GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB  
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GLOUCESTER  

v  

RICHMOND  

SATURDAY, 13th MARCH, 1976  
at  
KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER  

Kick off: 3.00 p.m.  

Official Programme—6p
GLOUCESTER

Referee: D. J. HUDSON (Manchester Society)

First XV Fixtures

1976
Jan. 1. Nottingham H 17-3
Feb. 7. Exeter H 22-16
Mar. 6. Northampton A 25-3
Apr. 7. Newport A 20-22
May 1. Sale A 24-6

Full Back
15. P. E. Butler †
Three Quarters
14. R. J. Clewes *
13. J. A. Bayliss *
12. B. J. Vine *
11. R. R. Mogg *
Half Backs
10. C. G. Williams *
9. P. Kingston †
Forwards
1. K. Richardson *
2. S. G. F. Mills *
3. M. A. Burton (Capt.) †
4. S. B. Boyle *
5. J. H. Fidler *
6. J. A. Watkins *
8. M. J. Potter *
7. J. H. Haines *

RICHMOND

Full Back
16. D. F. Whiteley
Three Quarters
15. A. D. Mort
14. P. M. Davies
13. J. P. A. Janion †
11. R. McGrath
Half Backs
10. R. Shackleton †
9. T. O’Hanlon
Forwards
1. W. Dickinson
2. A. Boddy
3. A. Shortland
4. S. J. B. James
5. C. W. Rowton †
6. P. M. Hearn
7. J. P. Dickens
8. G. Greenwood

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CORDIAL WELCOME TO RICHMOND!

There is an eighteenth century proverb which says that a constant guest is never welcome; but this can scarcely apply to our old—and seemingly, long-lost—friends from Richmond, whose last appearance at Kingsholm was as long ago as March 11, 1972, when Gloucester won an exciting tussle by 11 points to nil.

In the normal course of events Richmond and Gloucester only meet once each season, on a home and away basis, but the fixtures over the past two years have been cancelled because of the weather and John Player Cup commitments.

It is the more fitting, therefore, that we extend a particularly cordial welcome to our friends from London and we look forward to an entertaining and exciting game this afternoon, trusting the while that they enjoy their brief stay with us after such a long absence.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Belated congratulations

As this is Gloucester’s first home match for rather more than three weeks congratulations to the County on their victory over Lancashire in the semi-final at Bristol last month are unavoidably belated. Some of our national writers, seemingly weighed down by huge chips on their shoulders, gave Gloucestershire no credit for their success.

Their opinions, of course, tend to become fatuous in view of the fact that our County has reached the final for a record seventh successive season! Who are they to criticise such a remarkable achievement? Candour, we’re told, is the wine of friendship, so perhaps we should make no enemies in suggesting to the national selectors and the critics that the England team be built round Gloucestershire players.

After all, the feats of the champions make it perfectly clear where rugby is at its strongest. The dedicated approach of the Gloucestershire lads would revive the fortunes of England currently ailing as much as the pound sterling!

The final, incidentally, is against Middlesex at Richmond Athletic Ground, the home of our visitors this afternoon, on Saturday, March 27, and arrangements are already in hand to run coaches from Kingsholm. Those wishing to book seats are asked to contact Jim Holder in the Social Club.

Great Stuff

More congratulations, this time to our own Gloucester lads on those splendid victories over Swansea, Northampton — only the second defeat for the saints this season on their ground at Franklin’s Gardens — and neighbouring Cheltenham. In such irresistible form the Cherry and Whites could be first to the 1,000 points among the first-class clubs.
Old Players’ Social
The annual Old Players’ social evening, which has proved so popular since its inauguration a year or so ago, will this season be held at the Social Club on Wednesday, April 28. The charge is the very nominal one of 50p, or ten bob, as many still prefer to call it, and it is hoped that as many former players of the club as possible, from near and far, will be able to attend and spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening as they have in the past. Applications should be made to the club secretary, Roy Long, at “The Chestnuts”, 2 Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester. (Telephone 25335).

Diary Dates
Gloucester’s next home match is against Saracens on Saturday, March 27, the date of the county final. Tomorrow morning, however, the spate of rugby continues with the first round of the North Gloucester Combination Junior Cup, when the matches are: Gordon League v. Old Cryptians; Old Richians v. Cainscross; Newent v. Saintbridge Former Pupils; Painswick v. Spartans; I.C.I. v. Widden Old Boys; Gloucester Old Boys v. Tredworth; Longlevens v. Chosen Hill Former Pupils; All Blues v. Coney Hill.

Put Your Clocks ON!
In the spring a young man’s fancy lightly turns towards what the girls have been thinking about all the winter – or does it need a change of seasons? However, spring is certainly on its way and supporters are reminded that British Summer Time starts next week-end, so do not forget to put your clocks and watches ON an hour on Sunday, March 21, tomorrow week.

Arthur Russell

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