GLoucester Rugby Football Club
Founded 1873
President: A. T. Voyce, OBE

Gloucester v Bedford
Saturday, 2nd October, 1976
at Kingsholm, Gloucester
Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.
Official Programme—6p
**GLOUCESTER**  
Cherry and White  

Full Back  
15. R. Etheridge  

Three Quarters  
14. R. J. Cleaves  
13. R. Jardine  

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12. S. P. Cleaves  
11. R. R. Moggs  

Half Back  
10. C. G. Williams  
9. P. Kingston  

Forwards  
1. K. Richardson  
2. S. G. F. Mills  
3. M. A. Burton  
4. J. Orwin  
5. S. B. Boyle  
6. J. A. Watkins (Capt.)  
7. J. F. Simonett  
8. E. A. Pinkney  

**REPLACEMENTS**

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**BEDFORD**  
Light Blue and Dark Blue  

Full Back  
15. A. Jordan  

Three Quarters  
14. R. Denning  
13. C. Heron  
12. B. MacKay  
11. D. M. Wyatt  

Half Backs  
10. N. Bennett  
9. G. Fletcher  

Forwards  
1. C. J. Bailward  
2. N. Barker  
3. K. Cairns  
4. J. Mivle  
5. R. Wilkinson (Capt.)  
6. S. Edwards  
7. D. Jackson  
8. K. Cellum

**REPLACEMENTS**  
S. Ingram

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**Referee:** J. WILLIAMS (Warwickshire Society)  

**Fixtures:**  
- 1 International  
- 3 Under 20 International  
- 5 County  
- 6 England Trial  

**First XV Fixtures:**  
1976  
Sept. 4 BS Bournemouth H 31-10  
Oct. 1 BS Exeter C 31-1  
Nov. 5 BS Bridgwater H 15-15  
Dec. 4 BS Bournemouth H 22-15  
Jan. 8 BS Exeter C 25-0  
Feb. 4 BS Exeter C 15-15  
Mar. 1 BS Bridgwater H 31-9  
Apr. 2 BS Exeter C 15-0  
May 2 BS Exeter C 31-9  
June 2 BS Exeter C 31-9  
July 2 BS Exeter C 15-0

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1977  
Jan. 1 BS London Scott H 31-9  
Feb. 1 BS Exeter C 31-9  
Mar. 1 BS Exeter C 31-9  
Apr. 1 BS Exeter C 31-9  
May 1 BS Exeter C 31-9  
June 1 BS Exeter C 31-9  
July 1 BS Exeter C 31-9

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CORDIAL WELCOME TO BEDFORD

We extend a particularly cordial welcome this afternoon to our old friends and rivals, Bedford, who unfortunately only visit Kingsholm once every two years.

In the corresponding fixture last season at Goldington Road, on October 4, Bedford ran out winners by 18-10, but on their last visit to Kingsholm, on October 5, 1974, Gloucester proved triumphant by 15-9.

It will no doubt be of interest to supporters to know that this afternoon’s game is Gloucester’s first in the new Anglo-Welsh merit table. Bedford played their opening “league” match last Saturday, when they trounced Richmond by 30-16.

Bedford, indeed, have started the season in fine fettle and free-scoring style; with last season’s defeat still in their minds the Cherry and Whites will have to pull out all the proverbial stops if they are to find a satisfactory answer to Shylock’s well-known question: “Shall we not revenge?” We look forward, then, to another exciting and entertaining game with our Midland friends this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Anglo-Welsh Merit Table

Many supporters are a little uncertain about the new Anglo-Welsh Merit Table and are wondering why Gloucester’s matches against Coventry and Bristol, who are two of the competing clubs, did not count in the “league” (For a league it is undoubtedly, whatever those who disapprove may think).

In this new competition only one match between the clubs during the season count towards the positions in the Table, according to the draw made in Advance. Thus, Gloucester’s “league” matches with Coventry and Bristol will be the return ones, that is, Coventry at Kingsholm on December 18, and Bristol on the Memorial Ground on February 4.

Gloucester’s next fixture, another tough one, in the Anglo-Welsh table will be in a fortnight’s time when they meet Newport at Rodney Parade.

Avalanche

Congratulations to the lads on the crushing defeat of neighbouring Cheltenham at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday evening. Victory was confidently expected against luckless Town, but few envisaged such a huge margin as 62 points to 7, though in this form few clubs would have held Gloucester. A crumb of consolation for Cheltenham, however, was the fact that they at least scored a try — only their second this season!
Congratulations
Congratulations to the ten Gloucester lads who have been selected for the County as they begin the defence of their championship title with the match against Cornwall at Bristol next Saturday. It is particularly gratifying to see the splendid form of Steve Mills and Steve Boyle has been recognised and we wish them every success on making their championship debuts.

300 Club
Those former members who have not yet joined the 300 Club and wish to do so are advised to contact Aleck Lankester or one of the committee as soon as possible, for there are only a few vacancies left. With its increased monthly prizes the competition is proving more popular than ever and the first draw will be made in the Social Club on Friday, November 26, at 9.00 p.m.

This season the main monthly prize will be £25, with five others of £10 each, and in the big draw at the end of the season there will be prizes of £350, £100 and three of £50 each.

Diary Dates
Next Wednesday, October 6, Gloucester travel "over the bridge" to meet Ebbw Vale in an evening match, then next Saturday, when the County take on Cornwall, the visitors to Kingsholm will be the famous Harlequins.

Arthur Russell