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GOSFORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1877

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THE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION CLUB COMPETITION

The John Player Cup Quarter Final

Gosforth F.C. v. Gloucester F.C.

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH, 1977 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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JOHN PLAYER CUP WINNERS - 1975-76
NORTHUMBERLAND SENIOR CUP WINNERS - 1975-76
JOURNAL TROPHY WINNERS - 1975-76

**Hot Soups and Snacks available in Clubhouse
before and after game**

Next Home Game: Coventry, April 9th

Gosforth F.C.

Green and White

B. PATRICK	<i>Full Back</i>	(15)
S. ARCHER	<i>Right Wing</i>	(14)
H. E. PATRICK	<i>Right Centre</i>	(13)
J. K. BRITTON	<i>Left Centre</i>	(12)
J. S. GUSTARD	<i>Left Wing</i>	(11)
R. BREAKEY	<i>Fly Half</i>	(10)
M. YOUNG	<i>Scrum Half</i>	(9)
<i>Forwards</i>		
C. WHITE	<i>Front Row</i>	(1)
D. F. MADSEN		(2)
A. I. CUTTER		(3)
T. E. ROBERTS	<i>Second Row</i>	(4)
J. HEDLEY		(5)
I. RICHARDSON	<i>Back Row</i>	(6)
D. ROBINSON		(7)
P. J. DIXON		(8)

Replacements : A. MOOR, D. PLEDGER,
P. LEVINSON, R. MAHONEY,
A. C. BLACKETT, D. PARKER

Gloucester F.C.

Cherry and White

P. BUTLER	<i>Full Back</i>	(15)
R. CLEWES	<i>Right Wing</i>	(14)
D. POINTON	<i>Right Centre</i>	(13)
R. JARDINE	<i>Left Centre</i>	(12)
R. MOGG	<i>Left Wing</i>	(11)
C. WILLIAMS	<i>Fly Half</i>	(10)
P. HOWELL	<i>Scrum Half</i>	(9)
<i>Forwards</i>		
G. SARGEANT	<i>Front Row</i>	(1)
S. MILLS		(2)
M. BURTON		(3)
S. BOYLE	<i>Second Row</i>	(4)
P. WINNELL		(5)
J. WATKINS, Cpt.	<i>Back Row</i>	(6)
J. HAINES		(7)
E. PINKNEY		(8)

Replacements : R. ETHERIDGE, B. VINE
W. BIRCHLEY, P. BLAKESWAY
F. REED, J. SIMONET

Referee :
N. R. SANSON
(London
Society)

Touch Judge :
T. R. PARLETT
(Northern Society)

Today we are hosts to Gloucester in the quarter-final of the John Player Cup. This will be our eighth tie in this competition which, with Rosslyn Park's demise in the last round, means that we are one ahead of anybody else! In the Knockout as a whole this will be our 16th tie and our guests today will be only the fourth side we have met for the first time so they are especially welcome. They are, of course, no novices themselves at K.O. Rugby winning the first year's competition when they beat Moseley 17—6 in the Final.

Their team that day was Stephens, Clewes, Bayliss, Morris, Dix; Palmer, Booth; Burton, Nicholls, Cowling, Brine, Jarrett, Watkins, Potter, Smith; and it will be interesting to see how many of these have weathered the five years. John Watkins, their captain today, and M & Burton are, of course, well known in all rugby circles and they will be joined today by two other Internationals in Peter Butler and Chris Williams, who at one time played for Headingley. We have beaten one previous winner this season and so today's game gives us a chance of a double. A result the other way could mean a replay of the first final.

Meanwhile on the home front we continue to make excellent headway as far as the first team is concerned. Whilst we got our nose bloodied at Moseley by two tries in the last three minutes, we did very well to beat Sale away last week with a lot of absentees and retain our 100% record in both the Merit Table and the "Sunday Telegraph" Pennant. With Centenary approaching nearly all the games this year are away but we still have the Coventry game to come at Easter. Andy Cutter and Dave Robinson seemed to come out of the Sale game especially well.

Not many of the Gloucester supporters will have been at Gosforth before and we hope they enjoy their stay. They had a forerunner some years ago when Tom Voyce, then president of the R.F.U., visited us and planted a tree. He was, of course, one of the all-time greats with 27 caps on the trot and was a contemporary of our Alistair Smallwood to whom we referred in the last programme.

This coming week sees the Northern Centenary Dinner and we would pay our greatest respects and congratulate our great rivals on coming of age.

Godfather today was Frank Clark.

FIXTURE LIST - 1976-77

1976		F	A	1977		F	A
Sept. 4	*Edin. Wand. ... h	56	9	Jan. 1	Novos h	28	4
.. 11	*Liverpool h	31	0	.. 8	*Glasgow Acad. ... h	90	0
.. 18	W. of Scotland ... a	9	8	.. 15	*Richmond h	Canc.	
.. 25	Broughton Pk. ... a	17	9	.. 22	Manchester h	43	6
Oct. 2	*Fylde h	24	9	.. 29	Hawick a	Canc.	
.. 9	*Tynedale a	31	9	Feb. 5	New Brighton ... a	38	3
.. 16	Birkenhead Pk. ... a	32	12	.. 12	Fullerians (JPC) h	48	0
.. 23	Sunderland a	14	0	.. 19	Wilmslow a	28	3
.. 30	W. Hartlepool ... h	9	0	.. 26	Moseley a	0	15
Nov. 6	*Rosslyn Park ... h	6	6	Mar. 5	Sale a	17	6
.. 13	*Otley h	41	0	.. 12	Gloucester (JPC) h		
.. 20	*Percy Park h	23	7	.. 19	Blackheath a		
.. 27	Morpeth a	9	11	.. 26	Watsonians a		
Dec. 4	Coventry (JPC) h	12	6	Apr. 2	Roundhay a		
.. 11	*Harrogate h	Canc.		.. 9	*Coventry h		
.. 18	Notts. a	7	3	.. 11	Leicester a		
.. 27	Northern a	13	9	.. 16	Hartlepool R. ... a		
				.. 23	Middlesbrough ... a		
				.. 30	Headingley a		

* denotes Club Dances