



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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PRESIDENT

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GLOUCESTER v SALE

Saturday, 21st April, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. I. Wilkins

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes

*§ 13. R. Mogg

* 12. D. Pointon

† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. J. Simonett

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

R. Jardine

R. Daldry

SALE

Full Back

15. E. Phillips

Three Quarters

14. J. Drake

† 13. A. Bono

12. J. Gibson

11. A. McCaughley

Half Backs

10. T. Clarke

† 9. S. Smith

Forwards

1. E. Bassett

2. N. Hitchen

3. T. Simon

4. R. Trickey

5. S. Tyrrell

† 6. R. Creed

8. I. McKie

7. R. Stevenson

REPLACEMENTS

P. Sherratt

G. Pike

Referee: M. MORGAN (Bristol Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to Sale!

With our winter of discontent, we trust, now behind us, for our last Saturday match of the season at Kingsholm we extend a very warm welcome to Cheshire visitors, Sale, who have become one of our most valued friends in recent years.

On their own high standards Sale have experienced a somewhat indifferent season, having won 13 of their matches, drawn three and lost 16, scoring 348 points while conceding 329.

Sale's last visit here, on Saturday, April 16, 1977, ended in a convincing victory for the Cherry and Whites by 37 points to 9; sweet revenge, for as most of our supporters recall, the Cheshire club knocked Gloucester out of the John Player Cup competition in the previous season.

It is interesting to note that Gloucester's team this afternoon includes only three of the players who took part in that resounding win two years ago — Bob Clewes, David Pointon and skipper John Watkins.

Matches between our two clubs have always provided entertaining rugby and today we look forward to yet another "spectacular". Perhaps, as Leonard Sachs might put it in his "Old Time Music Hall", a didactic, delectable divertissement for your tantalizing titillation.

Kingsholm Kackle Patrons' Trip

At the time of going to press — if we may be permitted the cliché — the coach for the Patrons' special trip to Exeter next Saturday is virtually fully booked. Should any patron have missed the earlier announcement or belatedly changed his mind there may be the odd seat available and he should contact Cecil Pope this afternoon.

Programme Winners

Two of our supporters won £5 notes during the Easter holidays with their lucky programmes. For last Saturday's match with New Brighton the winning programme number was 573, purchased by Mr. D. Ryder of Silver Street, Mitcheldean, Glos., while Mr. Sullivan, of "Prospect", Brockworth, Gloucester, found programme No. 141 of some financial benefit for the Fylde match on Easter Monday.

"300 Club"

All members of the "300 Club" are reminded that they would be extremely welcome at the final draw to be made in the Social Club next Friday evening, April 27, at 9.00 p.m. To round off this season's popular competition there will be four handsome slices of remuneration with £300; £100; £50; £25.

Meanwhile, the club and committee sincerely thank all of you who have supported the project throughout the season, with equally sincere commiserations to those who, like the prophet of old, looked this way and that, but saw nothing. In other words, found it as rewarding as Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

Remaining Matches

Gloucester's final home match of the season is the re-arranged one with Newport next Wednesday evening, April 25, kick-off 7.00 p.m. But for those with insatiable rugby appetites — or even those lukewarm supporters — a reminder that on the following evening, again with a 7.00 p.m. kick-off, there is the North Gloucestershire Combination senior cup final, in which Old Cryptians will attempt to lower mighty Matson's colours.

And the programme ends at Kingsholm next Saturday when Gloucester United entertain the South Wales

club, Llantwit Major, kick-off 3.00 p.m. This is surely a "must" for all those supporters who are free to attend, for the United, under the inspired captaincy of Jerry Herniman, their hirsute and versatile forward, are unbeaten at home this season. We all wish them the best of luck in attempting to keep this remarkable record intact.

With their last two matches coming up — they are at Southampton this afternoon to meet Trojans — it would not be amiss to record their achievements. They have won 25 of their matches and lost the other five, against Bristol United, Leicester Extra 1st, Coventry Extra 1st, Ebbw Vale Athletic, and a fortnight ago, Cardiff Athletic. And with a little more luck, they might have won at least four of these.

For example, their heaviest defeat was at Coundon Road, where Coventry Extras beat them by 27 points to 17 — but United scored three tries to one from the home side, who won through by such an exaggerated margin as the result of penalty and dropped goals!

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.

Pontypridd meet Bridgend next Saturday in the Welsh Cup Final and as a "dress rehearsal" for the big match, beat their rivals last Monday by 9 points to 6 — and at the Brewery Field! Pontypridd will undoubtedly provide formidable and attractive opposition.

Other newcomers next season include Orell, the highly successful Lancashire club, but this match will be an away one at Edgehall Road in March.

Tough One For Matson

Another item of local interest is that Matson have one more hurdle to overcome to qualify yet again for the

money-spinning John Player Cup competition next season, though it is a tough one.

For they have to meet Torquay Athletic, the Devon County Cup winners, on their opponents' picturesque ground near the sea-front. The date for this vital qualifying round game, however, has not yet been arranged.

The other South-West qualifying round game, between Somerset champions Weston-super-Mare, and Cornwall Cup winners, St. Ives, incidentally, is being played this afternoon on Weston's ground at Drove Road.

Anglo-Welsh Merit Table

Gloucester's great bid to make an impact in the unofficial Anglo-Welsh merit table suffered a set-back on Wednesday evening, when in an inspired second half, in which their superb line-kicking proved a match-winning factor, Newbridge gained an unexpectedly decisive victory over the Cherry and Whites.

With the defeat of Bath early this month Gloucester became the top English club in the table, but the set-back at the Welfare Ground upset calculations. However, they still have the Newport game in which to recover lost ground and finish among the leaders.

Guests

This afternoon we welcome as guests of the Club representatives of the companies who use the board advertising around the ground.

We trust that this form of advertising is of benefit to their companies and we look forward to their continued support.

ARTHUR RUSSELL