



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Oxford University

Saturday, 29th October, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Nº 1091

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

14. P. Williams

* 13. B. Vine

12. M. Longstaff

11. P. Tunstall

Half Backs

* 10. D. Pointon

9. P. Howells

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. S. Mills

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Orwin

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. V. Wooley

Replacements

K. Hutchinson

D. James

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Dark Blue

Full Back

15. R. Edwards

Three Quarters

14. R. M. Hoolahan

13. A. Watkinson

12. K. A. Hopkins

11. D. C. Willis

Half Backs

§ 10. T. A. Bryan

9. S. J. Faktor

Forwards

1. E. C. Horne

2. B. Light

3. T. P. Enevoldson

4. R. G. Robinson

5. K. J. Budge

6. M. Moir

8. D. Mitchell

7. G. White

Replacements

G. Hall

S. J. Fisher

Referee: J. BURGUM (N. Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to the Dark Blues

It was Matthew Arnold, nearly a century ago, who described Oxford as a "home of lost causes and forsaken beliefs;" but then, he could scarcely have realised that the City's famous University had already founded a rugby club that has a long and distinguished history.

It is to that famous club that we extend a particularly warm welcome this afternoon. The Dark Blues pay Gloucester the great tribute of regarding them as perhaps the toughest opposition they meet and regard this annual fixture in the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as a searching test prior to their all-important event—the Varsity match, to be played this year on Tuesday, December 6.

Unfortunately, the Rugby Union in their wisdom has decreed that all the group matches in the county championship shall be condensed into the space of a month, thus the Cherry and Whites will have many of their stalwarts on duty with Gloucestershire at Camborne this afternoon, a contingency not to be foreseen when the fixture was made with such formidable opponents as the Dark Blues.

The last two meetings with Oxford University have brought highly satisfying results for Gloucester, who won at Iffley Road by 24-13 on Saturday, October 30, 1976. The previous season at Kingsholm the Cherry and Whites were also successful by 27-6, so the Dark Blues, like Shylock, will be asking, "Shall we not revenge?" We look forward, then, to another exciting game this afternoon and trust our visitors enjoy their brief visit to Kingsholm.

Kingsholm Kackle Sing-Along

What promises to be a convivial evening, with ample scope for social intercourse, 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 jointly organised by E.E.I.B.A. and Gloucester R.F.C.

Tickets are only 70p and may be obtained in the Social Club after this afternoon's match or any evening.

There will be free car parking and Gloucester players will provide a waiters' service while satisfied customers oil their tonsils and warble mellifluously, though some will no doubt sound like corncrakes with croup!

Lucky Programme

Another satisfied "customer" is Mr. C. Harrison, of 39 Falkner Street, Gloucester, who held the lucky programme, No. 327, at Wednesday night's match against South Wales Police and found himself £5 richer.

Schools Match

There is no doubt that among the most popular events at Kingsholm each season are the Schools' (19 group) matches, which rarely fail to provide high-class skills and entertainment.

Supporters will therefore be delighted to know that apart from the international match, this season against Scotland, next April, there is an additional fixture when the South-West Schools, comprising Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, meet the touring Australian Schools at 19 group level on Wednesday evening, December 7, kick-off 7.15 p.m., at Kingsholm.

Tickets will be on sale shortly and there will undoubtedly be a great demand for them, particularly as they will be only £1 (reserved) for the Centre Stand and 75p (unreserved) for the Wing Stands.

Cup Final

A last-minute reminder about the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup final between Matson and Lydney. This important game, which will also qualify the winners for entry into next season's John Player Cup competition, will be staged at Kingsholm next Tuesday, November 1, kick-off 7 p.m.

No tickets will be issued for the match, but admission to the ground will be 50p, with a further 20p for transfer to the Stand. Senior citizens and children will be admitted at half-price and as both clubs will bring large contingents of followers our own supporters are advised to get here as early as possible for what promises to be an exciting game.

300 Club

Those supporters who have not yet applied to join the 300 Club and wish to do so are asked to contact the promoter, Trevor Pritchard, in the Social Club, as vacancies are rapidly being filled and the first monthly draw is on Friday evening, November 25.

Danger to Children

No apology is made for repeating the advice to keep children from encroaching on to the field of play, for the club will hold no responsibility for those who may get injured. It can be dangerous for the youngsters, much as we delight to see so much interest among them, and they venture the wrong side of the barriers at their own risk!

Diary Dates

Gloucester's next home match is in a fortnight's time, when Plymouth Albion will be the visitors to Kingsholm on Saturday, November 12, kick-off, as usual, at 3 p.m. But next Saturday the high-scoring United side meet Leicester Extra 1st, again with a 3 p.m. kick-off and would appreciate your support. With only one defeat this season, a somewhat unlucky one by Coventry Extras at Coundon Road in September, the United are displaying brilliant form and will be anxious to preserve their unbeaten home record.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 9 Richard Jardine

It does not need his hirsute attachments to single out RICHARD JARDINE as a highly skilled, thrustful centre three-quarter; yet his youthful appearance and demeanor make it difficult to realise that he is in his eleventh season with the Gloucester club.

Currently out of action with a fractured cheek-bone sustained in a match at Kingsholm earlier this month, Richard is a police officer and has recently been appointed as one of the security force at Gatcombe Manor, the stately home of H.R.H. Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips.



Married with one son, whom he describes as a "rugby mad two-year-old". Richard was educated at Chipping Sodbury School and was quickly recognised as full of potentialities. He won his place in the Chipping Sodbury senior XV when only 14 and five years later joined Gloucester, in September, 1967.

Essentially modest, while remembering that his initial game was for the United side against Bristol United in the same month, he cannot recall with certainty his debut for Gloucester's senior team, though believes it was shortly afterwards, against Clifton. Since then he has played more than 250 games for the first XV.

Now established as a first-choice centre for Gloucestershire, this popular player has made 26 appearances for the County, with whom he toured South Africa last year. He has also played numerous times for the British Police, including two trips to the continent to play against the French Police.

One County selector described Richard as a "grossly under-rated rugby player"; begging his pardon, but we consider that a "grossly under-rated" statement. Supporters look forward to seeing that tremendous burst and long loping run gracing the Kingsholm scene for many years to come!