

O.U.R.F.C. v. GLOUCESTER

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Saturday, 2th December 1978

Nº 508

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

O.U.R.F.C.

GLOUCESTER

15. T. DAVIS (Balliol)
14. E. A. K. QUIST-ARCTON (St. Benet's Hall)
- 13.† R. M. C. HOOLAHAN (St. Edmund Hall)
12. R. B. CLARK (Christ Church)
11. D. R. WOODROW (Regent's Park)
- 10.† A. F. WATKINSON (St. Edmund Hall) (Captain)
9. P. BRETT (St. Edmund Hall)
1. T. M. JONES (Wadham)
- 2.† P. REES (Magdalen)
- 3.† T. P. ENEVOLDSON (Brasenose)
4. C. DEW (St. Edmund Hall)
- 5.† K. J. BUDGE (University)
6. C. J. FINCH (Queen's)
7. R. HUGHES (Wadham)
8. J. EDMONDS (Oriol)

Replacements: T. M. SQUIRES (Lincoln), S. J. FISHER †

- 15.* P. BUTLER
14. R. CLEWES
13. R. MOGG
12. E. ROONEY
- 11.* L. DICK
10. I. WILKINS
- 9.* P. KINGSTON
1. G. SARGENT
2. S. MILLS
3. A. BROOKS
4. S. BOYLE
5. A. TURTON
- 6.* J. WATKINS
7. P. WOOD
8. J. ORWIN

Replacements: S. BAKER, R. DALDRY

†Blue

Referee: B. HEAD-RAPSON

*International

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"Big Sam"

It was with profound sorrow that rugby followers everywhere heard of the death last week-end in a Birmingham hospital of Sam Doble, the former Moseley and England full-back, at the tragically young age of 33. Although he invariably became the target for light banter from the Kingsholm crowd Sam was held in great respect by them as a very accomplished rugby full-back.

Sam first came into prominence when at St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, where he often played as a No. 8 forward and appeared in the pack against Gloucester United. But he soon took over the full-back berth and it is mainly as a prodigious place-kicker that he will be best remembered.

It is believed that his last game for Moseley was at Kingsholm on Wednesday, October 1, 1975, when he came into the side at the last minute in place of Richard Akenhead, who switched to fly-half when Martin Cooper dropped out of the side to play Gloucester.

Our supporters join with thousands of others who have watched Sam over the years in extending deepest sympathy to his family and to the Moseley club he served so faithfully.

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Diary Dates

Next Saturday, September 24, Gloucester make the trip down the M.5 to meet county rivals, Bristol, and all supporters will hope for such another superb performance as that at the Memorial Ground last April, when the Cherry and Whites romped to a remarkable victory—the highest-ever between the two clubs. A coach is being run for the game, leaving Kingsholm at 12.30 p.m. and as bookings have already been heavy, anyone wishing to take advantage of the cheap trip should contact Mervyn Elway or Terry Close in the Social Club as soon as possible.

Gloucestershire meet Monmouthshire at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, next Monday evening, September 26, kick-off 7.30 p.m., then the following evening Newbridge will be the visitors to Kingsholm, with a 7 p.m. kick-off.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

No. 2 Peter Butler



Countless opponents over recent years have, like Hamlet, wished that "this too, too solid flesh would melt" as they have watched the prodigious goal-kicking feats of PETER EDWARD BUTLER, the club's vice-captain, dash all hopes they may have cherished of victory over Gloucester.

Married in August of last year—on the day that West Indies played Gloucestershire, he recalls—Peter, a production service manager at a local chemical factory, created a record in Great Britain by scoring 574 points in a season. And in that season, 1973-74, he was rested from the Gloucester side that trounced Old Merchant Taylors on Boxing Day by 80 points!

Peter has made 21 championship appearances for Gloucestershire, missing all but two of last season's matches because of a prolonged thigh injury, and has played twice for England—against France in Paris and, again as he fondly recalls, against Australia on the famous Sydney Cricket Ground!

Educated at Crypt School, the nursery for so many great players, he began with Old Cryptians before studying at Birmingham University, where he soon became the rugby captain and news of his remarkable place-kicking ability came trickling through. Since then he has bestrode the rugby world like a Colossus.

In the summer, when he is not committed to a rugby tour, Peter plays cricket for Old Cryptians, as do several of his Gloucester colleagues, past and present.