



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER V NOTTINGHAM

Saturday, 22nd October, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

N^o 317

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Welcome to Nottingham

Making new friends is an important part of everyday life and this is equally applicable in our great game of rugby, which is why we extend a particularly warm welcome this afternoon to comparative newcomers to Kingsholm in Nottingham, who were founded, incidentally, exactly 100 years ago, though they celebrated their centenary last season.

Although old records show that the Midland club met Gloucester at the Spa towards the end of the last century, this is only their third visit to Kingsholm, their last two both being on New Year's Day.

On their first appearance here on January 1, 1975, Nottingham proved that effort is the highest common factor in every successful enterprise, for they surprised Gloucester and supporters alike by deservedly winning an entertaining game by 19 points to 15.

But on the first day of 1976 the Cherry and Whites duly avenged that defeat with victory by 17 - 3 and last season, on Tuesday, April 19, 1977, visited Ireland Avenue to win a high-scoring game by 29 points to 18.

Hillaire Belloc wrote of the Midlands as "being sodden and unkind," but that certainly does not apply to the good folk who live there and we look forward to another exciting tussle with our Nottingham friends this afternoon, trusting they enjoy their brief stay in our own fair city!

Kingsholm Kackle

Inspired Play

It is said that inspiration is an ally that comes in on the winning side and the lads certainly gave an inspired performance in the crushing defeat of Loughborough Colleges on Wednesday evening. Following the magnificent victory over Newport there is every indication that the Cherry and Whites appear, like Wolsey, to be touching the highest point of all their greatness, though it is somewhat unfortunate that they have to meet such worthy opponents as Nottingham with so many County demands made upon their resources.

Welcome to Richard and Don!

Having already acted as hosts to two Australian rugger parties this month, the club extend a cordial welcome to another friend from "down under"—the famous Australian referee, Richard "Dick" Bryers, who is in charge of this afternoon's game.

Dick has officiated at two matches in the London area since his arrival in this country, but felt he would like to visit one of the top clubs in the Provinces—and we are indeed honoured that he has chosen Gloucester, on the suggestion of the club's popular skipper of a decade ago, Don Rutherford.

Don, technical administrator to the Rugby Union, will be acting as guide and "chauffeur" to Dick and both are assured of a very warm welcome here this afternoon. We trust they will both enjoy the match and their fleeting visit here, Dick with his first impressions of Gloucester and Kingsholm, Don to renew acquaintances with his numerous friends.

Good Luck, County!

With nine of our own lads striving in the County cause we wish Gloucestershire a happy outcome to their championship match with neighbouring Somerset this afternoon. It is hoped to announce their progress at Bridgwater at half-time and perhaps later.

Camborne Trip

British Rail announce the train times for Gloucestershire's match against Cornwall at Camborne next Saturday, the fare for which is the extremely reasonable one of £5.

The train departs from Cheltenham at 7.10 and Gloucester at 7.25, arriving at Camborne at 13.05. After the game the departure time from Camborne is 18.00, arriving back in Gloucester at 23.45 and Cheltenham ten minutes later.

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

14. P. Williams

* 13. B. Vine

* 12. D. Pointon

11. P. Tunstall

Half Backs

10. R. Corriea

9. P. Howells

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. M. Nichols

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Orwin

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. V. Wooley

Replacements

D. James

S. Parside

NOTTINGHAM

Green & White

Full Back

* 15. R. Sulley

Three Quarters

14. B. Bedford

* 13. M. Northard

12. S. Bailey

11. C. Pitts

Half Backs

10. G. Martin

9. K. Pugh

Forwards

* 1. J. Pearce

* 2. I. Henry

3. M. MacGregor

* 4. R. Matson

5. P. Nixon

6. D. Robertson

* 8. C. Baynes (Capt.)

* 7. I. Clayton

Replacements

S. Varley

P. Taylor

Referee: R. BRYERS (Australia)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Diary Dates

There is further rich fare at Kingsholm with the visit of South Wales Police next Wednesday, October 26, kick-off 7 p.m., then next Saturday brings Oxford University as Gloucester's opponents, with the usual kick-off time of 3 p.m. A further reminder, too, that the Gloucestershire R.F.U. Cup final between Matson and Lydney will be staged at Kingsholm on Tuesday evening, November 1.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.



Club Personalities

No. 7 Eddie Pinkney

It is unusual, to say the least, for a Gloucester rugby player to have had little enthusiasm for the game while still at school; yet EDWARD ARTHUR PINKNEY did not begin to take an interest in its gentle arts until he was 18 years old, when he was invited to reveal those hidden talents with local club All Blues.

Perhaps realising somewhat belatedly what he had been missing, Eddie soon began to blossom forth and after a short spell with his original club, moved to Matson—his "home" club in a manner of speaking—where he quickly established himself as a No. 8 forward of exceptional ability with his powerful running.

Eddie, a welder with Gloster Saro, Ltd., is married with two sons, Robert and Richard—but he did not see Richard until he was several weeks old, for he was born during the past summer while his father was on the American tour with the Gloucester club.

Educated at Kingsholm School, Eddie learned his rugby while with Matson. He made his debut for Gloucester's senior side against Newbridge at Kingsholm five seasons ago, immediately stamping his mark on affairs with his forthright approach to attacking play.

It is a travesty of justice that he has made only one appearance for Gloucestershire, despite the high esteem in which he is held by the selectors, but has generally been forced on to the replacements' bench or the "reserves" list by international Dave Rollitt.

Eddie, however, is philosophical about it all; he is still a young man and those honours which have eluded him may yet come his way!