



# **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER** v **NEW BRIGHTON**

**Saturday, 14th April, 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

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

**Nº 0360**

**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. **R. Jardine**

† 11. **L. Dick**

Half Backs

\*† 10. **C. Williams**

9. **S. Baker**

Forwards

\* 1. **G. Sargent**

2. **R. Daldry**

3. **A. Brooks**

\*§ 4. **S. Boyle**

\* 5. **A. Turton**

\*† 6. **J. Watkins (Capt.)**

\* 8. **J. Simonett**

7. **V. Wooley**

REPLACEMENTS

**D. Pointon \***

**J. Herniman**

### NEW BRIGHTON

Navy Blue Shirts, White Shorts

Full Back

15. **B. Jones**

Three Quarters

\* 14. **J. Basnett**

\* 13. **R. Johnson**

12. **I. Miles**

\* 11. **P. Welton**

Half Backs

10. **M. Williams**

9. **G. Williams**

Forwards

1. **K. Pollard**

2. **M. Healey**

3. **N. Garrett**

4. **J. Williams**

5. **J. Bannon**

6. **M. Dooley**

\* 8. **J. Porter**

7. **K. Culligan (Capt.)**

REPLACEMENTS

**R. de Castiglione**

**K. Mousse**

Referee: **J. THEEDOM** (Devon Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Special Welcome to New Brighton

With the year at the spring, as the poet Browning reminds us, we accord a particularly warm welcome this afternoon to our northern friends New Brighton, making their biennial Easter holiday visit to Kingsholm.

New Brighton, by their own standards, have been experiencing a season of fluctuating fortunes, having won 12 of their 33 matches, with six drawn and 15 lost. Their points' record, too, is on the debit side, for they scored 359 while conceding 409, but they have been displaying far greater form recently and last Saturday accounted for their strong Lancashire neighbours, Liverpool, by 18 points to 7.

The last two matches with our popular visitors on Easter Saturday have been exciting and entertaining ones. Four years ago, on Saturday, March 29, 1975, the Cherry and Whites won by 19 points to 13, while more recently, on Saturday, April 9, 1977, they secured another victory in a free-scoring game by 31 points to 10.

These results suggests another "spectacular" this afternoon and we look forward to more excellent holiday fare, trusting the New Brighton lads will enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

## Kingsholm Kackle Appreciation

Ken Sparrow and his dedicated colleagues of St. John Ambulance wish to convey their very sincere thanks to supporters for their generosity in the annual collection at the Cardiff match last Saturday. It realised the record sum of £207.84p and the St. John lads are deeply grateful to you all.

## Winning Programme and Fine Gesture!

The lucky programme, No. 92, for the Cardiff match, incidentally, was purchased by Mr. Miles, one of the St. John Ambulance men, and he made the extremely generous gesture of handing over his £5 prize money to the collection. Thank you, Mr. Miles!

## Diary Dates

Fylde, another northern club who only visit Kingsholm once every two years, will be Gloucester's other Easter holiday opponents on Monday, with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

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.

Another 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.

## 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 and during Monday's match 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.

## 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.

## Commiserations

Our congratulations to the lads on the splendid victory over Cardiff last Saturday must be tinged with regret that the injury to our ace goal-kicker, Peter Butler, will keep him out of action for the rest of the season, though no doubt opponents will feel like Francisco who, in the opening of "Hamlet", said "For this relief much thanks!"

However, we trust that Peter's fractured collar-bone will mend quickly and also hope that Cardiff centre Alex Finlayson will also be up and about again as soon as possible after breaking his leg. It was a great pity that such an absorbing game should be marred by these two accidents.

## Club Personalities

Our "Club Personality" feature has been forced in the background in recent weeks because of so much space taken in the programmes by "Kingsholm Kackle." However, with so many officials and players still to spotlight it is hoped to include another personality—a popular forward—in Monday's programme.

## "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.

## 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 and trust they will enjoy their rugby over the week-end!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.