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V

LYDNEY (J.P.C. 1st Round)

Saturday, 28th January, 1978

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Nº 908

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. R. Jardine

* 12. B. Vine

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

* 9. P. Howells

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. S. Mills

*† 3. M. Burton

* 4. J. Fidler

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. V. Woolley

Replacements

M. Longstaff F. Reed D. Pointon

M. Curran P. Kingston J. Herniman

LYDNEY

Black and White

Full Back

15. M. Howells

Three Quarters

14. J. Jarrett

13. P. Biddle

12. M. Wyman

11. R. Lambert

Half Backs

10. C. Price

9. K. Rodway

Forwards

1. A. Brookes

2. R. Beddis

3. J. Scrivens

4. K. Lindley

5. T. Crocker

6. A. Wyman

8. S. Collins

7. W. Morris (Capt.)

Replacements

M. Thophilus A. Purvis R. Trafford

A. Eagles J. Weech S. Bevan

Referee: D. C. MARTIN (Cornwall Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Up for T' Cup and Welcome again to Lydney!

It was only a week or so ago, on Boxing Day to be exact, that we were extending a warm welcome to our county neighbours and friends, Lydney; now we are delighted to have them again at Kingsholm, this time for the first round of the JOHN PLAYER Cup.

A poet of the last century wrote that tradition approves all forms of competition and the "glamour" of the cup, be it cricket, rugby, soccer, or any other sport, is a guarantee of additional spice to the contest. The sense of combativeness is in the air.

That they defeated Lydney convincingly on Boxing Day will prompt no sign of complacency in Gloucester ranks. Our neighbours have improved since then and have been training rigorously for today's important game.

Lydney are no strangers to the competition for they played in the first round in 1971-72 and the following season. With "cup fever" in the air, then, we look forward to another exciting and entertaining match with our County friends this afternoon!

Kingsholm Kackle Cup Jottings

The advent of the JOHN PLAYER Cup competition seems an opportune time to remind supporters—though most are, of course, well informed on such matters—of some of the rules and other relevant information.

Should the scores be level after 80 minutes' play the team that has scored the most tries goes forward to the next round. If this does not produce a result the team that has scored the most goals from tries will be the winners. With a result still not forthcoming, the visiting team will move into the next round.

JOHN PLAYER & SONS have increased their sponsorship this season to such an extent that even the losing teams in the first round will each receive £600 — small wonder the competition has truly been called a "money spinner"!

By special permission two first round matches have already been played, Wasps winning through by virtue of being the away side in a draw of six points each with Richmond, while Coventry were extremely lucky to beat Wilmslow at Coundon Road last Saturday by 7 points to 6.

Six replacements may be named for all Cup matches, though only two, of course, may be used. The second round matches are due to be played in four weeks' time, on Saturday, February 25, but supporters of all surviving clubs will have to be a little patient as the draw is to be made at the International Sports Writers' Club in Great Russell Street, London, at noon on Monday.

Today's other remaining first round matches are: Morley v. Gosforth; Waterloo v. Bedford; Liverpool v. Sale; Exeter v. Bath; Bristol v. Falmouth; Walsall v. Northampton; Nottingham v. Wakefield; Moseley v. Blackheath; Leicester v. Hartlepool Rovers; Saracens v. London Welsh; U.S. Portsmouth v. Harlequins; Rosslyn Park v. High Wycombe; Esher v. London Irish.

Great Start

Congratulations to the lads on their magnificent start to the New Year. At last restored to near full strength after the demands made by the county championship and "trial" matches after three frustrating months, they have celebrated by defeating Moseley, London Scottish, Leicester and Wasps, four of the country's leading clubs, in the space of three weeks.

Patrons' Evening

A final reminder — in the nicest way, of course! — to all our Patrons that their annual "get-together" will be held in the Social Club **next Wednesday, February 1**, and that admission is **by ticket only**, obtainable from club secretary Terry Tandy, Cecil Pope or Mervyn Elway.

French Visitors?

Arrangements are well in hand for an exceptionally interesting match at Kingsholm on **Sunday, March 19**, kick-off 3 p.m., when Racing Club de

Narbonne, the French Division 1 club, will meet Gloucester. It will be a tough assignment for the lads if form is any guide, as Narbonne is one of the strongest clubs in France and have supplied innumerable players to their national team, including the legendary Spanghero brothers. It is hoped that Gloucester will play the return match on the Narbonne ground on Sunday, August 27 — the Bank Holiday weekend.

Lucky Programme

The lucky programme winner (No. 27) for last week's match against Wasps was Mr. G. Richards, of 53 Zoons Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester, who was the richer by £5.

The Bristol Game

The long-awaited clash with our other old County rivals, Bristol, will be next **Friday evening, February 3**, kick-off 7 p.m. The match was brought forward, of course, because of the televised England v. Wales international at Twickenham next Saturday.

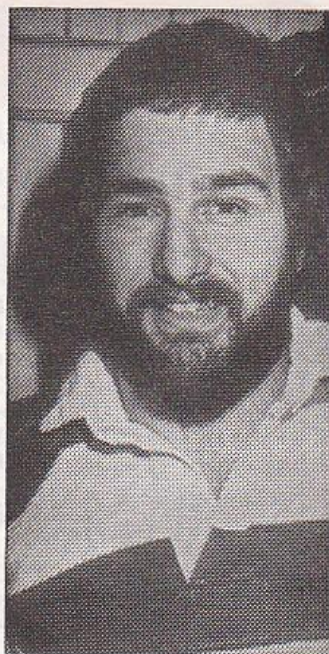
ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities No. 18

Gordon Sargent

What more timely opportunity than this afternoon's John Player Cup match to turn the proverbial spotlight on prop forward GORDON ALAN FRANK SARGENT, a former Lydney captain now an essential part of a formidable Gloucester pack. A burly forward of such remarkable speed that Leonard Sachs, chairman of "Olde Time Music Hall", might refer to him as the acme of academic aggression despite his anatomical avoirdupois. (Big and speedy to you!).

Still basking in the bliss of celibacy he is, in his own words, "open to offers" from the right lady, who would have, of course, to be a lover of sport, particularly rugby and cricket. Gordon is one of several products of Lydney—to whom many thanks—currently gracing the scene at Kingsholm.



A native of Lydney, he was educated at the local school and has represented the County Schools (15 group) and the Colts. Gordon played for the Town club for nine seasons, two as their skipper, before joining the Cherry and Whites at the start of last season, making his senior debut against Stroud at Kingsholm on Wednesday evening, September 8, 1976, since when he has quickly established himself as one of the leading props in the country.

A leg injury earlier this season denied him his chance in the County championship, though he has made ten appearances for Gloucestershire, with whom he toured South Africa two years ago.

Gordon was honoured by selection in the England Under 23 squad for the match against Japan but was unluckily cast aside when it was discovered that he was slightly over age, proving, as he says, that he has a birth certificate.

Watching him blasting his determined way over the turf, his aspect sinister but princely, it is not difficult to imagine "Sarge" the fiery fast bowler in the summer months, hurling down his thunderbolts at apprehensive batsmen. For he also represented Lydney at cricket for ten seasons before throwing in his lot with Bream, where he now lives.