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**GLOUCESTER  
v  
NEWPORT**

**Saturday, 20th October 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 3 p.m.**

**Nº 0630**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

## Welcome to the "Black and Ambers"!

It would be both foolish and hypocritical to deny that Newport have made probably the worst start to a season that even their "elder statesmen" can remember; but vicissitudes of fortunes are inevitable in any club, large or small. Come to that, our own lads have not exactly set the nearby Severn on fire so far this season.

But whatever their record the Newport club is one to be feared and respected and there can be few, if any, more popular visitors to Kingsholm than our old and valued friends from over the border — the "Black and Ambers."

Last season Gloucester can claim to have had the better of matters in the two matches between the clubs. A year ago, on Friday evening, October 20, the Cherry and Whites gained one of their rare victories at Rodney Parade, where they emerged triumphant by 16 - 9 after a closely-fought struggle.

In the return game, on Wednesday, April 25 of this year, Gloucester completed a highly creditable double with success over Newport by 13 - 0 in a match that marked the last appearance at Kingsholm of John Watkins as the club skipper.

This afternoon's match has been generously sponsored by the well-known local company, Messrs. D. A. Gunn (Engineering) Ltd., of Clydesdale Works, Armscroft Road, Gloucester, to whom we extend our very sincere thanks and gratitude. We trust that they in turn will derive benefit from this sponsorship and that their representatives here today will enjoy the game with our Gwent friends, who invariably provide tough opposition and contribute richly to the rugger fare on their visits to Kingsholm.

## Our Sponsors

Messrs. D. A. Gunn (Engineering) Ltd. was originally a London-based

company, started by Mr. Gunn, who in the "sixties" moved to Gloucester. At this time the Company was engaged in a large amount of sub-contract work with the Food Processing Machine Manufacturers.

In 1972 the company was bought by Messrs. Scott's Engineering (Holdings) Ltd., Newport, and is part of this group today under the guidance of Group Managing Director, Mr. John Purnell, whom we look forward to having with us today, together with the General Manager, Mr. Alan Shaw, and several others of their colleagues.

Messrs. Scott's Engineering (Holdings) Ltd. are mainly engaged in sub-contract machining and count many large and reputable companies among their customers.

Within the group is a company, Liquid Systems, Ltd., who produce a range of pumps, valves and flow indicators, extensively used in the nuclear energy field. Messrs. D. A. Gunn, Ltd. produce a range of pumps, both electrical and pneumatic, used in the chemical industry, particularly in corrosive environments.

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The workforce at D. A. Gunn, Ltd. is a highly responsible and largely self-motivated team producing top quality work and with a sound policy of consolidated expansion they are always looking for good men to add to their staff. In the near future the workshops will be extended to provide extra floor space and the original buildings are currently under review with the aim of providing even better working conditions.

Further information on capacity, facilities and products may be obtained from Mr. John Purnell, Mr. Alan Shaw or Mr. Len Ord, the works supervisor, all of whom may be contacted at D. A. Gunn (Engineering) Ltd., in Armscroft Road, Gloucester (telephone: Gloucester 27861).

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

\*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

\*§ 13. R. Mogg

\* 12. D. Pointon

† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

\* 2. S. Mills

3. A. Brooks

4. J. Herniman

\* 5. A. Turton

6. J. Gadd

\*† 8. J. Watkins

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

B. Vine

F. Reed

### NEWPORT

Full Back

15. L. Davies

Three Quarters

14. K. Davies

13. N. Brown

12. G. Evans

11. M. Morris-Jones

Half Backs

10. D. Rogers

9. A. Billingham

Forwards

† 1. C. Smart

2. P. Nowell

3. R. Morgan

4. D. Bidgood

5. L. Jones

6. P. Merrett

8. I. Brown

7. D. Cornwell

REPLACEMENTS

D. Bale

P. Davies

Referee: M. MESSAN (France)

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*First XV Fixtures*

1979			
Sept. 1	Broughton Park	A	16-9
	5 Stroud	... H	22-6
	8 Coventry	... H	13-13
	12 Cheltenham	... H	16-13
	15 Fylde	... A	3-9
	19 Moseley	... A	12-21
	22 Bristol	... A	9-16
	26 Glam'gan Wan	H	22-6
	29 Bedford	... A	9-4
Oct. 3	Clifton	... H	62-0
	6 Pontypridd	... H	14-22
	10 Abertillery	... A	16-12
	13 Harlequins	... A	15-6
	17 Newbridge	... H	9-9
	20 Newport	... H	
	24 S. Wales Police	H	
	27 Nottingham	H	
Nov. 5	Leicester	... A	
	7 Cambridge Un.	A	
	10 Plymouth	... H	
	14 Exeter College	H	
	20 Aberavon	... A	
	24 London Irish	H	
	28 Loughboro Col.	H	
Dec. 1	Oxford Un.	... H	
	8 Bath	... H	
	15 Coventry	... A	

*First XV Fixtures — contd.*

22	Newport	... A	
26	Lydney	... H	
29	Bridgend	... A	
1980			
Jan. 1	Moseley	... H	
	5 London Scot.	A	
	12 Leicester	... H	
	19 Wasps	... H	
	26 J.P.C. 1st round:		
	Richmond	... A	
Feb. 1	Bristol	... H	
	9 Bath	... A	
	15 Swansea	... H	
	23 Aberavon	... H	
Mar. 1	Northampton	A	
	8 Richmond	... H	
	12 Cheltenham	... A	
	15 Exeter	... A	
	19 Pontypool	... H	
	22 Saracens	... H	
	29 Orrell	... A	
Apr. 3	Lydney	... A	
	5 Headingley	... H	
	7 Birkenhead P.	H	
	12 Ebbw Vale	... H	
	19 Sale	... A	
	26 Exeter	... H	

**UNITED FIXTURES**

1979		1979		1980	
Sept 1	Broughton Park	... H	27 Pontypool Athletic	A	Jan. 26 J.P. Cup, 1st Round
	8 Coventry Ex. 1st VX	A	Nov. 3 Leicester Ex. 1st XV	H	Feb. 2 Bristol United
	10 Pontypool Athletic	H	10 Kidderminster Car.	A	9 Bath United
	15 Brixham	... H	17 Newport H.S.O.B.	H	16 Moseley United
	17 Cheltenham United	A	19 Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	23 Newport H.S.O.B.
	22 Bristol United	... H	24 Nottingham Corsairs	A	Mar. 1 Northampton Wan.
	24 Berry Hill	... A	Dec. 1 Moseley United	... A	8 Nottingham Corsairs
	29 Bedford Wanderers	H	8 Bath United	... A	10 Berry Hill
Oct. 1	N. G. Combination	H	15 Coventry Ex. 1st XV	H	15 Cheltenham United
	6 Cleeve	... A	22 Newport United	... H	22 Kidderminster Car.
	13 Richmond Vikings	H	29 Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	29 Salisbury
	15 Luctonians	... H	Jan. 5 Wasps Vandals	... H	Apr. 12 Llantwit Major
	20 Newport United	... A	12 Leicester Ex. 1st XV	A	19 Blaenavon
	23 Hereford	... A	19 Cleeve	... A	26 Exeter

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## The Referee

This afternoon we extend a particularly warm welcome to M. Marcel Messan who, we believe, is the first French referee ever to have been in charge of a Gloucester match at Kingsholm. We sincerely trust he will enjoy his first visit to our great ground and his brief stay in our fair city.

## M. Marcel Messan

Le club rugby de Gloucester et ses adhérents vous souhaitent la bienvenue cet après-midi à l'occasion de votre première visite à Kingsholm; en effet, Monsieur, vous êtes le premier Français qui ait exercé les fonctions d'un arbitre à un match de club sur notre terrain célèbre.

Nous espérons de tout cœur que vous trouverez beaucoup de plaisir dans le jeu et aussi au cours de votre bref séjour dans notre ville ancienne.

## Kingsholm Kackle

### 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!

## Membership Tickets

Although the season is now nearly two months old there is still a tremendous advantage in purchasing a membership ticket. There are still at least 22 first XV home fixtures, apart from the many United games to make it a highly beneficial proposition.

We have already quoted the vast saving possible by becoming a member and repetition would become a bore. All we ask of those who are not yet members is to ponder on these things!

## Programme Winner

The holder of the lucky programme, No. 425, for the match against Newbridge on Wednesday evening, was Mr. Finbarr O'Ryan, of South Lodge, Horton Road, Gloucester, who won the "fiver". Congratulations!

## Next Match

The rugby fare at Kingsholm continues next Wednesday, October 24, with the visit of South Wales Police, with the usual kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.