



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v LYDNEY

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at

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Kick-off 3 p.m.

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

* 13. D. Pointon

*§ 12. R. Mogg

† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

2. R. Daldry

3. A. Brooks

4. G. Herniman

* 5. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

7. V. Wooley

REPLACEMENTS

P. Williams

K. White

LYDNEY

Full Back

15. A. Edwards

Three Quarters

14. P. Saunders (Capt.)

13. M. Wyman

12. W. Morris

11. A. Eagles

Half Backs

10. S. Parsloe

9. K. Rodway

Forwards

1. S. Scriven

2. P. Price

3. R. Davis

4. C. Henderson

5. J. Weech

6. J. Farley

8. M. Long

7. A. Wyman

REPLACEMENTS

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† International

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* County



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Welcome to the "Severn-Siders"

This afternoon, at the height of the festive season, we extend a very warm welcome to our annual Boxing Day visitors, old friends and neighbours, Lydney, with whom we have so many close ties.

Last Boxing Day the "Severn-siders" contributed richly to a thoroughly enjoyable game — as of course they have since taking over this traditional fixture from Old Merchant Taylors — and the riot of scoring ended in victory for the Cherry and Whites by 42 points to 7.

Indeed, our Lydney friends undoubtedly view last season's matches against Gloucester with misgivings, for they conceded 116 points in three meetings.

On January 28 last, in the first round of the John Player Cup, Gloucester won convincingly at Kingsholm by 38 - 6, then in the normal return fixture on Maundy Thursday, March 23, gained an equally resounding victory at Regentsholme by 36 - 6.

Lydney, therefore, will be anxious to put matters into better perspective, though they have in fairness been badly hit by injuries, and we look forward to another entertaining and absorbing game with them 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 afternoon. 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.

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!

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.

Stop Press News

All supporters will readily appreciate that because of the Christmas holidays it was necessary to have these programme notes in the hands of the printers early last week.

But any "stop press news" — team changes or additional club news — will be announced over the loud-speaker by our worthy "D.J." or one of the club officials.

250 Club Draw

Members are reminded that this month's draw in the 250 Club competition will be held in the Social Club next Friday, December 29, at 9.00 p.m. All are invited to attend, even only to see if they are among the winners, for there will be the usual handsome monthly prizes of one for £25 and four others at £10.

Diary Dates

Gloucester's holiday programme continues next Saturday with the visit to Kingsholm of powerful Bridgend, who are celebrating a highly successful season.

Next Tuesday, New Year's Day, the Cherry and Whites travel up the M.5 to meet Moseley at the Reddings, but return to Kingsholm on Saturday, January 6, for the traditional fixture with London Scottish. This will be followed by two away games, with Leicester and the Wasps, before the long-awaited John Player Cup clash with Richmond.

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. Ten-nick, 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."

Early Closing

The Social Club will close this evening at 8.00 p.m. We feel sure that our supporters and Lydney friends appreciate that the hard-working Social Club officials and bar staff need a little time to themselves and their families, especially at the festive season. And after all most of the local hostelrys have extensions until nearly midnight.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities No 5 Paul Howell

After England's defeat by the All Blacks last month one fervent Gloucester supporter proclaimed his disgust at their performance and systematically proceeded to criticise the various players at fault and their positions.

When he arrived at the half-backs, as it were, he strongly maintained that "Gloucester have three scrum-halves better than Young." He was, of course, referring to Peter Kingston, Paul Howell and young Steve Baker. Harsh criticism, perhaps, and no doubt even some of our supporters will find it difficult to agree; nevertheless, his point is taken.

And certainly Gloucester, whatever their shortcomings, imaginary or otherwise, apart from their legendary forward strength over the years, always appear able to produce top-class full-backs and scrum-halves; and in this latter category, of course, is PAUL ROBERT HOWELL.

It is fitting that he should be "spot-lighted" for today's game, as it was with Lydney that he learned so much of his early rugby. His remarkable surge to prominence last season was enhanced by the misfortunes of international Peter Kingston, whose serious knee injury brought the emergence of Paul to fame.

Then, with the luckless Kingston going down with 'flu during the last festive season, Paul made his unexpected debut for Gloucestershire in the county championship final and followed by making a very decided impact in the John Player Cup matches.

A tough, sturdy player who never acknowledges the possibility of giving best to an opponent, Paul, who is married, was born in Lydney, where he lives and works.