to the lads in winning their first round game in the Rugby Union knock-out competition, against gallant St. Luke's College, in the terrible weather of Wednesday evening. The second round draw will not be made for several weeks; meanwhile the other two leading West Country clubs, Bath, who meet Falmouth in Cornwall this afternoon, and Bristol, home to Plymouth Albion, will both be striving to make further progress in the competition.

It is hoped to run a coach to Plymouth next Saturday for the county championship match between Devon and Gloucestershire on the Devonport Services' ground. If sufficient supporters intend to take advantage of the trip, final arrangements will be made this weekend. Several have already booked seats; others who are interested should contact the Social secretary, Mervyn Elway, as soon as possible — this weekend at the latest.

Gloucester R.F.C. patrons are reminded that their new tie is now available, price £1.80. Those who have not yet received theirs should apply at once to Cecil Pope or Roy Long, the club secretary, for the number is strictly limited.

Next Saturday, while the County make their bid to become South-West group champions for the sixth successive season, Gloucester travel to meet London Irish. But for those many supporters who cannot make the trip either to Plymouth or London, there is the interesting clash at Kingsholm between Gloucester United and Cinderford, who have been notching up numerous victories recently.

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