



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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BRISTOL

Friday, 3rd February, 1978

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Nº 803

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. Howells

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargeant

* 2. S. Mills

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Fidler

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. V. Woolley

Replacements

S. Baker

J. Herniman

BRISTOL

Blue and White

Full Back

A. P. Cue

Three Quarters

*† B. K. Plummer (Capt.)

C. J. Kelly

* D. N. Hunt

* E. R. Carter

Half Backs

*§ F. D. Sorrell

* G. A. Pearn

Forwards

* H. M. Fry

*† I. J. Pullin

* J. A. Sheppard

*§ K. N. Pomphrey

* L. A. Troughton

*§ M. P. Polledri

N. S. Gorvett

O. M. Baker

Replacements

J. Lane

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Referee: K. A. PATTINSON (North Midlands)

† International

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* County



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Cordial Welcome to Bristol

This evening we extend an extremely warm welcome to our old and valued county friends, Bristol, for the return match in that strange concoction of the Rugby Union, an unequal assessment of various clubs' strength which masquerades under the euphemism of the South-West Merit Table.

But matches between our two great clubs need no spurious leagues nor tables to stimulate interest; the traditional friendly rivalry that has existed for 90 years ensures ample reward in victory deservedly gained. to the satisfaction of the respective teams and their supporters.

Now that the county championship campaign and the various England "trial" matches—another seemingly pointless, and expensive, exercise—are over our two clubs, after months of frustration, are hopeful of fielding at near full strength for the remainder of the season.

Last season Bristol visited Kingsholm twice, winning the normal club match on September 25, 1976, by the narrow margin of 9 - 6; but since then it has been very much Gloucester's turn. They defeated their old rivals by 12 - 3, again at Kingsholm, in the John Player Cup on February 12, 1977, then last April 27 travelled down to the Memorial Ground and, producing one of their finest displays of the season, romped to a remarkable victory by 34 - 9, the highest score and margin of victory ever recorded in matches between the two clubs.

Over the 90 years, however, as Bristol's assiduous statistician, "Cabot," has taken such pains to unearth, honours have been pretty even between the West Country's two "big guns." His records show that of the 154 matches played Gloucester have won 76, scoring 1,169 points, while Bristol have secured 62 victories with 1,054 points, the remaining 16 matches being drawn.

We look forward to another absorbing game this evening, but whatever the outcome, we wish Bristol every success in their forthcoming John Player Cup game with Moseley, sincerely hoping they win handsomely. There might be frowns

at Twickenham, but what better Cup Final could there be than Gloucester v. Bristol?

Kingsholm Kackle Our Sponsors

The close liaison that has always existed between Gloucester R.F.C. and our County cricket club is further strengthened by the sponsoring of this evening's match by Messrs. Sutcliffe Catering Company (West of England) Ltd. and their popular chairman, Mr. J. K. "Ken" Graveney.

Ken, who is also chairman of Gloucestershire C.C.C., needs no introduction to sportsmen. Like his famous younger brother, Tom, he is a former skipper of Gloucestershire and is one of the select band of bowlers to have taken all ten wickets in an innings, performing this outstanding feat—at a cost of only 66 runs—against Derbyshire at Chesterfield in 1949.

Ken is a keen rugby enthusiast and we welcome him to Kingsholm this evening, the while extending our grateful thanks to him and his company for sponsoring the game. While he may find Kingsholm in February somewhat different from the Winget ground in June, we sincerely trust that he will enjoy the rugger and his brief visit to our fair city!

And now for Gosforth!

Home to Gosforth, the holders, in the second round of the John Player Cup competition! It was the draw that players, officials and supporters alike all devoutly wished, yet scarcely dared hope could occur. Now comes the numerous preparations for what has already been termed "the match of the day" on Saturday, February 25, when the Cherry and Whites will be determined to exact revenge against Gosforth for what many thought was a cruel defeat — by a solitary penalty goal — in the quarter-final game at Newcastle last March.

Given ideal weather, could it be a "full house" at Kingsholm? In any event, a huge crowd is certain and at their meeting this week the committee wisely made the necessary arrangements to cope with an un-

usually large influx of supporters and visitors for the big match.

Club secretary Terry Tandy stresses that it will *not* be "all ticket," except for the Stand, and that supporters will be able to pay at the gate, though it will obviously be wise of them to arrive as early as they possibly can to avoid congestion and long queues.

Tickets will be available this evening, and may be obtained from Terry at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens—with a stamped addressed envelope, please!—or at the office on the ground on a match day. Most clubs will obviously be raising their prices for the Cup matches, but the Gloucester committee are to be congratulated on keeping theirs as low as they possibly can. The Grand Stand will be £1.00. Exceedingly reasonable, though it must be emphasised that for this Cup game there are no half-price seats in the Stand for senior citizens and children.

Distribution of Cup Tickets

Because of the expected heavy demand Patrons and Members are respectfully reminded that they will only be able to obtain *two* Stand tickets each. And they must make their applications to Terry Tandy *at the very latest* by Monday, February 13, the evening of the match against the Army. Any Stand tickets left after this date will be put on sale to the general public.

Ground tickets are available this evening and may be purchased from the Secretary; the Social Club; Hudson & Co. (Northgate Street); Alan Brinn Sports (Barton Street); or from the Lamprey Hotel, Westgate Street. Ground tickets are at the exceptionally moderate price of 50p, and here concessions will apply, for the cost is only 25p for senior citizens and the youngsters. But again the advice is — "Get 'em as soon as you can!"

"Rugby Post"

Taking our minds off the Cup and other exciting matches for the moment, a reminder that the New Year edition of the "Rugby Post"—the official magazine for all rugger

types — is now available, price 20p, from the office on the ground or the Social Club.

Diary Dates

Tomorrow week, February 11, Gloucester travel to meet other old friends, Bath, at the Recreation Ground for what will be another South-West Merit Table match. But the highly successful United side, piling up the points with some brilliant displays and unbeaten at home, entertain Bath United, kick-off 3 p.m. With only three away defeats, all of which have been amply avenged at Kingsholm, Alan Brinn's lads have not had a home match since early January and would appreciate your support. They deserve it! The senior side's next home game is with the Army on Monday week, February 13, with the usual evening kick-off at 7 p.m.

Not-so-bleak January

January may usually be the bleakest month of the calendar, but it did not appear that way to skipper John Watkins and the lads, whom we congratulate on their magnificent start to the New Year. At last restored to near full strength after the constant trial and championship demands of the previous three months they have celebrated in fine style with convincing victories over Moseley, London Scottish, Leicester and Wasps, four of the country's leading clubs, then ended the month by summarily disposing of Lydney in the first round of the John Player Cup last Saturday. In those five matches they amassed no fewer than 134 points, taking their tally for the season to 680!

No Personality

Such has been the pressure of space on club news and the John Player Cup that the popular "Club Personalities" feature has had to be held over. It is hoped to continue the series in our programme for the next home match, against the Army.

Lucky Programme

The holder of the lucky programme, No. 481, for the Lydney game was Mr. E. Withington, of Ruardean, Glos., who won £5.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.