



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1873

PRESIDENT

A. T. VOYCE, O.B.E.

GLOUCESTER

V

Loughborough Colleges

Wednesday, 19th October, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Nº 0476

Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

- RUGBY BOOTS ● JERSEYS AND SHORTS ● BALLS ● CLUB DISCOUNTS
- INDIVIDUAL DISCOUNTS FOR LOCAL CLUB MEMBERS

● Personal attention always available at:

ALAN BRINN SPORTS

54 Barton Street, Gloucester

Telephone 33722

GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

* 13. R. Jardine

* 12. D. Pointon

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

9. P. Howells

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. F. Reed

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Fidler

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

Replacements

S. Baker

J. Hall

LOUGHBOROUGH COLL.

Maroon with White Stripe

Full Back

15. A. Whiteley

Three Quarters

14. P. Iddon

13. S. Grabham

12. R. Bodenham

11. N. Brooker

Half Backs

10. G. Glynn

9. D. Watts

Forwards

1. R. Sellars

2. S. Hardy

3. I. Lindley

4. I. Jones (Capt.)

5. P. De Lacy

6. T. Barker

8. N. Robinson

7. D. Brown

Replacements

Referee: P. MALLELIEU (Oxfordshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



NORMAN P. PARTRIDGE
(INSURANCE BROKERS LTD.)

1 BARTON STREET, GLOUCESTER

Telephone 32088 and 34920

Welcome to the Students!

Well over 100 years ago Lord Macaulay wrote of giving pleasure to spectators; and though rugby was one of the pleasures unknown to him, these sentiments can still be echoed as we extend a very warm welcome this evening to our popular visitors, Loughborough Colleges, whose insistence on constructive rugby, allied to fitness and finesse, is synonymous with an entertaining and exciting game.

Matches with the Students invariably produce high scores as both sides contribute richly to the proceedings, fully aware that thinking is a prelude to production, not a substitute for it.

Two years ago the Colleges, ever ready to pounce on errors, defeated Gloucester in a spectacular game by 22 points to 16. But, as though smarting in face of what seemed a shameless effrontery, the Cherry and Whites, that reverse no doubt uppermost in their minds, duly avenged it with victory by 26-3 on Saturday, January 29, of this year.

In what the poet calls the season of mists, we trust, too, there will be ample mellow fruitfulness as we look forward to another absorbing game with the Colleges.

Kingsholm Kackle

Welcome to Our Other Guests!

An extra welcome is extended this evening to other visitors to Kingsholm—the Walcha R.F.C., an Australian touring side who hail from New South Wales. They have a heavy fixture list in their three weeks' tour, but are currently in the West Country and have today visited the Cathedral and other places of interest in the city.

They are being welcomed at Kingsholm this evening by Gordon Hudson, the Gloucester R.F.C. chairman, and other club officials, and have expressed a wish to see the lads in action against the Students—for Gloucester's fame has spread far and wide!

Walcha have already beaten a Finchley XV and Worcester College, Oxford, since their arrival last week and tomorrow meet Ross. Meanwhile, we sincerely trust they enjoy their brief stay in our fair city and, of course, the match this evening.

Down to "Zummerset"

Congratulations to the lads who have been selected to represent Gloucestershire for the county championship match against Somerset at Bridgwater on Saturday. We know they will give their all in their efforts to take the County a step nearer the group, and, we hope, the championship title.

Those who intend giving Gloucestershire their support are reminded they can still book seats on the special train being run by British Rail—and the return fare is only £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children.

The train will leave Gloucester at 12.17, arriving at Bridgwater at 13.38, but supporters will have the choice of two trains for the journey back, at 17.00 or 18.30, with arrival times home 18.16 and 19.42 respectively. Ample scope to celebrate success or drown disappointment in time-honoured manner!

Well Done, United!

While every supporter was delighted with the great win over the Welsh champions, Newport, at Kingsholm last Saturday—not for the first time, of course!—and the lads earned unstinted praise for their success, even more remarkable was the truly magnificent performance of the United, who must have travelled to Rodney Parade more in hope than expectation.

Yet Alan Brinn and his gallant lads, so often, as Sir Walter Scott tells us, unhonour'd and unsung, returned with a glorious victory over a Newport United side that included their three British Lions, making their first appearances since the New Zealand tour, and an additional galaxy of talent. Well done, United!

County Cup Final

The original date and venue stands after a special committee meeting; the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup final between local stalwarts Matson and Lydney will, after all, be played at Kingsholm on Tuesday evening, November 1, when a large crowd can be expected, for the winners, of course, qualify for next season's John Player Cup competition.

Winning Number

It was the turn of a Stroud supporter to win the "fiver" for the lucky programme at the Newport match last Saturday. The winner was Mr. R. Francis, of 24 Cainscross Road, Stroud, and the winning number was 1327.

Diary Dates

While Gloucestershire join battle with neighbouring Somerset on Saturday the rugger fare at Kingsholm continues with the visit of Nottingham, who currently only meet Gloucester once a season on a home and away basis. This is followed with yet another home match next Wednesday, October 26, when the Cherry and Whites' opponents will be South Wales Police.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities No. 6 Bob Clewes

Little more than a decade ago a highly promising youngster left Archway School, Stroud, and immediately won his place in the Stroud side; but in 1968 he played in the trials at Kingsholm and in the opening match of that season ROBERT JOHN CLEWES made his debut for Gloucester, against neighbouring Lydney.

Since then he has become one of the greatest wingers and most popular players ever to represent the club, for whose senior team he has made nearly 400 appearances—moreover, he has scored over 190 tries and has played a leading role in building Gloucester's reputation in recent years as a free-scoring side with a speedy and resourceful back division.



Married, with no children, Bob is a site agent at Hucclecote with the well-known building contractors, Percy Bilton Housing. One can truly say of him, in the words of Henry V, "There's nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility," for Bob shrugs off any suggestion of faithful service and tremendous ability. Instead, he says he owes much to that other popular winger of a few years ago, John Groves, who taught him so much about the art of the wing three-quarter.

Like so many great players, Bob has not been accorded the honours due to him and oddly enough, has made no more than 13 appearances for Gloucestershire, often giving way to Bristol's Alan Morley, whose international status gave him preference in selectorial eyes.

A few years ago Bob had the terrifying experience of swallowing his tongue when playing for Gloucestershire in a "friendly" county match against Glamorgan; only the quick thinking of a qualified nurse in the crowd saved him from an even greater disaster. But though obviously unsettled for much of that season Bob soon regained his confidence and his form.

His "overseas career" includes the "safari" of South Africa with the County and last summer's tour in America with the Gloucester club. Still a comparative youngster Bob, we hope, will be on the scene for several years yet to add to his remarkable tally of appearances and tries!