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**GLOUCESTER
v
NEWBRIDGE**

Wednesday, 17th October 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Nº 628

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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Full Back	
*†	15. P. Butler
Three Quarters	
*	14. R. Clewes (Capt.)
*	13. D. Pointon
*	12. R. Jardine
*§	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. Watkins
	7. P. Wood
REPLACEMENTS	
	I. Wilkins *
	K. White

NEWBRIDGE

Full Back	
*	15. M. Grey
Three Quarters	
	14. C. Phillips
	13. D. George
*	12. J. Harris
	11. W. Powles
Half Backs	
*	10. P. Turner
*	9. L. Davies
Forwards	
*	1. M. Dowling
*	2. G. Lewis
*	3. J. McCreedy
*	4. G. Phillips
	5. R. Beale
	6. A. Morgan
†	8. C. Davis (Capt.)
	7. P. Jones
REPLACEMENTS	
	S. Shippe
	C. Jolliffe

Referee: C. LOCKE (E. Midlands)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Hearty Welcome to the "Bridge"

With the season now getting into top gear we extend a very warm welcome this evening to Newbridge, our old friends and rivals from Gwent, who spearhead a three-match "invasion" of Kingsholm by Welsh clubs during the next eight days.

As with other fixtures against clubs from the Principality, tonight's match counts in the Welsh championship table, which — indeed, if one were needed — is an added incentive to our visitors.

In Newbridge's last visit here, on Tuesday, September 27, 1977, Gloucester were made to pull out all the proverbial stops to win by 15 points to 10. But our Gwent friends avenged themselves amply last season at the Welfare Ground, where, on Wednesday evening, April 18 of this year, they moved to a clear-cut victory by 19 points to 4.

In recent years the visits of Newbridge to Kingsholm have resulted in entertaining and often high-scoring games; may this admirable state of affairs continue this evening as we trust our visitors enjoy their brief stay in our fair city!

Kingsholm Kackle

County's Defeat

Over recent decades the rugby-playing counties, particularly in the South-West group, have regarded Gloucestershire with an awe that has almost bordered on resignation to yet another defeat, wishing perhaps, like Hamlet, that "this too too solid flesh would melt."

But after last Saturday's defeat by Somerset at Bath — was it entirely unexpected? — one might loosely continue Hamlet's words and suggest it "has thawed and resolved itself into a dew."

Even his fiercest critics conceded that Peter Butler's enforced absence because of injury made all the difference between victory and defeat; that so many penalties were awarded, and missed, Gloucestershire lost on this account alone.

Victory at "Twickers"

Congratulations to the lads on that great victory over Harlequins at Twickenham last Saturday! By courtesy of the county selectors who, in their wisdom, called on only four Gloucester players, the side was not quite as weakened as it would normally have been, yet injuries and unavailability enabled chances to be given to several highly promising youngsters.

Particularly encouraging was the form of two teen-agers, Paul Ford, elder son of Peter, and John Brain, a lock forward, who were both making their senior debuts. And where more satisfying for these lads than achieving this at headquarters!

Nor should we forget the other talented lads who have still not attained their majority, if we can regard the age of 21 as this milestone — Malcolm Preedy and John Gadd, who also played at Twickenham, and Mike Teague. Those supporters who thought Gloucester's forward power over the years was on the wane will no doubt be revising their ideas!

United's 300!

It may have gone unnoticed by their ever-increasing band of supporters that Gloucester United, with their excellent win over Richmond Vikings last Saturday, passed the 300 points' mark — a remarkable achievement after only 11 matches which have included such tough opposition as Berry Hill, Cleve, and the "second strings" of Coventry, Bristol and Bedford!

"Guest" Programme Winner

With the exception of such local matches as Stroud, Lydney, Clifton and Cheltenham, or our many regular supporters from outside the city, we cannot recall the winning programme prize being collected by one of our guests. But the £5 for the lucky programme for the Pontypridd match.

No. 270, went to one of the Welsh champions' followers, Mrs. Rees, of 38 White Rock Drive, Pontypridd. Well done, madame!

Matson Again?

With their convincing away victory over Drybrook last week-end Matson have again reached the final of the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup, the winners of which automatically go forward to next season's John Player Cup competition.

This season their opponents will be Stroud, who narrowly defeated Cheltenham at the Athletic Ground last week. Can Matson pull it off for the third year in succession or do Stroud, who are still unbeaten in the new Bass-Charrington West Country unofficial "league," feel it is their turn to participate in the money-spinning national knock-out competition?

The date and venue of the final have not yet been finally decided, though it will be within the next few weeks — and possibly at Kingsholm, which should ensure a "bumper gate," as we say.

Race Night

A film "Race Night" will be held in the Social Club on Friday evening, November 9, in aid of the proposed Gloucester R.F.C. tour of Canada next May, and sponsors are urgently required to make it a really successful venture.

There will be eight races in all and sponsorship for each is £15. In addition sponsors are needed for each owner and jockey for every horse; in other words, £1 per owner and £1 per jockey. But wait, all is not lost; for there will obviously be prizes for the winning owners and jockeys of all eight races.

We respectfully ask as many as possible to support the "Race Night" and admission is only 50p. We should be grateful, too, if anyone wishing to indulge in a spot of sponsorship — or requiring any other information about the event — would contact the office on the ground or any of the players, who will gladly give every assistance.

"250" Club

A reminder that the popular "250" Club is now running out of vacancies and that those wishing to bid for the handsome monthly prizes should have a word or two with Trevor Pritchard or one of the competition committee as soon as possible, as the first monthly draw will take place in the Social Club on Friday, November 30, at 9.00 p.m.

Meanwhile, "T.P." will be on duty every Friday evening for the weekly dues of 25p. (He's the genial one who takes up residence at the receipt of custom between the darts board and the Lounge door!). Supporters who prefer to do so, of course, may pay £6.50p for the entire season — provided they wait their turn in the queue!

Rugby Galore

The feast of rugby at Kingsholm this month continues next Saturday when Newport — the "Black and Ambers" — will be the visitors with the usual 3.00 p.m. kick-off.

This is followed by the third successive "invasion" from Wales next Wednesday, October 24, when Gloucester meet South Wales Police, kick-off 7.00 p.m. Then, next Saturday week, October 27, the same day that Gloucestershire hopefully make the long journey to Redruth to meet Cornwall in the county championship, Nottingham visit Kingsholm, again with the kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

Believe It — Or Not!

The dearth of tickets for the England and Wales international match at Twickenham in February has prompted the story, as yet unconfirmed, of the young English Bachelor, a rugby fanatic, reputed to have placed an advertisement in the "Wanted" column of a Welsh newspaper.

"Gentleman, smart appearance, steady income, excellent prospects, offers hand in marriage to any lady able to produce two tickets for the England v. Wales match next February. Please send photograph—of the tickets!"

ARTHUR RUSSELL.