



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Saturday, 25th March, 1978

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

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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. B. Vine

* 12. R. Jardine

*§ 11. R. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. G. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. A. F. Sargent

* 2. F. Reed

*† 3. M. A. Burton

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. A. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. F. Simonett

* 7. J. Haines

Replacements

R. Corriea

J. Herniman

HEADINGLEY

Full Back

15. D. Lowther

Three Quarters

14. P. Latham

13. H. Cooper

12. A. Riley

11. G. Smith

Half Backs

10. J. Clarkson

9. J. Pickin

Forwards

1. N. Weaver

2. A. Maychell

3. M. McCaffery

4. M. Beaumont

5. R. Thawnton

6. T. Donovan

8. K. Martin

7. G. Panter

Replacements

R. Hughes

V. Oliver

Referee: P. ROGERS (East Midland Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Schools' International

There are few events more eagerly awaited at Kingsholm than the annual Schools (19 group) international matches. This season England's opponents are Scotland and the game is on Tuesday evening, April 4, kick-off 7.15 p.m. Stand tickets are £1 and may be obtained from Terry Tandy or Hudson & Co, sports outfitters, Northgate Street. Admission to the ground is only 50p.

The match is being sponsored by Messrs. Phillips' Petroleum, Ltd., and the hosts for the evening will be Messrs. Whitbread's Ltd., the famous brewers. Both companies between them have already purchased 300 stand tickets for their many guests and as most of our own supporters will be eager to see the lads in action again they are advised to obtain their tickets as early as they can.

New Jerseys

Not an American rugby team on tour, but a reference to the new "strips" worn by Gloucester this afternoon. These have been donated by Europa Sports, of Leicester, and the players, committee and officials wish to thank them for this very generous gesture.

Sponsors

Thanks are also due to Messrs. Brunson & Co, insurance brokers, of Wessex House, Clarence Street, Gloucester, for so kindly donating the ball to be used for this afternoon's match.

Scoreboard

Regular supporters will have noticed the new scoreboard gradually taking shape, so to speak, in recent weeks

and this afternoon it is hoped it will be in use for the first time. Few will disagree that it is one of the most imposing in club rugby and will provide ample shelter for the industrious young men who keep the score so diligently in inclement weather.

Next Match

Gloucester have another home match on Monday, when Birkenhead Park will be the visitors to Kingsholm, with the usual kick-off at 3 p.m. Following the cup semi-final next Saturday there are only two more home matches, against Ebbw Vale on April 8, and Exeter, the "ringing down of the curtain," on April 29.

Fixture Change

The original fixture with Cardiff, due to have been played next Saturday, is obviously off as both clubs are in their respective cup semi-finals, but Gloucester United's match with Cardiff Athletic is *on*, though the date has again been changed. This will now be played at Kingsholm *next Thursday* evening, kick-off 7 p.m.

Club Personality

Because of the demands on space, particularly the notes on the Cup semi-final the popular "Club Personality" feature has had to be omitted, but it is hoped to resume shortly.

Happy Easter

In conclusion the officials, committee and players join in wishing you all a very happy Easter holiday and thank you sincerely for your continued support!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Cordial Welcome To Headingley!

At this holiday time we extend a very cordial welcome to Headingley, our old friends from Yorkshire, who are our traditional visitors, though only every other year, on the Saturday of Easter-tide.

This afternoon's game will obviously hold some fond memories for our international fly-half, Chris Williams, who was with Headingley, of course, before joining Gloucester three seasons ago. (A vote of thanks might be in order to the Yorkshire club).

Last Saturday, in a closely-contested game, Headingley who, incidentally, are 100 years old this season, gave a splendid display before losing their away game to Liverpool by 18 points to 10.

The Yorkshiremen invariably contribute richly to the entertainment on their visits to Kingsholm and we look forward to another absorbing game this afternoon.

Kingsholm Kackle T' Cup

The main topic of conversation among our supporters is naturally the John Player Cup and the fact that they had an away draw in the last round means that the lads have not been seen in action at Kingsholm since early this month. But their rigorous training sessions have continued unabated in readiness for the important semi-final match against Harlequins next Saturday.

The decision to play at Twickenham, while a little surprising, will eliminate all worries about tickets for the semi-final. Indeed, it is not proposed to issue any, for there will

naturally be room for all our fervent supporters. And to ensure that the famous Kingsholm roar of "Glawster, Glawster!" is heard at its loudest in such a large arena it has been suggested that all supporters concentrate on the West side. By so doing we can at least be certain that that awe-inspiring roar of encouragement is concentrated in one area and let the Harlequins know that the "Gloucester boys" have arrived.

Train and Coaches

Knowing the insatiable appetite for rugby of Gloucesterians, of course, British Rail will be running the usual special train. This will leave Gloucester at 9.50, arriving at Twickenham station at 12.02. It will depart from "Twickers" after the match at 18.37 and is due back at Gloucester at 20.50, leaving ample time to celebrate or drown one's sorrows in the usual way. The cost—and it is advisable to book in advance—is £3 for adults and £2 for children. The restaurants at Twickenham, incidentally, will be open after the match.

The usual fleet of coaches—known as Close's "chariots and cohorts"—will be running at a cost of £2 per seat. Bookings should be made as soon as possible with Terry Close in the Social Club and he will gladly provide any other further details required.

Patrons' Coach

In addition to "Close's chariots" a special Patrons' coach to Twickenham will be run and this will include an evening meal on the return journey. The cost is not yet known as this will depend upon the price of the meal, still under negotiation, but, as Cecil Pope is on holiday, all details may be obtained from Jim Bennett or from the club secretary, Terry Tandy at the office on the ground this afternoon. Again, patrons are asked to book their seats as soon as possible.