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V

EXETER

SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1976

at

KINGSHOLM GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p



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- Three Quarters
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12. R. R. Mogg *
11. R. Jardine *
- Half Backs
10. D. Pointon *
9. P. Kingston *†
- Forwards
1. K. Richardson *
2. R. L. Daldry *
3. M. A. Burton (Capt.) *†
4. A. Brinn *†
5. J. H. Fidler *
6. J. A. Watkins *†
8. M. J. Potter *
7. R. Smith *

Referee: NICK JONES (Gloucestershire Society)

† International

‡ Under-23 International

* County

First XV Fixtures

1975			
Sept. 3	Weston-s-Mare	A	37- 3
6	Broughton Pk	A	25-18
10	S. Wales Police	H	25-10
13	Coventry	H	13-13
20	Fylde	A	3-31
24	Stroud	A	30- 9
27	Bristol	A	0- 4
Oct. 1	Moseley	H	9-22
4	Bedford	A	10-18
8	British Police ...	H	31- 6
11	Harlequins	A	24-13
15	Cheltenham	H	40- 4
18	Newport	H	17-13
25	Clifton	H	41- 0
29	Pontypool	H	12-19
Nov. 1	Leicester	A	22-12
8	Exeter	H	76- 6
12	Cambridge Univ.	A	12-32
15	Plymouth Alb.	A	9- 3
22	London Irish ...	H	7-21
27	Loughborough	H	16-22
29	Oxford Univ.	H	22- 6
Dec. 6	Moseley	A	26-18
13	Bath	H	18-15
20	Coventry	A	15-18
26	Lydney	H	44- 7
27	Newbridge	H	29- 3

First XV Fixtures

1976			
Jan. 1	Nottingham ...	H	17- 3
3	London Scottish	A	0-20
10	Leicester	H	4- 9
16	Wasps	H	16- 6
21	Bristol	H	15-15
24	Army	H	38- 8
28	St. Lukes Coll.	H	23-16
Feb. 7	Exeter	H	—
14	Bath	A	—
20	Swansea	H	—
28	Aberavon	H	—
Mar. 6	Northampton	A	—
10	Cheltenham ...	A	—
13	Richmond	H	—
17	Newbridge	A	—
20	Guys Hospital	A	—
24	Abertillery ...	A	—
27	Saracens	H	—
31	Cardiff	A	—
Apr. 7	Newport	A	—
10	Ebbw Vale	H	—
15	Lydney	A	—
17	Headingley ...	H	—
19	Birkenhead Park	H	—
24	Torquay Ath.	A	—
May 1	Sale	A	—

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Full Back

15. R. C. Staddon *
- Three Quarters
14. S. Evans *
13. P. Arbourne *
12. R. Packer *
11. J. Jenkins *
- Half Backs
10. P. Holman *
9. G. Milford *
- Forwards
1. P. Baxter *
2. J. Lockyer (Capt.) *
3. C. Mills *
4. T. Woodrow *
5. C. Davies *
6. A. Cole *
8. G. Craven *
7. S. Webber *



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WARM WELCOME TO EXETER

It is with particular warmth and gratitude that we extend our welcome this afternoon to Exeter, who so willingly agreed at short notice to fill the unexpected vacancy, caused by so many necessary switches in fixtures because of international and county matches, on Gloucester's list.

For had our Devon friends not so readily "stepped into the breach", not only would supporters have been without their week-end rugger at Kingsholm; it would have meant, too, that with last Saturday's game Bridgend falling victim to the weather the lads would have had almost a blank fortnight prior to the tough and important John Player Cup match with Sale next Saturday.

We are mindful, too, that when Exeter visited Kingsholm earlier this season, on Saturday, November 8, the same day that Gloucestershire met Devon at Bristol, the Cherry and Whites romped to an overwhelming victory. But in fairness Exeter were without several key players in the Devon side, and although, of course, Gloucester had numerous representatives in the County team, their resources are such that they can still field a formidable combination capable of extending any of the top-class clubs, as they have shown so often on County match days.

Nevertheless, not every club would so willingly have agreed to make a special journey to Kingsholm only a

few months after such a defeat and we can assure the Exeter lads that our appreciative supporters will give them a "big hand" whatever the result of this afternoon's game!



KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Semi-final

The postponement of the replay between Cheshire and Lancashire last Saturday to decide the winners of the Northern group meant the inevitable postponement of Gloucestershire's semi-final arranged for this afternoon. The semi-final will now be played at Bristol on Saturday, February 28, with the kick-off at 2.45 p.m. — unless, of course, the weather again interferes with the Northern play-off, or the match ends in a draw.

In that event, as one wag put it, the county final could well be staged at Lord's or the Oval some time in May! But one can appreciate the point of this witticism, for internationals and John Player Cup dates leave the choice of remaining Saturdays somewhat limited. February 28 is the date originally arranged for the county final which will now have to be put back to Saturday, March 27 — provided, it is worth repeating, Cheshire and Lancashire can settle their little affair this afternoon.

On February 28, incidentally, reverting to the club scene, Gloucester were due to meet Aberavon at Kingsholm and Bristol were hosts to Swansea at the Memorial Ground. Both these matches will now be

"off" — at the request of the Welsh clubs, for, strangely enough, they meet each other in the Welsh Rugby Union Cup on that day!



Up For T' Cup

Next Saturday the lads can be sure of tremendous vociferous encouragement when they take on Sale at Brooklands Park, for already three coaches have been fully booked and many more supporters will be travelling up the M5 and M6 "under their own steam".

Because of this John Player Cup match the return game with Bath will be at Kingsholm on Monday evening, February 16, kick-off at 7 p.m. Indeed, Gloucester have two home matches that week, for on Friday, February 20, Swansea will be the visitors to Kingsholm.

Patrons' Evening

Our patrons are asked to note that their annual Social evening will be held in the Social Club on Wednesday, February 25, when they will be the guests of the club and the players. Official invitations are expected to be sent out this week-end.

Rugger At Cheltenham

For those of our supporters who have enough rugby, there are two matches on Cheltenham's Athletic Ground next week. On Monday evening, kick-off 7.30 p.m., Loughborough Colleges meet U.W.I.S.T. (Cardiff) in the semi-final of the U.A.U. championship. Then next Friday, February 13, Cheltenham entertain Torquay Athletic in a newly-arranged fixture, and the kick-off is 7 p.m.

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