
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1978-79

CENTENARY YEAR



SEMI FINAL
GLOUCESTERSHIRE
v.
MIDDLESEX

at
KINGSHOLM GROUND, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1978

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - - - - 5p

G. E. WRIGHT, Hon Secretary.

Gloucestershire

Colours: WHITE

15. ***P. BUTLER**
Gloucester
14. ***A. J. MORLEY**
Bristol
13. **R. R. MOGG**
Gloucester
12. **B. VINE**
Lydney
11. ***L. DICK**
Gloucester
10. **I. WILKINS**
Gloucester
9. ***P. KINGSTON**
Gloucester
1. **G. A. F. SARGENT**
Gloucester
2. **S. G. F. MILLS**
Gloucester
3. **J. R. DOUBLEDAY**
Bristol
4. **N. POMPHREY**
Bristol
5. **S. B. BOYLE**
Gloucester
6. ***J. A. WATKINS**
Gloucester
8. **S. J. GORVETT**
Bristol
7. ***M. RAFTER (Capt.)**
Bristol

Replacements:

16. **F. REED**
Gloucester
17. **P. BROWN**
Clifton
18. **P. WOOD**
Gloucester
19. **R. ETHERIDGE**
Gloucester
20. **B. RUSSELL**
Gloucester
21. **T. DAVIES**
Stroud

Full Backs

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Outside Half

Scrum Half

Forwards

*International

Middlesex

Colours, BLUE & WHITE
NARROW HOOPS

15. **C. S. RALSTON**
Rosslyn Park
14. ***T. MORRISON**
London New Zealand
13. **D. G. CROYDON**
Saracens
12. **R. J. GORDON**
London Scottish
11. **C. W. LAMBERT**
Harlequins
10. **T. A. BRYAN**
Northampton
9. **J. H. MONTGOMERY**
Metropolitan Police
1. **T. C. CLAXTON**
Harlequins
2. **I. THOMAS**
London Welsh
3. **C. MCGREGOR**
Saracens
4. **M. A. H. HESS**
Richmond
5. ***C. W. RALSTON (Capt.)**
Richmond
6. **A. C. ALEXANDER**
Harlequins
8. ***A. G. RIPLEY**
Rosslyn Park
7. ***R. J. MORDELL**
Rosslyn Park

Replacements:

16. **H. GLEAN**
Richmond
17. **C. GREEN**
Borough College
18. **P. O'LAUGHLIN**
London New Zealand
19. **L. R. BARLOW**
Rosslyn Park
20. **R. TAYLOR**
Grass Hoppers
21. **S. RALPH**
London New Zealand

Touch Judge:

A. M. J. FISHER
Gloucester Referees' Society

Referee:

P. E. HUGHES
Lancashire/Manchester Society

Touch Judge:

D. S. H. HERRIOTT
London Referees' Society

Today we welcome to Kingsholm, Middlesex R.F.U. and their team, and look forward to a keen, hard, but sporting game.

We first played them on February 26th 1902 at Richmond nearly 77 years ago, and have met them six times since in the County Championship Semi Final, and once in the Final 1975-76 Season, so you can say more or less we are "Old friends".

Middlesex as you well may know are responsible for putting seven-a-side rugby well and truly on the map, and making it quite a part of our rugby lives.

We all thank them for putting on such a feast of rugby to wind up the Seasons.

This year the Middlesex Seven-a-side Finals are on Saturday May 5th 1979 at Twickenham.

Our paths to the Semi-final:-

Gloucestershire:

Saturday 14th October 1978 v Devon at Exeter	won 15-12
Saturday 28th October 1978 v Somerset at Gloucester	won 38-3
Saturday 11th November 1978 v Cornwall at Bristol	Draw 6-6
Saturday 18th November 1978 v Oxfordshire at Cheltenham	won 25-10

Middlesex:

Wednesday 4th October 1978 v Kent at Wasps FC, Sudbury	won 6-3
Wednesday 18th October 1978 v Eastern Counties at Southend	won 42-6
Play-off Group A v Group B	
Wednesday 8th November 1978 v Surrey at Richmond	won 38-24

Once again the home supporters are fortunate to have a run of home games up to the end of the half-year, and Gloucester R.F.C. look forward to having your support.

Saturday 16th December—Gloucester v Coventry.

Saturday 23rd December—Gloucester v Newport.

Tuesday 26th December—Gloucester v Lydney (Boxing Day).

Saturday 30th December—Gloucester v Brigid.

We thank the First-Aid Service on this ground provided voluntarily by the City of Gloucester Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Also the Gloucestershire R.F.U. expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Gloucester Club for the facilities to stage this game, and to the Officials, Stewards, and Ladies for the help and co-operation given, and to you for your support.

The ball used in todays game has been kindly donated by MITRE