



# **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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## **GLOUCESTER**

**v**

## **ABERAVON**

**Tuesday, 21st November, 1978**

**at**

**Nº 0551 Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 7 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

\*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes

\*§ 13. R. Mogg

12. E. Rooney

† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

\* 10. I. Wilkins

\*† 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. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

S. Baker

R. Daldry

### ABERAVON

Red and Black

Full Back

15. G. Rees

Three Quarters

14. L. Keen

13. N. Hutchings

12. W. Lewis

11. J. Griffiths

Half Backs

10. B. Thomas

† 9. C. Shell (Capt.)

Forwards

† 1. C. Williams

2. D. James

3. B. Lewis

† 4. A. Martin

5. A. Owen

6. L. Morgan

8. P. Clark

7. O. Alexander

REPLACEMENTS

J. Greenway

J. James

Referee: D. HEAD-RAPSON (Notts. Lincs. & Derby Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Warm welcome to the Wizards!

Gloucester's fixtures with Aberavon, normally two each season, have been so utterly disrupted in recent years because of inclement weather or, much more often, the cup commitments of both clubs, that to many supporters they might almost have ceased.

Three seasons ago, in fact, both home and away matches had to be cancelled, while the following year was the last occasion on which the Welsh "Wizards" visited Kingsholm. That was on Tuesday evening, November 23, 1976, when Aberavon won a closely-contested game by 13 points to 9.

Gloucester almost gained revenge on Tuesday, November 22, of last year, when they visited the Talbot Athletic Ground and narrowly succumbed by 14 points to 12. But again, Kingsholm supporters were denied the pleasure of watching the Wizards, for the return fixture coincided with the memorable John Player Cup match when a large crowd watched the Cherry and Whites dispose of Gosforth on February 25 en route to the final.

Perhaps the words of the poet Shelley, "Rarely, rarely, comest thou..." might spring to mind as we extend a particularly warm welcome to Aberavon this evening.

We express our gratitude to our Aberavon friends for so readily agreeing to make the visit to Kingsholm so soon after their Welsh R.F.U. Cup last Saturday, when they recorded a resounding away win in their first round match against Laugharne by 37 points to nil.

As one of the leading lights in Welsh rugby the Wizards' reputation for placing the emphasis on skilful, constructive moves needs no elaboration and we look forward to another exciting and entertaining game this evening as "auld acquaintance" is belatedly renewed, trusting they enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

## Kingsholm Kackle The Quarter-Final

Congratulations to Gloucestershire, and especially to our own lads who played such an important part, in their quarter-final victory over Oxfordshire at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, last Saturday, though they caused a little apprehension among supporters at Kingsholm as the scores came through during the afternoon, and there were sighs of relief when the final "mopping up" took place.

The success of the game, quite apart from the victory, was the excellent attendance figures. With so many parking problems it was thought the quarter-final might be a financial flop; no doubt to the surprise of many, more money was taken than for the vital group decider against Cornwall at Bristol the previous Saturday. Well done, Cheltenham!

## The Semi-Final

Gloucestershire, as most supporters are aware, have now reached the semi-final of the county championship for the tenth successive time—a remarkable record—and this season it will be played at Kingsholm on Saturday, December 9, when the opponents will be Middlesex, who beat Surrey in their group play-off by 38 points to 30 a fortnight ago.

As Gloucester have only one more home match—against Loughborough Colleges on Wednesday, December 6, with the usual kick-off at 7.00 p.m.—all our members requiring stand tickets, which will be available shortly, should apply to the club secretary, Terry Tandy, at his home, 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0HU, enclosing their remittances and stamped addressed envelopes.

The stand tickets are £2 and there will be little chance of selling them at the Office on the ground, as both the senior side and the United are away next Saturday. There will be no ground tickets and admission will be by payment at the various gates and turnstiles.



## County Cup Final

Although Gloucester are away on the next two Saturdays, there is the very important Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup final between our two local "big guns," Matson and Gordon League, next Tuesday evening, November 28, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Regular opponents in the Combination Cup this will be their first confrontation in the final of the County competition and the match is a stepping-stone to the money-spinning John Player Cup, so there will be an extra "edge" to the game.

Both teams will bring huge contingents of their own followers, so Gloucester members and supporters are advised to arrive as early as possible to facilitate the work of the car-park attendants and those hard-working fellows on the gates.

## "250" Club

As the first monthly draw is next Friday evening, November 24, in the Social Club at 9.00 p.m., we make no apology for what Sir Bureau Crat and his followers call a final reminder about the "250" Club.

This popular winter competition has increased to the extent that it is nearer to becoming a "300" Club. But those who have intimated their desire to join the "money-spinner"—or wish to do so—are respectfully asked to make a part or full payment, this evening if possible, to Mr. Trevor Pritchard or one of the "250" Club committee in the Social Club.

It is regretted that anyone who hasn't paid any subscriptions by Friday evening cannot be included in the draw.

## Coventry Match

As has already been announced in a mid-week programme the match with Coventry, originally due, as shown on the fixture lists, to be played at Kingsholm on Saturday, December 16, has now been brought forward to the previous evening, Friday, December 15, with the usual kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

The switch is to avoid clashing with the Barbarians—All Blacks' match which is being televised from Cardiff on the Saturday afternoon. We are grateful to our Midland friends for agreeing to travel here on the Friday night, for the switch will combat the low gates experienced on televised match dates—and enable some of our gentlemen supporters to watch "Cov" instead of having to do Christmas shopping.

## Diary Dates

While the senior team is away for the next two week-ends the highly successful United side, unbeaten at home this season, meet neighbouring Cheltenham United on Saturday week, December 2, kick-off 3.00 p.m., when it is hoped that programmes, which have proved popular, will be on sale as usual.

Then on the following Monday evening, December 4, kick-off 7.00 p.m., United entertain Cinderford at Kingsholm.

And the equally successful Gloucester Colts will be on view tomorrow week, Wednesday evening, November 29, again kick-off at 7.00 p.m., when they meet Newport Colts at Kingsholm, so there is still plenty of rich fare for supporters this month.

## Lucky Programme

Mr. Stamp could not, after all, make it an incredible hat trick, for the winning programme, No. 237, for last Saturday's match against Camborne, was purchased by Mr. S. Etheridge, of 13 Henley Place, The Oval, Gloucester, who won the usual fiver. Congratulations!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.