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NEWBRIDGE

Tuesday, 27th September, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

N^o 0434

Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Hearty Welcome to the "Bridge"

Now indeed can we say that the season is really "warming up" with the visit here this evening of Newbridge, our old friends and rivals from Gwent, for they represent the Cherry and Whites' first opponents from "over the Bridge."

We extend to them an extremely cordial welcome and our sincere thanks for so willingly switching dates to accommodate the U.S.A. touring side. For Newbridge were originally due at Kingsholm tomorrow evening, but readily agreed to bring forward the fixture to enable the Eagles to start their tour with the match against Civil Service.

One might say that Newbridge had rather the better of matters in the two games between the clubs last season, despite the fact that each side recorded a victory. For although Gloucester won an exciting tussle by 18 points to 13 at Kingsholm on Wednesday, September 15, of last year, the 'Bridge gained ample revenge in the return match on the Welfare Ground with a resounding 22 - 3 victory.

Records show that in recent years Newbridge visits to Kingsholm have resulted in entertaining, high-scoring games; may this admirable state of affairs continue this evening!

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Kingsholm Kackle Magnificent Double

What more satisfying than to start the "Kackle" by congratulating the lads on a magnificent club double last Saturday! The senior side did not have an easy ride at the Memorial Ground, but to have conquered our old county rivals again on their ground is surely sufficient reward, for Bristol's home defeats are rare indeed.

Meanwhile at Kingsholm the United lads, so often unhonoured and unsung, overwhelmed the strong Bristol United side with a great win by 24 - 6, in the process taking their points tally already this season way past the 200 mark.

International Tickets

A further reminder that all members must apply by October 15 at the latest for tickets for the two home internationals, against Wales on February 4 and Ireland on April 18.

Application forms may be obtained from club secretary Terry Tandy at the ground this evening or from his home at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, (telephone 23049). It is emphasised that applications will be considered *only on this official form* by the newly-formed sub-committee appointed for these duties.

The county championship season starts on Saturday, October 8, when Gloucestershire meet Devon at Kingsholm. Tickets are now available for this match and can also be obtained from Terry Tandy. Prices are: Centre Stand £1.50p; Wing Stands £1.00.

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"The Yanks are Coming"

Tomorrow evening brings the long-awaited match between the U.S.A. national side, the first of their tour, and the Civil Service, kick-off 7 p.m., and there are still tickets available at the office on the ground. These are £1.00 for the Centre Stand (Reserved) and 75p for the Wing Stands (Unreserved). No tickets will be issued for ground admittance, which is 50p.

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Programme Winner

The lucky programme number for the match with Cheltenham last Wednesday was 299, purchased by Mr. Simon Burns, of Brownshill House, Brownshill, near Stroud, who left £5 richer. We offer him congratulations and remind supporters that another "fiver" can be won this evening, so it's "Eyes down, look-in!" at half-time, when the lucky number will be announced.

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The Programme

The constructive criticism in his article by our worthy "Citizen" scribe, Cliff Smith, re the "new look" programme is appreciated, as is also his complimentary remarks. Clifford will be delighted to know that not

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

13. B. Vine

* 12. D. Pointon

11. P. Williams

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. S. Mills

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Orwin

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. V. Wooley

Replacements

F. Reed

S. Baker

NEWBRIDGE

Light Blue - Navy Blue

Full Back

15.

Three Quarters

14. C. Walden

13. G. Lewis

12. D. George

11. R. Perrot

Half Backs

10. H. Evans (Capt.)

9. T. Evans

Forwards

1. G. Hewlett

2. J. Stokes

3. J. McReady

4. E. Phillips

5. P. Jones

6. J. Jones

8. C. Davies

7. M. Lewis

Replacements

P. James

A. Evans

Referee: B. ABRAHAMS (East Midlands)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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only was his article, which appeared in last Saturday's "Pink," duly read, but that appropriate action has already been taken, at least with regard to United fixtures. These will now appear in our new programme.

Supreme standards have not yet been reached, for there is still the process of turning last season's losses into a profit for the club. But Cliff and supporters can rest assured that every effort is constantly being made with a view to even further improvement. Ideas would be welcome; so too, as we stated in our first programme of the season, interesting viewpoints or letters from our supporters.

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Diary Dates

Next Saturday the senior side make the tedious journey across the Midlands, that are sodden and unkind, according to the poet, to meet Bedford at Goldington Road; but the exciting and high-scoring United team are again at Kingsholm, where they meet Cleve, another strong Bristol club, with the usual 3 p.m. kick-off. Why not give Alan Brinn and his lads even more support? It would be deeply appreciated, and those who rarely miss United games will testify as to their quality and high entertainment value.

Gloucester's next home match is tomorrow week, Wednesday, October 5, when Pontypool will be the visitors to Kingsholm, kick-off 7 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

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Club Personalities

No. 3 Alan Brinn

Known and respected far and wide as the "gentleman of rugby football" ALAN BRINN is also the Gloucester club's longest-serving player, though any patriarchal annotations would seem quite irrelevant as one watches him in action still, at a speed that some forwards half his age might envy.

Married, with a son and two daughters, Alan, with typical "modest stillness and humility," insists that there are much younger and better



players and that he should make way for them. In consequence, he has agreed to skipper the highly successful Gloucester United team, giving them the benefit of his vast experience and skill.

But the selectors know that Alan, devoted club man that he is, will readily respond to any first XV calls if required and has indeed, already played against Stroud this season. He has played more matches for Gloucester than any other player in the club's long history; his amazing record at the moment is more than 560 appearances!

Alan, who owns a sports outfitter's business in Barton Street, has won three England "caps," having played against, Wales, Ireland and Scotland six seasons ago. He has also represented Gloucestershire in no fewer than 40 championship matches, and the Western Counties against the All Blacks, South Africa, Australia and Fijians.

One of the main organisers of Gloucester's successful tour of the United States last summer, Alan has assured himself of a place in the annals of the club's history—indeed, in the world of rugby football!