



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v CARDIFF

Saturday, 7th April, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Nº 0657

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Cordial Welcome to Cardiff

This afternoon we extend a particularly cordial welcome to our old Welsh friends and rivals, Cardiff, of whom so little, alas, has been seen by our supporters in recent years.

Were a "Top of the Pops" survey to be held among rugby clubs, then surely Cardiff would be in contention as the most popular visitors to Kingsholm.

The fixture at Cardiff last season had to be cancelled as both our famous clubs were engaged in their respective national knock-out cup competitions. This year, surprisingly enough, both were unexpectedly eliminated, though current form suggests that neither has been perturbed by cup failures. As though to prove the point Cardiff gained a decisive victory over Swansea last Saturday by 22 points to 10.

Gloucester and Cardiff have been meeting for 97 years and in that long association victory has usually gone with ground advantage. But the Welshmen's last visit to Kingsholm, on Saturday, April 2, 1977, proved one of the exceptions to the general rule.

For, as most of the large crowd who saw that match will readily recall, Gerald Davies scored a brilliant try in injury time to give Cardiff an exciting if slender win by 19 points to 18. It was a memorable finale fully deserving of the ovation given to Gerald by even the most disappointed Gloucester supporters.

Four years ago, however, on Saturday, April 5, 1975, the superiority of the Cherry and Whites was never in doubt, for they romped to victory by 22 points to 3. And it may be of interest to many supporters to know that only Peter Butler, Bob Clewes, Peter Kingston and John Watkins of

our current players appeared in that victorious Gloucester side.

We look forward, then, to another absorbing and entertaining game with our Welsh friends this afternoon, trusting they enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

Kingsholm Kackle St. John Ambulance

It is appropriate that this afternoon's match should be the one for St. John Ambulance men to make their annual collection on the ground. Ken Sparrow and his lads are on parade for all matches, come fair weather or foul, giving their services so freely and unsparingly, and they deserve a bumper collection. We know you will give them your usual very generous support.

The Newport Game

Confirmation has now been received that the eagerly-awaited match with our other long-standing Welsh friends, Newport, postponed from last December, will be played at Kingsholm on Wednesday, April 25, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Exeter Trip

With the response having been so excellent Patrons are reminded that the proposed trip to Exeter for Gloucester's last match of the season will go ahead as planned on Saturday, April 28.

The arrangements include lunch at a suitable hotel en route, a spot of social intercourse at the Exeter club after the game, with another halt for refreshments on the return journey, arriving in Gloucester around 9.00 p.m.

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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. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

* 8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

B. Russell

K. White

CARDIFF

Full Back

15. G. Davies

Three Quarters

14. D. Preece

13. G. Meeham

12. H. Davies

11. C. Camilleri

Half Backs

† 10. G. Davies

† 9. T. Holmes

Forwards

† 1. B. Nelmes

† 2. A. Phillips

3. J. Dixon

† 4. H. de Goede

5. R. Norster

6. C. Smith

† 8. J. Scott

† 7. S. Lane

REPLACEMENTS

B. Williams †

L. O'Brien

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BRANCHES AT GLOUCESTER MARKET, TETBURY AND NAILSWORTH

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	Glamorgan W. H	9-0

First XV Fixtures

	26	Lydney ... H	16-7
	30	Bridgend ... H	12-16
1979			
Jan.	1	Moseley ... A	can'd
	6	London Scot. H	can'd
	13	Leicester ... A	can'd
	20	Wasps ... A	can'd
	27	Richmond ... H	can'd
		J.P.C. 1st Round	
Feb.	2	Bristol ... A	9-3
	10	Richmond, JPC H	3-3
	16	Swansea ... A	can'd
	24	Plymouth ... H	22-13
	28	Abertillery ... H	31-0
Mar.	2	Northampton H	37-4
	10	Richmond ... A	3-7
	13	Taranaki ... H	18-6
	15	Cheltenham ... A	12-0
	24	Saracens ... A	12-11
	31	Plymouth ... A	32-10
Apr.	2	Bath ... H	11-3
	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	F
	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						24	Kidderminster Carol.	H
	16	Luctonians	... H	1979					31	Salisbury	... H
	21	Newport United	... H	Jan	6	Wasps Vandals	... A		2	Berry Hill	... A
	23	Berry Hill	... H		13	Leicester Ex. 1st XV	H	Apr	7	Cardiff Athletic	... A
	30	Cinderford	... H		20	Cleeve	... H		9	Cinderford	... A
Nov	4	Leicester Ex. 1st XV	A		27	J.P.C.—1st Round	H		21	Trojans	... A
	11	Kidderminster Carol.	A	Feb	3	Bristol United	... H		28	Llantwit Major	... H
	18	Newport H.S.O.B.	A		10	Bath United	... A				

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South-West Merit Table

Congratulations to the lads on that splendid win over Bath last Monday evening in the hail and snow; a victory which put them firmly in the leadership of the South-West Merit Table. This means that Gloucester, Bristol, Bath and Exeter will all qualify for next season's John Player Cup competition.

Easter Games

Next week-end brings the usual crop of matches for Gloucester commencing with the traditional Maundy Thursday visit to Regentsholme to meet Lydney, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

On Saturday the visitors to Kingsholm will be New Brighton, followed by the match, also at home, against Fylde on Easter Monday, both kicking off at 3.00 p.m.

Other Diary Dates

There is other rich rugby fare for the avid enthusiasts in the forthcoming week or two. Next Thursday, when Gloucester visit Lydney, there will be the Gloucestershire Under 15 County Cup final between Old Cryptians and Brockworth, neither of whom have ever reached Kingsholm in this competition previously.

Later this month there will also be the North Gloucestershire Combination senior and junior cup finals at Kingsholm, though at the time of going to press, as we say, the actual dates had not been confirmed, the delay being caused by the re-arrangement of Gloucester's game with New-

port. It is hoped to announce the dates this afternoon over the loud-speaker, though they will appear in the press.

Programme Sellers

At this afternoon's match programmes will be sold by Scouts and Ranger Guides, to whom we tender sincere thanks. Leaflets will be included with the programmes advertising their Gang Show at the Cambridge Theatre in Gloucester Leisure Centre from Monday, April 23 to the following Saturday, April 28. We wish them every success in their venture!

Well Done, Richard and Huw!

Hearty congratulations to our own Richard Mogg and to Cardiff's Huw Davies on their selection for the England Under 23 team to meet English Students at Moseley next Wednesday, April 11. May it be a stepping stone to full international honours for both of these highly talented young players!

New Opponents

Supporters will be delighted to know that Gloucester's fixture list next season will be further strengthened by the inclusion of the Welsh champions, Pontypridd, who will visit Kingsholm in October. They will undoubtedly provide formidable and attractive opposition. Other newcomers include Orrell, but this match will be away in March.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.