



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER V PONTYPOOL**

**Wednesday, 5th October, 1977**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Nº 959

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

\*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes

\* 13. D. Pointon

\* 12. B. Vine

\*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

\* 10. S. Corriea

\*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargeant

\* 2. S. Mills

\*† 3. M. Burton

\* 4. J. Orwin

\* 5. J. Fidler

\*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

\* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

\* J. Dix

K. White

### PONTYPOOL

Red and White

Full Back

15. P. Lewis

Three Quarters

14. G. Davies

13. J. Walters

12. H. Wilmot

11. K. Staddon

Half Backs

10. B. Hawkins

9. A. Grey

Forwards

† 1. A. Faulkner

2. G. Cleverley

3. L. Watkins

4. M. Leighton

5. M. Rogers

6. G. Jones

8. P. Clarke

7. M. Jones

Replacements

G. John

B. Allen

Referee: K. BABER (Bristol Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Cordial Welcome to 'Pool!

For the second successive mid-week game we extend a hearty welcome to opponents from "over the Bridge" with the visit here this evening of more old friends and rivals from Gwent, the lads from Pontypool.

With their famous front row, heralded in song by one Max Boyce, and equally distinguished skipper, Terry Cobner, all British Lions, the 'Pool are indeed formidable opponents and last season shared the honour with Gloucester of being one of the very few teams to beat the Welsh "merit table" champions, Newport.

Pontypool, unfortunately, are only met once each season on a home and away basis and, oddly enough, Gloucester have achieved extremely creditable victories at Pontypool Park — where few visiting sides win! — in recent years.

But our Gwent friends, mindful of the words of Byron that revenge is sweet, duly put matters better in perspective for themselves on their last appearance at Kingsholm on Wednesday, October 29, 1975, when they defeated the Cherry and Whites by 19 points to 12.

Gloucester in turn, then, will be anxious to avenge that defeat and we look forward to another entertaining game this evening, the while trusting 'Pool will enjoy their brief visit here!

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## Kingsholm Kackle County Match

Next Saturday brings the opening of the South-West group programme of the county championship when Gloucestershire meet Devon at Kingsholm, kick-off 3 p.m.

Tickets are available at the office on the ground or from club secretary

Terry Tandy at his home, 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens (telephone 23049). Prices are: Centre Stand £1.50p; Wing Stands £1.00.

Meanwhile we congratulate all the Gloucester lads who have been selected for the County, knowing they will all be giving everything in the Gloucestershire cause, with an obvious eye on winning back the championship title they surrendered last season.

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## Rail Trips

British Rail have announced that they will be running special trips for Gloucestershire's next two matches in the South-West group, against Somerset at Bridgwater on October 22 and Cornwall at Camborne on the following Saturday, October 29.

Full details have been issued for the Somerset match. The train will leave Gloucester at 12.17, arriving at Bridgwater at 13.38. For the return journey supporters have the choice of two trains, the first leaving at 17.00 and arriving back at Gloucester at 18.30, the second departing at 18.16 and due back at 19.42.

The return fare is only £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. British Rail would appreciate bookings in advance if possible to help them in their arrangements and announce that the train will also leave Cheltenham for the same trip, though Cheltenham supporters are asked to make enquiries at their own railway station.

Details of the special trip to Camborne will be announced later, both in the press and our programme notes, but British Rail have already stated that the fare will be £5 — an extremely reasonable sum for a return journey of some 450 miles!

## "T.P." is back

No mention has been made just recently of the 300 Club, but the

mystic heading above merely signifies that its new promoter, Trevor Pritchard, is back, suitably bronzed, from some foreign country where they have not risen to the heights of rugby and cricket.

But Trevor was not particularly perturbed; he had his share, it seems, of sunshine and is back to sit at the receipt of custom every Friday evening in the Social Club to welcome any old and new "customers".

As usual, however, the 300 Club is proving so popular, with its excellent prizes each month, that the remaining "vacancies" are rapidly being filled. Many supporters were disappointed last year because they left their applications a little late, but Trevor or any of his committee will be on hand to give all assistance they can for those who do not intend "missing out" this season.

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### Another unclaimed "Fiver"

Some of us are not looking at our programme numbers at half-time, are we? At the Newbridge game last week a supporter bought programme No. 138 — and it was worth £5! But no-one claimed it, so if any lady or gentleman can find that programme the "fiver" is still awaiting collection. Meanwhile, let us look at our programme more closely for the winning number when it is announced at half-time by our worthy newscaster.

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### Players' Dance

The players will be holding a dance at the "Roundabout" — on the A.38 at the end of Cole Avenue — on Thursday evening, October 20. If any supporters fancy a spot of jive, "knees-up" or whatever it is termed these days, and enjoy a social evening with the lads, tickets are only 65p and may be obtained from Fred Reed, John

Dix or any of the players.

There will be a group and a "disco", with activities commencing at 8 p.m. and continuing until the early hours, says Fred, probably about 1 a.m.

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### International Tickets

A further reminder, as time grows short, as we say, that all members must apply by October 15 at the latest for tickets for the two home international matches, against Wales on February 4 and Ireland on April 18.

Application forms may be obtained from Terry Tandy at the ground this evening or from his home. It is again emphasised that applications will be considered *only on these official forms* by the newly-formed sub-committee appointed for these duties.

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### Diary Dates

While the County do battle at Kingsholm next Saturday there is another long journey for Gloucester, who travel to Twickenham to meet Harlequins. The free-scoring Gloucester United have a home fixture with Richmond Vikings and an announcement will be made as to the venue and kick-off time of this match.

Gloucester's next home match is next Wednesday evening, October 12, when popular St. Luke's College will be the visitors to Kingsholm with the usual kick-off time at 7 p.m. This is followed by the visit of Newport on Saturday week, October 15, kick-off 3 p.m.

### Club Personalities

Our "Kingsholm Kackle" being a little elongated this evening, space does not permit of the new popular feature, "Club Personality", but it is hoped to continue the series in our next programme.

ARTHUR RUSSELL