



**GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER  
v  
COVENTRY**

**Saturday, 8th September 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 3 p.m.

No 1241

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

R. Etheridge \*

K. White

### COVENTRY

Full Back

15. S. Hall

Three Quarters

14. P. Knee (Capt.)

13. P. Coulthard

12. D. Foulks

11. R. Knee

Half Backs

10. D. Bailey

9. S. Thomas

Forwards

1. S. Wilkes

2. A. Farrington

3. T. Dingley

4. C. McCarthy

5. B. Nannes

6. N. Malik

8. R. Fardoe

7. R. Sadler

REPLACEMENTS

P. Lander (back)

F. Melvin (forward)

Referee: D. THOMAS (N. Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Welcome to "Cov"!

Some Gloucester supporters say that of all the first-class rugby grounds Coundon Road, they have found, is one of the most difficult to locate for a stranger to Coventry; which is one reason perhaps why we are glad they are visiting Kingsholm this afternoon.

But on a more serious note the visit of "Cov" is one of the most eagerly awaited in our supporters' diaries and we extend a particularly warm welcome to them this afternoon as one of our oldest and most valued friends.

Last week-end Coventry, with several talented new players in their ranks, began the season with a convincing 19 - 12 win over Newport, though they had the wretched luck to lose their England centre, Geoff Evans, after only 15 minutes' play, which accounts for his absence today.

Nevertheless, this victory has given the powerful Midlanders the incentive to make this season a memorable one; and as Gloucester won both matches against them last year they will, no doubt like Cassius of old, have that "lean and hungry look." And as Caesar added, such men are dangerous, because they think too much.

For the statisticians — and the idly curious — Gloucester beat Coventry at Coundon Road by 13 - 3 on Saturday, September 9 of last year, and in the return match at Kingsholm on Friday evening, December 15, completed the double with victory by 19 - nil.

## Kingsholm Kackle

### Membership Tickets

What more appropriate time to point out the many advantages of purchasing membership tickets than this first home Saturday match of the season. And it is not just a question, as the high-power salesmen put it, of "promoting sales"; there is the immense benefit to our regular supporters who are not already patrons or members.

Perhaps this has not previously been explained in any programme notes, nor even from an official source, for which we apologise. But

the real hard facts are that by becoming a member of the club a supporter can watch almost two-thirds of the season's first XV home matches FREE, quite apart from the United's games.

Ridiculous, you say? Far from it; for if anyone cares to spend a few minutes using a calculator or his little grey cells, he can arrive at the cost of attending every home match by paying each time at the turnstiles.

Having arrived at that sum, he should then set alongside it the cost of a season ticket, depending on whether he prefers a stand ticket or wishes to be among the lads at the Worcester Street end or on the changing room side. We can assure him that he will be amazed at the tremendous amount he would save during a season.

The Patrons' tickets are £16, including free car park; members (Wing Stand) £10.50p; and Ground £8. Moreover these are approximately half price for Senior Citizens and Juniors. We are all too painfully aware that V.A.T. and spiralling costs have necessitated a slight increase, but where else might one enjoy one's own choice of sport at such a reasonable cost? A quick calculation reveals the fact that only the first ten matches really cover the cost of the membership ticket.

Is it not time, we ask ourselves, to think on these things?

### Note for Patrons

On this subject of making economies, all our Patrons who have forwarded their remittances and duly received their tickets are respectfully asked to contact Mr. Cecil Pope this afternoon.

He will be among you in the Centre Stand to issue your receipts, thus saving the somewhat heavy expense of sending them all by post at today's astronomical prices.

### Coach Trips

As promised we publish details of the coach trips to the two particularly attractive away fixtures this month — at Moseley next Wednesday week September 19, and Bristol at the Memorial Ground on the following Saturday.

The coach for the Moseley game at the Reddings will leave Kingsholm at 5.30 p.m. and the cost is exceptionally low at £2. For the match with Bristol two coaches will be run, both leaving at 1.45 p.m. Cost is a mere £1.50p.

But one will leave the Memorial Ground for the return journey as soon as possible after the final whistle, while the other will depart at 6.25 p.m., thereby enabling the occupants thereon to indulge in a little liquid refreshment and discuss events on the field.

The hirsute and industrious Terry Close may be contacted in the Social Club before or after this afternoon's game and will be delighted to accept your deposit and book your seats on either or both of these excursions.

## Get Some In

Reference to the Social Club raises another point, a very important one. Should you wish to drink therein or indulge in social intercourse with your friends this season you must obtain your membership cards, the cost, again extremely reasonable, being only 50p, though they are, of course, free to patrons and members of the Rugby Club.

But it must be emphasised that there will be strictly no admittance to the Social Club without a membership card which must be produced if required by an official.

## "250" Club

The ever popular "250" Club will soon be starting and to avoid disappointment with so many handsome prizes to be won, supporters wishing to participate should see Trevor Pritchard at their earliest convenience. Weekly payment is 25p, or, if you wish, you may pay £6.50p for the entire season.

## 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.

## 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 rugby enthusiasts are only too well aware!

ARTHUR RUSSELL