



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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STROUD

Wednesday, 14th September, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

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Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Cordial Welcome to Stroud!

Was it not Samuel Johnson who said friendship should be kept in constant repair? A few words of wisdom to bear in mind as we extend an extremely cordial welcome this evening to our very good friends and neighbours, Stroud who, like Gloucester, have launched the new season with two excellent victories.

In the corresponding match last season Gloucester won convincingly enough by 23 - 3, but retribution was to follow, for on November 13, with the Cherry and Whites strongly represented despite the County calls made upon the club, Stroud avenged themselves at Fromehall Park with victory by 10 - 8.

Whatever the outcome it is rare indeed for a visit of Stroud not to produce those enterprises of great pith and moment which can make rugby a fascinating game. With such an encouraging thought we look forward to another entertaining tussle with our neighbours from "over the hill."

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Kingsholm Kackle

Magnificent Win

Congratulations to the lads on that resounding victory over powerful Coventry last Friday evening; the Midlanders must be wondering when they last suffered defeat by 27 points without offering any glimpse of a reply.

Similarly, Kingsholm supporters,

like the King of Siam, regarded it as a "puzzlement" that Gloucester could only score three points in the first half, despite their dominance. Perhaps, as Marcellus pointed out, "they did it wrong, being so majestic." Or did those two bouts of fisticuffs represent flat blasphemy against the sacred writ of rugby?

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New Lounge

The renovations at the Social Club will not have gone unnoticed and it is expected that the new and enlarged lounge for members will be ready for use, complete with luxurious carpet, for the match with Newbridge at the end of the month. This is only the first step, in the comparatively near future, towards even greater improvements to the Social Club.

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U.S.A. Match

A reminder that tickets for the intriguing match between the national Civil Service side and the U.S.A. tourists at Kingsholm on Wednesday evening, September 28, kick-off 7 p.m., are now on sale and are obtainable from the club secretary, Terry Tandy, or the office on the ground. Prices are: Centre Stand (Reserved) £1.00; Wing Stand (Unreserved) 75p. Admission to the ground is 50p, but no tickets will be issued.

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Diary Dates

Tomorrow evening at Kingsholm brings the semi-finals and finals, both senior and junior, of the North Gloucestershire Combination seven-a-side tournament, the first match kicking off at 6.30 p.m.

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

14. P. Pritchard

* 13. R. Jardine

12. M. Longstaff

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

10. R. Corriea

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. S. Mills

3. M. Curran

*† 4. A. Brinn

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

F. Reed

S. Baker

STROUD

Full Back

* 15. J. Berry

Three Quarters

14. K. Daniels

13. S. Clewes

12. D. Bowery

11. S. Biro

Half Backs

10. P. Day

9. T. Davis

Forwards

1. R. Allen

2. G. Trott

3. A. Fowler

4. A. Turton

5. J. Williams

6. C. Acock

8. S. Price

* 7. F. Russell (Capt.)

Replacements

Referee: P. RICHMOND (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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More rich fare follows, for next Wednesday, again with a 7 p.m. kick-off, Cheltenham will be the visitors to Kingsholm in another neighbourly affair. Then on Monday evening, September 26, this time at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire warm up for the forthcoming championship campaign with the county match against Monmouthshire.

Next weekend Gloucester again travel north for their game with Fylde, while on Saturday week, September 24, comes the stern tussle with o'd rivals Bristol at the Memorial Ground. It is hoped to run a coach for this game, leaving Kingsholm at 12.30 and returning at 6 p.m. Those wishing to book seats should contact Mervyn Elway or Terry Close in the Social Club.

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Lucky Programme No.

The first lucky programme number winner of the season was one of our Forest of Dean supporters. He is Mr. C. Butt, of 31 Buckshaft Road, Cinderford, who returned home £5 richer. There will, of course, be another £5 prize this evening and the number will be announced at half-time.

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So Near . . .

Finally, our commiserations to Mike Procter and his gallant lads in their bitterly disappointing defeat by Hampshire at Bristol last Friday; a frustrating end to a wonderful season and one which robbed Gloucestershire of being county cricket champions for the first time in 100 years.

Everyone—outside Middlesex and Kent, that is—were willing our county to victory, but alas, nothing went right on the last vital day. So near . . . !

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 1 John Watkins



Who better to start our new feature than the club captain, 26-year-old JOHN ARTHUR WATKINS, now in his ninth season with Gloucester and his second as skipper.

Yet another product of that famous local club, Gordon League, the "blond bombshell," as he is often referred to, John, still in the dubiously blissful state of celibacy, has made seven appearances for England, a number that would have been much greater had not the national selectors—at least in many supporters' opinions—not suffered from that syndrome known as myopia.

A diemaker by trade, he has played over 300 games for Gloucester and made 31 championship appearances for Gloucestershire, being honoured with the captaincy last season.

Other honours include nine appearances for the Barbarians, with whom he has been on three Easter tours, and last season he became the first Gloucester player to skipper them since Don Rutherford.

John is also an accomplished wicket-keeper - batsman, though his rugby commitments during the past summer gave him few opportunities to display his undoubted prowess on the cricket field. His absence was a sad loss to his club, Arcadians.