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First Round, John Player Cup

# **GLOUCESTER**

v

# **RICHMOND**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Nº 2921

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

## Up for T' Cup—and a Warm Welcome to Richmond!

Shortly after making his famous, impassioned plea for a horse, in exchange for which he offered his kingdom, Richard III said to his servant, "I think there be six Richmonds in the field."

This may sound like too much of a good thing to our supporters, but at least we can extend an extremely warm welcome this afternoon to the one Richmond we all know so well as they visit us to start another intriguing and exciting JOHN PLAYER Cup competition. We welcome, too, Nigel Starmer-Smith and his team to Kingsholm for this first round match, to be featured as B.B.C's. "Rugby Special."

Normal fixtures between our two clubs have been disrupted in recent years as they have invariably fallen on the same dates as the third round of the John Player Cup. Indeed Richmond's last appearance at Kingsholm was on Saturday, March 13, 1976, when Gloucester won an entertaining game by 18 points to 4.

Richmond have twice reached the quarter-final stage of the Cup and were a trifle unlucky to be eliminated last season, when they shared a 9-9 draw with Wasps, who qualified for the second round on the basis of being the away team as no tries were scored.

Since the inception of the competition in 1971-72 Richmond have won five and lost five cup matches, scoring 109 points and conceding 103. They have perhaps been fortunate in that they have managed to play two games during the Arctic weather of the past few weeks, but the fact that no team can give of their best in such wretched conditions helps to offset Gloucester's disadvantage of not having had any match practice at all this month, though they have been training rigorously.

Effort being the highest common factor in every successful venture we eagerly look forward to another exciting and absorbing cup game this afternoon, replete, we trust, of what Hamlet in his famous soliloquy termed "enterprises of great pith and moment."

## Kingsholm Kackle Cup Jottings

Although most supporters are well informed on such matters it seems appropriate to repeat some of the rules and other relevant information concerning the JOHN PLAYER Cup competition.

Should the scores be level after 40 minutes' play each way the team that has scored the most tries goes forward to the next round. If this does not produce a result the team with the greater number of goals from tries is the winner. With a definite result still not forthcoming the visiting team will move into the next round.

JOHN PLAYER & SONS, who have provided £120,000 for the competition over the past three seasons, have increased their sponsorship for 1978-79 to £55,000. This means that even the losing clubs in the first round will receive £750.

The second round of the Cup is due to be played on Saturday, February 24, but supporters of all surviving clubs will have to be a little patient as the draw is to be held at the International Sports Writers' Club in Great Russell Street, London, at noon next Monday.

## First Round Ties

Congratulations to the well-known Gloucester Society referee, Tony Fisher, who has been appointed to take charge of today's John Player Cup match between Havant and Rosslyn Park. The full first round Cup programme is:

Leicester v. Northampton; Esher v. Gosforth; Hartlepool Rovers v. Walsall; Wakefield v. Bedford; Birkenhead Park v. Sale; Broughton Park v. Orrell; Moseley v. Liverpool; London Welsh v. Bath; Harlequins v. Plymouth Albion; Exeter v. London Scottish; Gloucester v. Richmond; Havant v. Rosslyn Park; Ipswich v. Matson; London Irish v. Avon and Somerset Police; Wasps v. Blackheath; Rugby v. Coventry.

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Full Back

\*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes

\*§ 13. R. Mogg

12. E. Rooney

11. P. Williams

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

S. Baker

R. Daldry

### RICHMOND

Full Back

16. D. F. Wibley

Three Quarters

15. H. Glean

14. I. Ray

† 12. I. R. Shackleton (Capt)

11. D. C. Willis

Half Backs

10. N. Preston

9. C. J. Pritchard

Forwards

1. A. Shortland

2. N. J. Vinter

3. W. Dickinson

4. M. Hess

† 5. C. W. Ralston

6. M. Miller

† 8. D. M. Rollitt

7. C. Sharp

REPLACEMENTS

T. G. R. O'Hanlon

A. L. Bucknell †

Referee: B. HEAD-RAPSON (Notts, Lincs & Derby Society)

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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

1978			
	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	1979					24	Kidderminster Carol.	H
	16	Luctonians	... H	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	Feb	3	Bristol United	... H		21	Trojans	... A
	11	Kidderminster Carol.	A		10	Bath United	... A		28	Liantwit Major	... H
	18	Newport H.S.O.B.	A								

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## Coach to Bristol

Gloucester's next match is against old rivals Bristol at the Memorial Ground next **Friday evening**. A coach—or two, if the demand is sufficient—will be run from Kingsholm, leaving at 5.45 p.m. and returning immediately after the game. The cost is a mere 80p and those desirous of participating in this bargain should contact Terry Close in the Social Club as soon as possible.

The United, still unbeaten at home under the dedicated leadership of Jerry Herniman, will be defending this record next **Saturday**, February 3, when they entertain Bristol United at Kingsholm, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

The next home match for Gloucester is next Saturday week, February 10, when Bath, having such a successful season, will be the visitors, again with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

## Sad Losses

Most supporters during these recent weeks of enforced rucker inactivity because of the wretched Arctic weather will have heard with deep regret of the deaths of two Gloucester stalwarts—Jack Yeadon and John A'Bear.

"Big Jack" Yeadon was a popular and well-known personality at Kingsholm. A retired R.A.F. officer, he was a Yorkshireman by birth, but there was no keener supporter of the Cherry and Whites, whom he looked upon as the "one and only rugby team." His deep exhortation of "Show 'em, Gloss!" became a familiar cry at Kingsholm.

To older supporters John A'Bear was almost a legendary figure and they will remember with nostalgia his long association in the second of the pack in pre-war days with Roy "Digger" Morris for both Gloucester and the County.

One of many Old Cryptians who rendered such magnificent service to the club, John skippered Gloucester in the two seasons immediately prior to World War II. In 1936 he was in the British Lions' team for their three months' tour of Argentina.

Our deepest sympathy goes to both families in their great losses.

## Matson match off

Shortly before going to press, as we say, news came through late on Thursday night that Matson's John Player Cup match with Ipswich had to be postponed because of the wintry weather making the East Anglian club's pitch unplayable. The match will now be played in two weeks' time on Saturday, February 10.

## Schoolboy "Caps"

A late 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. 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 no doubt several have already written and accepted invitations to the special function.

Those who have not yet done so and would like to attend should write to Mr. R. R. Tennick, secretary, Rugby Football Schools Union, Twickenham, TW2 7RQ, giving their names and addresses, the country or countries against whom they played, together with their age groups and year(s) in which they were capped.

## Prize Winners

With the monthly draw of the popular "300 Club" having been made only last night it is of course impossible to announce the winners in today's programme. They will be published in the notes for Gloucester's next home match, though the list of winners may be seen on the notice board above the bar in the Social Club.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.