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NEWPORT

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1977
at
KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 7.00 p.m. Official Programme—6p
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P. E. Butler

15. R. J. Clewes
13. D. Pointon
12. R. Jardine
11. R. R. Mogg

Half Backs
10. C. G. Williams (Capt.)

9. W. Birchley

Forwards
1. G. A. F. Sargent
2. S. G. F. Mills
3. M. A. Burton
4. S. B. Boyle
5. P. J. Winnel
6. E. A. Pinlinay
7. J. F. Scott
7. J. H. Haines

REPLACEMENTS
J. Cook (Forward)
R. Ebron (Back)

Reference: P. E. Hughes (Manchester Society)

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15. Leighton Davies

Three Quarters
14. Ken Davies
13. Fred Headon
12. David Bates
11. Brian Juliff

Half Backs
10. David Rogers
9. Alun Billinghurst

Forwards
1. Colin Smart (Capt.)
2. Steve Jones
3. Roy Crillard
4. Lynn Jones
5. David Waters
6. Bryan Leese
7. Paul Watts
7. Richard Darrell

REPLACEMENTS
Mark Morris-Jones (Back)
Jim Stewart (Forward)

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The City of Gloucester Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade.
CORDIAL WELCOME
TO THE
"BLACK AND AMBERS"
Leaders in the Welsh Rugby Union and
the Anglo-Welsh merit tables; a splendid
record to date of 26 victories from 30
matches, with 519 points against 237; in
the semi-final round of the Welsh R.U.
Cup for the first time in their history;
and unbeaten this season by an English
class!

This is a list of the remarkable achieve-
ments of Newport — the famous "Black
and Ambers" — to whom we extend a
particularly cordial welcome this evening.
It gives some idea of the magnitude of
the task facing Gloucester, who will be
anxious to avenge their defeat at the
hands of Newport at Rodney Parade last
October by 30 points to 4.

The Black and Ambers have lost only
three matches this season, all on their
opponents' grounds, their conquerors
being Pontypool, Cardiff and Neath,
while they held Mosesley to a draw at the
Paddings. Unfortunately Newport will be
without their three internationals this
evening, skipper David Burcher, Gareth
Evans and Jeff Squire — all resting in
view of the big clash on Saturday
between Wales and England.

But with reserve strength in depth New-
port will as usual be formidable oppo-
sition and we look forward to such
another exciting tussle as last season's
game at Kingsholm, when Gloucester
won by 17 - 13 on Saturday, October 18,
1975.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Thanks to our Sponsors
Our warmest thanks and appreciation
go to Permali, the well-known local
company of electrical insulation manu-
facturers, of Bristol Road, for their
extremely generous gesture in sponsoring
this evening's match. We trust that their
representatives here will enjoy the game
and the social activities afterwards.

Invasion of Gosforth
Any fleeting thoughts that Gosforth may
have had that Gloucester supporters
would find the long journey north too
far for the John Player Cup quarter-final
match next Saturday week, March 12,
must have long since been dispelled. In
fact, it seems as though there will be a
mass exodus of rugger enthusiasts from
the city that weekend judging by the
extraordinary demand for seats on coach
and train.

As many supporters know, one train has
already been fully booked. But there are
a few seats remaining on a second special
train — and at the remarkably low cost
of £4.00!

For those who prefer to travel by road,
there are also a few vacancies on the
coach which will leave Kingsholm on the
morning of the match at 7.00 a.m. The
cost is even less — £2.80, and anyone
wishing to take advantage of this great
gift should contact Mervyn Elway in the
Social Club.

There are others who may feel that a 500
mile round journey in a day is a little
too much and may prefer to stay over-
night. They are also well catered for, as Gulliver's Travels, 135 High Street, Tewkesbury, are running a trip 'the leisurely way'. Their coach departs from Kingsholm at 8.00 a.m. and will travel direct to the Gosforth ground with a stop for lunch. Supporters will be able to stay overnight at the Northumbria Hotel, returning to Gloucester on Sunday morning. All for the very reasonable sum of £11.00.

Patrons' Night
The annual Patrons' Night will be held at Kingsholm in the Social Club on Thursday, March 24 — 8.00 p.m. for 8.30 p.m. All Patrons are asked to contact the Club Secretary, Roy Long, at 22 Worcester Street, for tickets as soon as possible.

Wales v. England Ticket?
Those strange, elusive pieces of pastebord — tickets for the Wales v. England match on Saturday — could be in a supporter's hands this evening; two of them, at least. For this is the prize offered to the winner of a raffle in aid of Gloucester's American tour in early summer. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale this evening and the lucky winner's name announced during the match.

Important Diary Dates
All supporters are kindly asked to note several changes in fixtures within the next few days. Tomorrow evening, Thursday, with a 7.00 p.m. kick-off, Gloucester United will meet Hereford at Kingsholm in a recently arranged game.

At the request of our Midland visitors the match against Northampton at Kingsholm on Saturday will kick-off at 7.00 p.m. — not 3.00 p.m. — because of the televised International at Cardiff.

And finally, a change in date for the Cheltenham match, due to have been played next Wednesday. Because of the proximity of the John Player Cup quarter-final, Gloucester will meet their Town neighbours next Monday evening, March 7, with the kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

300 Club Winners
There was a decided cherry and white flavour about the list of winners in the February draw, made last Friday evening, of the 300 Club, several of the names being readily recognisable to supporters. They were:

£25 — P. J. Winnal (No. 100); £10 each to D. Dawe (185); A. Brinn and M. J. Nicholls (104); C. Cambridge (283); T. Falmor (293); Mrs. N. E. Stockwell (152). Congratulations to them all.

Arthur Russell