



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER**

**V**

# **COVENTRY**

**Friday, 9th September, 1977**

**at**

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Nº 294**

**Kick-off 7 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**



# Welcome to 'Cov' Kingsholm and the New Kackle Season!

After the miserable weather of the past four months, masquerading under the euphemism of summer, and the approach of what the poet terms the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", we embark on the new campaign at Kingsholm by extending an extremely cordial welcome to Coventry, old and valued friends for longer than we care to remember.

The visit of redoubtable "Cov" is, of course, one of the most eagerly awaited in Gloucester supporters' diaries. With their powerful pack and a distinguished back division the Midlanders present a formidable obstacle to any club's ambitions.

Like Cleopatra of old, Gloucester no doubt have immortal longings, among them the determination to enjoy yet another successful season under John Watkins' leadership. The convincing away win over Broughton Park last Saturday provided a tremendous start, but this evening will be particularly anxious to avenge that defeat at Coundon Road last September, when the Cherry and Whites recorded a narrow victory by 12 - 11.

We look forward, therefore, to the usual exacting and exciting struggle with our respected "foes" and trust they enjoy their brief visit for this evening's game, brought forward to avoid clashing with tomorrow's televised match between the British Lions and the Barbarians.

## "New look" Programme

Ever ready to make improvements whenever possible the club welcome the new season with an enlarged and improved programme, made practicable by the generous sponsorship of our advertisers. Last season the club suffered a loss on their programmes, but the new format, which it is hoped will meet with the approval of all supporters, will give scope for more features and news.

Among them will be pen pictures of the players, starting in the next issue with our popular and dedicated skipper, John Watkins, under whose leadership the lads brought further honours to the club with their highly successful tour of U.S.A. in early summer.

It is also hoped that occasionally supporters will submit interesting or constructive views of their own for possible publication in the programme, always mindful that brevity is desirable, if not absolutely essential.

Regrettably, in view of last season's loss and ever-increasing costs, it has been necessary to raise the price of the new programme to 10p, though this season re-introduces the £5 prize for the lucky number holder; and, as previously, this number will be announced at half-time.

It is emphasised that this new programme would not have been possible without the generosity of our advertisers. The club tender their sincere thanks and gratitude and hope that in turn our supporters will, wherever possible, support them.



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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

\*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes

\* 13. R. Jardine

\* 12. B. Vine

\*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

\*† 10. C. Williams

\*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

§ 1. P. Blakeway

\* 2. F. Reed

\*† 3. M. Burton

\*§ 4. S. Boyle

\* 5. J. Fidler

\*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. E. Pinkey

\* 7. J. Haines

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### COVENTRY

Navy Blue - White

Full Back

\*† 15. P. Rossborough

Three Quarters

\* 14. S. Maisey

\*† 13. G. Evans

\* 12. P. Coulthard

\*† 11. P. Preece

Half Backs

\* 10. K. Aitchison

† 9. C. Grimshaw

Forwards

\* 1. J. Broderick

2. C. Weston

\* 3. T. Dingley

\* 4. I. Darnell

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<i>First XV Fixtures</i>		<i>First XV Fixtures</i>	
1977		1978	
Sept 3	Broughton Park A 27-0	Jan 2	Moseley ... H
9	Coventry ... H	7	London Scottish A
14	Stroud ... H	14	Leicester ... H
17	Fylde ... A	21	Wasps ... H
21	Cheltenham ... H	28	Lydney ... H
24	Bristol ... A	J.P.C. 1st Round	
27	Newbridge ... H	Feb 3	Bristol ... H
Oct 1	Bedford ... A	11	Bath ... A
5	Pontypool ... H	13	Army ... H
8	Harlequins ... A	17	Swansea ... H
12	St. Lukes College H	25	Aberavon ... H
15	Newport ... H	Mar 4	Northampton A
19	Loughboro. Coll. H	8	Abertillery ... A
22	Nottingham ... H	11	Richmond ... H
26	S. Wales Police H	15	Cheltenham ... A
29	Oxford Univer. H	23	Lydney ... A
Nov 5	Leicester ... A	25	Headingley ... H
9	Cambridge Univ. A	27	Birkenhead Park H
12	Plymouth ... H	Apr 1	Cardiff ... A
17	Clifton ... H	8	Ebbw Vale ... H
22	Aberavon ... A	15	Sale ... A
26	London Irish ... A	22	Camborne ... A
Dec 3	Moseley ... A	24	St. Ives ... A
10	Bath ... H	25	Plymouth ... A
17	Coventry ... A	29	Exeter ... H
24	Newport ... A		
26	Lydney ... H		
31	Bridgend ... A		

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## New Secretary

The moment seems opportune to congratulate Terry Tandy on his appointment as the club's new general secretary in succession to Roy Long. Perhaps it should be re-appointment, for Terry held the onerous post several years ago before relinquishing it because of business commitments.

Among his immediate tasks is the ticket administration for the intriguing match at Kingsholm between the national Civil Service side and U.S.A. on Wednesday, September 28, kick-off 7 p.m. It will be the first time the national U.S.A. party have toured England and it is an honour for Gloucester to be asked to stage their opening match.

Tickets for this match, obtainable from Terry or the office on the ground, are: Centre Stand (Reserved) £1.00; Wing Stand (Unreserved) 75p. Admission to the ground is 50p, payable at the gate; *no ground tickets will be issued.*

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## 300 Club

Last year the 300 Club proved so popular, with its excellent prizes each month, that many supporters who wished to join were unable to do so, having left their application a little late. Alec Lankester, who has been the 300 Club's promoter and, with his committee, guided it so capably to its present popularity, has been appointed honorary treasurer of the Social Club in succession to Terry Tandy.

The new promoter, who will sit at the receipt of custom each Friday

evening in the Social Club, is Trevor Pritchard. He or any of his committee will be delighted to give any details to old and new "customers".

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## Sad Losses

It was with a great sense of loss and deep regret that everyone in the Gloucester club heard of the deaths in recent weeks of two hard-working and dedicated officials — committee-man Bill Brinn, father of our United skipper, Alan, and Colts' secretary Fred Ewers.

Both were highly-respected gentlemen of integrity who devoted long hours in the Gloucester Rugby Club cause and will be difficult to replace. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families.

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## Diary Dates

Apart from the U.S.A. Tourists' match referred to earlier there is ample rich fare at Kingsholm in the near future. Next Monday evening another American touring side, Whitmarsh R.F.C., meet Gloucester United, kick-off 7 p.m. The Whitmarsh lads will be hosted by the Gloucester and Old Cryptians' clubs during their brief stay in the city.

Next Wednesday, also with a 7 p.m. kick-off, neighbouring Stroud provide the opposition at Kingsholm, then the following evening brings the semi-finals and finals, both senior and junior, of the North Gloucestershire Combination seven-a-side tournament, with the first match kicking off at 6.30 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.