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WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1977
at
KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 7.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p
GLOUCESTER

Perry and White

Full Back
15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters
14. R. J. Clewes
13. D. Pointon
12. R. Light
11. R. R. Mogg

Half Backs
10. R. Correels
9. W. Birkby

Forwards
1. G. A. F. Sargent
2. F. C. Reed
3. K. Richardson (Capt.)
4. A. Brien
5. P. J. WInnell
6. M. Hayes
8. E. A. Pinkney
7. J. Cooke

REPLACEMENTS
R. C. Moody
J. F. Simnett

Referee: J. LAW (Somerset Society)
1 International
5 Under-22 International

First XV Features
1976
Sept. 4 [lll] Ebborton Pak H 31-6
2 [Ill] Broughton Pak H 23-3
11 (II) Caversham H 12-11
15 (II) Watford H 10-12
29 (II) Manchester H 8-9
29 (III) Manchester A 40-7
Oct. 2 [III] Swindon H 36-14
8 (II) Fleet Vale A 4-22
9 (II) Harrow H 9-14
13 (II) Portishead A 18-0
14 (II) Needham H 4-20
17 (II) Northwich H 12-12
27 (II) Welshpool H 47-17
30 (II) Oxford Utd. A 24-13
Nov. 3 (II) Bridgwater H 10-7
6 (II) Letchworth H 14-12
10 (II) Cambridge Utd. H 4-4
10 (II) Cambridge Utd. A 4-4
20 (II) Aberdyke H 6-10
20 (II) Aberdyke A 7-36
27 (II) Letchworth H 31-10
Dec. 4 (II) John Player H 17-7
11 (II) Sale A 0-0
18 (II) Country H 10-0
26 (II) Swindon H 47-10
1977
Jan. 1 (II) London Scott H 32-0
8 [II] Letchworth A 25-16
5 [II] Wokingham H 15-0
10 [II] Blair A 12-8
16 [II] Harlow A 12-0
26 [II] Blackheath H
29 (II) Letchworth H
Feb. 6 (II) Bristol A 5-4
17 (II) Bath H
18 (II) Swindon A
26 (II) Aberdyke A
Mar. 2 (II) Voorhies H
6 (II) Worthing H
12 (II) Rotherham H
12 (II) Rotherham A
19 (II) Gipsy Hill H
26 (II) Swindon A
Apr. 1 (II) Carnedd A
10 (II) Aberdyke A
20 (II) Aberdyke H
31 (II) Letchworth H
May 5 (II) John Player H
10 (II) Sale A
18 (II) Country H
26 (II) Swindon H

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The City of Gloucester Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade

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Full Back

Three Quarters
12. Cpl. S. G. Jackson (R.A.M.C.)

Half Backs

Forwards
1. Cpl. N. J. Gray (R.E.)
2. S-Sgt. J. B. Mills (R.E.M.E.)
3. Pte. P. M. S. Mills (PARA)
5. Sgt. P. D. Smith (R.A.M.C.)
6. Capt. G. D. Lilley (N.C.T.)
7. Capt. C. J. W. Gilbert (Capt.)
8. Capt. G. L. C. Wright (R.C.A.)

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L. Cpl. R. Spring (Coldstream Guard
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WELCOME TO THE ARMY

The recent wretched weather and extended holidays have combined to restrict rugger at Kingsholm over the past month or so; which is why we extend a particularly warm welcome to the Army this evening.

The Army, of course, like the Royal Navy and RAF, are preparing for next month’s Services’ Tournament and we are honoured to know that they regard this game with the Cherry and Whites as perhaps their toughest assignment in those preparations.

Last season, on Saturday, January 24, the Army contributed richly to an exciting, high-scoring game which ended in victory for Gloucester by 38-8. We look forward to another such entertaining tussle this evening and sincerely trust our visitors enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Two Great Victories

This is the first opportunity we have had to congratulate the lads on two successive and highly convincing away wins, over Leicester — seldom beaten at Welford Road — and Wasps respectively. To score over 50 points in the two games against such strong opponents, and on “foreign soil”, is indeed a remarkable achievement.

In each match the home side and the press paid tribute to Gloucester’s power and skills, so perhaps there is no need for further elaboration here. As Rosalind tells us in As You Like It, if it be true that good wine needs no bush, "tis true that a good play needs no epilogue.

Tour Itinerary

With the new year nearly three weeks old already interest is rapidly mounting in Gloucester’s tour of Colorado early in the summer. The provisional itinerary and fixtures have just been released and will no doubt be of interest to all supporters. Diaries, then, at the ready:

May 14 — leave Heathrow Airport;
May 16 — 1st XV v. Chicago Lions;
May 17 — leave Chicago for Denver, Colorado;
May 19 — 1st XV v. Denver ‘Quins;
May 22 — United XV v. Alberquerque Aardvarks (3.00 p.m.);
May 25 — 1st XV v. Barbarians;
May 28 — United XV v. Highlanders ‘A’ (1.00 p.m.), 1st XV v. Highlanders (3.00 p.m.).
May 29 — Western Nationals Seven-a-Side Tournament.

May 30 — 1st XV v. Eastern Rockies Select XV;
June 3 — 1st XV v. Boulder R.F.C.;
June 4 — return to Heathrow.

A comprehensive programme which makes for an exhausting tour, but one, we hope, which will also prove thoroughly successful and enjoyable.
Tough Luck, John
This has been a season which “Big John” Fidler will not readily forget. After that serious shoulder injury sustained against Bristol last September he felt he was just becoming fit again when he had the wrenched luck to break an ankle when playing for Gloucestershire Police last week. He will obviously play little rugby again this season, but fortunately hopes to be “rarin’ to go” on the Colorado tour.

Vine on the Mend
There is better news of centre Brian Vine, who has also missed most of the season with cartilage trouble. He is now back in training and hopes to be playing again in a few weeks.

Semi-Final
Gloucestershire face a formidable task on Saturday when they travel to Vale of Lune to defend their county championship title in the semi-final against Lancashire.

They will not be without vociferous support, however, for a large contingent of our Kingsholm “faithfuls” will be making the long journey up the M5 and M6 to cheer them on. But supporters are advised to get to the ground as early as possible, for it is not a big one and Vale of Lune expect the largest crowd in their history.

Visit to The Reddings
No doubt many of those supporters who cannot make the long journey to Vale of Lune on Saturday will be able to travel the much shorter distance to Birmingham, where Gloucester, with so many of the lads in the County side, will need all the encouragement they can get when they meet Moseley, one of the country’s leading sides, at the Reddings.

Gloucester return to Kingsholm next Wednesday, January 26, when St. Luke’s College will be the visitors, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Arthur Russell

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