



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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ST. LUKES COLLEGE

Friday, 3rd March, 1978

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

N^o 0401

Kick-off 7 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

ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

Light Blue and Dark Blue

Full Back

15. G. Walters

Three Quarters

14. J. Nicholls

13. D. Brooks

12. J. Desborough

11. R. Price

Half Backs

10. A. Watkins

9. L. Yandle

Forwards

1. B. Howarth

2. A. Wolstenholme

3. B. Redko

4. A. Brown

5. H. Robinson

6. H. Lewis

8. B. Kenny

7. M. Wise

Replacements

J. Smith

K. Collins

Referee: G. G. Cromwell (Gloucestershire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome - And Valediction - To St. Luke's

An extremely warm welcome to St. Luke's College this evening is coupled with our deep gratitude to them in so willingly—and at very short notice—agreeing to meet Gloucester, who would otherwise have been without a match on the week-end before the next round of the John Player Cup.

As most supporters know, the Cherry and Whites were due to travel to Franklin's Gardens to meet Northampton this evening; but the match had to be cancelled as the Midlands had to play their postponed second round Cup tie against Wakefield tomorrow.

This presented obvious problems for Gloucester, for it meant that they would be desperately short of match practice for the important Cup game with Wasps at Sudbury tomorrow week. But even at a late hour the College stepped into the breach and they can be assured of a cordial reception at Kingsholm this evening.

With this welcome, however, comes a sad note of valediction; for this is the last time St. Luke's College as such will be seen at Kingsholm. Indeed, it is their last season as the popular St. Luke's side whose style of rugby we have enjoyed over the years. In a few months they will be combining with Exeter University, though no doubt the same high standards they have set will continue.

The Students have already visited Kingsholm once this season, on Wednesday, October 12, when, supporters will readily recall, they contributed richly to an exciting and absorbing game which ended in victory for Gloucester by 21 points to 3. We look forward to another such entertaining tussle as we bid farewell to—St. Luke's College!

Kingsholm Kackle Glorious Gloucester

Congratulations to the lads on their great John Player Cup victory over the holders, Gosforth, last Saturday. They outplayed the Northern champions in every phase of the game and

proved once again where the real strength of English rugby lies.

Most of the national correspondents gave the Cherry and Whites full credit for a victory most people had forecast, but unfortunately there are still those few who saw fit to belittle their performance; one even going to the idiotic extremes of accusing them of intimidation, apparently spotting incidents which no-one else in the large crowd saw.

We know there are those London writers who will gnash their teeth in rage if Gloucester won the Cup, just as they have done over the years that Gloucestershire have carried off the county championship. We would merely remind them that having a chip on each shoulder does not make a man balanced in his judgement!

Lucky Programme

In the extra large Gosforth programme, the lucky number was 3201, and it was purchased by Mr. Meecham, of 28 Milton Avenue, Podsmead, Gloucester, who won £5.

" 300 Club "

The February draw of the "300 Club" was made last Friday evening and the prize-winners were: £25—Brian Howells (No. 205); £10 each—Sue Nicholls (167), Spartans R.F.C. (66), Jack Fowke (89), Pat Voyce (12), Henry Oppenheim (300).

Golden Oldies

The match between Northampton and Gloucester "Golden Oldies," due to have been played at Northampton next Sunday week, March 12, has been postponed, of course, because of the Cup match against Wasps on the previous day. The "Golden Oldies" will now perform—to the best of their ability—on the following Sunday, March 19. Those who have booked seats on the coach and are unable to make the trip on this new date are asked to contact Tom Palmer, Mickie Booth or Alan Brinn as soon as possible.

The Road to Sudbury

The thoughts of our thousands of loyal supporters are naturally centred mainly on the quarter-final of the John Player Cup competition, when Gloucester travel to meet Wasps at Sudbury tomorrow week, March 11. The Wasps received news of the draw with mixed feelings; for while freely admitting that Gloucester were the last opponents they wanted, they all agree they could have had no better club for a "bumper" gate.

The Wasps' ground at Repton Avenue in North-West London has nothing like the capacity of Kingsholm, consequently our allocation of stand tickets, which cost £1.50p each, is strictly limited and it is regretted that Patrons will be allowed *only one each*, and these are available this evening and Monday from club secretary Terry Tandy at the office on the ground or at his home, 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens. These *must* be claimed by Monday at the latest, as any remaining afterwards will be on sale to the public. There is a good supply of ground tickets also available, price £1.

By Train

British Rail has announced its schedule for the special trip of which many of our supporters will wish to take advantage. The train will leave Gloucester at 10.50—Cheltenham at 11.00—and is due to arrive at *Wembley Central* at 13.36. From the station to the rugby ground is about 20 minutes' walk, but buses, Nos. 18, 182 and 245, all run to the Swan Hotel, which is only the proverbial stone's throw from the ground. Walk down Eaton Avenue and into Repton Avenue.

For the return journey the train will depart from Wembley Central at 17.55 (5.55 p.m.), arriving back at Cheltenham at 20.40 (8.45 p.m.) and at Gloucester ten minutes later. The fare is £3 for adults and £2 for children, and this will ensure reserved seats, but—*book early in your own interests!*

By Coach

Coaches have been booked, of course, for the big match, and these will leave Kingsholm at 10 a.m., allowing plenty of time for a spot of refreshment en route, probably at a convenient hostelry not so far from Sudbury. The cost is only £2 per seat and tickets may be purchased from Terry Close in the Social Club this evening.

Some supporters will wish to stay on after the match, especially if the lads beat Wasps, and spend a convivial evening in London celebrating. Others will prefer to return and do their celebrating back in Gloucester. With this very much in mind the organisers will arrange for one coach to stay in London until the late hours and any others to return soon after the match.

And By Car

For various reasons many supporters will travel by car and those conversant with the route will no doubt turn off left at the Bridge Hotel just past Northolt Aerodrome. But for those unsure of the way it might be better, if slightly longer, to keep on the Western Avenue as far as Hanger Lane, at the junction of the North Circular Road, A.406, with the A.40.

Turn left—under the fly-over—on to the North Circular, then almost immediately left again on to the A.4005, Bridgewater Road. Follow the signposts to Wembley, perhaps about $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 miles along the Bridgewater Road to a large roundabout. Carry straight on, to the A.404, and follow the signposts to Harrow. After passing under a railway bridge take the first turning right, Rugby Avenue, then a short distance along turn left at Repton Avenue and into the ground.

Postponed Cup Games

Tomorrow brings two John Player Cup second round matches, delayed because of the "freeze-up" last month. Northampton meet Wakefield at Franklin's Gardens and London Welsh are home to Liverpool at Old Deer Park.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.