



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER

v

BRISTOL

Saturday, 23rd September, 1978

at

Nº 0365

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

13. E. Rooney

* 12. R. Jardine

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

* 4. A. Turton

* 5. J. Orwin

*† 6. J. Watkins

8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

S. Baker

R. Daldry

BRISTOL

Blue and White

Full Back

† (A) A. Hignell

Three Quarters

† (B) A. Morley

(C) J. Kelly

(D) M. Ward

* (E) D. Newman

Half Backs

(F) C. John

* (G) R. Harding

Forwards

* (H) M. Fry (Capt.)

(I) K. Bogira

§ (J) J. Doubleday

*§ (K) N. Pomphrey

(L) P. Stiff

* (M) P. Polledri

* (N) S. Gorratt

*† (O) M. Rafter

REPLACEMENTS

W. Davies

R. Edwards

Referee: R. O. HUGHES (Welsh Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Cordial Welcome to Bristol!

There are certain famous clubs whose visits to Kingsholm are regarded as very much more than just another match; and one of these, of course, is Bristol, to whose officials, players and supporters we extend a very warm welcome this afternoon for the first game in that strange concoction of the Rugby Union, the South-West merit table.

A poet of the last century wrote that tradition approves all forms of competition, and matches between our two great clubs need no spurious leagues nor tables. The keen but friendly rivalry that has existed for 90 years brings its reward in victory fairly and deservedly gained, and inevitably there is the sense of combativeness in the air.

Last season Gloucester completed a commendable double, no mean achievement for either club. At the Memorial Ground on Sat. Sept. 24, 1977, they eased through to a narrow victory by 10 - 9, then earlier this year, on Friday evening, February 3, the Cherry and Whites won by 17 - 6 at Kingsholm.

Bristol, then, like Caesar's spirit, may well come ranging for revenge. Yet over the 90 years honours have been fairly even between the West Country's two "big guns". Of the 155 matches played Gloucester have won 77, scoring 1,186 points, while Bristol have secured 62 victories with 1,060 points, the remaining 16 games being drawn.

These are figures, we trust, with which Bristol's sedulous statistician, "Cabot", will agree, and they depict only too clearly the closeness of the struggles over the years.

We look forward to yet another absorbing game this afternoon and trust the Bristol lads enjoy their brief visit "up the road"!

Kingsholm Kackle Big Games Ahead

It will not have gone unnoticed by our supporters and others that there are several important matches at

Kingsholm in the next three weeks, but a few relevant details concerning them may not come amiss.

Next Wednesday, September 27, is the special game to celebrate Gloucestershire's centenary, kick-off 7.00 p.m., when the County take on the might of the President's XV, which will include a host of British Lions and internationals, and has been selected by our old friend, one Michael Alan Burton.

The match will be sponsored by Gulliver's Travels and the President's XV will be led by the almost legendary Willie John McBride who, oddly enough, has never performed at Kingsholm and says he is rather keen to make his debut here.

Stand tickets, wings and centre, are £2, while admission to the ground is 75p, but the cost to senior citizens and juniors is only 50p. But if you think that is extremely reasonable, there are even better bargains.

For in a fortnight's time, on Saturday, October 7, kick-off 3.00 p.m., Bucharest, the top club in Rumania, visit Kingsholm to meet Gloucester. The admission prices for this attractive fixture are: Centre Stand £1; 80p for the Wing Stands; and only 60p into the ground, with the elder folk and the youngsters having to pay a mere 30p.

But a word to Patrons! They are respectfully requested to apply for their Stand tickets as soon as possible, as they cannot be reserved after next Saturday. More to follow, as they say in the world of journalism.

For three days later, on Tuesday evening, October 10, again with kick-off at 7 p.m., the Argentinians' touring side provide what promises to be excellent entertainment with their match against English Universities—their final test before meeting an England XV at Twickenham.

This match is officially under the jurisdiction of the Rugby Union and all Stand tickets are £1.50p, with ground admission again 60p and 30p as for the Bucharest game.

Tickets for all these three matches will be on sale before and after this afternoon's match at **the OFFICE on the ground.**

"Golden Oldies"

Gloucester's "Golden Oldies"—players who have passed the mature age of 35—are holding what is strangely known as a "Disco" at the Roundabout, on the junction of Bristol Road and Cole Avenue, on Wednesday, October 11, in aid of funds towards a tour of Cornwall.

A "disco", which appears to be a clangorous cacophony of banging, twanging and clanging masquerading under the euphemism of modern music, hardly fits the image of former players reaching maturity. However, ours not to reason why; all we ask is that you support the "old boys". The "kick off" is at 8.00 p.m., we are informed, going on until late, whatever hour that may represent, and tickets are only £1.00.

Patrons

All Patrons who have already paid their subscriptions for the season are respectfully asked to keep an eye open this afternoon for Mr. Cecil Pope. He will be among you in the Stand, armed with your receipts which he will gladly hand to you on request.

If this seems a little parsimonious, consider ye the heavy postage costs incurred in sending the receipts all out separately. The large amount of money saved can be put to better use than helping to fill the Government coffers.

Club Diary Dates

Gloucester's senior side are home again next Saturday, September 30, when Bedford pay their biennial visit to Kingsholm with the usual 3.00 p.m. kick-off. Then, on Monday evening (7.00 p.m.) the United have an additional fixture, against North Gloucestershire Combination, at Kingsholm.

The "250" Club

Another gentleman who will be among you — or at least available in the Social Club this afternoon — is Trevor Pritchard, ready, nay, even anxious to collect subscriptions for this season's ever-popular "250 Club."

In recent years several members have been disappointed that they left it rather late to join the "Club," which pays out handsome financial rewards each month. The first draw will be in the Social Club on Friday evening, November 24, at 9.00 p.m., so, as the hackneyed advertisement says, "Avoid disappointment, join now!"

United Programmes

The duplicated programmes for United's home matches are proving a popular innovation and it is intended to continue with them. No charge is made and all we ask is that satisfied "customers" make a small donation in the collecting boxes to help defray expenses.

Club Personalities

Unfortunately it has again been necessary to hold this popular feature in abeyance because of the heavy demands made on space in the "prog" by the copious notes, occasioned by so many forthcoming attractions. It will be resumed as soon as possible, even next week, it is hoped, and this season will include officials as well as players.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.