



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER v COVENTRY**

**Friday, 15th December, 1978**

at

**Nº 0616 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. Orwin

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

D. Pointon \*

J. Simonett \*

### COVENTRY

Full Back

† 15. P. A. Rossborough

Three Quarters

\* 14. P. Knee

\* 13. D. Foulks

\* 12. P. Coulthard

11. M. Woodhead

Half Backs

10. A. Long

9. P. Lander

Forwards

\* 1. F. Melvin

2. C. Weston

3. S. Wilkes

† 4. B. Ninnes

\* 5. N. Bakewell

\* 6. N. Malik

\* 8. G. Robbins

7. R. Sadler

REPLACEMENTS

S. Hall \*

R. J. Fardoe \*

Referee: D. I. WILLIAMS (Army Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Warm Welcome to "Cov"!

It is with particular warmth that we welcome Coventry to Kingsholm this evening, for they willingly agreed to switch the long-awaited match with them from tomorrow afternoon to avoid clashing with the televised game between the All Blacks and Barbarians at Cardiff.

The visit of our redoubtable Midlands friends of long standing is naturally one of the most important in Gloucester supporters' diaries, and it is unfortunate that both sides this evening are somewhat weakened by injuries.

Last season's match between the two clubs at Kingsholm, on Friday, September 9—also brought forward and on that occasion because of the British Lions—Barbarians' clash at Twickenham—ended in a resounding victory for the Cherry and Whites by 27th points to nil. But in the return game at Coundon Road on Saturday, December 17, "Cov" gained revenge in a win by 16-10.

Like Cleopatra of old Gloucester no doubt have immortal longings and among them is the earnest desire to complete the double—a rare feat indeed!—over the formidable Midland club, whom they defeated earlier this season on Saturday, September 9, at Coundon Road by 13 points to 3.

Coventry will be anxious to exact vengeance in turn for that reverse and we look forward to the usual entertaining and exciting struggle with our respected "foes" and trust they enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

## Kingsholm Kackle Where are they now?

We make no apology for repeating our appeal to all former Schoolboy international players regarding the special events planned a little later this season to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the English Schools' Rugby Union, the first match having been played at 14 group level in 1904 between England and Wales.

Among the celebrations will be a very important function at Twickenham on Wednesday, April 4, of next year and the Rugby Football Schools Union, as it is now called, wish to issue invitations to all former Schoolboy international players, irrespective of their age or in which group they represented their country.

Should any of our supporters know of players in Gloucester and district—and there are obviously many—who have represented England at Schools level we should be grateful if they would pass on this information, which is being circulated via the press and rugby clubs' programmes throughout the country.

There must be a number who attend Kingsholm regularly and it does not matter whether they played in the old days under the England Schools R.F.U. or the current title of the Rugby Football Schools Union.

To obtain your invitation to the special function at Twickenham write to Mr. R. R. Tennick, secretary, Rugby Football Schools Union, Twickenham, TW2 7RQ, giving your name and address, the country or countries against whom you played, together with the age group and year(s) when you were "capped".

## John Player Cup

The first round of the John Player Cup is on Saturday, January 27, when Gloucester start the defence of their title with the visit of Richmond to Kingsholm, kick-off 3.00 p.m., and provisional details are now available.

It will be, according to the competition rules, an "All pay" match, though the prices of admission will be extremely reasonable as usual. Centre Stand tickets, numbered and reserved, are £1.50p; Wing Stand (unreserved) £1.00; while ground admission is 70p, with 40p for senior citizens and juniors.

Tickets are not yet on sale, but those who wish to reserve Stand seats should apply to the club secretary, Terry Tandy, at 17, Ogbourne Clos, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0HU.



## New Opponents

There was considerable disappointment when it became known that Gloucester's return game with Newport, due to have been played at Kingsholm next Saturday, had to be called off because the famous Gwent club are engaged in a Welsh R.F.U. Cup match.

But now there could be what might loosely be termed a second bite of the proverbial cherry; for taking Newport's place next Saturday are Glamorgan Wanderers, who will be making their first-ever appearance at Kingsholm.

The Wanderers, originally due to meet Pontypool, were left with a vacancy and were obviously delighted to have the opportunity of playing at Kingsholm—and against the John Player Cup winners. Moreover, further heartening news is that the Newport game will be re-arranged, hopefully on an evening early in the New Year. The date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

## Holiday Matches

The visit of Glamorgan Wanderers brings the festive season upon us and for their holiday programme Gloucester have two home games. As usual in recent years neighbouring Lydney are the visitors on Boxing Day, while the following Saturday, December 30, brings the highly attractive fixture with powerful Bridgend, who are enjoying a highly successful centenary season, despite that defeat in mid-week by the All Blacks in a somewhat unsavoury encounter at the Brewery Field.

As far as the club is concerned Gloucestershire's defeat in the county championship semi-final here last Saturday had its compensations, for now, barring injuries, Gloucester should be able to field a near full strength side for the visit of Bridgend. Supporters readily recall the disaster last season, when the Cherry and Whites, on county final date, took a sadly weakened side to the Brewery Field and were made to pay dearly.

## United

Gloucester United, again enjoying tremendous success under the captaincy of Jerry Herniman, and unbeaten at home this season, travel to Coundon Road to meet Coventry Extra 1st this afternoon—and have an ambition to fulfil. For it is 20 years since United last won on the Midlanders' ground, though they have drawn once and other matches have been very closely contested.

## Lucky Programme

The £5 prize for the lucky programme, number 175, for last week's match against Loughborough Colleges, was unclaimed.

## Club Personalities

The somewhat copious notes in the programmes for recent matches have left little or no space for the popular "Club Personalities" column, but it is hoped to resume this next week or over the holiday period.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.