



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER**

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# **ABERTILLERY**

**Wednesday, 28th February, 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 7 p.m.**

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**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

- RUGBY BOOTS ● JERSEYS AND SHORTS ● BALLS ● CLUB DISCOUNTS
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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. S. Baker

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargent

\* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

\*§ 4. S. Boyle

\* 5. J. Orwin

\*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

\* 8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Williams

R. Daldry

### ABERTILLERY

Green and White

Full Back

15. R. Evans

Three Quarters

14. D. Rees

13. A. Austin

12. W. Hagley

11. P. Fowler

Half Backs

10. L. Williams

9. N. Paul

Forwards

1. D. Jones (Capt.)

2. M. Cairns

3. B. Cripps

4. J. Everett

5. A. Higgins

6. S. Lane

8. B. Phillips

7. P. Clarke

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: J. MURDOCK (Leicestershire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Warm Welcome to Abertillery

This evening we extend a very warm welcome to Abertillery and a return to mid-week rugby at Kingsholm. Our visitors, who are comparative newcomers over the past decade, are only met once a season, on a home and away basis, and the last two meetings between the clubs have produced significant results.

For on their last appearance at Kingsholm, on Wednesday, March 16, 1977, our Gwent friends were in the middle of a remarkably successful and high-scoring run by Gloucester, who won four consecutive home matches by over 50 points.

Abertillery fell victims to the Cherry and Whites by 51 points to 4, but they can derive considerable comfort perhaps from the fact that Cheltenham, Guy's Hospital and Bath also conceded the half-century.

But revenge came sweetly and swiftly for Abertillery last year at the Park, where they were the only club to beat Gloucester in the whole of the second half of last season. True, the Cherry and Whites were far from full strength as they were due to play their John Player Cup game on the following Saturday, but victory by the "Green and Whites" by 12 points to 6 was fully deserved.

We look forward then to another entertaining and absorbing game with Abertillery this evening, trusting they enjoy their brief stay.

## Kingsholm Kackle The Taranaki Match

Supporters are asked to note that the long-awaited match against Taranaki, the star New Zealand club, will be played at Kingsholm in the evening of **Tuesday, March 13**—not the previous day, March 12, as appears on all the fixture lists and membership tickets.

This is an "all pay" game, but the only tickets being printed are for the Centre Stand, price £1.00. This will ensure that Patrons will be able to book their seats in advance and all applications should be made to the club secretary, Terry Tandy, at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, enclosing remittances and stamped addressed envelopes.

## Lucky Programme

The lucky programme, No. 111, for the Match with Plymouth Albion last Saturday was held by Mr. Moseley, of 4 Victoria Road, Longford, who won £5. Congratulations, Sir!

## "300" Club

Congratulations also to the winners of this month's draw in the popular "300" Club, made in the Social Club last Friday evening. They are—R. Page (No. 159) £25; J. Beaman (213), D. I. Whitmore (253), A. C. Hatch (99), Don Hill (182), each received £10.

## Patrons' Evening

Another reminder that the annual Patrons' Evening will be held at the Social Club on Wednesday, March 14, reception from 7.30 - 8.00 p.m. Admission will be by tickets only and patrons may obtain these from Cecil Pope, Mervyn Elway or club secretary Terry Tandy.

The Patrons' Committee also proposes to run a trip to Exeter for Gloucester's final match of the season on Saturday, April 28. This will be subject to sufficient support, but it is proposed to have lunch at a suitable hotel en route, stay at the Exeter club for a while, with another stop on the way back, arriving in Gloucester around 9.00 p.m.

## Complaints Corner

The small gate by the new turnstiles at the car park entrance is now padlocked on match days, for obvious reasons. But what happens if it is urgently required for exit during a game? one or two have asked.

All spectators are assured that for EMERGENCY purposes only, a key to the padlock is immediately available at the adjoining turnstile.

## S-West Merit Table

As a result of last Saturday's matches at Kingsholm and at Bath's Recreation Ground the South-West merit table has taken on a "new look," with Gloucester and Bristol now joint leaders. The current positions are: Gloucester (played 6; 75.00%); Bristol (6; 75.00%); Bath (5; 60.00%); Exeter (5; 40.00%); Camborne (5; 40.00%); Plymouth Albion (5; —).

## Diary Dates

After the long "winter of discontent" there will be more excellent rugby fare on Friday evening, when Northampton will be the visitors with the usual kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

On Saturday week, March 10, it will be seen from the fixture list that Gloucester are due to travel to meet Richmond at the Athletic. This match will not now be played, of course, as Richmond are still in the John Player Cup competition.

An alternative fixture is expected to be arranged—probably at Kingsholm and possibly the postponed one with Bath, due to meet Swansea still engaged in the Welsh R.U. Cup—but it is hoped to announce further details later this week.

## Messages of Appreciation

Despite the disappointing result Gloucester have won many new friends after their John Player Cup tie with Richmond and the club, players and supporters alike might all take the proverbial bow.

For Terry Tandy has received letters from the referee, Brian Head-Rapson, and the Richmond Club expressing their profound thanks and appreciation of the wonderful hospitality and the sporting way in which players and supporters accepted the shock exit from the competition.

In addition the B.B.C. wrote to thank the club for the excellent arrangements and the hospitality, both on the actual match day and the earlier Saturday when the original game was postponed.

## Personality Parade

The copious notes that have been necessary in the programmes for the few matches played during the big "freeze" have left little space for the "Club Personality" column. But this popular feature has been resumed this evening and it is fitting that the first of the new year should be the club chairman, Gordon Hudson.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

## Club Personalities No 6 Gordon Hudson

There can be no better known nor popular figure in the Gloucester Rugby club than its present chairman,

ARTHUR GORDON HUDSON, son of the late Arthur Hudson who, together with great names such as Tom Voyce and "Doc" Alcock, helped to make the Cherry and Whites one of the most famous in the game of rugby throughout the world.

Like so many gifted sportsmen of his era Gordon's chances of being at the top for many years were cruelly curtailed by the advent of World War II, for he joined the Gloucester club from Old Cryptians in season 1936-37 as a wing three-quarter—with limited success, he modestly adds. But he was "tactfully" persuaded to try his luck in the pack by Roy "Digger" Morris.

He was an instant success as a flanker and was a regular in the Cherry and Whites' senior side the following season until the outbreak of hostilities. During the war he played for the Royal Air Force in their Inter-Services matches and in several games against Northern League teams for war charities.

Gordon also appeared for the English Services in 12 war-time internationals against Wales, Scotland and France, recalling that his most satisfying game was against Scotland at Murrayfield, where he scored four tries.

He won his first Gloucestershire cap when the county championship restarted in 1946 and made 39 appearances, during which he skippered the County for two seasons. Although no caps were awarded he gained the coveted England jersey when he played against the famous Kiwis at Twickenham in the first "Victory International" and in the same season was selected for the Barbarians.

Gordon, who was also an accomplished cricketer and is a member of Gloucestershire C.C.C., made over 300 appearances for Gloucester, whom he skippered for three seasons. He retired in 1954 and was elected to the committee the following year.

Honoured by his election as the club chairman in season 1972-73, Gordon rates his proudest moments as those when "the lads" won the cup in the inaugural year of the competition and again last season. He is now a life member and vice-president of Gloucester R.F.C. and has also served on the Gloucestershire executive committee for many years.