



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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MOSELEY

Monday, 2nd January, 1978
at

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Kick-off 3 p.m. OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

* 13. R. Jardine

* 12. B. Vine

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

*† 1. M. Burton

* 2. S. Mills

* 3. G. Sargeant

* 4. J. Fidler

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

P. Howells

J. Herniman

MOSELEY

Full Back

* 15. C. Meanwell

Three Quarters

14. M. Fiskin

*† 13. B. Corless

* 12. M. Swain

* 11. R. Smith

Half Backs

*† 10. M. Cooper

* 9. C. Gifford

Forwards

* 1. K. Astley

* 2. S. Brain

* 3. D. Greaves

* 4. R. Field

* 5. B. Ayre

* 6. J. White

* 8. N. Jeavons

* 7. D. Warren

Replacements

* R. Harding

* D. Nutt

Referee: N. SANSOM (London Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to The New Year— and Moseley!

There could be no better way of celebrating the new year at Kingsholm than the visit of Moseley, the famous Midlanders, who are enjoying another remarkably successful season. We extend a very warm welcome this afternoon for apart from the fact that they have not been seen in action at Kingsholm for more than two years, both sides will be delighted and no doubt relieved to be able to field at near full strength after losing so many players regularly to representative matches.

The telescoped county championship programme—with Gloucestershire constantly successful through to the final—and the regional and district trial matches have left Gloucester sadly weakened for almost every Saturday fixture since early October and has inevitably affected their playing record.

Although not so badly hit by their county games which are staged in mid-week, Moseley have also suffered since the Midlands have been participating in the English "trials"; to the extent that their proud record of being unbeaten at club level was broken a few weeks ago.

Moseley, because of John Player Cup commitments of both clubs, did not meet Gloucester at Kingsholm last season. On their last visit here, believed to be the final game in which the late Sam Doble played in the famous black and red jersey, Moseley gained a convincing victory by 22 points to 9 on Wednesday evening, October 1, 1975.

It was Gloucester's heaviest home defeat that season and they will, no doubt, be asking, like Shylock of old, "Shall we not revenge?" As two of the country's greatest clubs meet in what is virtually a "replay" of last Saturday's county championship final, therefore, we look forward to a thoroughly entertaining and absorbing tussle, trusting, after their long absence, that Moseley enjoy their brief visit to our famous city and ground.

Kingsholm Kackle Doble Memorial

During this afternoon's match a collection will be made in aid of the late Sam Doble's Memorial Fund. It came as a great shock when, in September, rugby followers heard with profound sorrow of the death of "Big Sam," the former Moseley and England full-back, at the tragically young age of 33.

Although he became so often the target for light banter from the Kingsholm crowd, they know their rugby and held him in high esteem as a very accomplished full-back and goal-kicker.

We know that our supporters will give generously to the collection today, augmenting their deepest sympathy to his widow and children in suitably practicable manner.

Weather Guards

Club officials and Press representatives wish to express their very sincere thanks to Rank-Zerox for their generosity and kindness in supplying the plastic "weather guards" in front of the Press box.

When the wintry weather vents its spite in the direction of the main stand, even those patrons sitting in the front row are well aware of the extreme discomfort. To the Press representatives trying against the odds to make notes and write reports on soggy notepaper the guards are a tremendous blessing. They in particular express their very deep gratitude to Rank-Zerox!

International Tickets

It is deeply regretted that many of our members who applied for stand tickets for the England v. Wales match at Twickenham on February 4 will be disappointed.

There were 198 applications for these stand tickets, but the club secretary, Terry Tandy, has received notification from the Rugby Union that Gloucester's allocation is only 66. The newly-formed ticket committee will meet shortly, when the tickets arrive, to make the allocations as fairly as possible, but it will be readily understood that members will be entitled to only one ticket each.

The demand seems a little easier for the international match against

Ireland at Twickenham on March 18, and it is expected that all members who applied will be able to receive their allocation.

Heard This One ?

As it is the festive season perhaps a little true story might be suitable. It concerns a match in which the referee, poor fellow, was not exactly distinguishing himself and there was constant chattering among the forwards, mainly about his shortcomings.

Eventually the official, deciding to stamp his authority on affairs, said, "Cut out the talking, you chaps; there are too many refs. on this field!"

The players made no reply, but one of the "wags" invariably found at most rugby matches had an immediate retort, shouting from the touch-line, "Yea, an' you're not the best of the b-----s, either!"

Diary Dates

Next Saturday the Cherry and Whites travel to the Richmond Athletic Ground for their traditional New Year fixture with London Scottish, but the rest of the month brings a series of home matches, commencing with Leicester on January 14.

Seasonal Salutations

In conclusion the officials, committee and players join in wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and thank you sincerely for your continued interest and wonderful support!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 15 Richard Mogg

At the still tender age of 21 RICHARD ROY MOGG is unquestionably one of the most scintillating young stars to have sparkled on the Gloucester rugby scene in recent years, and in only three seasons in the first-class game has already been recognised by national selectors as what Shakespeare described "a hit, a very palpable hit!"

The typical example of "local boy makes good," Gloucester-born Richard was educated at Hatherley School, where his talents quickly became obvious. Indeed, he was playing at centre three-quarter for Tredworth when he was only 17, but spent only one season with them before joining Gloucester.



He made his senior debut for the Cherry and Whites against neighbouring Cheltenham in October, 1974, and since then his rise to fame has been what is popularly known as meteoric, for he won two "caps" for England Colts.

A pipe-lining engineer, Richard is a highly eligible bachelor; with so many representative match claims on his services, perhaps he has little time to ponder over the possibilities of married bliss, for he has already played four games for England Under 23—against Canada (twice), Japan and France. And there is ample time for him to make several more appearances!

There is a tendency these days, at least in England, not to consider players until they have reached maturity—whatever that may mean—but Richard has already made 16 championship appearances for his native Gloucestershire which, if not unique in county circles, is undoubtedly a rare achievement for one so young!

So many international, trial and county calls have restricted his appearances for Gloucester, yet it is a surprising fact that he has played more than 150 games for the senior side. He missed the trip to America last summer for the simple reason that he was touring Canada—with huge success—with the England Under 23 party. Richard, of course, also toured South Africa with Gloucestershire.

All supporters look forward to seeing the elusive, electrifying runs of "Moggy" at Kingsholm—and surely, for England—for many years ahead!