



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v **TARANAKI (New Zealand)**

Tuesday, 13th March, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

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. C. Williams

9. S. Baker

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. S. Mills

§ 3. P. Blakeway

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Orwin

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

I. Wilkins *

R. Daldry

TARANAKI (New Zealand)

Full Back

15. S. Davidson

Three Quarters

14. M. Watts

13. P. Broederlow

12. P. Martin

11. A. Brown

Half Backs

10. J. Cameron

† 9. D. Loveridge

Forwards

1. E. Fleming

2. F. O'Carroll

3. J. Thwaites

4. J. Mason

5. I. Eliason

6. M. Carey

8. G. Wetton

† 7. G. Mourie (Capt.)

REPLACEMENTS

P. Fleming

R. Fraser

Referee: C. NORLING (Wales)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Extremely Warm Welcome to Taranaki

In the Spring, as one cynic once misquoted, a young man's fancy turns to what girls have been thinking about all the winter. But this evening, with Spring upon us — at least, officially — Gloucester supporters' thoughts are concentrated on the long-awaited game with TARANAKI, one of New Zealand's most powerful clubs.

Our distinguished visitors, led by flanker Graham Mourie, who skippered the All Blacks on their recent tour of this country, met with remarkable success prior to this tour, winning 30 and drawing two of their 43 matches, during which they amassed 803 points and conceded 453. Ample testimony to their strength and insistence on playing open, constructive rugby.

Taranaki regard this tour as a great challenge and an opportunity to perfect their game before the advent of the new season's national championship campaign in New Zealand. They have already met three of the leading Welsh clubs, having beaten London Welsh, narrowly losing at Stradey Park to Llanelli, then winning a high-scoring game against Pontypridd last Saturday.

This evening's match with the Cherry and Whites is the Tourists' last one in Britain before they leave for two games in France. They end their tour with a fixture against Japan's national side in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium on March 25.

Plans for the tour, which is being eagerly followed by New Zealand's rugby fanatics, began over 15 months ago and a competition which raised 25,000 dollars last year ensured that it would go ahead, says Taranaki's tour secretary, Mervyn Saunders, who adds that support from the people of Taranaki has been remarkable.

Hundreds of farmers donated calves and others offered spare-time work for the tour party, while business concerns played leading parts by way of sponsorship, gifts of playing gear and other tremendous beneficial efforts.

Their squad of 25 members includes many well-known and talented players, apart from skipper Mourie and scrum-half David Loveridge, who won the admiration of rugby enthusiasts with his performances with

the All Blacks earlier in the season.

Taranaki, who have modelled their style of play on that of their national team, are the first New Zealand provincial side to tour Britain. They regard this evening's match as probably the toughest of their tour in this country and Graham Mourie says they intend to place the emphasis on 15-man rugby.

And that does not merely mean throwing the ball around but also putting pressure on the opposition from defensive positions, he adds. These are sentiments with which our own supporters will heartily agree and we look forward, together with Taranaki's 30 supporters who have travelled with the official party, to an absorbing and entertaining game this evening, sincerely trusting that our visitors are enjoying their tour and particularly their brief stay in our fair city.

Kingsholm Kackle Record for Bob?

No doubt our popular winger, Bob Clewes, as is his wont, will be heeding the advice of Lady Macbeth "to stand not upon the order of going, but go at once," if the slightest opportunity presents itself this evening.

For few of our supporters need reminding that Bob requires one more try to beat the club record of 236 tries, set up more than 60 years ago by the late Arthur Hudson. It couldn't go to a nicer bloke, as we say, and if our Taranaki friends will forgive us for seeming a little presumptive, Bob will be assured of a tremendous ovation if he can score that try against them to enable him to enter the club's "hall of fame."

Patrons' Evening

A final reminder—not the wretched variety demanding money—that the annual Patrons' Evening will be held at the Social Club **tomorrow**, March 14, reception from 7.30 - 8.00 p.m. Admission will be by tickets only and should any patrons not yet have theirs they may be obtained this evening from Cecil Pope.

The Patrons' committee also proposes to run a trip to Exeter for Gloucester's last 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 after the match, with another stop on the way back, arriving in Gloucester around 9.00 p.m.

The Bath Game

Supporters will be delighted to know that the return game with our old friends from Bath—the original fixture was postponed last month because of John Player Cup commitments—will now be played at Kingsholm on the evening of Monday, April 2, with the usual 7.00 p.m. kick-off.

Put those Clocks On!

A reminder to all spectators to put their clocks and watches FORWARD one hour this coming week-end, when British Summer Time starts. We shouldn't like any of you to amble into your local for your Sunday lunch-time refreshment and find you had missed an hour's "quaffing" time.

And for those of you who aren't quite sure—Yes, you will have an hour's less sleep unless you adjust your time of "hitting the hay" or rising next morning!

Schoolboys' Match

A special attraction at Kingsholm on Wednesday, April 4, is the match between Gloucester Schools and Coventry Schools at 15 group level. It is one of the many events to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the English Schools' Rugby Union and the match will be sponsored by Saintbridge Former Pupils R.F.C., formerly Old Centralians, in memory of the late Guy Cryer, who dedicated himself to putting Central to the forefront of schools' rugby.

A reminder, however, that this match will kick-off at the earlier time of 6.00 p.m. to allow it to be played throughout in daylight.

Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 39, for the Northampton match was purchased by Mr. Brian Jones, of 64 Dean's Way, who did not have far to go home with his £5 winnings.

Diary Dates

Gloucester have no more home matches this month, but on Thursday make the short journey to Cheltenham to meet the Town at the Athletic Ground, kick-off 7.00 p.m. And there will be a little matter of adjustment to be made by the Cherry and Whites as that game at Kingsholm early in the season spring to mind.

The ever-popular North Gloucestershire Combination Rugby Cup competition starts next Monday, March 19, with the first round of the Senior matches, all of which start at 6.00 p.m. And as many of our supporters invariably follow the fortunes of the local clubs and have played for them in their younger days a list of the first round games is printed below.

Gloucester Civil Service v. Saintbridge Former Pupils; Gordon League v. Newent; Chosen Hill Former Pupils v. Longlevens; Tredworth v. Hucclecote O.B.; Matson v. Gloucester All Blues; Widden O.B. v. Spartans; Old Richians v. Coney Hill; Gloucester O.B. v. Old Cryptians. The second round will be played on the following Monday, March 26.

A preliminary round has been necessary in the Junior Cup because of the large number of entries and this will be played next Tuesday, March 20. The fixtures are: Spartans "A" v. Brockworth; Widden O.B. "A" v. Gloucester O.B. "A"; Chosen Hill Former Pupils "A" v. Gloucester All Blues "A". The first round of the junior competition will be played on Tuesday, March 27.

Club Personality

Again this feature has been suspended because of the copious notes in the programme, but will be resumed as soon as possible.

Good Luck, Peter!

In conclusion we all wish scrum-half Peter Kingston the very best of luck in England's vital international match against Wales at Cardiff next Saturday. May he produce the "goods" and play a large part in the defeat of the old enemy!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.