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GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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PRESIDENT: A. T. VOYCE, OBE

GLOUCESTER

v

COVENTRY

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1974

Kick-Off: 3.00 p.m.

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Cherry and White

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| 15. P. Butler* | 1. K. Richardson (Capt.)* |
| 14. D. Crabbe | 2. M. Nicholls* |
| 13. R. White* | 3. P. Blakeway §* |
| 12. R. Mogg | 4. A. Brinn †* |
| 11. S. Dix* | 5. J. Fidler* |
| 10. R. Redwood* | 6. R. Smith* |
| 9. P. Kingston* | 7. J. Haines* |
| | 8. E. Pinkney |

Referee: C. HOSKIN (London Society)

COVENTRY

Dark Blue and Navy

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| 15. P. Evans | 1. T. F. Corless |
| 14. S. Maisey* | 2. T. J. Gallager |
| 13. B. J. Corless* | 3. K. E. Fairbrother †* |
| 12. P. Coulthard | 4. I. R. Darnell (Capt.)* |
| 11. R. C. Barnwell | 5. B. F. Ninnis †* |
| 10. A. R. Cowman †* | 6. P. M. Bryan |
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CORDIAL WELCOME TO "COV"

The visit of Coventry is, of course, one of the most eagerly awaited in a Gloucester supporter's diary of events; and this afternoon, with the festive season almost upon us, we extend a particularly cordial welcome to our old friends and keen rivals to Kingsholm.

It is unfortunate that the final England trial hits both teams today, with our visitors the chief sufferers: yet with so much strength in depth it would be almost an insult to suggest that either "Cov" or the Cherry and Whites would be forced to field what many clubs might call weakened sides.

With their powerful pack and a back division that appears to have followed the exhortations of Lady Macbeth to stand not upon the order of their going, but go at once, Coventry present a formidable obstacle to any club's ambitions.

Like Cleopatra of old, Gloucester no doubt have immortal longings, and among them must surely be the avenging of that defeat at Coundon Road last September. We look forward, then, to an exciting game today.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Coventry's visit to Kingsholm last season was on Saturday, September 8, 1973, when Gloucester won a closely-contested struggle by 13 - 8, with Peter Butler scoring a try and landing two penalties, and Bob Redwood adding a dropped goal.

It was with deep regret that Gloucester officials, players, members and supporters heard recently of the sudden death of Thelma, wife of the club chairman, Gordon Hudson. She personified all that was best in human nature, ever ready to help others and give all possible time and effort in the cause of charity. Thelma was one of the leading lights behind the scenes of the Rugby club, taking part in their social events and serving with other ladies in preparing meals for the players. She will be sadly missed and we extend deepest sympathy to Gordon and his daughter and son.

Most of us will have seen notices in some public house and hotel car parks requesting patrons to "please park prettily." The same plea goes out to all our members and supporters when visiting Kingsholm, where there has often been difficulty in getting away from the ground. Everyone is asked, please, to park in the marked spaces, and, if forced to leave the car outside these confines when there is a particularly large crowd, to do so without causing obstruction. Thank you.

With those long-standing Boxing Day opponents, Old Merchant Taylors no longer a part of the Christmas scene, the fixture has been taken by our county neighbours, Lydney, and next Thursday's match will start as usual at 3.00 p.m.

The officials, committee-men and players all join in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

A.R.