



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER V CLIFTON

Thursday, 17th November, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Nº 943

Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

13. E. Rooney

* 12. B. Vine

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

1. M. Curran

* 2. S. Mills

* 3. K. Richardson

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

P. Tunstall

E. Pinkney

CLIFTON

Yellow

Full Back

* 15. P. Pearce

Three Quarters

14. F. Thomas

* 13. R. Lambert

* 12. P. Johnson

* 11. K. Lowe

Half Backs

10. K. Lloyd

9. B. Lovering

Forwards

1. B. Cragg

* 2. S. Luxmoor

3. P. Nash

4. C. Aggott

5. P. Brown

* 6. I. Elvin (Capt.)

8. A. Wood

* 7. K. Bins

Replacements

S. Eaves

H. Dix

Referee: G. JONES (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to our Clifton Friends!

This evening we extend an extremely cordial welcome to Clifton, our neighbours from "down the M.5", whom Gloucester only meet once each season, though these matches invariably produce spectacular rugby, for Clifton like to play it openly, as we say.

This is reflected in their record which suggests their form so far has been unpredictable, for they have won seven of their 15 matches and drawn one, with their points' tally showing 207 for and 194 against.

Now they have had the misfortune to lose their experienced County scrum-half, John Cannon, who is likely to be out of action for several weeks with badly damaged leg muscles. But Clifton no doubt recall the old saying that difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage and will be anxious to put things into better perspective after their last visit to Kingsholm, when Gloucester won convincingly by 28 points to nil on Saturday, October 23, 1976.

We look forward, then, to another entertaining game this evening and trust our old friends will enjoy their brief visit.

Kingsholm Kackle Blackheath Bound

British Rail, in their wisdom, and knowing the insatiable thirst for rugby of most Gloucester folk, have arranged a special train for the county championship semi-final between Gloucestershire and Kent at Blackheath on Saturday, November 26.

The train will leave Gloucester at 9.10, arriving at Charlton, which is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Blackheath ground, at 12.05. It will leave Charlton after the match at 17.00 (5 p.m.), arriving back at Gloucester 20.05. The train will also pick up supporters at Cheitenham, Stonehouse, Stroud and Kemble, where enquiries should be made by those leaving from these stations.

The cost is only £3, which includes a reserved seat on the train if the booking is made in advance, while children under 14 — and we know there are numerous young enthusiasts — will be able to take advantage of the trip for only £1.50p.

The Rectory Field

For those travelling by car—and there will probably be many who have never visited the Rectory Field, Blackheath's ground—it would be best to consult a map, for there are several ways to reach it, and each may have his own ideas on the best route.

But the ground is in South-East London, in the Charlton, Woolwich and Shooter's Hill area, for those who know the metropolis fairly well. It is still perhaps nearly two hours' run even after leaving the motorway and those in doubt are best advised to make for Woolwich Common and Shooter's Hill, from where the Rectory Field will be easy to find.

A suggested route is along the Embankment after leaving the motorway, crossing the Thames at Blackfriars Bridge and following the signs to New Cross, thence to the places named above, for the ground is virtually on Woolwich Common.

Sing-Along

A final reminder that the "Sing-Along" at the C.E.G.B. Sports Club is tomorrow night, commencing 7.30 p.m. Jointly organised by E.E.I.B.A. and Gloucester R.F.C., it seems to be proving an attractive proposition and only a few tickets, price 70p, are left.

Supporters still wishing to warble and quaff at such excellent social intercourse should apply to Terry Tandy at the office on the ground after this evening's match, for tickets are in great demand.

Unclaimed

No-one claimed the "fiver" for the lucky programme, No. 719, for last Saturday's game with Plymouth.

Tickets for Big Matches

It is expected that tickets will be available this evening for both the county semi-final at Blackheath and the Schools (19 group) match between the South-West Schools and the touring Australian Schools at Kingsholm on Wednesday evening, December 7. An announcement will be made over the loudspeaker this evening.

Thanks from Moseley

Moseley R.F.C. committee have written a letter of appreciation to the Gloucester club, thanking them for the tribute to the late Sam Doble which appeared in the programme notes for the match against Cheltenham at Kingsholm in September.

Diary Dates

Gloucester have no match on Saturday, the fixture with Aberavon at the Talbot Athletic Ground having been switched to next Tuesday, November 22, as the "Wizards" are engaged in a Welsh R.U. Cup game this week-end.

But a reminder to all supporters that the match with London Irish shown on all fixture lists and members' tickets as being at Sunbury, has now been switched to Kingsholm and will be played here on Saturday week, November 26, with the usual kick-off time of 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, this Saturday brings the visit of powerful Newport High School Old Boys to Kingsholm to meet our free-scoring United lads, who have not yet been beaten at home this season and have so far scored no fewer than 439 points in 16 matches.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 11 John Fidler

"Officer Dibble" may be a popular figure to children on television but to Gloucester rugby supporters he takes over a much more important and powerful role as the club's tall and experienced lock forward, JOHN HOWARD FIDLER.

Known as "Fid" to his colleagues and rival players, John is, as the "Dibble" appendage denotes, a police officer, stationed in Cheltenham, where he lives with his wife and two children, a boy and a girl.

Educated at Hucclecote School, he won so many honours with Schools and Colts teams that he cannot remember them all, though he was, of course, an automatic choice for Gloucestershire Schools and Colts,



Photo by courtesy of the "Citizen"

and won four "caps" for England Boys' Clubs.

"Fid" played for neighbouring Cheltenham for three years before joining Gloucester in 1971, making his senior team debut the following season against Broughton Park at Kingsholm, since when he has made nearly 200 appearances for the Cherry and Whites' first XV.

His 24 championship games for Gloucestershire include four finals, in three of which he was on the winning side. John is a veteran campaigner as regards overseas service, for he has toured South Africa twice, with the British Police and the County. In addition, of course, he was in the Gloucester party on their tour of America earlier this year.

John has played for the South-West Counties against the Australians and made twelve appearances for the British Police; moreover, he has figured in two England trial matches.

An injury this season, against Devon at Kingsholm, cost him his County place, but now fit again John will be making every effort to regain his position as one of Gloucestershire's locks. He is certainly not short of match practice, for in mid-week, whenever possible, he turns out for the Gloucestershire Police side.