



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER
v
STROUD**

Wednesday, 5th September 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Nº 0551

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

*§ 13. R. Mogg

* 12. B. Vine

11. P. Williams

Half Backs

* 10. I. Wilkins

*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

* 4. J. Fidler

*§ 5. S. Boyle

*† 6. J. Watkins

* 8. A. Turton

7. V. Wooley

REPLACEMENTS

STROUD

Full Back

15. P. Taylor

Three Quarters

* 14. K. Daniels

13. S. Clewes

12. D. Bowery

* 11. J. Berry

Half Backs

10. P. Webb

* 9. T. Davis

Forwards

1. R. Allen

2. G. Trott

3. M. Finch

4. A. Leach

5. S. Price

6. J. Gribble (Capt.)

* 8. J. Williams

* 7. F. Russell

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: G. RICHENS (Berkshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to the New Season — and Stroud

After those "hazy, lazy, crazy days" of summer, which this year seemed to have been condensed into a few weeks in July, there could be no more appropriate way of launching the new season at Kingsholm than the visit of our closest neighbours and old friends, STROUD, to whom we extend the usual warm welcome this evening.

Stroud began their campaign with a splendid victory over Bridgwater and Albion in the new Bass merit table competition, a long overdue "league" in which we are confident they will bring further honours to Gloucestershire despite strong opposition from other clubs in the South-West.

Last season, on Wednesday, September 6, Gloucester were given a truly tough struggle at Fromehall Park before accounting for Stroud by 13 - 3; but in the corresponding match at Kingsholm two years ago, on September 14, our neighbours contributed richly to a fascinating game which ended in victory for the Cherry and Whites by 40 - 16.

Stroud this season have as their skipper John Gribble, well known to Kingsholm devotees as the former All Blues' and Gloucester flanker. We wish him and his lads a highly successful season yet again and look forward to another absorbing game this evening.

Kingsholm Kackle

International Tickets

If the opening week of the season appears to be a little premature to discuss the forthcoming international matches and the acquisition of tickets for same, may we gently remind members that the first one is as early as

Saturday, November 24, when England meet the All Blacks at Twickenham. Ah so, we remind ourselves, the situation demands our prompt attention!

Mindful of this, our worthy secretary, Terry Tandy, asks—nay, insists—that members' applications **must** reach him by next Wednesday, September 12, which, incidentally, is the day Gloucester entertain their other close neighbours, Cheltenham, at Kingsholm.

The other international dates at "Twickers" are: January 19 — v. Ireland and February 16 — v. Wales. Applications for these must also reach the secretary by next Wednesday.

But just in case there is anyone optimistic enough to suppose he might take his family or local darts club colleagues to the Welsh match, may we sharply, if reluctantly, remind him that such fond thoughts can be dismissed at once.

For it is useless for any member to apply for more than ONE ticket for the England — Wales match. Many regrets, but it just "ain't on", as most rugger enthusiasts are only too well aware!

Intriguing Affair

An extremely intriguing match has been arranged; one which doesn't appear on your fixture lists. For on **Sunday, September 23**, kick-off 3.00 p.m., the Gloucester team which won the knock-out cup by beating Moseley in 1972 — if most of them can be roused from their Sabbath somnolent postures in time — will play the successful side which won it again in 1978.

What is this all in aid of? you might well ask. The fact is that Gloucester are making arrangements to tour Canada, probably in May of next year, and funds in plenty are necessary. All proceeds from this game will go towards that project.

Admission will be by programme, a mere 50p, and these may be purchased from players or any member of the committee. Moreover, for the supporter fortunate enough to buy the lucky number programme, there is a special prize of a black and white television set, donated by Mr. Haydn Jones, of Gloucester Electrical Company.

Coach Bookings

As most of you will have duly noted there are two particularly attractive away fixtures this month — at Moseley in a fortnight's time, Wednesday, September 19, and Bristol at the Memorial Ground on the following Saturday.

Coaches have been arranged for both these matches and more details will be published in the programme for next Saturday's game with Coventry at Kingsholm.

Meanwhile, the more avid supporters might care to study the relevant posters in the entrance to the Social Club, where they will see the times of departure and return, and the extremely modest cost. No doubt the hirsute and industrious Terry Close will gladly take your deposit and book your seats on either or both of these excursions.

Get Some In

Reference to the Social Club brings another point, a very important one. Should you wish to drink therein or partake of social intercourse with your friends this season you must obtain your membership cards, which are free to members and patrons of the Rugby Club, of course. But it must be emphasised that there will strictly be no admittance to the Social Club without a membership card, which must be produced if required.

"250" Club

Should supporters wish to enter this season's "250 Club"—(and who doesn't with such handsome monthly cash prizes?)—they are invited to see Trevor Pritchard or any of the committee as soon as possible. The benign "T.P." will be sitting at the receipt of custom every Friday evening in the near future—in the Social Club—to take your weekly payment of 25p. Or, if you wish, you may pay £6.50p for the entire season.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the lads on starting the new season with the away victory over Broughton Park last Saturday. And while it may be "old hat" by now, let's not forget that

excellent victory at cricket in June over their Gloucester counterparts of the summer game at the Spa.

The versatility of some of our players is remarkable, and if Peter Butler, intolerant of anything that smacks of the mundane and the lethargic approach of such as Boycott, was caught on the boundary before he had scored, there was Eric Stephens scorching the sacred Spa turf with his imperious belligerent driving, and the incomparable Steve Boyle causing consternation in Gloucester C.C. batsmen's minds with his "quickies."

New Laws

Before any of us think of questioning the referee's parentage and intelligence this season, it is as well to note that there are changes in some of the laws this season. Space will not allow their publication here, but they will appear in due course when the appropriate hand books appear.

Lucky Programme

As is the usual custom there will be a lucky programme number prize of £5 at each of our 1st XV home matches this season. The final lucky number of last season was 913 at the Newport game and was held by Mr. William Foote, Stonebridge Farm, Stroud.

Diary Dates

To eliminate any platitudes ponderosity — and save space — it will suffice merely to give the dates of forthcoming matches at Kingsholm.

Next Saturday (k.o. 3 p.m.)—Gloucester v. Coventry; Monday, September 10 (k.o. 7 p.m.)—United v. Pontypool Athletic (k.o. 7 p.m.); Wednesday next, September 12—Gloucester v. Cheltenham (k.o. 7 p.m.); Saturday, September 15—United v. Brixham (k.o. 7 p.m.).

Tailpiece

... To those two referees who asked, tongues in cheek, recently—Yes, the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" is upon us, as they would know if they attended harvest festival.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.