



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER V PLYMOUTH

Saturday, 12th November, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Nº 507

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* **15. R. Etheridge**

Three Quarters

14. P. Tunstall

* **13. D. Pointon**

* **12. B. Vine**

11. P. Williams

Half Backs

10. R. Corriea

9. S. Baker

Forwards

* **1. K. Richardson**

* **2. S. Mills**

3. M. Curran

* **4. J. Fidler**

*† **5. A. Brinn**

*† **6. J. Watkins (Capt.)**

8. J. Simonett

* **7. E. Pinkney**

Replacements

PLYMOUTH

Cherry, White & Green

Full Back

15. R. Holmes

Three Quarters

* **14. S. Evans**

* **13. M. Triggs**

* **12. I. Perkins**

11. R. Westlake

Half Backs

* **10. L. Ware**

*§ **9. N. Coombes**

Forwards

1. N. Redgrave

* **2. T. Brooks**

* **3. B. Steer**

4. R. Herbert

5. D. Lowe

6. C. Hockin

8. N. Sparrow

* **7. G. Harding**

Replacements

P. Carter

S. Wage

Referee: K. METCALE, (Yorkshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to the other 'Cherry and Whites'

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to Plymouth Albion, whom we might almost regard—in a colourful manner of speaking—as kinsfolk; for they, too, have as their predominant colours the renowned cherry and white, plus an additional narrow green strip.

Plymouth's last visit to Kingsholm brought a tinge of sadness for avid Gloucester supporters, as it was the final match of the season, on Saturday, April 30, when the lads recorded a resounding victory by 42 points to nil.

The Albion, therefore, will be extremely anxious to put matters into better perspective today. Unfortunately, with the county championship telescoped into a few weeks Gloucester will have many of their stalwarts on duty in the quarter-final with Oxfordshire this afternoon, a contingency not foreseen when the fixture was made with such formidable opponents as Plymouth Albion.

Our visitors are enjoying a satisfactory season to date, having won eight matches and lost five, scoring 186 points and conceding 184. We look forward to another entertaining game with the other "Cherry and Whites", trusting they enjoy their brief visit to Kingsholm.

Kingsholm Kackle Schools Match

Among the most popular events each season at Kingsholm are the Schools' (19 group) matches, which invariably provide high-class skills and entertainment.

Supporters will therefore be delighted to know that apart from the annual 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, at Kingsholm, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained this afternoon from the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Terry Tandy, at the office on the ground.

Prices are £1 (reserved) for the Centre Stand and 75p (unreserved) for the Wing Stands.

The Irish at Kingsholm

Supporters are asked to note that the match with London Irish, shown on all fixture lists and members' tickets as being played at Sunbury, *has now been switched to Kingsholm*. The game is on Saturday, November 26, with the usual kick-off time of 3 p.m.

Again, somewhat unfortunately, Gloucester's playing strength will be sadly affected, for on that same day—should they as expected defeat Oxfordshire this afternoon—Gloucestershire meet Kent at Blackheath in the semi-final of the county championship.

Lucky Programme

The name of the holder of the lucky programme, No. 324, at the Oxford University match has a very familiar ring. He is that popular forward, Phil Winnel, of the Witheys, Pool Mill, Ross-on-Wye, who won £5.

Sing-Along

A reminder that what promises to be a convivial evening, with ample scope for social intercourse, is to be held at the C.E.G.B. Sports Club at Barnwood next Friday evening, November 18, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It is described as a "Sing-Along" and is jointly organised by E.E.I.B.A. and Gloucester R.F.C.

Tickets are only 70p and may be purchased in the Social Club after this afternoon's match or any evening. There will be free car parking and Gloucester players will provide waiters' service while satisfied customers can indulge in what might be termed "oiling the epiglottis, the while warbling mellifluously.

Moseley Match

Gloucester face their toughest assignment to date on Saturday, December 3, when they travel to meet unbeaten Moseley at the Reddings. The Midlanders are having a remarkable season, having recently disposed of both Newport and Cardiff in almost summary manner, and

their claim to be the country's leading ruby team cannot be an idle boast.

They also claim to have the best pack in the country so it will indeed be a prestige game for the Cherry and Whites, who will be anxious to dispute that. But the lads will need all the support they can get at the Reddings, where visiting teams rarely win, and it is proposed to run a coach for the game.

Those wishing to book seats should contact Mervyn Elway or Terry Close in the Social Club as soon as possible, as the demand will obviously be great.

Diary Dates

Gloucester have another home game next Thursday, November 17, when Clifton will be the visitors to Kingsholm, kick-off 7 p.m. For those who may wonder why the seniors have no fixture Saturday, the reason is that their original opponents, Aberavon, are engaged in a Welsh R.U. Cup game.

But the match as been switched to Tuesday week, November 22, at the Talbot Athletic Ground. Any supporters wishing to make the long journey to West Wales would be deeply welcomed by the lads!

And a "plug" for our neighbours, Cheltenham. On Monday evening they have an attractive fixture with Newbridge at the Athletic Ground, kick-off 7.15 p.m., and would appreciate the additional encouragement from any Gloucester supporters who can "pop along" the Golden Valley by-pass!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities No. 10 Steve Mills

Over the years Gloucester have always possessed highly accomplished hookers and currently have two in the top bracket, both County players, in Fred Reed, whose feats have already been chronicled in this feature, and the genial STEPHEN GRAHAME FORD MILLS, known as "Paco" by his colleagues and "S.G.F." by many rugby reporters.

Plagued by a damaged shoulder last season and a serious eye injury last month, Steve has only just returned to "active service" at a most propitious time, as Fred Reed, of course, is likely to be out of action



for several weeks.

Steve, who has so far evaded the clutches of the admiring opposite sex and basks in celibacy, was born in Cirencester and was educated at the local Grammar School before attending North Gloucestershire Technical College at Cheltenham, in which town he now resides.

A computer programmer with a large insurance firm in Cheltenham he has been a hooker since his schooldays, when he had several county trials at Schools' level. Steve joined Cirencester R.F.C. from school and skippered the local Combination side, making his first tour—to the U.S.A.—with the Cirencester club.

Now in his third season with Gloucester he made his debut against neighbouring Cheltenham soon after joining the Cherry and Whites, for whom he has made over 50 appearances. Steve's first game for Gloucestershire was against Japan at Kingsholm early last season and he played in the four following championship matches before injury forced him out of the unlucky semi-final against Lancashire.

Steve was a replacement for both England trials last season and during the summer went with Gloucester on their American tour. (No stranger to the States, is our Steve!). Now fully fit after his sundry injuries, he looks forward to what he jocularly calls "fame and fortune." We know "S.G.F." can make it; good luck to him!