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V
BRISTOL

SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1976
at
KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p
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CORDIAL WELCOME TO BRISTOL!

There are, of course, few more eagerly awaited club matches at Kingsholm than the annual fixture with our keen rivals and very good friends, Bristol – the other part of our highly successful County side, one might say – to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome this afternoon.

It is unfortunate that both our great County clubs have been hit by injuries and illness so early in the season and there will be a few familiar faces missing. Indeed, Bristol's Dave Rollitt and John Pullin, together with Gloucester's John Haines and Phil Winnel have not yet played this season, while other stalwarts are still nursing recent injuries.

Nevertheless, the excitement and, we trust, the entertainment invariably associated with the matches between our clubs will continue unabated, both sides, no doubt, bearing in mind the exhortations of Henry V to "stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood!"

Last season's match at Kingsholm was brought forward to Wednesday evening, January 24 of this year, and the thousands who saw it will not readily forget an incredible affair. Even the international referee, Ken Pattison – who had charge of last Wednesday's match with Japan – said he had never in his long career known so many injuries in one game, with three players taken to hospital and eight others requiring treatment by the "Doc" to wounds of varying degrees.

Yet, as the referee also agreed, it was never a 'punch-up'; the injuries were mainly caused by the tough, even fierce, but legitimate approach of the players, who spared nothing in their efforts to win such a prestige contest. Perhaps we can say that honour was satisfied, for the result was a 15-15 draw.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE
The "Nippy" Japs

No-one likes to see a one-sided affair, yet Gloucestershire's victory over Japan – despite the absence of several of last season's regular players – must have brought considerable enjoyment and satisfaction to supporters.

And despite the overwhelming win by 62-10 there was no denying the quality of rugger served up by the Japs whenever they were allowed the comparative luxury of launching attacks. As most of the huge crowd were prepared to admit, there would have been no 'one-way traffic' had the nippy Tourists gained as much possession as Gloucestershire.

Having so much disadvantage in height and weight the Japanese may not have a triumphant tour, but in their style of speedy, constructive rugby will undoubtedly make them
many new friends. It will be inter-
esting to see how they fare against a
strong Scottish XV at Murrayfield
today.

Sincere Thanks
On behalf of the players Alan Brinn
wishes to express their sincere
thanks and appreciation to support-
ers who contributed so magnificently
to the raffle during the match on
Wednesday evening. As a result of
their generosity the splendid sum of
£400 was raised towards the club
tour of Colorado next May. The lads
are indeed grateful for this wonder-
ful response.

The 300 Club
What originally was the ‘200 Club’
has, in little more than a year, grown
by popular demand to the ‘300 Club’
and is continuing to be very well
supported. The vacancies grow less
almost daily and those who wish
to join should contact Alick Lan-
kester or any of the committee in
the Social Club.
The subscription remains at £6.50
for the season, payable weekly or
monthly, of course, but the prizes
have naturally been increased. Last
year’s winners of the two major
prizes at the end of the season were:
1) Mr. J. W. G. Holder; 2) Mr. J.
Bennett. The first draw of the new
competition will be held in the
Social Club on Friday evening, Nov-
ember 26.

Diary Dates
Next Wednesday evening, with a
7.00 p.m. kick-off, Gloucester meet
more County neighbours, Chelten-
am, at the Athletic Ground, then
return to Kingsholm next Saturday,
October 2, when Bedford will be the
visitors, (kick-off 3.00 p.m.) It
should be noted that Gloucester
United’s match with Yeovil, post-
poned last Tuesday, will now be
played at Kingsholm on Monday,
October 4, again with a 7.00 p.m.
kick-off.

Arthur Russell

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