



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v NORTHAMPTON

Friday, 2nd March, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

*§ 13. R. Mogg

* 12. D. Pointon

† 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

I. Wilkins

R. Daldry

NORTHAMPTON

Black, Green and Gold

Full Back

* 15. C. Mackaness

Three Quarters

* 14. P. Bignell

* 13. D. Pinches

* 12. J. Cubitt

* 11. P. McGucklin

Half Backs

* 10. J. Surguy

† 9. J. Page

Forwards

* 1. R. Smith

* 2. P. Johnson (Capt.)

* 3. R. Cox

* 4. V. Cannon

* 5. G. Wright

* 6. P. Sweet

* 8. G. Poole

* 7. S. Russell

REPLACEMENTS

P. Mattacola

N. Fox

Referee: P. HUGHES (Manchester Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Cordial Welcome to the Saints

One might suggest that supporters are being spoiled with two matches in the space of three days, particularly as this evening we have the attractive fixture with our popular Midlands friends, Northampton, brought forward of course because of tomorrow's televised international between England and France.

Northampton, popularly known as the Saints—and equally as entertaining as the Simon Templar brand—only visit Kingsholm once every two years, which makes their appearance here this evening the more welcome.

Their last visit here was something of an innovation, for it was on Saturday evening, March 5, 1977—(yes, television was again to blame for the change!)—and Gloucester won an absorbing game 31 points to 6. The return fixture at Franklin's Gardens last season was cancelled.

Like Gloucester, the Saints have suffered a bitter disappointment with their early exit from the John Player Cup competition, but have otherwise enjoyed a fairly successful season to date, having won 16 and drawn one of their 25 games, scoring 427 points while conceding 300.

Last Saturday they produced splendid form in beating Royal Navy by 27 - 4 and we look forward to another entertaining tussle this evening, trusting the Saints will enjoy their brief visit to our fair city.

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.

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.

Richmond

John Player and the Welsh R.U. Cup postponed matches because of the recent "freeze-up" have certainly posed problems and brought headaches to harassed fixture secretaries and to others attempting to keep au fait with affairs.

In these programme notes for Wednesday evening's match against Aber-tillery we stated that Gloucester's fixture with Richmond at the Athletic Ground tomorrow week, Saturday, March 10, would not be played as the London club are still in the John Player Cup.

This is true, of course, but they have been drawn away to either Moseley or London Irish on that date. Now, however, Moseley and London Irish will play their postponed second round tie on March 10 by special permission, leaving Richmond free of cup commitments. The match between Richmond and Gloucester therefore is ON!

Sincere apologies, but our supporters will readily appreciate that it is difficult to keep abreast of arrangements of other clubs in such circumstances. In any event, Bath could not have been met, as their fixture with Swansea will now be played on March 10, the Welsh Cup games having been brought forward a week in an attempt to get the competition finished in time.

Still on the subject of cup matches, some supporters have asked if it is possible that the eagerly-awaited game with Cardiff at Kingsholm is still on. They will be pleased to know that it is, for even if Cardiff win the next round of the Welsh Cup the Semi-finals are to be played on Saturday March 31. This will leave Cardiff free to meet Gloucester on Saturday, April 7.

Diary Dates

Although Gloucester do not have another home match until the visit of Taranaki on Tuesday, March 13, there is still plenty of rugger fare to whet the appetite at Kingsholm next week.

On Wednesday evening Gloucester Colts, who have been playing exhilarating rugby and are unbeaten for two years, take on powerful Newport Colts, kick-off 7.00 p.m. Then tomorrow week, with the seniors away at Richmond, the highly successful Gloucester United side, unbeaten at home this season, entertain Nottingham Corsairs with the usual afternoon kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

Well Done, Bob!

Hearty congratulations to our popular winger, Bob Clewes, on his remarkable achievement against Abertillery on Wednesday evening when he crossed the visitors' line twice to equal the club individual record of 236 tries, set up more than 60 years ago by the late Arthur Hudson. It couldn't have gone to a nicer bloke, as we say, and, if Northampton will forgive presumption, Bob will be assured of another great ovation if he can score the try this evening that will enable him to stand supreme among the club's try-scorers.

Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 813, for the Abertillery match was purchased by Mr. William Dawe, of 9, Bristol Road, Gloucester, who left £5 richer—we hope. Congratulations, William!

Debentures

The Rugby Union have issued a circular to all clubs proposing a debenture—£535, would you believe it! This would give any debenture holder priority in purchasing a £7.50p grand stand ticket for every home international for the next ten years. Purchasing, you will note! They are hoping to sell 7,000 debentures with a view to building a new South stand which in turn will considerably lessen the amount of standing room available.

The Gloucester committee, not surprisingly, voted against any such scheme, but if any member has £500 odd quid he would like to get rid of the offer's there. On a more serious note, should any supporter have any views on this matter a committeeman will gladly listen to him or her.

Club Personality

Yet again this popular feature has to be held over because of lack of space, but will be resumed as soon as possible.

Best Wishes, Peter!

In conclusion the club, players and supporters wish scrum-half Peter Kingston the very best of luck in England's international match against France at Twickenham tomorrow. We all hope he has a "stormer," with perhaps one of his crafty tries!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.