



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

FOUNDED 1873

PRESIDENT

CANON H. M. HUGHES, B.A.

**GLOUCESTER
v
CHELTENHAM**

Wednesday, 12th September 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. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

* 13. D. Pointon

* 12. B. Vine

11. P. Williams

Half Backs

* 10. I. Wilkins

9. A. Durkin

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

B. Russell (back)

K. White (forward)

CHELTENHAM

Red and Black

Full Back

15. G. Mann

Three Quarters

14. G. Owen

13. G. Warren

12. M. McCulloch

11. B. Bartlett

Half Backs

10. Michael Hamlin

9. S. Hall

Forwards

1. A. Drake

2. Maurice Hamlin (Capt.)

3. C. Sinclair

4. G. Cornish

5. N. Smart

6. J. Price

8. R. Bailey

7. M. Hayes

REPLACEMENTS

E. Rimmer (back)

K. Townend (forward)

Referee: L. PILLING (The Army Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to the Town

It will be recalled that almost exactly a year ago, on Wednesday, September 13, we extended an extremely cordial welcome to our old friends and near neighbours, Cheltenham, whom we confidently forecast would soon be a force to be reckoned with in top-class circles after two or three years in the proverbial doldrums.

It was also stated that during their disappointing years Cheltenham were perhaps mindful of Tennyson's words, "Cleave ever to the sunnier side of doubt" and that they would have better fortune in the future.

But our supporters can never have imagined that those prognostications would come true so quickly, for that same evening the Town defeated the Cherry and Whites by 10 points to 6. Gloucester gained revenge last March at the Athletic Ground, when they won by 12 - 0, though the hardened supporters who made the short journey will not have forgotten that the match, if it may be so euphemistically termed, was played throughout in a raging blizzard and it needed the prodigious kicking of Peter Butler to exact that vengeance.

We look forward, then, to another thoroughly enjoyable game with the Town this evening and, of course, the usual spot of social intercourse after the game!

Kingsholm Kackle

Membership Tickets

In this early part of the season it is appropriate to point out the many advantages of purchasing membership tickets. This is not just a question, as the high-power salesman puts it, of "promoting sales"; there is the immense benefit to our regular supporters who are not already patrons nor members.

For 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?

Coach Trips

As promised we publish details of the coach trips to the two particularly attractive away fixtures this month—at Moseley next Wednesday, 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.

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

Let us not forget that if we require international tickets this evening—yea, **this evening**—is our last chance to put in applications to our worthy secretary, Terry Tandy.

For the first international match is as early as Saturday, November 24, when England meet the All Blacks at Twickenham. The other international dates at H.Q. are: January 19 — v. Ireland, and February 16 — v. Wales.

Applications for these must also be in the hands of the hon. sec. this evening.

And we repeat the advice that no member can be allocated more than **ONE** ticket for the England - Wales match. Many regrets, but it just "ain't on," as most supporters realise only too well!

The Young "Boot"?

Hearty congratulations to Peter Butler and his wife Janet, who presented him with a bonny son last Saturday, hence his absence against Coventry. Proudly, "P.B." assures us that young Richard already has "goal-kicking" feet and sturdy arms that could produce a Procter-like cover drive.

Bad Luck, Peter!

But to our other Peter — scrum-half Kingston — we tender our commiserations. His dislocated shoulder, with possible muscle damage, suffered in last Saturday's match with Coventry, means that he will be out of the game for at least four weeks, possibly longer. And it is a bitter blow for Gloucester, as our other clever scrum-half, Steve Baker, has just left for a holiday in Spain.

Plea to the Youngsters

While we are delighted to see so many youngsters giving their great support to Gloucester, may we ask them please to refrain from sitting on the fences and hiding the advertising boards. Perhaps their parents or other adult supporters would ensure that the lads keep the boards clear to public view, as our advertisers pay handsomely to display their sales on the ground.

Lucky Programme Winners

Holders of the lucky programme No. 97 for the Stroud match was Mr. R. Silk, 6 Marlborough Road, Gloucester and No. 601 for the Coventry match, Mr. Williams, of 36 Naas Lane, Lydney, who each won £5. Congratulations.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.