



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1873

PRESIDENT

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

GLOUCESTER

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South Wales Police

Wednesday, 26th October, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Nº 0460

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. D. Pointon

* 12. B. Vine

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

9. S. Baker

Forwards

*† 1. M. Burton

2. K. White

*§ 3. P. Blakeway

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Hall

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. E. Pinkey

7. P. Wood

Replacements

M. Longstaff

J. Simonett

SOUTH WALES POLICE

Red

Full Back

15. P. Thomas

Three Quarters

14. H. Davies

13. A. King

12. R. Hallett

11. S. Horsey

Half Backs

10. P. Williams

9. P. Noble

Forwards

1. A. Davies

2. D. Young

3. G. Lloyd

4. D. Mathias

5. H. Pitman/P. Prygodzicz

6. G. Roach

8. P. Edwards

7. S. Balzano

Replacements

G. Davies

G. Bradley

Referee: M. TITCOMBE (Bristol Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to South Wales Police

In recent seasons matches with South Wales Police have invariably produced high scores, with our visitors, whom we welcome to Kingsholm this evening, not prepared to play a passive role, contributing richly to the entertainment.

Last season, for example, on Wednesday evening, October 27, 1976, Gloucester won a free-scoring bonanza by 47 points to 17, while the previous two visits of the Police lads brought victories for the Cherry and Whites by 28-9 and 25-10. On this evidence South Wales Police can justly claim to have been worthy participants in Kingsholm "spectaculars."

Last Saturday the Police narrowly lost their away match with Penarth by 11-7 after a closely-fought tussle. We look forward, then, to another entertaining game this evening and trust our visitors will enjoy their brief stay in our fair city!

Kingsholm Kackle Congratulations

After early misgivings Gloucestershire settled down to beat Somerset convincingly at Bridgwater last Saturday and we offer our congratulations, especially to our own Gloucester lads who played such a leading part in the victory.

The County now seem set to win the South-West group for the ninth successive season, for only a resounding victory by Cornwall at Camborne can deny them the title. We wish them every success, even though it means that Gloucester have the formidable task of facing Oxford University at Kingsholm on Saturday with so many lads on duty with the County.

There was considerable apprehension last Saturday as that try in the final minute by Paul Williams enabled the Cherry and Whites to retain their ground record against Nottingham. It may be even tougher against the Dark Blues!

Meanwhile, a reminder that the train for Camborne next Saturday leaves Cheltenham at 7.10 and Gloucester at 7.25, leaving Camborne at 18.00. Fare £5 only.

Sing-Along

What promises to be a convivial evening is being held at the C.E.G.B. Sports Club at Barnwood on Friday, November 18, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It is described as a "Sing-Along" evening and is organised jointly by E.E.I.B.A. and the Gloucester Rugby Club.

Tickets are only 70p and may be obtained in the Social Club after tonight's match or any other evening. Car parking will be free and Gloucester players will provide a waiters' service while satisfied customers oil their tonsils and warble sweetly—or otherwise!

Lucky Programme

The lucky programme number for the Nottingham match last Saturday was 670 and the holder was Mr. Bailey, of the Pike and Musket Inn, Tuffley, Gloucester, who won the "fiver."

Apology

It has been the custom in the past to remind all supporters to put their clocks and watches ON or BACK at the beginning and end of British Summer Time. We omitted to put this reminder in last Saturday's notes—for which many apologies.

For it appears that quite a few rigger types forgot to put their clocks back an hour until late on Sunday. One, we understand, even went down to his "local" an hour before it opened!

Danger to Children

Supporters are sincerely thanked for keeping children from standing or sitting in front of the advertisement hoardings around the ground, but the club would remind them that no responsibility can be held for the youngsters who encroach on the field of play. It can be dangerous for the children, much as we like to see such interest among them, and they venture on the wrong side of the barriers at their own risk!

Cup Final

Following next Saturday's match with Oxford University, kick-off 3 p.m., there will be no mid-week fixture for Gloucester, but supporters are reminded that next Tuesday, November 1, Kingsholm will stage the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup Final between Matson and Lydney. There will obviously be a large crowd of followers from both clubs, so our own supporters are advised to get here as early as possible for what promises to be an exciting game, with the winners qualifying for next season's John Player Cup competition.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.



Club Personalities

No. 8 John Haines

Many supporters have undoubtedly seen on occasions a small van hurtling round the city with "Happy Henry" printed on it; but some may not know that this depicts its owner, JOHN HENRY HAINES, the highly industrious and speedy Gloucester open-side wing forward. For John is a wholesale meat caterer.

—Educated at the Crypt School he joined Gordon League — a school and a club that have produced many great Gloucester players — and quickly made his mark on the local scene as a back row forward of exceptional ability. While still a youngster with the League he skippered the England Boys' Clubs international team which completed the double over Wales some ten years ago.

Married, "with four dogs", as he jocularly puts it, John has played nearly 300 games for Gloucester's senior side, despite the fact that knee and back injuries sadly restricted his appearances last season, when he did not play in a single match for the County. Indeed, it was thought that his playing career might be finished but fortunately for club and county, he made a remarkable recovery during the past summer.

"Happy Henry" made his senior debut for Gloucester in the match against Ebbw Vale nine seasons ago at Kingsholm. He has been on two tours, with Gloucestershire to South Africa and his club last summer in America.

John's County appearances include championship finals against Lancashire and Eastern Counties and though the highest honours of an England cap have eluded him, he has three times been selected as reserve for international matches. Now back in the successful Gloucestershire side and in splendid form perhaps he may at last gain recognition!