



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v **HARLEQUINS**

Saturday, 14th October, 1978

at

Nº 452 Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. P. Etheridge (Capt.)

Three Quarters

14. P. Williams

13. E. Rooney

* 12. R. Jardine

† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

* 9. P. Howell

Forwards

1. A. Brooks

2. K. White

3. M. Curran

* 4. J. Orwin

* 5. A. Turton

6. J. Gadd

8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Conway

A. Brinn †

HARLEQUINS

Full Back

15. G. Booth

Three Quarters

14. G. E. Wood

† 13. D. A. Cooke

† 12. C. Birkett

11. G. Gilbert

Half Backs

10. J. C. Macaulay

9. J. T. Dyson

Forwards

1. T. C. Claxton

2. I. C. Smith

3. M. F. Claxton

4. P. Jackson

5. C. R. Kelly

6. A. C. Alexander

8. P. G. Sutton

7. D. H. Cooke

REPLACEMENTS

D. C. Judd

C. St.J. Lamden

Referee: B. ABRAHAMS (East Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to The 'Quins!

The Gloucester club must surely have created a record in the world of rugby this past week by entertaining teams from three far distant countries in the space of five days at Kingsholm — the Bucharest XV last Saturday, followed by the Argentinians and Manly, the leading Australian club, on successive evenings.

But this afternoon we return to the more domestic scene with the visit of the famous Harlequins whom, alas, we only meet once a season in the course of normal fixtures on an alternate home and away basis.

Our dictionaries will tell us that in English pantomime Harlequins are mute characters supposedly invisible to clowns and pantaloons. They are also — as lesser-known meanings — a small breed of spotted dog and a northern species of duck with variegated plumage.

But rigger types know only too well that there is nothing burlesque, ludicrous, canine nor anatiforous — (duck producing to you!) — about the popular 'Quins, whom we cordially welcome to Kingsholm today.

It is frustrating perhaps for both clubs that when they have met in recent years Gloucester have been sadly weakened by County calls and no club can afford to field below strength against such powerful opponents as Harlequins. The same situation, unfortunately, exists this afternoon with Gloucestershire starting their championship campaign against Devon at Exeter.

On their last visit to Kingsholm, on October 9, 1976, Harlequins won by 14-9 and repeated the harsh "treatment" at Twickenham the following season when they accounted for Gloucester even more decisively by 21-3 on October 8, 1977.

It is now history, of course, that the Cherry and Whites exacted full revenge, determined not to be April fools, when they accounted for Harlequins at Twickenham on April 1 of this year by 12 points to 6 in the semi-final of the John Player Cup.

With both sides, then, having had their measure of satisfaction in recent seasons, we look forward to another entertaining game against our old rivals and friends this afternoon.

Kingsholm Kackle The All Blacks

Applications for Stand tickets for the match between the New Zealanders and the South and South-West Counties at the Memorial Ground, Bristol, on Wednesday afternoon, November 15, kick-off 2.30 p.m., have exceeded even the more optimistic expectations.

It is obvious therefore that the ticket allocation committee will have to meet to make final decisions necessary. Stand tickets for this long-awaited match are £3 and all members are reminded that next Wednesday, October 18, is definitely their last opportunity to apply.

Their applications must be made to the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Terry Tandy, at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, enclosing remittances and stamped addressed envelopes — and quoting their membership numbers! Tickets for the enclosure and ground may be obtained at the Office on the ground this afternoon.

Gareth Edwards

A final reminder to rigger enthusiasts that the almost legendary Welsh scrum-half, Gareth Edwards, who recently announced his retirement from the game, will be visiting Gloucester on Tuesday, October 24. He will be at W. H. Smith and Son's bookshop in Eastgate Street between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m., when he will be autographing copies of his new book.

Lucky Programme Winners

An opportune time, maybe, to catch up on the holders of lucky programmes in the past fortnight. For the Bedford game the winner was Mr. G. Bundy, of 65 Sebert Street, Gloucester (No. 1069), while a "long distant" caller purchased the lucky programme, No. 1291, for last Saturday's match with Bucharest. He was Mr. D. Turner, of 30 Oldville Avenue, Clevedon, in Avon. Both left the richer by £5!

Take a Bow, Gloucester!

The Gloucester club and the ladies who work so hard behind the scenes, often unhonoured and unsung, have received the deepest appreciation and thanks of the Rugby Union President, Mr. Stanley Couchman, and Mr. Eric Kember, manager of the touring Argentinians, for the excellent preparations and arrangements for last Tuesday's match between the English Students and the Pumas.

Both were full of praise for the club and Mr. Kember said that the hospitality and welcome exceeded that of any other match on their tour to date. And of course our famous ground was not forgotten in their eulogies. Take a bow, Gloucester!

Newport Coach

Next Friday, October 20, Gloucester have a tough assignment when they travel to Rodney Parade to meet Newport and will need all the support they can get. With this in mind a coach is being run from Kingsholm, leaving at 5.30 p.m. prompt and returning from Newport at 10.30 p.m., leaving supporters ample time to partake of liquid refreshment after the match.

As tickets for the coach are only £1 there will obviously be a big demand for them and those supporters who have not yet booked their seats should contact Terry Close or one of the alcoholic dispensers — (bar staff to you!) — in the Social Club as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Although the senior side's next home match is against South Wales Police on Wednesday evening, October 25, kick-off 7.00 p.m., there are two matches at Kingsholm this coming week.

On Monday evening the United, who produced such a spectacular display in beating Manly in a splendid game during the week, entertain Luctonians, while next Wednesday Gloucester Colts meet Coventry Colts in their opening match of the season. Both games kick-off at the usual time of 7.00 p.m.

The "250" Club

We make no apology for repeating that applications for membership of this season's popular "250" Club are approaching their limit. Those who wish to join should contact Trevor Pritchard in the Social Club this afternoon.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 2—Paul Williams

Gloucester R.F.C., as their supporters will readily agree, have schoolmasters, clerks, commercial travellers, manual workers, and even four police officers on their playing strength — but only one dentist, or "oral gardener", as he terms himself.

He is PAUL ANTHONY WILIAMS, a native of our own fair city, which may come as a surprise to some supporters. Educated at Chosen Hill School he later studied at Bristol University, where he duly graduated as a dental practitioner and he is currently a partner in a Cheltenham practice.

He joined the Gloucester club in 1974 and made his first appearance for the United against Newport United. His senior debut was against London Scottish in January 1975, when he played at centre, though it is usually on the wing that we have become accustomed to seeing the determined Paul, as in this afternoon's game.

He has played nearly 60 games for Gloucester's senior side and has been on two tours to America — with Public Schools' Wanderers in 1976 and on the Cherry and Whites' highly successful tour last year.

He modestly refrains from mentioning his splendid service to the club, preferring instead to remark on the fact that he has twice given his professional services to international players. One was Mike Burton, whose lip he stitched after his colleague had slipped in the bath after training; the other was the brilliant Gloucestershire and Pakistani batsman, Zaheer Abbas, who received treatment "out of hours" during last season's Cheltenham cricket festival.