



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER v FYLDE**

**Monday, 16th April, 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Nº 0077**

**Kick-off 3 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

\* 15. R. Etheridge

Three Quarters

14. P. Williams

\*§ 13. R. Mogg

\* 12. D. Pointon

† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

\*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargent

2. K. White

3. A. Brooks

\*§ 4. S. Boyle

\* 5. J. Orwin

\*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Herniman

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

R. Jardine

R. Daldry

### FYLDE

Claret, Gold & White

Full Back

\* 15. K. Aitchinson

Three Quarters

14. A. Swift

13. S. Simmons

\* 12. D. Shorrocks

11. H. Monk

Half Backs

\* 10. W. Isherwood

\* 9. M. Weir

Forwards

\* 1. D. Tabern

\* 2. R. Tabern

\* 3. J. Croasdell

\* 4. D. Young

\* 5. K. Garnett

6. A. Simpson

\* 8. M. Kirkham

7. N. Leeming

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: G. E. JONES (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Cup Finals

In addition to the forthcoming Gloucester fixtures mentioned above our keen supporters will no doubt like to know that the two North Gloucestershire Combination cup finals at Kingsholm have now been arranged. And it hardly seems necessary to add that Matson are involved in both of them, though there will be "new faces" to meet them this year.

First comes the Junior final between Matson United and Longlevens "A" next Wednesday, April 18. The Senior final, in which Matson meet Old Cryptians, is next Thursday week, April 26.

To give spectators more chance to digest their tea before taking the "Kingsholm road" the kick-off for both these finals will be 7.00 p.m.

## 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 on the northern club's ground at Edgehall Road in March.

## Happy Easter

In conclusion the officials, committee and players join in wishing all supporters a happy Easter holiday, trusting they are enjoying their rugger over the week-end!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

## Club Personalities

### No. 7 John Orwin

Some clubs, especially those in the soccer world, hold an annual ballot among their supporters to find the most improved player of the season. Were such a gimmick perpetrated in the Gloucester Rugby Club the award this year would undoubtedly go to

our popular and industrious lock forward JOHN ORWIN, who never seems to give even a mediocre performance.

John was born—alas, one can almost hear supporters sigh—in Bradford, Yorkshire, where he lived until he was 17 years old, when he joined the Royal Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. It seems almost impossible to believe, but he had never played rugby before his first posting to Thorney Island in Hampshire. There must have been unbounded latent talent in "Big John".

His first position was at full-back, where he learned to kick goals and though he has had little opportunity of practising this art with such an accomplished performer as Peter Butler in the team, there have been occasions when supporters have seen him "plonk them over" from long range.

It was when he moved to Marham in Norfolk that John really began to show that he was decidedly more than just another rugby player and earned somewhat higher recognition at minor county level. But it was his posting to Brize Norton, from where he joined Gloucester in 1976, that put him in the top flight.

John is currently playing for the R.A.F. as a tight head prop but frankly admits he much prefers to be in the second row or No. 8—but at least this proves his versatility. He has been an automatic choice for Oxfordshire and has played for Southern Counties against Argentine and for Combined Services when they met the Kiwis.

Being a Yorkshirman, perhaps, accounts for his love of cricket and John, who was 25 last month, says he "rather fancies himself" as a medium-fast bowler, though he is equally adept at basket-ball and squash. He has been married for nearly two years but as yet there are no little Orwins displaying their prowess with rugby ball or cricket bat.

We all hope there will be no more postings for John in his R.A.F. career—unless it is to somewhere near Gloucester, which would qualify him for our own county—for on those occasions he is unable to play the Cherry and Whites' pack undoubtedly miss his skills and power.



## Cordial Welcome to Fylde

To complete the Easter holiday programme we extend a cordial welcome this afternoon to another northern club, Fylde, old and respected friends of long standing.

Fylde's last visit here, on Easter Monday, April 11, 1977, produced an entertaining and high-scoring game, with Gloucester emerging as winners by 24 points to 12.

It is interesting to note that only two of the Gloucester players selected for today's match were in that team which beat Fylde two years ago. They are Richard Mogg and Steve Boyle; even John Watkins was forced to withdraw because of injury and the Gloucester side then was led by Mike Burton.

Fylde are enjoying an exceptionally successful season and their record is highly impressive, for they have won 25 of their 32 games prior to last Saturday, scoring 755 points and conceding only 281.

We look forward, then, to another exciting tussle with our northern friends this afternoon, trusting they enjoy their brief stay with us.

## Kingsholm Kackle Patrons' Trip

For this Exeter game details of the special trip for Patrons have now been completed. 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 back in Gloucester around 9.00 p.m.

The coach will leave Kingsholm at 10.30 a.m. and all Patrons who have booked on the trip are respectfully asked to pay a deposit of £2.50p, this week-end, if at all possible.

Jim Bennett will, like Matthew of old, be at the receipt of custom, in this case the **club office**, this afternoon to accept your cash, or, if it is

more convenient, the deposit may be paid to Andy Mitchell or Brian Howells in the **Social Club**.

## Diary Dates

On Wednesday the Cherry and Whites travel "over the bridge" to meet Newbridge at the Welfare Ground, but return to Kingsholm next Saturday for the match against another popular northern club, Sale.

A further reminder that the re-arranged match with Newport, postponed from last December, will be played at Kingsholm on Wednesday, April 25, kick-off 7.00 p.m. This will be Gloucester's farewell to Kingsholm this season, for the final match is against Exeter at the County Ground on Saturday, April 28.

## Welcome to our Chinese Friends

This afternoon we welcome distinguished guests in a party of 20 Chinese technicians who are on a training course at Dowty Mining, Tewkesbury.

This is their first insight into our game and we sincerely hope they will be impressed and take back happy memories to their own country as well as "spreading the gospel."

## "300 Club"

All members of the "300 Club" are reminded that the final draw for this season will be made in the Social Club on Friday evening, April 27, at 9.00 p.m., when there will be "heap big money" to be won. There are four handsome prizes for this final draw—£300; £100; £50; £25.

Meanwhile, the club and committee thank sincerely all of you who have supported the competition throughout the season, with equally sincere commiserations to those who found it rather like old Mother Hubbard.