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GOSFORTH (J.P.C.) **(2nd Round)**

Saturday, 25th February, 1978

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Nº 3627

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White
Full Back

*† 15. P. E. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. J. Clewes

* 13. R. Jardine

* 12. B. J. Vine

*§ 11. R. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. G. Williams

* 9. P. R. Howell

Forwards

* 1. G. A. F. Sargent

* 2. S. G. F. Mills

*† 3. M. A. Burton

* 4. J. H. Fidler

*§ 5. S. B. Boyle

*† 6. J. A. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. F. Simonett

7. V. J. Wooley

Replacements

M. Longstaff D. Pointon P. Kingston

F. Reed M. Curran E. Pinkney

GOSFORTH

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* 14. J. S. Gustard

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* 12. J. S. Archer

11. A. Moor

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* 10. R. W. Breakey

*† 9. M. Young (Capt.)

Forwards

* 1. C. White

*† 2. D. F. Madsen

*§ 3. J. Bell

* 4. T. C. Roberts

* 5. J. Hedley

*† 6. P. J. Dixon

* 8. J. Butler

* 7. D. Robinson

Replacements

A. Johnston D. Johnson D. Pledger

R. Anderson S. Bainbridge J. Blissett

Referee: A. A. Welsby (Lancaster)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Up For T' Cup — And A Warm Welcome To Holders Gosforth

It has been reported that Gosforth could have wished for better luck than to be drawn away against Gloucester in the JOHN PLAYER Cup competition; but while that is by way of being a compliment to the Cherry and Whites we in turn can assure our North Country friends that no club could have been a greater attraction than they are this afternoon at Kingsholm. The huge crowd is proof of that assurance.

To Gosforth we extend a very cordial welcome, not only as extremely formidable opponents who have won the John Player Cup for the past two seasons, but also as comparatively new friends, strangers to most of our supporters in all but reputation and making their first-ever appearance at Kingsholm.

On their triumphant cup march last season Gosforth — we scarcely need reminding — beat Gloucester by a penalty goal to nil and we are, perhaps, entitled to ask, "Shall we not revenge?" For the records of the two clubs in the national knock-out competition are unusually similar.

Since its inception in season 1971-72 Gloucester — the first-ever winners — have won 12 cup matches and lost 5, scoring 231 points and conceding 110, while Gosforth have won 14 and lost 4, with 299 points against 157. This, together with the "glamour" of the cup, whatever the sport, is a guarantee of additional spice to the contest.

The Arctic weather of the past few weeks has left most rugby clubs woefully short of match practice, though both Gloucester and Gosforth have been training rigorously in preparation for this second round of the cup, rightly listed, we feel, as "the match of the day."

Effort being the highest common factor in every successful venture we eagerly look forward to an exciting and absorbing game this afternoon, full, we trust, of what Hamlet in his famous speech termed "enterprises of great pith and moment."

Kingsholm Kackle

Cup Jottings

Although most supporters are well informed on such matters, it seems appropriate to recall some of the rules and other relevant information on the JOHN PLAYER Cup competition.

Should the scores be level after 40 minutes' play each way 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 proportions that even the losing teams in the second round will **each receive £800**. Small wonder that the competition has been called a "money spinner"!

Six replacements may be named for all Cup matches, though only two, of course, may be used.

The quarter-final round matches are due to be played in a fortnight's time, on Saturday, March 11, 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, when England hooker Peter Wheeler, of Leicester, will be in attendance.

Sincere Thanks to Sally

We extend deepest thanks to our popular M.P., **Mrs. Sally Oppenheim**, for her generous gesture in donating the ball to be used for this afternoon's game. She is one of the Cherry and Whites' most avid supporters and watched them win the first-ever final six years ago.

She is hoping to be present today and we trust that she will see that ball kicked around—and freely handled!—to her satisfaction and enjoyment. Thank you, Sally!

On T.V.

Our game this afternoon is being televised—at least in part—by H.T.V. (West) for viewing in their sports programme next Thursday evening at 6.15 p.m., when shots from the Bristol—Moseley cup match will also be shown.

"Rugby Post"

A reminder that the current issue of the "Rugby Post"—the official magazine for all rucker types—is now available, price 20p, from the office on the ground or in the Social Club.

Enlarged Programme

Quoting loosely from the Bard in "rememb'ring good friends," a sincere word of thanks to our printers, Messrs. Stoate & Bishop, Ltd., for so kindly donating four extra pages for our programme today, enabling "pen pictures" of the two teams to be included.

Many thanks also to two of our visitors' correspondents, **John Pargeter** and **Alan Hedley**, of the Newcastle morning and evening newspapers, for their valuable assistance in supplying the brief notes on the Gosforth players.

Diary Date Switch

Gloucester's match against Northampton at Franklin's Gardens, due to

have been played next Saturday, has been brought forward to the previous evening, Friday, March 3. Gloucester United's match against Northampton Wanderers will be played at Kingsholm next Saturday, kick-off 3 p.m., as scheduled.

Not On Steps, Please!

Supporters are respectfully requested not to stand on the steps leading to the main stand, as the view of other spectators there is obscured. This is particularly important this afternoon with such a large crowd. Thank you!

Second Round Ties

The sub-zero temperature of recent weeks has played havoc with rugby fixtures and upset the carefully-laid schedule of the John Player Cup. For two of the first round matches were "frozen off" — Saracens v. London Welsh and Nottingham v. Wakefield — and these are due to be played this afternoon together with the second round ties.

Today's full cup programme is:

First round — Saracens v. London Welsh; Nottingham v. Wakefield. (Bill Fowler, the well-known Gloucester referee, will be in charge of this latter game).

Second round — Bristol v. Moseley; Exeter v. Coventry; Gloucester v. Gosforth; Harlequins v. London Irish; Leicester v. Rosslyn Park (The "Rugby Special" match on B.B.C.); Wasps v. Waterloo.

In the other two second round ties Northampton have to meet the winners of Nottingham—Wakefield at Franklin's Gardens, while the winners of the Saracens—London Welsh clash are home to Liverpool. The Rugby Union has directed that these two cup matches are to be played next Saturday, thus causing a few more headaches for hapless fixture secretaries.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

THE JOHN PLAYER CUP

FINAL TWICKENHAM APRIL 15 1978

GLOUCESTER

v

GOSFORTH

at KINGSHOLM on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1978

"Pen Pictures" of the Teams

With most of the players having been featured in the programme for each home match — or on the short list for a "mench in the prog", as one radio disc jockey might say — it is not intended to make the Gloucester "pen pictures" a rampant stronghold of indiscriminate fecundity. (A load of "bull" on their potential and productive powers to you!) Rather to give more detailed notes on our Gosforth visitors.

GLoucester GLADIATORS

J. A. WATKINS (Captain)

Blind-side flanker. Ninth season with the club and a product of Gordon League. Single, he has made seven appearances for England and was skipper of the County last season. The first Gloucester player to skipper the Barbarians since Don Rutherford. Also an accomplished wicket-keeper-batsman. A diemaker by trade.

P. E. BUTLER

Full-back. The club vice-captain and country's leading goal-kicker, creating a record in Great Britain a few years ago by scoring 574 points in a season. Has, oddly enough, made only two appearances for England. Educated at Crypt School he began with Old Cryptians before studying at Birmingham University, where he became rugby captain. Production manager at a local chemical factory.

R. J. CLEWES

Wing three-quarter. Has made nearly 400 appearances for Gloucester and scored over 200 tries. Educated at Archway School, Stroud, he quickly won a place in the Stroud senior side but moved to Kingsholm in 1968. Is a site agent at Hucclecote with a well-known firm of building contractors.

R. JARDINE

Centre. One of the club's four police officers, he was recently appointed as one of the security force at Gatcombe Manor, the stately home of H.R.H. Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips. Educated at Chipping Sodbury School, he has played 27 times for Gloucestershire, being out of action for championship games this season because of a fractured cheek-bone.

B. J. VINE

Centre. One of several players to have joined the club from that great rugby stronghold, Lydney, in recent years. Educated at Lydney School and has two Gloucestershire appearances to his credit. Is a carpenter.

R. R. MOGG

Wing three-quarter. Still only 21 is a typical example of "local boy makes good", having been educated at Hatherley School. Has already played four games for England Under 23 even at his tender age, and made 16 appearances for the County. He is a pipe-lining engineer.

C. G. WILLIAMS

Stand-off half. Has played for Lydney, St. Pauls College, R.A.F. and Headingley prior to joining Gloucester. Won an England cap against France two years ago. Educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford, and Lydney Grammar School, he was an officer in the Royal Air Force but now runs a bistro in Tewkesbury.

P. R. HOWELL

Scrum-half. Like his partner today is another product of Lydney and was educated at the local school there. Is employed at a rubber factory in the town. Played for Gloucestershire Colts before starting his senior rugby career with Lydney.

G. A. F. SARGENT

Prop. Another native of Lydney, he was also educated at the local school and has represented the County Schools and the Colts. Played for Lydney for nine seasons, two as captain, before joining the Cherry and Whites last season. In the summer he meets with considerable success as a fast bowler. He is an insurance executive.

S. G. F. MILLS

Hooker. Born in Cirencester he was educated at their local grammar school before attending North Gloucestershire Technical College at Cheltenham, where he now resides. Has been near to selection for England over the past two seasons. He is a computer programmer with a large insurance company in Cheltenham.

M. A. BURTON

Prop. Genial, with a humorous twinkle in his eye, yet probably the most controversial figure in the game today. He is the most capped of Gloucester's current players and is a British Lion. According to general opinion should be an automatic choice for England, with the remainder of the side built around him. Educated at Longlevens School he is a representative with an oil company.

S. B. BOYLE

Lock. Though proclaiming rightly that it wasn't his fault, was born in Warrington, and knew nothing about rugby until moving to Gloucester, where he was educated at Sir Thomas Rich's School. Is an England Under 23 international. A representative with a finance company.

J. H. FIDLER

Lock. Another of the club's policemen and popularly known as "Officer Dibble". He has won so many honours with Schools and Colts teams that he cannot remember them all. Played for neighbouring Cheltenham before joining Gloucester seven years ago. Educated at Hucclecote School.

J. F. SIMONETT

No. 8. A comparatively recent member who joined from St. Paul's College three years ago after gaining recognition by Gloucestershire for several "friendly" county matches. He is a teacher at Beaufort School.

V. J. WOOLEY

Open-side flanker. Probably the least experienced, but by no means the least industrious and skilful player in the side. Educated at Lucton School he played for Herefordshire Schools before moving back to Gloucester. He is a training officer with Brooke Bond Exports.

M. LONGSTAFF

Wing three-quarter or full-back. A versatile player who has appeared in several positions, he is also a competent place-kicker. Educated at Sir Thomas Rich's School and joined the club from Old Richians. An Inland Revenue official.

D. POINTON

Centre or stand-off half. An extremely clever player who has made six championship appearances for Gloucestershire, though he was born at Rugby and made his debut at the age of 16, when he was called upon to mark David Duckham. Educated at Dunsmore School, Rugby, he has also been reserve for Warwickshire's Second XI at cricket. He is a teacher at St. Peter's School, Tuffley.

P. KINGSTON

Scrum-half. Strange perhaps to find an international among the replacements, but he has been dogged by injury and illness in the past year. First choice for Gloucestershire, he was forced to miss the county final because of 'flu and has played no first XV games for two months. Educated at Lydney Grammar School and St. Paul's College, he is a teacher at Cheltenham Grammar School.

F. C. REED

Hooker. Another player who has been dogged by injury this season. Gloucester are indeed fortunate to have two such vastly experienced County hookers as Reed and Mills. He has also been near an England cap and has made several county appearances. Starting with local club All Blues, he has been with Gloucester ten years. He is a training officer with an engineering firm.

M. A. CURRAN

Prop. One of those tough, hard-working forwards that numerous clubs would like to have in their ranks. Formerly played for Cheltenham, whom he skippered for one season. Educated at Chosen Hill School. He is an Inland Revenue inspector.

E. A. PINKNEY

No. 8 or flanker. A speedy, powerful back-row forward who took no interest in rugby until he was 18, when he began playing for All Blues, though soon afterwards moved to the Matson club. Educated at Kingsholm School, he has made one appearance for Gloucestershire. He is a welder with a local engineering firm.

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have pleasure in presenting Gloucester Rugby Club with this "Pen Portrait" of both teams for supporters to keep as a record. They wish players, officials and supporters of both clubs an enjoyable and memorable game.

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