



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1873

PRESIDENT

A. T. VOYCE, O.B.E.

GLOUCESTER

v

BEDFORD

Saturday, 30th September, 1978

at

Nº 0574 Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

- RUGBY BOOTS • JERSEYS AND SHORTS • BALLS • CLUB DISCOUNTS
- INDIVIDUAL DISCOUNTS FOR LOCAL CLUB MEMBERS

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

* 13. R. Jardine

12. E. Rooney

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

1. A. Brooks

* 2. S. Mills

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Orwin

* 5. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins

8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

K. White

S. Baker

BEDFORD

Light Blue and Dark Blue

Full Back

15. M. Manning

Three Quarters

14. R. Barrett

13. N. Chinneck

12. I. Vinter

11. A. Towersey

Half Backs

10. R. Davies

9. I. Peck

Forwards

1. P. Balding

2. M. Howe

3. I. Boon

† 4. N. Martin

5. C. Hooker

6. A. Whitehouse

8. A. Hollins

7. G. Phillips

REPLACEMENTS

M. Cook

M. Coyle

Referee: D. MARTIN (Cornwall Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to Bedford!

This afternoon we extend a particularly warm welcome to our old Midlands friends and rivals, Bedford, as unfortunately they only visit Kingsholm once every two years.

And in recent seasons each club in turn has recorded some very resounding victories. On Bedford's last visit here, on Saturday, October 2, 1976, the Cherry and Whites romped to success by 35 points to 14 in a thoroughly entertaining game, but last season at Goldington Road the Midlanders exacted highly satisfying revenge.

For on one of the few occasions in the first half of the season when Gloucester were able to field at near full strength Bedford won in convincing style on October 1 by 33 - 6.

Our visitors this afternoon began the new season disappointingly, judged on their own high standards, but they gave some indications that they have cast aside those early uncertainties when they defeated Richmond last Saturday by 21 - 19. If recent matches between our two clubs are any guide, we can look forward to another enthralling game today.

Kingsholm Kackle Magnificent Rugby

Hearty congratulations to Gloucestershire, and particularly to our own lads who played such a major part, on their magnificent victory over the President's International XV in their special Centenary match at Kingsholm on Wednesday evening.

It was indeed a spectacular display worthy of the occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by the huge crowd. If Gloucestershire continue in such splendid form in the forthcoming championship matches it will be difficult to imagine any county preventing them from regaining the title they lost in last season's final.

Big Games Ahead

"If music be the food of love, give me excess of it," wrote the Bard; and substituting "rugby" for "music" seems to be the desire of our avid supporters, who have plenty of rich fare at Kingsholm in the next few weeks.

For last Wednesday's great match was only the "starters", as the gourmets would say. Next Saturday brings the visit of Bucharest, the top club in Rumania, to meet Gloucester, with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

Admission prices for this attractive fixture are: Centre Stand £1; Wing Stands 80p; and only 60p into the ground, with the senior citizens and youngsters having to pay a mere 30p. But Patrons who have not already done so are respectfully requested to apply for their Stand tickets today, as they cannot be reserved afterwards.

Three days later, on Tuesday evening, October 10, kick-off 7.00 p.m., the Argentinians' touring side meet English Colleges at Kingsholm, and their brilliant display against the Southern Counties at Oxford last Wednesday suggests that the Pumas will be providing yet another "spectacular."

This match is officially under the jurisdiction of the Rugby Union and all Stand tickets are £1.50, with ground admission again 60p and 30p as for the Bucharest game. Tickets for both these matches will be on sale before and after this afternoon's match at the **OFFICE on the ground.**

The All Blacks

The New Zealanders, the "enemy" we all love to watch and hate—in the nicest possible way, of course—will soon be starting their tour and our supporters may have the opportunity to see them in action against the South and South-West Counties at Bristol on Wednesday afternoon, November 15, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Stand tickets for this big match are £3 and all members wishing to see the All Blacks should apply to the Club secretary, Terry Tandy, at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, Gloucester, enclosing their remittances and stamped addressed envelopes—and quoting their membership numbers!

It must be stressed that there are only 1,000 Stand tickets available and these have to be allocated among eight counties. And although it is a mid-week afternoon match distribution will be limited, so our ticket allocation committee will decide on the allocations.

The other prices of admission are: Enclosure £1.50p; Ground £1.00; Senior Citizens and Juniors 50p. These may be obtained from Terry Tandy at the OFFICE on the ground.

Patrons

Many of our Patrons duly collected their receipts from Cecil Pope at last Saturday's match with Bristol. Those who have not will find him amongst you again in the Stand this afternoon and he will gladly hand same to you on request.

The "250" Club

Another reminder that those who wish to join the popular "250" Club with its many handsome monthly prizes should contact Trevor Pritchard in the Social Club this afternoon, for several members have been disappointed in the past year or two that they have left it rather late. The first draw will be in the Social Club on Friday evening, November 24, at 9.00 p.m.

Lucky Programme

The lucky programme winner, with No. 949, for the Bristol match was Mr. I. Yates, of 1, Fairhaven Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, who was the richer by £5. Congratulations!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 1—Our President TOM VOYCE

In this new series of Club personalities, embracing officials as well as players, the No. 1 spot has obviously to go to that patriarch of Rugby football, our highly respected and popular President, Mr. Anthony Thomas (Tom) Voyce, whose name and that of Gloucester R.F.C. will never be disassociated.

Having played for England 27 times—the first occasion was as long ago as 1920! — he is the Club's most capped player. Tom is, in fact, still referred to, figuratively speaking, one might add, as "the father of all wing forwards," such was his mastery of all the tactics and techniques.

Now over 80, but still a "regular" at Kingsholm, not only for committee meetings, but to support both the senior and United teams, Tom has served the game of rugby as player and administrator longer than any other man—for 58 years!

Born in our own fair city and educated at the old National School, he played for England Schools (Under 15) as a fly-half. Later he was commissioned in the Gloucester Regiment and became a forward when he found his name among the scrummagers for an Army trial match.

Apart from his England appearances Tom played for Gloucestershire, the Army and Barbarians, and with the British Isles team in South Africa in 1924 played in two internationals and was top scorer on that tour.

As an administrator Tom served on the Rugby Union committee from 1931 until the R.U. centenary year of 1971. He became President in 1960 and was also awarded the O.B.E. for his services to sport and for his public work in Gloucestershire.

A journalistic colleague asks why there isn't an English Rugby Hall of Fame — Tom Voyce's name would undoubtedly be one of the leading ones. Despite sadly failing sight, long may he continue to follow his beloved Gloucester's mounting list of successes!