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# **GLOUCESTER v BRIDGEND**

**Saturday, 30th December, 1978**

at

**Nº 0910 Kingsholm, Gloucester**

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

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**



## Warm Welcome to Bridgend!

There could be few more exciting or entertaining visitors to complete the first half of the season than Bridgend, the famous Welsh club, currently enjoying a highly successful centenary year, on the celebration of which we add our own very sincere congratulations.

A game with Bridgend never lacks personalities nor intriguing moments and it is unfortunate that they only visit Kingsholm once every two years, which is why we extend a particularly cordial welcome to them this afternoon.

But, to quote Ophelia, this is no time to tread the primrose path of dalliance, for Gloucester have been left licking a few proverbial wounds inflicted by the famous Welshmen in recent years. On New Year's Eve of last season, most supporters readily accepted the possibility of, as one wag put it, a declaration at half-time, for it was the final of the county championship on the same day, and no club, however well equipped with depth in reserve strength, can hope to visit Bridgend with only two or three regular first team players and maintain even a semblance of parity.

It is now history, but a sad chapter in Gloucester's, that the Welshmen thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Brewery Field that afternoon and piled up 50 points without reply.

Yet even the advantage of playing at Kingsholm has not proved efficacious for the Cherry and Whites against Bridgend in the past few seasons, though the matches have provided tense rugby and exciting finishes.

Two years ago, on Wednesday evening, November 3, the Welshmen eased through by 11 points to 10, while on their previous visit, on Saturday, December 28, 1974, they captured the Cherry and Whites' ground record with a sparkling display which brought them victory by 18 - 15.

Like Shylock of old, then, Gloucester may well ask, "Shall we not revenge?" and with our Welsh friends' reputation for speedy, constructive ruggie, we look forward to another entertaining tussle 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.

## 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.



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Cherry and White

Full Back

\*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes

13. E. Rooney

\*§ 12. R. Mogg

† 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. V. Wooley

REPLACEMENTS

### BRIDGEND

Full Back

†15. J. P. R. Williams/L. Thomas

Three Quarters

14. I. Davies

†13. S. Fenwick

12. S. Grabham

11. V. Jenkins

Half Backs

10. I. Williams

9. G. Williams

Forwards

1. I. Stevens

2. G. Davis

3. M. James

4. B. Howe

5. R. Evans

6. G. Williams

8. S. Ellis

7. G. Jones

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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	Jan	6	Wasps Vandals	... A	31	Salisbury	... H
	21	Newport United	... H		13	Leicester Ex. 1st XV	H	Apr	2	Berry Hill	... A
	23	Berry Hill	... H		20	Cleeve	... H		7	Cardiff Athletic	... A
	30	Cinderford	... H		27	J.P.C.—1st Round	H		9	Cinderford	... A
Nov	4	Leicester Ex. 1st XV	A		3	Bristol United	... H		21	Trojans	... A
	11	Kidderminster Carol.	A	Feb	10	Bath United	... A		28	Llantwit Major	... H
	18	Newport H.S.O.B.	A								

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## Prize Winners

With the monthly draw of the popular "250 Club" having been made only last night, it is of course impossible to announce the winners in today's programme. But these, together with the lucky programme holders for the three holiday games, will be published in the notes for the traditional New Year fixture with London Scottish next Saturday.

## 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.

## Diary Dates

As stated earlier Gloucester have another home match next Saturday with the biennial visit of London Scottish to Kingsholm, but then have two successive away games before the John Player Cup match with Richmond. The next home game for the United, still unbeaten at Kingsholm, is against Leicester Extra 1st XV, one of the only four teams to have lowered their colours this season.

## 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!

## Club Personalities

Again copious notes, some of necessity being repeated, have precluded the inclusion of the "Club Personalities" column, but this will be resumed in the New Year.

## Seasonal Salutations

In conclusion the officials, committee and players join in wishing you all a very happy and Prosperous New Year, the while thanking you sincerely for your continued magnificent support!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.