



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER V NEWPORT

Saturday, 15th October, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Nº 745

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Welcome to the 'Black and Ambers'!

Were a "Top of the Pops" parade staged among the most popular visitors to Kingsholm there is no doubt that vying for leading place would be our old and valued friends from over the border, Newport—the famous "Black and Ambers"—to whom we extend a very cordial welcome this afternoon.

Strangely enough, through force of circumstances, mainly because of clubs met once a season on a home and away basis, and the clashing of televised representative games this is Gloucester's first Saturday afternoon match at Kingsholm this season.

What better, therefore, than to have Newport as our formidable opponents to mark the occasion! Moreover, they come here today with a friendly brand of vengeance uppermost in their minds, for last season Gloucester were the only English club to beat them in what was a magnificent record.

But even that victory, sweet and satisfying though it undoubtedly was, came only after a tremendous struggle, Gloucester eventually holding out to win by 6 points to 3 on Wednesday evening, March 2, of this year. We look forward, then, to another exciting and entertaining game with our respected "foes" from Rodney Parade.

Kingsholm Kackle Welcome to the Aussies!

The current feast of rugger continues at Kingsholm on Monday evening, when an extra fixture has been arranged—it will not appear on supporters' lists—with Gloucester United meeting Northern Suburbs, the Australian touring side.

The Suburbs, who hail from Sydney, are led by Bruce Carroll who, with his brother Peter, contributed so much for University rugby at Oxford a few years ago. They gave a Harlequins XV a fright or two last Wednesday before losing narrowly, and after the game next Monday complete their short tour with matches against Wasps and Rosslyn Park.

An exciting tussle seems assured, but United will have to be at their best to beat our Australian visitors

and retain their unbeaten home record. The kick-off, as usual, is at 7 p.m.

More Diary Dates

Gloucester's heavy programme this month brings another home game next Wednesday, October 19, when Loughborough Colleges will be the visitors, kick-off of course, at 7 p.m. The series of first XV home fixtures continues with Nottingham next Saturday, when Gloucestershire meet Somerset at Bridgwater. As previously announced, British Rail are running cheap trips to both this match and the one against Cornwall at Camborne on Saturday, October 29.

Some of our supporters, we know, have insatiable appetites for rugger, so we make no apology for giving our neighbours, Cheltenham, a little "plug." They were due to meet Cross Keys at the Athletic Ground next Wednesday, but this match has been brought forward a day — to next Tuesday, October 18 — as Cross Keys are hosts to an American team on the following evening.

Kick-off against the "Keys" on Tuesday is 7 p.m., and as there is no rugger at Kingsholm, the Town, struggling to find some semblance of form these days, would deeply appreciate additional support from their Gloucester friends.

Repeats

Like television, we find it necessary at times to issue "repeats" in our notes and the first is a final reminder that today is the last opportunity for members who have not yet applied to submit the forms for tickets for the two home internationals, against Wales on February 4, and Ireland on April 18. The appropriate forms may be obtained from club secretary Terry Tandy at the office on the ground this afternoon.

Another "repeat" is the plea to supporters to ensure that their children do not stand in front of the advertisements on the boards and we thank you all for your great help in this matter. All the advertisements were in full view on Wednesday.

New Committee Member

Jim Bennett, a Patron and hard-working member of the club for many years, has been co-opted on to the general committee. He fills the vacancy left by the worthy Alec

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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. J. Orwin

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simmonett

* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

S. Baker

K. Richardson

NEWPORT

Black & Amber

Full Back

15. L. Davies

Three Quarters

14. K. Davies

13. N. Brown

12. S. Willis

11. D. Bale

Half Backs

10. D. Rogers

9. A. Evans

Forwards

1. J. Dale

2. S. Jones

3. R. Morgan

4. J. Barnard

5. D. Waters

6. B. Lease

8. R. Barrel

7. K. Poole

Replacements

F. Headon

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Lankester, who has taken over the post of treasurer of the Social Club. We thank Jim for all his past assistance and know he will continue to do his utmost in the Gloucester R.F.C. cause with his new responsibilities.

Ball Sponsors, Forward!

The Patrons' committee, ever ready to look for new ventures to help the club's funds, respectfully ask that any members willing to sponsor a new rugby ball contact them. The ball would be raffled to help swell the club coffers.

County Cup Final

Congratulations to both Matson and Lydney on reaching the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup final with their victories on Wednesday evening over Stroud and Ding's Crusaders respectively. It was thought that the final would be at Kingsholm on Tuesday, November 1, but it is now officially announced that the date and venue has not yet been decided.

Lucky Programme Number

Well done, Mr. M. Collier, of 39 Hatfield Road, Gloucester! He was the holder of the lucky programme for last Wednesday evening's game against St. Luke's College. The number was 562 and Mr. Collier left the match—we trust—£5 richer.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities No. 5 Fred Reed

Combining his hooking expertise with fiery work in the loose FREDERICK CHARLES REED might justifiably be classed as one of those great players who are unhonoured and unsung; or, to be more accurate, perhaps, far less capable exponents of the art of hooking and general forward play have gained international honours.

Married, with one daughter, Fred is a training officer with the well-known engineering firm of Babcock and Wilcox and began playing rugby at the tender age of 15 with local club All Blues.

He represented Gloucester Colts and Youth before making his senior club debut against the American Tourists, Philadelphia University,



nearly ten years ago. And an unusual feature of this debut was that Fred was selected for the first XV without previously having played for Gloucester United.

Since those far-off days Fred has been a popular and regular member of the Cherry and Whites and though his county championship appearances for Gloucestershire have been fewer than one might have expected of such a talented performer, it is not generally known that he once skippered his County in a friendly match against Monmouthshire at Lydney.

His ability was recognised by what we in the West Country term myopic selectors when he was named as a reserve for the final England trial two years ago. Like so many Gloucester players Fred has "got some in" overseas, for he toured South Africa with Gloucestershire in the 1976 summer.

One of the strange innovations to our language in recent times is the term Kami-Kaze, and Fred, with his style of hurling himself into the fray, regardless of personal injury, has earned him the "title" of this type of player. Perhaps "Fearless Fred" would be more appropriate, as was exemplified when he was determined to play for Gloucestershire against Devon at Kingsholm last Saturday, despite the fact that three days earlier he had suffered severe damages to his nose—injuries that would have made most players think twice about risking further serious damage, even in the cause of his county. A tough nut, indeed, is Fred!