



## **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER** v **NEWPORT**

**Wednesday, 25th April, 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 7 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. R. Daldry

3. A. Brooks

\*§ 4. S. Boyle

\*† 5. A. Brinn

\*† 6. J. Watkins (Capt.)

8. M. Teague

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

S. Baker

K. White

### NEWPORT

Black and Amber

Full Back

15. L. Davies

Three Quarters

14. K. Davies

13. D. Burcher

12. N. Brown

11. J. Churchill

Half Backs

10. D. Barry

9. R. Clifford

Forwards

1. J. Dale

2. D. Larner

3. R. Morgan

4. J. Watkins

5. D. Waters

6. R. Powell

8. M. McJennett

7. I. Brown

REPLACEMENTS

M. Morris-Jones

D. Bidgood

Referee: A. TRIGG (London Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Welcome to the "Black and Ambers"!

There can be few, if any, more popular visitors to Kingsholm than our old and valued friends from over the border, Newport — the famous "Black and Ambers" — to whom we extend a particularly warm welcome this evening.

The welcome, however, must of necessity be tinged with sadness, for it heralds the end of Gloucester's home programme for yet another season; one that has not been perhaps as successful as last, but liberally sprinkled nonetheless with several outstanding achievements.

How appropriate, then, to have Newport as our formidable opponents on this valedictory occasion! They willingly agreed to visit Kingsholm this evening to honour the fixture originally arranged for last December and we thank them sincerely.

Moreover, Newport will no doubt have a friendly brand of vengeance uppermost in their minds, for the Cherry and Whites gained one of their rare victories at Rodney Parade last October, when they emerged triumphant after a closely-fought game by 16 points to 9. On their last visit to Kingsholm, on Saturday, October 15, 1977, the Black and Ambers also lost an entertaining tussle as Gloucester won by 16 points to 6.

They may well ask, therefore, like Shylock of old. "Shall we not revenge?" Unfortunately, both sides are hit by injuries for tonight's game and several well-known names are missing from the line-up of the teams.

Nevertheless we look forward to another "spectacular" and trust our respected "foes" from Gwent enjoy their brief visit!

## Kingsholm Kackle Patrons' Exeter Trip

We have, like television, issued several "repeats" recently on the Patrons' special trip to Exeter next Saturday for Gloucester's final game; but this is a spot of repetition with a "twist".

For the demand has been such that it was found necessary to run a second coach, thus there are now several seats available. And to ease the situation for those who may find that they are able to make the journey south, they may apply to any of the following gentlemen, all willingly prepared to sit, like Matthew of old, at the receipt of custom.

They are Jim Bennett, Andy Mitchell, Brian Howells, Cecil Pope and club secretary Terry Tandy, and they may be located in either the office on the ground or in the Social Club.

## Guests

This evening we welcome as guests of the club those representatives of companies who advertise in our programme. We thank them sincerely for their great interest and support throughout the season and we ask our own members and friends in turn to support our advertisers whenever possible.

Also a welcome visitor tonight is the City's newly appointed Leisure Officer, Alistair McHaffie, who has been eagerly awaiting this opportunity of seeing the Cherry and Whites in action.

Alistair will certainly need no introduction to the "winter religion" for he was trained at St. Luke's College and played regularly for Plymouth Albion, invariably as a left wing three-quarter. A modest gentleman, he unashamedly admits to missing the chance of playing against Gloucester — because he was dropped for that match! But his ability was obviously not in doubt, for he has twice represented Devon in the county championship.

## Well Done, John!

Another sad note to record is that this evening's match marks the last home appearance of popular John Watkins as the Cherry and Whites' skipper. His three seasons at the helm have brought many happy memories and a long list of successes, perhaps the most gratifying for him and the lads—indeed, every Gloucester supporter—the winning of the John Player Cup last year.

John, who has also skippered Gloucestershire and the Barbarians during

his nine seasons and over 400 appearances for Gloucester, wishes to thank you all for the magnificent support you have given him and the team, without which, he adds, they could never have achieved so much.

These sentiments are very much appreciated, but we in turn must thank John for his magnificent service to the club over the years, both as captain and one of the country's greatest flank forwards. Let us hope that he will continue to play for many years yet!

## Appreciation

It will be of great interest to supporters to hear that both Cardiff and Sale have written to the Gloucester club thanking them for the wonderful medical attention given to their injured players in the respective matches played against these two clubs this month.

They thank in particular the club doctor, Tom Durkin, and the St. John Ambulance men who give their services so willingly in all types of weather, sometimes perhaps, unhonoured and unsung. And Gloucester R.F.C. can proudly claim to have medical facilities unsurpassed by any club.

## Remaining Matches

Although this is the senior side's final home game, there is more rugger at Kingsholm tomorrow night, kick-off 7.00 p.m., when Matson—who else?—meet Old Cryptians in the North Gloucestershire Combination senior cup final.

And Kingsholm will "close for repairs" on Saturday, when the United complete the entertainment for the season with the match against Welsh visitors, Llantwit Major, kick-off 3.00 p.m. United have not lost at home this season, a remarkable record they will do their utmost to retain, though it will be no easy task, for their injury list is almost as long as the senior team's.

Last Saturday they suffered three more casualties, including their popular skipper Jerry Herniman. Both he and John Gadd suffered serious knee injuries, though the third was less worrying, as winger Jim Delaney was hoping to be fit after having stitches in a head wound.

We wish Jerry, John Gadd, burly John Orwin, who broke his arm in two places playing against Sale last Saturday, and all our other injured gladiators a swift return to complete fitness again.

## Membership Tickets

We respectfully ask all our Patrons and members not to cast aside their season tickets now that the season comes to an end. These will be required to enable you all to gain admission and entitle you to vote at the annual general meeting, the date of which will be announced in the near future, though it will be held at Kingsholm as usual in mid-July.

## Cricket

With so many of our supporters also avid cricket followers it seems an opportune time in this final programme to announce the "big match" on the Spa on **Thursday, June 28**, when Gloucester rugby club take on Gloucester City cricket club, who this year celebrate their 150th anniversary.

"Kick-off" is at 6.15 p.m., and with so many of the rugger team also accomplished cricketers this could be a momentous and exciting game of cricket, though at present no betting odds have been published.

## " 300 Club "

A final reminder that the final draw of the "300 Club" will be made in the Social Club on Friday evening at 9.00 p.m., when there will be four slices of handsome remuneration—£300; £100; £50; £25. You are all cordially invited to attend.

## Valediction

Club officials, committee men and players join in tendering their deepest thanks to all of you who have given such tremendous and invaluable support throughout the season.

We for our part thank the players of both the senior and United teams who have devoted so much of their time, energy and unbounded skills in providing such exciting and excellent fare yet again!

ARTHUR RUSSELL!