



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER V LONDON IRISH

Saturday, 26th November, 1977

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Nº 00546

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

14. P. Tunstall

* 13. B. Vine

12. E. Rooney

11. P. Williams

Half Backs

10. R. Corriea

9. P. Howells

Forwards

* 1. K. Richardson

2. K. White

3. M. Curran

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

* 7. E. Pinkney

Replacements

D. James

LONDON IRISH

Green

Full Back

15. D. Leopold

Three Quarters

14. J. Casalapro

† 13. P. Parfrey

12. P. Crotty

11. D. Donovan

Half Backs

* 10. H. Condon

* 9. J. Frost

Forwards

* 1. K. Neale

† 2. K. Kennedy (Capt.)

* 3. L. White

† 4. M. Molloy

* 5. A. Higginson

6. N. Hogan

* 8. T. Webster

* 7. W. Jones

Replacements

S. Gray

A. McGauley

Referee: W. ROGGAN (Leicester Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to our Irish Friends

Perhaps the great Samuel Johnson was being a trifle cynical when he wrote that the Irish are a fair people—they never speak well of one another! Be that as it may, we can assure our London Irish rugger friends that they are extremely welcome visitors this afternoon and we deeply appreciate their fairness in agreeing to switch the match, originally arranged to be played on their ground at Sunbury, to Kingsholm.

Unfortunately the Irish only appear on Gloucester's fixture list once each season and the matches have invariably coincided with County games, as indeed is the one here this afternoon.

It is somewhat frustrating that Gloucester again have to release key players for the county championship semi-final when the opposition is particularly powerful and among the most attractive on a strenuous fixture list.

The Irish have certainly had the better of recent encounters, for last season, on November 27 at Sunbury, they won convincingly enough by 16 - 7, while achieving an even greater performance on their last visit to Kingsholm when, on Saturday, November 22, 1975, they inflicted upon the Cherry and Whites their heaviest margin of defeat — 21 points to 7!

But while mindful of the admirable sentiments of Prospero in "The Tempest" that the rarer action is in virtue than in vengeance, the lads will be anxious to put matters into better perspective this afternoon, when we look forward to another entertaining game.

Kingsholm Kackle Christmas Cards

Most of us will not yet have applied ourselves to the annual task of buying and writing our Christmas cards, except to relatives and friends in far-distant countries. It is, then an opportune time to announce that this year Gloucester R.F.C. will be issuing their own attractive cards with the customary seasonal greetings.

They will have a very special appeal to all the club's supporters, for the design is first-class, with the Gloucester badge prominent on the front. The price is £1 per dozen — or 10p each should you desire just one for a special friend — and they will be on sale this afternoon at the office on the ground or, after the match, at a table set aside in the Social Club.

Tickets for the Schools' Match

Stand tickets for the 19 group match between South-West Schools and the touring Australian Schools at Kingsholm next Wednesday week, December 7, kick-off 7.15 p.m., are now available from Terry Tandy at the office or his home. The cost is £1 for the Centre Stand (reserved) and 75p for the Wing Stands (unreserved).

Moseley Match

Gloucester face another tough assignment next Saturday, December 3, when they travel to meet unbeaten Moseley at the Reddings. With their ranks again weakened, this time by regional trial matches—though, in fairness, Moseley will also be affected—the lads will need all the support they can get. With this in mind a coach is to be run for the match and those wishing to book seats should contact Mervyn Elway or Terry Close in the Social Club as soon as possible.

New Stand Window

Work has already started on the new perspex window of the main Stand at the Dean's Walk end, supporters will be relieved and delighted to know. The cost will be over £1,000 and most of this will be met by the "300 Club", to whom we are all extremely grateful.

And our supporters who wrote concerning the lack of protection from the weather for the "score boys" will be happy to know, as will all of us, that the plans for a new and larger covered scoreboard were already in hand towards the end of last season. It is hoped to have the new scoreboard in full working order in the near future.

Winning Number

The winning programme, No. 529, for the match against Clifton last week, was purchased by a regular supporter, Mr. Leslie Jones, of 63, Granville Street, Gloucester, who found himself £5 richer that evening.

Semi-Final

All good wishes go to Gloucestershire, and especially our own lads so deeply involved, in their semi-final against Kent at Blackheath this afternoon. It is hoped to bring you news of their progress during the match. Should they win through to the final it will mean another long journey, either to the North Midlands or Yorkshire, who themselves are engaged in the other semi-final today.

Diary Dates

Next Saturday at Kingsholm free-scoring Gloucester United will be defending their unbeaten ground record against Moseley United, one of the only two sides to have lowered their colours this season. Gloucester's next home match is against Bath on Saturday week, December 10, kick-off 3 p.m., but *do not forget* the Schools' game with the Australians!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 12 Peter Kingston

Watching him scuttling round the blind side of a scrum or placing his astute and accurate kick ahead to the discomfort of opponents it is not difficult to see why PETER KINGSTON is recognised as one of the country's leading scrum-halves—and the latest of all the brilliant players who have distinguished themselves in this position for Gloucester. No-one has to ask a fly-half, "Are you being served?" when he has Peter as his partner.

Married, but as yet with no little "Kingston by-pass" to enrich the happy home, Peter is a schoolmaster, concentrating on games and physical education, at Cheltenham Grammar School. Educated at Lydney Grammar School his enormous potential, despite lack of avoirdupois, quickly became obvious and he won his England Under 19 cap against Scotland.



Peter moved to St. Paul's College, whom he skippered during his last year there, the while playing for Lydney during vacation times. He also represented British Colleges, and on leaving St. Paul's joined Moseley, with whom he stayed for two seasons.

Oddly enough he was still in the Moseley United side, understudy to Jan Webster, when he was called up for his first English trial, though he was already playing in county championship matches for North Midlands, for whom he made 13 appearances.

Fortunately his teaching appointment at Cheltenham brought him to the Gloucester club, where he has rapidly become a favourite and a key player, though, like so many of our stalwarts, we see him all too rarely in these days of a telescoped County championship and the regional and divisional trials.

Indeed, today's semi-final will be Peter's 24th game for Gloucestershire. He made his debut for Gloucester against L'Aquila on September 9, 1974, when he scored a try in the overwhelming victory by 75 points to nil, and has since won two England "caps", both against Australia, at Sydney and Brisbane.

Apart from this international tour, he was also in the Gloucestershire party which toured South Africa two years ago, but missed Gloucester's trip to America in the summer because of a serious knee injury which kept him out for several months last season.