



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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PRESIDENT

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GLOUCESTER v BATH

Monday, 2nd April, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Nº 0419

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. P. Kingston

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

R. Jardine

K. White

BATH

Full Back

* 16. J. Waterman

Three Quarters

* 15. P. Simmons

† 14. M. Beese

* 12. J. Palmer

† 11. D. Wyatt

Half Backs

* 10. J. Horton

* 9. D. Murphy

Forwards

* 1. J. Meddick

2. A. Mason

3. G. Chilcott

* 4. R. Wheeler

5. D. Barry

* 6. G. Parsons

* 8. R. Lye

* 7. S. Jones

REPLACEMENTS

M. Sutton

C. Harry

Referee: L. PRIDEAUX (N. Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Very Warm Welcome to Bath

The John Player Cup competition, other representative games and atrocious weather have all combined in recent years to curtail, or throw into disarray, those eagerly-awaited meetings between Gloucester and our old friends from Bath, inevitably among the "top ten" of the most popular visitors to Kingsholm.

It has happened again this season, of course, which is why we extend a particularly warm welcome to Jack Simpkins, his committee and the Bath lads for so readily agreeing to rearrange the original fixture, postponed on February 10 because of the John Player Cup, and visiting Kingsholm this evening.

Our own supporters know only too well that Bath have had remarkable successes this season, including impressive wins over some of the Welsh clubs. They are generally recognised as having one of the strongest back divisions in English rugby today.

Prior to their match against Nottingham last Saturday, the result of which was too late to include in these notes, Bath had won 24 games, drawn three and lost nine, scoring 698 points while conceding 342. Like Gloucester, some of their defeats have been suffered when fielding below strength sides, usually on county championship days.

On their last visit to Kingsholm, on Saturday, December 10, 1977, Bath contributed richly to the entertaining game which ended in victory for Gloucester by 24 points to 13. But there was sweet revenge for Bath at their Recreation Ground last December, when they deservedly beat the Cherry and Whites by 20 points to 10.

Now that hopefully "our winter of discontent" is over, we look forward to another thoroughly absorbing game this evening, trusting our friends from Bath will enjoy their brief stay and the social intercourse afterwards.

Kingsholm Kackle Exeter Trip

Such has been the excellent response that it is proposed to go ahead with the Patrons' special trip to Exeter for Gloucester's last match of the current campaign, on Saturday, April 28.

The preliminary arrangements are 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.

Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 2250, for the Taranaki match was purchased by Mr. Keith Hook, of 64 Cecil Road, Gloucester, who won the £5. Congratulations!

Schools' Match

There will be a special attraction at Kingsholm on Wednesday next, April 4, when the Gloucester Schools meet Coventry Schools at 16 group level. It is one of the many events to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the English Schools' Rugby Union.

The match will be sponsored by Saintbridge Former Pupils R.F.C., previously known as 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 the kick-off will be at the earlier time of 6.00 p.m. to allow the match to be played throughout in daylight.

Diary Dates

The long Arctic spell and a series of away games have given supporters comparatively few opportunities of watching Gloucester in action at Kingsholm since the new year, but matters should be put in better perspective this month.

For next Saturday, kick-off as usual at 3.00 p.m., Cardiff will be the visitors and the following Easter week-end brings two more home games against New Brighton on Saturday and Fylde on Bank Holiday Monday.

There is a mid-week away fixture with Newbridge on Wednesday, April 18, then Sale provide the opposition for the final Saturday afternoon match of the season at Kingsholm. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to re-arrange the home fixture with Newport, postponed last December, and the most probable date would be in mid-week at the end of this month.

Well Done, Bob!

Congratulations to our popular winger, Bob Clewes, who has at last beaten the individual try-scoring record of 236 set up 60 years ago by the late Arthur Hudson.

His magnificent feat of scoring a hat trick on Saturday in Gloucester's convincing victory over Plymouth Albion at Beacon Park takes his total now to 239. Bob's only regret was that he could not have beaten the record at Kingsholm where, he says, the supporters have given him such great encouragement.

South-West Merit Table

This evening's match, of course, is a South-West merit table one and supporters will no doubt wish to know the up-to-date positions.

Gloucester's victory over Plymouth took them to the top of the table, where they currently share the leadership with Bristol. Whatever the outcome of tonight's game both Gloucester and Bath are certain to qualify for next season's John Player Cup, together with Bristol and Exeter.

The positions, compiled up to last night, are: Gloucester (played 7; 78.57%); Bristol (7; 78.57%); Bath (5; 60.00%); Exeter (7; 50.00%); Camborne (6; 33.33%); Plymouth Albion (8; 12.50%).

St. John Ambulance

Next Saturday at the Cardiff match the St. John Ambulance will be making their annual collection at Kingsholm. We know you will give generously as usual to this worthy cause and support these gentlemen who turn out voluntarily and so willingly for every home match irrespective of the weather.

300 Club Winners

The monthly draw of the 300 Club was held in the Social Club last Friday evening, when the £25 winner was Mr. R. H. Everest (ticket No. 111). Four prizes of £10 went to Mr. N. Wills (29), Mrs. E. Pritchard (93), Mrs. I. Holder (42) and Mr. K. Claridge (66). Congratulations, ladies and gentlemen!

Combination Cup

Because of arrangements in hand over the Newport fixture no definite dates have yet been fixed for the North Gloucestershire Combination senior and junior finals at Kingsholm, though it is hoped to announce these later this week.

The senior cup competition has reached the semi-final stage and the first of these is being played this evening on the Lannett, where Tredworth face the formidable challenge of mighty Matson, who have every intention of reaching Kingsholm yet again. But at least there will be one new face, as we say, in this season's final, for the other semi-final is on Thursday at Longford Lane between Longlevens and Old Cryptians, with the kick-off at 6.00 p.m.

Tomorrow evening brings the quarter-final round of the junior cup competition and as so many of our supporters like to follow the fortunes of the local clubs, particularly if they have played for them in their younger days, the four matches are listed below.

Old Cryptians "A" v. Brockworth; Gloucester All Blues "A" v. Conev Hill "A"; Matson United v. Newent "A"; Longlevens "A" v. Gordon League "A". Matches to be played on the grounds of the first-named teams.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.