



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER
v
CLIFTON**

Wednesday, 3rd October 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

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369

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

* 13. R. Jardine

* 12. D. Pointon

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

6. J. Gadd

8. J. Herniman

7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

16. K. White

17. A. Durkin

CLIFTON

Full Back

15. M. Cann

Three Quarters

14. M. Wilcox

* 13. P. Johnson (Capt.)

12. K. Lloyd

11. K. Lowe

Half Backs

10. J. Masters

9. J. Jeffrey

Forwards

1. B. Cragg

* 2. S. Luxmore

3. H. Davies

4. M. Hammersley

5. N. Williams

6. D. Norman

8. A. Oran

7. M. Crane

REPLACEMENTS

* 16. H. Nichols

18. A. Watson

Referee: P. RICHMOND (Oxfordshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Welcome to our Clifton Friends!

This evening we extend a very sincere welcome to Clifton, our old friends and neighbours from "down the M.5", whom Gloucester only meet once each season. But there is an old proverb about a constant guest never being welcome, so the annual game between our two clubs whets the appetite the more, particularly as it invariably produces spectacular rugby, for Clifton like to throw the ball around, as we say.

This is reflected in their records over the years, for their "points for and against" are usually fairly balanced, with high scores on the credit and debit sides. On Clifton's last visit to Kingsholm, for instance, on Thursday, November 17, 1977, Gloucester won an entertaining game by 21-14, while last year on Wednesday evening, November 1, the Cherry and Whites, in an even bigger scoring spree, were successful at Cribb's Causeway by 32-13.

We congratulate two of the Clifton lads, centre Peter Johnson and fly-half John Masters, on their selection for Gloucestershire in the county match against powerful Monmouthshire next Monday evening — on the Clifton Ground! It will be John's county debut and as he will probably be asked to take over the onerous duties of place-kicker in the absence of Peter Butler we wish him well.

Meanwhile, we look forward to another exciting tussle this evening and trust our friends will enjoy their brief biennial visit to Kingsholm.

Kingsholm Kackle

Best Wishes, Nigel!

Gloucester R.F.C. has lost one of its staunchest members and officials in the decision of Nigel Duncalfe to move to Penzance this month.

Nigel, who sat as a City magistrate for the last time just over a week ago, was formerly group secretary of the Gloucester and District Hospital Management Committee until his retirement in 1974.

His association with the Gloucester Club spans well over a quarter of a century and he was a member of the general committee until two years ago. Nigel was also one of the founder members of the Social Club, of which he was chairman for 15 years.

In recognition of his long service Nigel was presented with a silver tray and goblets recently by club chairman Gordon Hudson on behalf of both Gloucester R.F.C. and the Social Club committee. We all wish him well in his new home at Penzance, and no doubt he will be giving his valuable support to the "Pirates" at the Mennaye Field.

Membership Tickets

While it is still "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" it seems fitting to point out the excellent investment in purchasing membership tickets. Not merely a question of "promoting sales" but to point out the immense benefit to our regular supporters who are not already patrons nor members.

For it is a hard fact that by becoming a member of Gloucester R.F.C. a supporter can watch almost two-thirds of the season's First XV home fixtures *free*, quite apart from the highly successful United's games.

Before you doubt the wisdom of such a statement, consider the facts. If anyone cares to spend a few minutes using a calculator or his little grey cells, as Hercule Poirot would say, he can arrive at the overall cost of attending every home match by paying each time at the turnstiles.

Having duly 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 — “Under the clock.”

We can assure him he would be amazed at the tremendous amount he would save during a season.

And for those who can see the wisdom of such a move, the Patron's tickets are £16, including free car park; members (Wing Stand) £10.50p; and Ground only £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 price of a membership ticket. Is it not time, we might ask ourselves, to think on these things?

Wanted — Bar Staff!

Calling all alcoholic dispensers, experienced or otherwise! The Social Club urgently requires bar staff, mainly on match days. As one of the strange laws of today forbid sex discrimination it is difficult to advertise for a barman or barmaid, so may we briefly appeal for pump-propelling persons desirous of coming to the rescue and earning a few bob to apply to the Social Club Secretary, Mervyn Elway, or to Alec Lankester.

Members Only

Reference to the Social Club raises another point, a very important one. Should you desire to drink therein or indulge in social intercourse with your friends this season you must obtain the necessary membership cards, the cost of which, again extremely reasonable, being a mere 50p, though they are,

of course, free to those who are already Patrons and members of Gloucester R.F.C.

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. (You will no doubt have noticed the hirsute and industrious Terry Close hovering round the entrance, together with his young cohorts, quite ready to enrol you if not already a member!)

Keep Clear, Lads!

While we are delighted to see so many youngsters giving their valuable support to the Cherry and Whites, 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 these boards clear to public view, as our advertisers pay handsomely to display their sales on the ground.

“250” Club

Without flogging the issue, to put it crudely, another reminder that the highly popular “250” Club will shortly be starting; indeed, the genial Trevor Pritchard has already quietly “opened up shop” for early customers.

There will again be handsome monthly prizes to be won and supporters are respectfully asked to contact “T.P.” as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. (Sounds like another shop-soiled advertisement!)

Trevor will be taking up residence at the receipt of custom in the Social Club every Friday night for the weekly dues of 25p, though those who wish may pay £6.50p for the entire season — but they may have to wait their turn in the expected long queue!

ARTHUR RUSSELL