



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER

V

BATH

Saturday, 10th December, 1977
at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Nº 329

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White
Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

* 13. B. Vine

* 12. R. Jardine

11. P. Tunstall

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. K. Richardson

2. K. White

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Orwin

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

J. Herniman

S. Baker

BATH

Blue and White
Full Back

* 16. J. S. Waterman

Three Quarters

* 15. I. Dunbar

14. C. Biro

* 12. A. Smith

11. J. Davies

Half Backs

* 10. J. P. Horton

* 9. H. Cleaton

Forwards

* 1. P. Ford

* 2. C. Legg

3. P. Davies

* 4. B. J. Jenkins

5. D. Barry

* 6. G. Pillinger

* 8. R. Lye

7. R. Hill

Replacements

G. Townsend

N. Freeth

Referee: A. A. HAINES (Warwickshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to Bath

In recent years representative matches, the John Player Cup competition and the weather have all combined to curtail meetings between Gloucester and our old friends and rivals, Bath, always among the most popular visitors to Kingsholm.

Last season, for instance, both the original fixtures had to be postponed for these reasons. The respective secretaries, aspirins at the ready and wondering "who would grunt and sweat under a weary life," hurriedly arranged an alternative date at the Recreation Ground on New Year Bank Holiday.

Alas, as "Doc" Durkin's favourite poet, Robert Burns, so aptly put it, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley"—the frozen pitch dashed all hopes of staging the match. Eventually a date was found among both clubs' congested fixture lists to play the return game at Kingsholm on Wednesday, March 23 of this year.

Bath, unfortunately, met Gloucester in a spell of high-scoring successes. Having topped the half-century of points in three successive home matches—against Cheltenham, Abertillery and Guy's Hospital, the Chery and Whites made it four in a row against a below-strength Bath side to romp to victory by 51 points to 7.

The introduction of regional and district trials by the Rugby Union further bedevil the efforts of leading clubs to field reasonably strong or representative sides and this afternoon leaves both clubs below strength as the result of the trial game on the Bath ground, which will demand the presence of most of our visitors' officials who look forward to their annual trip to Kingsholm.

It is because the meetings of the two clubs have been so sporadic and hastily arranged in recent years that we extend an extremely warm welcome to Bath this afternoon, when our friends will be anxious to put last season's result into better perspective, particularly as this is both a South-West merit table and an unofficial Anglo-Welsh table match. We look forward, therefore, to an entertaining and absorbing tussle.

Kingsholm Kackle "Rugby Post"

It is expected to have copies of the Rugby Union's official quarterly magazine, "Rugby Post," on sale this afternoon. At a cost of 20p it is exceptionally good value for any rugger enthusiast and the current copy will be of particular interest to Kingsholm supporters for "Doc" Durkin, the club's doctor, has contributed a first-class article on Rugby football injuries.

But the whole magazine is packed full of interesting reading; personal opinions of some of the British Lions, club news from various parts of the country, a forthright article tending to condemn the present craze of "coaching" by a former international are only a few of the many features in an excellent production of 16 full-size pages.

Supporters will agree it is well worth 20p and even the most knowledgeable will learn something from its pages.

Rail Trip to Final

An announcement has already been made regarding the coaches being run to the Reddings for the county rugby championship final between North Midlands and Gloucestershire on Saturday, December 31. Tickets for the coach trips, price £1.50p, are obtainable at the office or in the Social Club.

But for those who prefer to travel by train British Rail have now announced the times of their special trip, the cost of which is £2 for adults and £1 for children. The train will leave Gloucester at 10.55 a.m., arriving at New Street Station, Birmingham, at 11.36 a.m. It returns from New Street at 5.15 p.m., arriving back in Gloucester at 6.15 p.m.

Buses, Nos. 35 and 48, run regularly from New Street to Moseley and the journey to the Reddings takes about 20 minutes.

For those travelling by car the route is on the motorway, M.5, to Junction 4, marked "Birmingham (South) and Stourbridge." Leave motorway at this junction, continue through Rubery, Longbridge, Northfield, Selly Oak to Edgbaston, where immediately on arrival the B.B.C.

buildings at Pebble Mill and the vast arena of the Warwickshire County Cricket Ground can be plainly spotted on the right.

At these traffic lights, which govern two parallel main roads, turn right, past the B.B.C. and the Edgbaston cricket ground, which will then be on your left, and continue along that road until reaching the sign-post, plainly situated, to Moseley. Here you turn right into the centre of Moseley and Reddings Road is a little way along on the right hand side of the road.

At the time of going to press tickets for the county final were not to hand, but should they arrive today an announcement will be made over the loudspeaker by our worthy newscaster.

"300" Club Winners

The prizewinners in the first monthly draw of the "300" Club had a very acceptable bonus towards their Christmas shopping. The main prize of £25 went to Cecil Pope (ticket 219) and £10 each to Tim Powell (286), Tony Lewis (75), Ernie Sharp (28), Mr. Clewes, senior (244) and Nick Pelopida (262). Congratulations!

This month's draw will be held in the Social Club on Friday, December 30, at 9 p.m.

And the huge Christmas one run by the Social committee will be made on Monday, December 19, at 8.30 p.m. in the Social Club. There are innumerable prizes and any member will be welcome at the draw, which despite its size, can still accommodate a few latecomers, entrance fee only 5p.

Christmas Cards

Another reminder that the new Gloucester R.F.C. Christmas cards with their attractive design and club badge on the front, are now on sale at £1 per dozen—or 10p each—and may be purchased at the office or in the Social Club.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities No. 13 David Pointon

There are few more dedicated players in the club, whether giving his valuable services to the senior team or the United, than DAVID POINTON, equally at home in the centre or at outside-half, and it is perhaps remarkable that he has not



made more County appearances during his comparatively brief career to date.

Born at Rugby, where he was educated at the local Dunsmore School before his three years' teacher training at St. Paul's College, he has so far avoided participating in the "marriage stakes," though a highly eligible bachelor.

David's first senior game was for Rugby at the tender age of 16 and he was called to mark no less a personality than David Duckham. His elder brother, Robin, still plays for Rugby, though he has been dogged by injury sustained when playing for East Midlands against Warwickshire a few seasons ago.

A teacher at St. Peter's School, Tuffley, where he is in charge of physical education and games, David has made nearly 100 appearances for Gloucester, making his debut in the special match at Weston-super-Mare in September, 1975, to mark the Seaside's centenary season.

David has made six championship appearances for Gloucestershire apart from playing in several "friendly" county games for them, and has often been one of the replacements. He had trials for England Schools and on one occasion for reserve for his country in an international match at 19 group level.

His overseas service, he regrets to say, has been limited to the tour of America with the Gloucester club last summer. And, speaking of summer, David is also an accomplished cricketer, having played at Edgbaston on numerous occasions for Warwickshire Schools and Colts.

And he is justly proud of the fact that he has also been reserve for the Warwickshire county Second XI. Maybe a gentle nudge might get him down at the Gloucestershire nets!