



Indiana Rugby Football Union

INDY REDS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



The Indy Reds RFC and the Indiana RFU welcome the Gloucester Rugby Football Club 1977 Touring Party, 48 men strong from Gloucester England. Gloucester is at the head of Bristol Channel, on the Westside of England directly below Wales. Gloucester City, in Gloucester County, is a industrial and shipping center that dates from early Roman times. It's magnificent cathedral was built in the 1000's and the 225' tower in the 1450's. The rivers Severn, Avon, Mersey and Dee flow from moderately mountainous uplands into Bristol Channel, giving source to the sailing tradition that Americans find transplanted at Gloucester, Massachusetts.

The Gloucester Club has had a long & distinguished history. Excellent coaching and training has made the Club and the County a powerhouse in the United Kingdom for many years, preceeding the turn of the century. Many of the Club players have been capped (have played for the English National Side). The tour manager, Gordon Hudson was capped right after the WW II. Captain J. Watkins, players Chris Williams, Peter Butler, Jim Jarrett, Alan Brinn and Tom Palmer have been capped recently. Prop Mike Burton is a current member of the English Squad, Mike Burton, J. Watkins and 61 year old Gordon Hudson have been enlisted to play, in their years, for the Barbarians, an invitational squad composed of World Wide select players.

A majority of the tour party are playing 1st XV Side, Gloucester County Side, and have been English Squad trialists & reserves. Peter Butler is reported to be the best goal Kicker England today. (And Mickie Booth the greatest "character" in the tour party.) The younger players show great talent & will demonstrate to the Hoosiers elusive running, sharp ball handling and bruising ruck & maul play, demonstrating the tremendous future for the younger players of this old club.

The 11 Indiana Union clubs and the 113 clubs in the 8 state Midwest RFC wish England Good Luck & God Speed when the USA Squad plays England, October 15, 1977 at Twickenham, England, home of the Rugby (International)

Indy

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GLOUCESTER RFC TOUR MATCH SCHEDULE

May 16	Gloucester vs Columbus Ohio Select Side
May 18	Gloucester II vs Indy Reds I
May 19	Gloucester vs Indiana Selcet Side
May 21	Gloucester vs Michigan Select Side
May 22	Chicago area 7-a-side tournament
May 28	Gloucester II vs Chicago Lions II
May 30	Gloucester vs Midwest RFU Select Side
	Gloucester vs Chicago Lions I

INDIANAPOLIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
GLOUCESTER RFC TOURING PARTY, MAY 1977

Tuesday May 17

- 1:00 PM Arrive at Indpls Motor Speedway Tour track & museum. Spectate Cars practicing for the "77" SPECTICAL OF RACING "THE INDPLS. 500"
5:30 PM Bus from the Speedway Museum
6:00 PM Lake Sullivan Rugby Field, meet hosts, train, repair to training headquarters at Charlie's Place or the Bulldog, 5380 North College
7:00 PM Hosts and guests are on-their-own

Wednesday May 18

- 10:00 AM Gloucester trains at Lake Sullivan
1:00 PM Golf for those interested, at location to be announced
6:00 PM Gloucester "B" side match with Indy Reds "A" side, Keystone-at-the-Crossing Rugby Pitch, 86th & Keystone
8:30 PM Party @ Jim Stiths' house, 2112 West 41st. St. (41st. @ Knollton or Cold Spring - 5 blocks N of Lake Sullivan Rugby Pitch) Will be cash beer and food for Indpls. players and followers. Gloucestermen and their Hosts are our guests.

Thursday May 19

- 10:00 AM Gloucester train at Lake Sullivan
1:00 PM Sailing at Eagle Creek Reservoir (Put-in North of Eagle Creek north of 38th St. on Dandy Trail.) AIR PORT.
6:00 PM Gloucester "A" side match with Indiana Rugby Football Union Select Side, Keystone-at-the-Crossing Rugby Pitch, 86th & Keystone
8:30 PM Party @ Holiday Inn Southeast, I-465 @ South Sherman Drive 120 Victory Drive 8:30 - 9:00 783-7751

Friday May 20

- 10:00 Meet the Continental Trailways bus for BattleCreek, Mich. at the Golden Bear Restaurant, 6080 East 82nd. St. Castleton Shopping Center. Breakfast should have been eaten before, so bus can leave promptly (God should provide!) at 10:00 AM.

Good Luck and Continued Success Gloucester, call Jim Stith or Gordon Hudson for questions or information at 291-8277 or see us at 2112 West 41st. St.

RUGBY NEEDS YOU

Come play the game with us. The three city clubs practice two nights a week Monday thru Thursday, and have matches or tournaments in the spring from March thru May, and in the fall, in Sept. thru mid Nov.

Keystone at the Crossing Rugby Pitch

Team Members , 1977 Gloucester, U.K. Touring Squad

FORWARDS

BACKS

hookers

Steve Mills
Fred Reed

scrum halves

Mickie Pooth
Wayne Birchley
Steve Baker
Paul Howell

props

John Powell
Mike Burton
Mike Curran
Kieth Richardson
Steve Fletcher

flyhalves, cenetrs, and wings

Tom Palmer
David Pointon
Bob Light
Chris Williams
Rodney Correia
Gordan Hutchenson
Paul Williams
Mike Longstaff
Bob Clewes

second rows

Alan Brinn
Phil Winnel
Jim Jarrett

wing forwards

J. Watkins (capt.)
Malcoum Hayes
Vic Wooley
John Cooke
John Gribble
John Hall

John Dix
John Bayless
Roy Morris

fullbacks

Eric Stephens
Peter Butler
Ron Etheridge

eighth men

Eddie Pinkney
John Simonet
Jerry Herniman

GLoucester RFC TOURING STAFF
AND SUPPORTERS

Gordon Hudson,	Tour Manager
G. Edmonds,	Team Manager
Mike Nicholls,	Coach
Clifford Smith,	Press Officer
Dr. Tom Durkin,	Medical Officer
R. "Digger" Morris	Committeeman
P. Hawker,	"
Alec Lancaster,	"
John Bick	Supporter
Geoff Thomas	"
Andy Mitchell	"

Referees for our two games are _____ and _____
(God only knows. Ask Tim Stein, and Plan Ahead!) Touch (out-
of bounds) judges are provided by each team.

THE GAME

Rugby football is a handling game. Each side has 15 players; 8 forwards and 7backs. The forwards deliver the ball to their backs, who advanced with speed and cunning, passing it from one to another, or not, as the passion takes them.. Thus they try to cross their opponents' goal line and ground the ball. This (worth 4 points) is a "try" because they then try a kick at goal (2 more points). This kick is taken anywhere on a line perpendicular to the place of score. Play is continuous until someone scores, breaks a law, or propels the ball into touch (which of course means out of bounds). Any player may run with the ball, pass it, or kick it. It is illegal to pass it forward; fumble so that it bounces forward; lie on it; throw it into touch; or hold on to it after a tackle. There is also a law against off-side play. Minor infractions result in a scrum; blunders bring the other side a penalty kick. Armour is prohibited; there is nothing under a Rugby shirt but steaming flesh. If a player is injured, his side plays without him, for there is no substitution. Blocking, tripping and obstructing are barred; only the ball-carrier may be tackled.