



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER V ST. LUKES COLLEGE**

**Wednesday, 12th October, 1977**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 7 p.m.

**Nº 593**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

## Warm Welcome to Students!

The guarantee of an entertaining and exciting game is virtually assured with the visit of St. Luke's College, whose ideology of open and constructive rugby make them popular opponents on any ground, and we extend a very warm welcome to them this evening.

Results over the years have shown that invariably there are high-scoring games with the College, who have contributed richly to the spectacle. But then, there is not the type of rivalry that existed between Shylock and Antonio; the Students—except, one assumes, when they play inter-college cup games—play first and foremost with the aim of enjoying their rugger.

Last season, on Friday evening, February 4 of this year, Gloucester ran out convincing winners by 26 points to 3, so St. Luke's will be seeking to put matters into better perspective this evening. We look forward to another intriguing tussle with them and trust they enjoy their brief visit here!

## Kingsholm Kackle County's Great Start

Looking back in retrospect at last Saturday's county championship match one feels that Gloucestershire always had plenty in reserve to beat Devon; yet there is no doubt that they left it a little late to emphasise their authority.

However, with the few changes that will undoubtedly be made, there is every cause for optimism that Gloucestershire will again be contending for the title they surrendered last season, though both their remaining matches are on "foreign" soil and current form suggests that Cornwall at Camborne will provide the sternest test.

## Rail Trips

Mindful of the enthusiasm for county rugby, particularly in Gloucester and the surrounding wide area, British Rail have announced that they will be running special trips for both these South-West group matches, against Somerset at Bridgwater on

October 22 and the Cornwall game on Saturday, October 29.

For the Somerset match the train will leave Gloucester at 12.17, arriving at Bridgwater at 13.38. Supporters have the choice of two trains for the return journey, the first leaving at 17.00 and arriving back in Gloucester at 18.30, the second departing at 18.16 and due back at 19.42. Ample time to celebrate the victory in suitable manner or drown one's disappointment!

The return fare is only £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children—and how satisfying it is to see the youngsters supporting club and county! But British Rail would appreciate bookings in advance if possible to assist them in their arrangements. Cheltenham supporters are asked to make enquiries at their own railway station for details of departure and return.

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 return fare will be only £5—an extremely reasonable one for a return journey of some 450 miles!

## U.S.A. Programmes

A further indication of the ever-increasing interest and enthusiasm among the youngsters is the number of requests secretary Terry Tandy has received for copies of the programme for the Civil Service—U.S.A. game at Kingsholm last month.

The admirable hobby of collecting programmes has grown appreciably and many disappointed youngsters were unable to obtain one for this particular match as they were sold out rather more quickly than anticipated.

Who, then, can answer the youngsters' plaintive pleas? Terry has already managed to salvage a few, but would appreciate further copies from any of our supporters who brought programmes that evening and still have them in their possession. They can be brought along for the next match or left in the Social Club for him to collect and distribute to the young enthusiasts.

## Hide not the 'Adverts'

Another plea, again involving the youngsters! All supporters who accompany their children to matches

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Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes

\* 13. R. Jardine

\* 12. D. Pointon

\*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

10. R. Corriea

9. S. Baker

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargeant

\* 2. F. Reed

3. M. Curran

\* 4. J. Hall

\*§ 5. S. Boyle

\*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

\* 8. E. Pinkey

7. V. Wooley

Replacements

G. Howells

J. Herniman

### ST LUKES COLLEGE

Light Blue and Dark Blue

Full Back

15. G. Walters

Three Quarters

\* 14. J. Cubitt

13. D. Brooks

12. J. Hurley

11. R. Price

Half Backs

10. A. Watkins

9. L. Yandle

Forwards

1. B. Howarth

\* 2. A. Wollstonholme

3. B. Redko

4. A. Robinson

5. P. Bleakwell

6. P. Rees

8. M. Wise

7. J. Desborough

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are respectfully requested to ensure they do not stand in front of the advertisements on the boards around the ground. We are extremely grateful to our advertisers for their splendid support and it is only fair, of course, that their advertisements are not hidden from view.

## International Tickets

No apologies are made for reminding all members—at least those who have not yet applied—that next Saturday is the last day on which they can make their applications for tickets for the two home international matches, against Wales on February 4 and Ireland on April 18. They are advised, if possible, to obtain the appropriate applications from Terry Tandy this evening at the ground office.

## Winning Programme Number

The winning programme for the Pontypool match was 407 and it was purchased by one of our younger supporters, Mr. A. Brain, of 30 Dynevor Street, Gloucester, who left happily £5 richer.

## Diary Dates

Next Saturday brings one of the highlights of the season with the visit of powerful Newport, the "Black and Ambers," to Kingsholm, kick-off 3 p.m. Last season Gloucester were the only English club to defeat the famous Gwent club, who will obviously be thirsting for revenge. The United face the tough prospect of a meeting with Newport United at Rodney Parade.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

## Club Personalities No. 4 Mike Burton

Genial, with a humorous twinkle often in his eye, yet probably the most controversial figure in the game today, MICHAEL ALAN BURTON is the most capped of Gloucester's current players, having made 15 appearances for England, against all the home countries and France, Australia and South Africa.

Married, with two sons and a daughter, Mike was educated at Longlevens School and joined Glou-



cester from Longlevens R.F.C. His first game for the Cherry and Whites' senior side was against Moseley in November, 1964.

A British Lion, he has played for South-West Counties against every major touring side, has made eight appearances for Barbarians, and the game against Devon at Kingsholm last Saturday was his 36th for Gloucestershire.

His wife has seen little of him in the summer months, for Mike has made six successive major overseas tours with the Lions, England, Gloucestershire and, this year, Gloucester.

But Mike is nothing if not forthright and makes no secret of the fact that he has been ordered off no fewer than four times in first-class matches. "All very controversial," he added, with that twinkle again in his eye, "but let's be honest about it!"

In fact, Mike is the only Englishman in the history of the game to have been sent off in an international match, but even then, it was obvious that he was more sinned against than sinning, and this was recognised when he escaped with only a mild sentence. It happened in a Test against Australia at Brisbane in 1975.

A "likeable rogue", as someone once termed him, Mike, according to many shrewd observers and far more who have played against him, is the finest tight-head prop in rugby today. He has served Gloucester, county and country faithfully for many years and still only just the "wrong side of 30," looks forward to several more seasons in the game he loves.