



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER** v **EXETER**

**Saturday, 11th November, 1978**

at

**Nº 0593 Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 3 p.m.**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back	
*	15. R. Etheridge
Three Quarters	
14.	P. Williams
13.	E. Rooney
* 12.	R. Jardine
† 11.	L. Dick
Half Backs	
10.	B. Russell
9.	S. Baker
Forwards	
1.	G. Poole
* 2.	F. Reed
3.	A. Brooks
* 4.	J. Orwin
* 5.	A. Turton
6.	V. Wooley
8.	J. Simonett
7.	P. Wood

#### REPLACEMENTS

J. Delaney  
R. Daldry

### EXETER

Full Back	
*	15. R. Staddon
Three Quarters	
14.	S. Williams
13.	P. Full
12.	S. Evans
11.	K. Harding
Half Backs	
10.	A. Kift
9.	J. Mears
Forwards	
1.	S. Byrne
2.	J. Pyne
3.	M. Hunt
* 4.	C. Davies
5.	R. Battershill
6.	S. Collier
8.	G. Willis
* 7.	S. Webber

#### REPLACEMENTS

N. King  
R. Hitchings

Referee: I. L. M. Thomas (Lancs. Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Warm welcome to Exeter

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to Exeter who, unfortunately, like ourselves, are supplying star players to their county for today's South-West championship matches.

But the Devon "All Blacks" are always popular visitors to Kingsholm and have invariably contributed richly to the entertaining games with Gloucester.

Last season Exeter brought the rugger programme to an end with their game at Kingsholm, where Gloucester were given a hard struggle before emerging winners by 12 points to nil on Saturday, April 29.

Supporters scarcely need reminding that today's meeting with our Devon friends is a South-West merit table match, which adds spice to what we hope will be a thoroughly enjoyable game.

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## Kingsholm Kackle The Quarter-Final

If we may be presumptuous enough to assume that Gloucestershire will beat Cornwall this afternoon — or even hold them to a draw—the intriguing question of the quarter-final with Oxfordshire crops up. Moreover, with their customary perspicacity, the Rugby Union decree that this match must be played by Saturday, November 18, which is next week, leaving little time for Gloucestershire—or Cornwall—to adjust their sights.

Gloucestershire this season have a home draw, as indeed they would for both the semi-finals and final should they progress so far. But where to play it next Saturday? That is the question, as Hamlet so aptly put it.

Both Gloucester and Bristol have home matches, against Camborne and London Welsh respectively, and it seems certain that their grounds would not be available for the quarter-final. Apparently, any idea of a mid-week match can be dismissed, leaving possible venues as Cheltenham, Clifton or Lydney.

The last-named are playing away, but Cheltenham and Clifton have home fixtures with Rugby and Weston-super-Mare. Both these clubs may be prepared to switch fixtures with their respective opponents, and Cheltenham indeed have already hinted as much.

A final decision is expected this week-end if Gloucestershire win today and appropriate announcements made in the press. But the ridiculously short time between the two matches makes it impossible for tickets to be issued for the quarter-final, so may we point out that it is useless to apply to the Gloucester club secretary for any. Again, announcements will be made in the local newspapers.

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## County Cup Final

One date and venue that has been decided is the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup final between the two local "big guns" Matson and Gordon League.

This will be staged at Kingsholm on Tuesday evening, November 28, kick-off 7.00 p.m., and as it is an all-Gloucester affair, a large crowd is assured, most of them no doubt having their own partisan views.

Matson and the League have met often enough in Combination Cup finals, but this will, of course, be their first confrontation in the important County Cup, which is a major stepping-stone to the John Player Cup competition, so here, too, there will be an extra "edge" to what should be an intriguing tussle.

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## Lucky Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 1011, for the mid-week match against Cambridge University, was purchased by Mr. T. D. Stamp, The Firs, Fairmile Gardens, Longford, who won £5.

## London Irish

There was an immediate response to the announcement in the programme for the Cambridge University game regarding Gloucester's away match with London Irish on Saturday, November 25, and it seems that a large number of our supporters intend making a day of it by supporting the Cherry and Whites at Sunbury in the morning and travelling on to watch the All Blacks play England at Twickenham in the afternoon.

Tickets for the international match were snapped up on Wednesday evening, but for those who had still not made up their minds, Terry Tandy has a few left and these will be on sale at the office on the ground this afternoon.

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## "250" Club

Such is the demand this season for membership of the popular "250" Club with its handsome monthly prizes that it could well become the "300" Club before the first draw in the Social Club on Friday evening, November 24, at 9.00 p.m.

The increase in the number of members has made it possible to add considerably to the prize money for the final draw. But those members who have not already done so are respectfully asked to make a part or full payment before the first draw later this month.

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## Diary Dates

The rich rugger fare at Kingsholm this month continues next Wednesday evening when Exeter University, formerly St. Luke's College, are the visitors, kick-off as usual at 7.00 p.m.

This is followed next Saturday, November 18 — the date of the quarter-final — with the visit of Cambridge, making their first appearance at Kingsholm, it is believed. This will be another South-West merit table match and a win for Gloucestershire this afternoon would mean the Cherry and Whites again being weakened for an important game.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

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## Club Personalities

### No. 3 Canon

### Mervyn Hughes

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to imagine Kingsholm and Gloucester rugby without that popular personality, Canon HAROLD MERVYN HUGHES, who has been associated with the club for four decades, a remarkable record.

Undoubtedly one of Gloucester's best known clergymen, Mervyn, who is vicar of Hucclecote Church, is to retire later this month; a prospect, one suspects, that will give him some satisfaction in that he may be able to devote even more time to the game and club so dear to him, for he has no intention of retiring completely from the ministry nor leaving the city.

Canon Hughes's rugby career began with London Welsh as long ago as 1934 and he appeared for Oxford in the University matches in the following two years.

Mervyn joined Gloucester from Cardiff in 1937 and immediately made an impact with his skilful, tearaway forward play. After retiring from the game he became the club chairman in 1949, a position he held until 1971, when he felt it was time to give way to a younger man.

He is now one of the club's vice-presidents, having been elected in 1965. We all wish him well in his forthcoming retirement, which we trust will be a long and happy one, but look forward to seeing him at his beloved Kingsholm for many years!