



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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PRESIDENT

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

GLOUCESTER v LEICESTER

Saturday, 4th November, 1978

at

Nº 0847 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. L. Dick

12. E. Rooney

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

*† 10. C. Williams

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Orwin

* 7. J. Haines

REPLACEMENTS

P. Williams

J. Simonett *

LEICESTER

Scarlet, Green and White

Full Back

† O. W. Hare

Three Quarters

N. J. Duggan

M. T. Burwell

† L. P. Dodge

K. T. Barnwell

Half Backs

J. L. Cusworth

I. S. Kenney

Forwards

† A. R. Cowling

† B. P. Wheeler

C. R. Needham

D. N. Joyce

E. N. Gillingham

F. S. Johnson

G. A. Collington

H. I. Smith

REPLACEMENTS

R. Barker

N. Jackson

Referee: P. J. KINGHAM (London Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to The Tigers!

With the county championship in full swing and the possibility that Gloucestershire might well progress through to the final yet again, there have been the inevitable demands upon the Cherry and Whites, with the consequent weakening of their team for club fixtures—a situation likely to continue with further County successes.

But at least this afternoon Gloucester, barring injuries, are at strength for the visit of old and valued Midlands friends, Leicester, the famous "Tigers", who would always be vying for the No. 1 spot were a "top of the pops" to be held on the many clubs who visit Kingsholm.

Today's match automatically brings thoughts of that great John Player Cup final last April, when our two clubs' avid supporters, plus thousands of other interested followers, amazed the Rugby Union by producing a record 25,000 crowd for the game—more than twice the previous highest for a final. It is small wonder that the sponsors would dearly love a Gloucester—Leicester cup final again this season!

While packed with excitement, however, that memorable match did not reach the exceptionally high standard of rugby played in the other two meetings between the clubs last season, when honours were even, with over 40 points scored in each game.

At Welford Road, on November 5 last year, Gloucester were indeed the Guy Fawkes of the day, for Leicester recorded a decisive victory by 28 points to 15; but the Cherry and Whites, in the return match at Kingsholm, asked themselves, like Shylock, "Shall we not revenge?"

And they certainly came up with the right answer, for in a thoroughly entertaining game they defeated the Tigers by 39 points to 6.

Leicester, then, recalling the advice of Henry V, will be "stiffening the sinews and imitating the action of the tiger" and we look forward to another intriguing tussle this afternoon, the while trusting the Leicester lads enjoy their brief stay in our fair city, with Robin Cowling no doubt on hand to act as guide to the various "refreshment rooms"!

Kingsholm Kackle Now for Cornwall!

Congratulations to Gloucestershire and particularly our own lads who played such a major part on that resounding thrashing handed out to Somerset last Saturday.

The County must start strong favourites to win the South-West group for the tenth successive season when they meet Cornwall in the decider at Bristol next Saturday. As no replays are now permitted in the championship, Gloucestershire need only to draw, for they have a far superior "points average" than Cornwall — which is the method now used to decide the group championship.

But their supporters will be insisting on another convincing win and the right to meet Oxfordshire in the quarter-final the following Saturday, also at home, though, at the time of going to press, as we say, the venue has not been decided, for both Gloucester and Bristol have home matches.

Stand tickets for next week's Cornwall match, incidentally, are on sale at the Office on the ground this afternoon, price £1.50p.

Should Gloucestershire progress right through to the final, as they have done so often in the past decade, supporters will no doubt be delighted to know that there will be no long, tiring journeys to the north or south-east to follow their fortunes, for the draw this season would give them ground advantage for both the semi-final and final.

The All Blacks

The allocation committee have met to distribute the Stand tickets for the match between South and South-West Counties and the All Blacks at Bristol next Wednesday week, November 15, and the 100 patrons and members fortunate to get their allocation of one each will be receiving them in a day or so if, indeed, they have not already done so.

Our sincere apologies, and sympathies, to those left ticket-less, but please do not feel too despondent. For there were 203 applications and, with eight counties to satisfy, our allocation was no more than 100 Stand tickets.

It is perhaps fortunate that the match is on a Wednesday afternoon and not Saturday, for in that event the situation would have been quite impossible. However, ground and enclosure tickets are still available, albeit in dwindling numbers, and these may also be obtained at the Office this afternoon.

Big John

There can be few more dejected rugby players at present than our popular lock forward, big John Fidler who, after his serious knee injury sustained against Newport at Rodney Parade last month, will play no more this season.

"Fid" expects to be at Kingsholm for this afternoon's match and he is assured of a warm welcome and a "get well soon" wish from all. He will have his leg in plaster for several weeks yet, but hopes to be able to watch the Cherry and Whites regularly.

Children Inside Rails

Despite requests last season children are again climbing over the rails and encroaching on to the pitch during matches, and recently we even received a complaint from the referee.

It is necessary to repeat that in no circumstances are they to be allowed to climb over the rails and as it is impossible to have officials all round the ground, we appeal to all spectators to try and ensure this does not happen.

Many of them have been sitting or standing in front of the advertising boards and this, of course, is unfair on our advertisers to whom we owe so much. But the children must also realise that it is for their own safety, for if they get too near the touch-line and are involved near the actual play, they are in considerable danger themselves. So please, kids, though we want to see you enjoying your rugger —keep the right side of the rails!

Lucky Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 847, for last week's match against South Wales Police, was purchased by one of our regular supporters, Mr. David Moody, of 31 Fox Elms Road, Gloucester, the father of one of our former players, Richard, who is now with the Saracens' club in London. David, to whom we offer congratulations, was richer by £5.

Diary Dates

There is another attractive fixture for Gloucester next Wednesday, when Cambridge University are the visitors to Kingsholm. This is followed on Saturday, November 11, with a home match against Exeter, though Gloucester will again be supplying a large majority of regular players to the Gloucestershire side to meet Cornwall.

Another mid-week game brings Exeter University, formerly St. Luke's College, to Kingsholm on Wednesday evening, November 15. Indeed, there is a spate of rugger, with all home matches until the last Saturday when Gloucester travel to play London Irish.

County Match Kick-off

There was some confusion over the kick-off time for last Saturday's county match against Somerset. No doubt many Gloucester supporters will be making their way to the Memorial Ground for next week's game with Cornwall, and they are asked to note that the kick-off is at 2.30 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.