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# **GLOUCESTER** v **Glamorgan Wanderers**

**Saturday, 23rd December, 1978**

at

**Nº 0726 Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 3 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

## Very Warm Welcome to the Wanderers!

In his wisdom Polonius exhorted his son to grapple to his soul those friends he had with hoops of steel; he might well have added that making new friends is essentially a part of everyday life. This is equally applicable in our great game of rugby, which is why we extend a particularly warm welcome this afternoon to Glamorgan Wanderers, paying their first-ever visit to Kingsholm.

The Wanderers kindly agreed to step into the breach when the original fixture with Newport, who have Welsh R.F.U. commitments, had to be postponed.

With a nice balance of victories and points in their favour to date Glamorgan Wanderers are enjoying a successful season and last Saturday shared a draw of six points each with Pontypool — ample testimony to their skills and attributes.

The Wanderers, who hail from Ely in Cardiff and play at the Memorial Ground in Stirling Road, have expressed delight at this opportunity to visit Kingsholm and there could be no more appropriate day to welcome them than at the festive season.

We sincerely trust they enjoy their brief visit to our fair city and look forward to an entertaining game with our new friends this afternoon.

## Kingsholm Kackle John Player Cup

The first round of the John Player Cup competition is on Saturday, January 27, when the Cherry and Whites start the defence of their title with the visit of Richmond to Kingsholm, with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

It will be, in compliance with the rules of the competition, an "all pay" match but even the most parsimonious of us will readily agree that the prices of admission are extremely reasonable.

Tickets are now available and may be obtained from the club secretary, Terry Tandy, at the Office this after-

noon. Those for the Centre Stand, numbered and reserved, are £1.50p; Wing Stand (unreserved) £1.00.

Ground tickets are also on sale, price 70p, with only 40p for senior citizens and juniors. Supporters are respectfully advised to purchase these in advance, if possible, to avoid those frustrating delays in long queues shortly before kick-off time, as has so often happened in the past on important match days, especially when the weather has been kind.

## Unlucky United

Because of the wretched strike by journalists many of our supporters were unaware of the unlucky defeat suffered by the United against Coventry Extra 1st XV at Coundon Road last Saturday. Jerry Herniman and his lads lost by 27 - 17, but they must have fumed over the contrariness of of it all, for they scored three tries, through Mike Teague, Paul Tunstall and Richard Jardine, with full-back Tony Durkin, making his debut, converting one and landing a penalty goal.

In sharp contrast Coventry scored only one try which was converted, the remainder of their points coming from five penalty goals and two dropped goals. Rough justice, indeed, they may well argue!

## Gloucester R.F.C. Diaries

The Gloucester R.F.C. Diaries for 1979, price 50p, have now arrived, but there is only a limited supply. While stocks last, as the shopkeeper says, they can be obtained from the Office.

## Winning Programme

The lucky programme, No. 381, for the Coventry match was purchased by Mr. A. Cresswell, of 13 Poplar Close, Oaklands Park, Gloucester, who won £5. Congratulations!

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\*§ 12. R. Mogg

11. P. Williams

Half Backs

\* 10. I. Wilkins

\* 9. P. Howell

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## First XV Fixtures

1978			
Sept.	2	Broughton Park	H 33-4
	6	Stroud	... A 13-3
	9	Coventry	... A 13-3
	13	Cheltenham	... H 6-10
	16	Waterloo	... A 22-10
	20	Ebbw Vale	... A 9-18
	23	Bristol	... H 16-16
	30	Bedford	... H 14-10
Oct.	4	Pontypool	... A 3-28
	7	Bucharest XV	H 28-30
	14	Harlequins	... H 9-20
	20	Newport	... A 16-9
	25	S. Wales Police	H 28-0
	28	Nottingham	A 8-24
Nov.	1	Clifton	... A 32-13
	4	Leicester	... H 7-9
	8	Cambridge Un.	H 16-10
	11	Exeter	... H 13-7
	15	Exeter College	H 46-20
	18	Camborne	... H 15-0
	21	Aberavon	... H 22-10
	25	London Irish	A 12-10
Dec.	2	Oxford Univer.	A 19-4
	6	Loughboro Col.	H 16-3
	11	Bath	... A 10-20
	15	Coventry	... H 19-0
	23	Newport	... H

## First XV Fixtures

	26	Lydney	... H
	30	Bridgend	... H
1979			
Jan.	1	Moseley	... A
	6	London Scottish	H
	13	Leicester	... A
	20	Wasps	... A
	27	Richmond	... H
		J.P.C. 1st Round	
Feb.	2	Bristol	... A
	10	Bath	... H
	16	Swansea	... A
	24	Aberavon	... A
	28	Abertillery	... H
Mar.	2	Northampton	H
	10	Richmond	... A
	12	Taranaki (N.Z.)	H
	15	Cheltenham	... A
	24	Saracens	... A
	31	Plymouth	... A
Apr.	7	Cardiff	... H
	12	Lydney	... A
	14	New Brighton	H
	16	Fylde	... H
	18	Newbridge	... A
	21	Sale	... H
	28	Exeter	... A

1978				UNITED FIXTURES				1979			
Sept	2	Broughton Park	... A	1978	25	Nottingham Corsairs	A	Feb	17	Pontypool Athletic	H
	9	Coventry Ex. 1st XV	H	Dec	2	Cheltenham United	H		24	Newport H.S.O.B.	H
	16	Brixham	... H		9	Bath United	H	Mar	3	Northampton Wan.	A
	23	Bristol United	... A		16	Coventry Ex. 1st XV	A		10	Nottingham Corsairs	H
	30	Pontypool Athletic	A		23	Newport United	... A		17	Luctonians	... A
Oct	7	Cleeve	... A		30	Hereford	... A		19	Cheltenham United	A
	14	Richmond Vikings	... A						24	Kidderminster Carol.	H
	16	Luctonians	... H	1979					31	Salisbury	... H
	21	Newport United	... H	Jan	6	Wasps Vandals	... A		2	Berry Hill	... A
	23	Berry Hill	... H		13	Leicester Ex. 1st XV	H	Apr	7	Cardiff Athletic	... A
	30	Cinderford	... H		20	Cleeve	... H		9	Cinderford	... A
Nov	4	Leicester Ex. 1st XV	A		27	J.P.C.—1st Round	H		21	Trojans	... A
	11	Kidderminster Carol.	A	Feb	3	Bristol United	... H		28	Llantwit Major	... H
	18	Newport H.S.O.B.	A		10	Bath United	... A				

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## Moseley Match

A special coach — two if the demand warrants it — for supporters will be run from Kingsholm for Gloucester's match against Moseley at the Reddings on New Year's Day — next Monday week. The cost is only £1.50p and those wishing to book seats on the coach, which will leave at 12.30 p.m., returning soon after the game, should contact Terry Close in the Social Club as soon as possible.

For those unable or not wishing to make the trip to Moseley, the United will be in action at Kingsholm on New Year's Day in a re-arranged game with Ebbw Vale Athletic, kick-off 3.00 p.m. The Gwent side are one of the few to have beaten United, who will be anxious to gain revenge and maintain their proud ground record.

## Early Closing

The Social Club will close at 8.00 p.m. next Tuesday following the match with Lydney. We feel sure our supporters appreciate that even the hard-working bar staff need a little time to themselves and their families, especially in the festive season; and after all most of the local hostelrys have extensions until after midnight.

## 250 Club Draw

Members are asked to note that this month's draw in the 250 Club will be held in the Social Club next Friday, December 29, at 9.00 p.m. All are invited to attend; perhaps even to see if they are among the winners, for there will be the usual handsome monthly prizes.

## Diary Dates

Gloucester's holiday programme brings two more home games, with the traditional Boxing Day matches against Lydney and the visit next Saturday of powerful Bridgend, who are enjoying a highly successful centenary season.

The fixture with Newport, our original visitors this afternoon, has now been postponed until later in the season, probably on a mid-week evening in March. The actual date will be announced as soon it is confirmed.

## Schoolboy "Caps"

Yet another reminder of the 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 schools' match was played at 14 group level between England and Wales in 1904, and among the celebrations will be a very important function at Twickenham on Wednesday, April 4, of next year. The Rugby Football Schools Union, as it is now called, wish to issue invitations to all former schoolboy internationals, irrespective of their age or in which group they represented their country.

There must be a number who attend Kingsholm either regularly or occasionally and it matters not 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."

## Our Advertisers

It seems an appropriate time to thank once again our advertisers in both the programme and around the ground. We look forward to seeing many of them at this afternoon's game and assure them of our deep appreciation of their tremendous support.

We in turn ask our own members and friends to support these advertisers who do so much to help the club. Thank you, gentlemen all, for your magnificent help and encouragement!

## Yuletide Felicitations

In conclusion Gloucester R.F.C. officials, committee and the players join in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and thank you sincerely for your continued support which they appreciate is second to none.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.