GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
FOUNDED 1873
PRESIDENT
A. T. VOYCE, O.B.E.

GLOUCESTER
v
BROUGHTON PARK

Saturday, 2nd September, 1978
at
Kingsholm, Gloucester
Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p
### Gloucester

- **Full Back**: 15. P. Butler
- **Half Backs**: 10. C. Williams, 9. P. Kingston

**Replacements**: P. Howell *, E. Pinkney

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### Broughton Park

- **Full Back**: 15. K. O'Brien
- **Half Backs**: 10. J. Partington, 9. F. Thomason

**Replacements**: J. Wilde *, M. Boyd

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**Referee**: J. Williams (Warwickshire Society)
Welcome to The Park—and the new season!

With the “hazy, lazy, crazy days” of summer having this year proved almost a fallacy and the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness approaching, we start the new campaign by extending the time-honoured warm welcome to old friends from the north, Broughton Park, trusting they will enjoy their brief visit to Kingsholm.

In recent years Gloucester have invariably met the Park in the opening match of the season, on an alternative home and away basis.

Last year, on September 3, the Cherry and Whites travelled to Chelfield Grove and won convincingly by 27-0, while the Park’s last visit to Kingsholm, on Saturday, September 4, 1976, also ended in victory for Gloucester in an entertaining game by 31-6.

We look forward, then, to such another enjoyable tussle this afternoon to open what we all trust will bring further honours for the lads and the club.

As our members and supporters will see, the new floodlights will give at least 35 per cent increase in illumination and will be the envy of all visiting clubs who play under them. They have been installed at a cost of £8,000, half of which has been met by the Social Club, to whom very grateful thanks!

Centenary Match

Most supporters will scarcely need reminding that the special match to celebrate Gloucestershire’s centenary is at Kingsholm on Wednesday, September 27, kick-off 7.00 p.m., when the County take on the might of the President’s XV, which will include a host of famous British Lions and internationals and has been selected by our old friend Mike Burton, now alas. retired.

The match will be sponsored by Gulliver’s Travels, with whom Mike is head of sports travel, and the star-studded visitors will be led by the great Willie John McBride.

Stand tickets will be £2 and ground 75p, while the cost to senior citizens and juniors will be only 50p. They will be on sale at the Social Club—not the office on the ground—after this afternoon’s match and Mike himself will be there to attend to your requirements in person.

Kingsholm Kackle

New Floodlights

How better to launch a new season’s “Kackle” than by congratulating the club on the new floodlights, which will be ready for use for the first evening home match, against neighbouring Cheltenham, next Wednesday week, September 13, kick-off 7 p.m.
International Tickets

There is a very special message for all members requiring international tickets this season—applications must be made extremely early as the first match is against the All Blacks at Twickenham on Saturday, November 25.

In view of this all applications must be in the hands of the club secretary, Terry Tandy, 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0HU (Telephone 23049), by September 15 at the very latest.

It is emphasised that on no account will any applications received after this date be considered and members are requested to obtain the necessary forms as soon as possible.

Season Ticket Holders

While all season ticket holders are automatically members of the Social Club, they are respectfully asked this season to obtain a separate membership ticket for same. These are available from either Mervyn Elway or Terry Close in the Social Club.

Diary Dates

There is plenty of rugby fare ahead in the forthcoming weeks and next Wednesday the Cherry and Whites make the short trip to play neighbouring Stroud at Fromehall Park. The kick-off time has not yet been confirmed, but it will be announced in the press, though it is expected to be 6.30 p.m.

Next Saturday the United side, in such magnificent form last season, have an attractive match at Kingsholm against powerful Coventry Extra 1st, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

"Sevens"

Next Tuesday evening, also at Kingsholm, are the Senior semi-finals and both the Senior and Junior finals of the North Gloucestershire Combination seven-a-side tournament, the earlier rounds of which are being staged at the Gloucester Old Boy's ground, Horton Road, tomorrow. The first match will kick-off at 6.00 p.m., an early start being necessary as, of course, the new floodlights will not be ready for use by then.

Coach to Coventry

Gloucester face a tough assignment next Saturday when they visit Coundon Road to meet formidable Coventry, and will need all the support they can muster. With this in mind a coach will be run from Kingsholm and those wishing to book seats are asked to contact Terry Close in the Social Club as soon as possible.

Happy Season

In conclusion the club officials, committee and players wish you a happy season's rugby and look forward to your continued magnificent support.

Last season Gloucester gained pretty well all the honours and made their supporters proud of them. But, as skipper John Watkins wisely said, those great deeds are now behind us; we must start all over again this season!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.