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**GLOUCESTER  
v  
PLYMOUTH ALBION**

**Saturday, 10th November 1979**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

\* 15. I. Wilkins

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

\* 13. B. Vine

\* 12. R. Jardine

\*† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

10. B. Russell

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

\* 2. F. Reed

3. A. Brooks

4. J. Herniman

\* 5. A. Turton

6. J. Gadd

\*† 8. J. Watkins

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

M. Longstaff

P. Williams

### PLYMOUTH ALBION

(Cherry, White & Green)

Full Back

15. J. Martin

Three Quarters

14. R. Allison

\* 13. M. Triggs (Capt.)

12. R. Westlake

11. C. Cooper

Half Backs

10. B. Pengelly

9. G. Martin

Forwards

\* 1. B. Steer

\* 2. D. Fuge

3. R. Lawry

4. D. Venables

5. T. Chapman

6. T. Miles

8. S. Deasy

7. M. Yeo

REPLACEMENTS

A. Robson

S. Bigland

Referee: G. E. JONES (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Welcome to Devon

### "Cherry and Whites"

Colourfully speaking, as it were, Plymouth Albion, whom we welcome to Kingsholm this afternoon, and Gloucester are very closely related, for our Devon visitors also have as their predominant colours the renowned Cherry and White, plus an additional narrow green strip.

It is perhaps unfortunate that both our sides are below strength with the respective county calls for that vitally important championship match "down the road," where Devon have only to draw—or possibly lose by a narrow margin—to become this season's South-West group title winners and qualify to meet Oxfordshire in the quarter-final.

An equally important point for all our supporters, and those from Plymouth, is that today's match does not count in the South-West Merit Table. A new rule passed in the summer by the relevant committee of the Rugby Union states that where any club has more than three players playing for a representative side—and that includes the county championship, of course—on the same day, their own game shall not count in the merit table concerned.

Perhaps both sides today might be excused for quoting from the Bard and saying "for this relief much thanks," as two seasons ago Plymouth Albion were the only club to beat Gloucester — admittedly weakened then by county calls—in the South-West Merit Table.

Last season Gloucester, who are unlikely to play in their customary cherry and white this afternoon, avenged that defeat in full, winning at Kingsholm on Saturday, February 24, of this year, by 22 - 13, then completing the double at Beacon Park on Saturday, March 31, with a more convincing victory by 32-10.

The Albion, then, will in turn be seeking vengeance this afternoon and we look forward to another absorbing game with them, the while trusting they enjoy their brief visit once again.

## Kingsholm Kackle

### Fixture Changes

Adopting the old maxim of first things first, there is no better way of starting the gossip column today with two fixture changes, enabling our supporters to amend their lists accordingly.

Gloucester's away game with Aberavon at the Talbot Athletic Ground, appearing on all lists as Tuesday, November 20, will now be played on the following evening, **Wednesday, November 21**. The reason is, in a manner of speaking, twofold.

For on November 20 the South-West Counties meet the All Blacks at Exeter with a 2.15 kick-off. Then in the evening of the same day there is the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup Final at Kingsholm between Matson and Stroud which will undoubtedly attract a large crowd.

The other change in fixtures is the important John Player Cup match with Richmond at the Richmond Athletic Ground, which should be played on Saturday, January 26, together with all the other first round ties.

As many supporters will know, Matson have been drawn away, to London Scottish, also at the Athletic Ground. As the Scottish apparently have first call on the ground their tie with our local juniors champions will go ahead as planned.

Several choices were open to Richmond—to play on the same day on the nearby Old Deer Park, home of London Welsh, who have been drawn away to Weston-super-Mare; to transfer the match to Kingsholm; or to play the match on the Sunday.

Aware of the support for both Gloucester and Matson, the Richmond officials wisely decided that it would be financially unsound to play the Cherry and Whites while Matson were fighting it out with the Scottish. They considered very deeply the possibility of switching to Kingsholm, where they knew the finances would be far greater, but the players felt it unwise to concede ground advantage to Gloucester, and eventually Richmond obtained special dispensation from the Rugby Union to stage the big match on the Sunday.

But many of our supporters—and others!—may welcome this decision, for it is proposed to run special trains and coaches, where possible, to both matches, staying overnight in London. We hope to give more details later, but we hear there are one or two very attractive—and reasonable!—trips already in the proverbial pipeline, including hotel and a show in London on Saturday evening.

### **All Blacks at Exeter . . .**

Apropos the South-West Counties—All Blacks' match at Exeter—and another reminder, 2.15 p.m. kick-off—ground tickets for same are £1.00 each and may be obtained from the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Terry Tandy, at the office this afternoon.

### **. . . And All Blacks at "Twickers"**

Those of our members who have applied for tickets for the international match between England and New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday, November 24, are respectfully requested also to see Terry Tandy at the office this afternoon. Those unable to collect them today will have the tickets, only received from Twickenham this week, posted to them over the week-end. There are, incidentally, a few tickets available for any supporters who have not applied and they, too, may be purchased at the office.

### **Wot! No Receipts?**

There are still some of our Patrons who have not collected their receipts for their season tickets. May we say to them that Peter Denham will be among you in the main stand this afternoon ready and willing, as usual, to hand them to you on request. Should you miss the worthy "P.D." you may obtain your receipts from the office after this afternoon's match.

### **"75 Years On"**

In the programme notes for the recent Nottingham game reference

was made to an excellent booklet with the above title celebrating the 75th anniversary of Gloucester O.B. R.F.C. Inadvertently the price of the booklet was given as 50p because of an oversight, a typographical error or an editorial "boob"—call it what you will.

The correct price is £1.00p and we do sincerely apologise to the incomparable Norman Partridge, who spent many months writing and compiling the excellent publication. Norman has naturally been inconvenienced by the mistake and we trust the sale of his book continues to go like the proverbial bomb. Sorry about that, "N.P.!"

### **Christmas Draw**

As in previous years there will again be a bumper Christmas draw run by the Social Club committee. Entries are already coming in "thick and heavy" as the prizes are numerous and it is only 5p per shot. But there is no restriction on the number of entries — the more there are, the more prizes there will be — so you do not have to queue to "have a go". Supporters will find the appropriate entry sheets in the Social Club and they should contact any member of the Social Committee.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the lads on that splendid victory over Cambridge University on Wednesday afternoon at Grange Road! It is no mean feat to account for the Light Blues on their own ground, but to win by such a convincing margin at 25-13 is particularly significant and encouraging.

### **Next Match**

Gloucester are home again next Wednesday evening, November 14, when Exeter University, better known to rugger enthusiasts as St. Luke's College, will be the visitors, with the usual 7.00 p.m. kick-off. The senior side have no game next Saturday, but United meet Newport High School Old Boys at Kingsholm, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.