



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v **EXETER COLLEGE**

Wednesday, 15th November, 1978

at

Nº 0334 Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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Full Back

* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

14. J. Delaney

* 13. R. Jardine

12. E. Rooney

* 11. R. Clewes

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

* 9. P. Howell

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

2. R. Daldry

3. A. Brooks

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

6. V. Wooley

8. M. Teague

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

S. Baker

J. Gadd

EXETER UNIVERSITY

Green and White

Full Back

* 15. P. Larkins

Three Quarters

14. R. Sumner

13. R. Crisp

12. A. Hodgson

11. J. Reynolds

Half Backs

10. A. Watkins

* 9. L. Yandell

Forwards

1. D. Hawkins

2.

* 3. G. Poole

4. M. Watson

* 5. J. Patching

6. R. Samuels

8. P. Brakewell

7. C. Rees

REPLACEMENTS

P. Daley

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Referee: J. BELL (Staffordshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm welcome to the Students

For some reason probably obscure to the layman those popular visitors we always knew as St. Luke's College now play under their new nomenclature of Exeter University.

But, as we learned from Romeo and Juliet, that which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet. And, as Juliet asked, "What's in a name?" The visit of St. Luke's or Exeter University, call them what you will, is a guarantee of an entertaining and exciting game.

Results over the years have shown that there are invariably high-scoring matches with the Students, who have always contributed richly to the spectacle. They play first and foremost with the sole aim of enjoying their rugby.

Last season, on Wednesday evening, October 12, 1977, Gloucester were convincing winners by 21 points to 3, so the Students will be seeking to put matters into better perspective this evening.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to them and look forward to another entertaining and intriguing tussle with them, trusting the while they enjoy their brief visit here!

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Kingsholm Kackle The Quarter-Final

Some supporters have expressed surprise that the quarter-final of the

county championship, between Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, should be staged at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, rather than at the usual venues of Kingsholm or the Memorial Ground.

As our own members know, Gloucester have a home game on Saturday with Camborne, making, we believe, their first visit to Kingsholm, at least for many decades. In view of the distance that the Cornishmen have to travel it would be extremely inconvenient, if not impossible to change the date or venue of this match.

The club offered Gloucestershire the use of Kingsholm for the quarter-final under floodlights next Monday or Wednesday evening, which would have ensured a far greater crowd, but the County declined.

The Rugby Union's rules state that the quarter-final must be played by next Saturday at the latest, or if mutually arranged, on an evening prior to this date. But as they seemingly overlooked the fact that several Gloucestershire players might be involved in this afternoon's match against the All Blacks, and that they also arranged two county championship games on successive Saturdays, they would scarcely have refused permission to play under floodlights next week.

Moreover, it is understood that Oxfordshire had no objection to playing in mid-week. However, as it is, the quarter-final will be at Cheltenham and it is hoped that, provided Gloucestershire progress, the semi-final and final will be at Kingsholm or Bristol.

The club secretary, Terry Tandy, has had several applications for stand tickets for the quarter-final. It should be emphasised here that because of the short space of time between the

two championship matches it has been impossible to get tickets printed and distributed.

It is pointless, then, for those wishing to see the Oxfordshire game, to apply for tickets. There is limited grand stand accommodation and it will be a case of "first come, first served", for no seats can be reserved.

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Camborne

Next Saturday's game with Camborne, of course, is a South-West merit table one and as such has an important bearing on next season's John Player Cup competition. With the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m., it is hoped that as many of our supporters as possible will be at Kingsholm to give the lads their vociferous encouragement, for it is a match that Gloucester need to win to establish a firm position in the merit table.

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Coventry Match

Supporters are asked to note that the match with Coventry, originally due, as shown on all fixture lists, to be played on Saturday, December 16, has now been brought forward to the previous Friday evening, December 15, with the usual kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

This is to avoid clashing with the Barbarians — All Blacks' match which is being televised from Cardiff on the Saturday afternoon. The switch is a prudent one, for it will combat the low gates experienced on televised match dates.

It may come as a surprise to many to know that for the Exeter game at Kingsholm last Saturday, the taking amounted to only £90, as the match had to compete with both the televised Wales — All Blacks' clash and the vital county championship match with Cornwall at Bristol.

County Cup Final

The long-awaited Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup final between our two local "big guns", Matson and Gordon League, will be played at Kingsholm on Tuesday evening, November 28, kick-off 7.00 p.m. As it is all Gloucester affair a large crowd is assured, most of them no doubt with their own partisan views—and appropriate club favours.

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 there will be that "something extra" to what should be an exciting tussle.

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Wot! No Fiver?

Like Chad of old, you could say "Wot! No Fiver?" For a spectator at last Saturday's match with Exeter must have thrown away — or walked away with — the lucky programme, No. 63, as it has not been claimed.

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Diary Dates

Following the match against Camborne on Saturday there is further rich fare at Kingsholm next Tuesday evening, November 21, when Aberavon the famous Welsh "Wizards" are the visitors, the kick-off as usual being at 7.00 p.m., unless the West Wales' club request a slightly later one, in which case the appropriate announcement will be made.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.