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**GLOUCESTER
v
EXETER UNIVERSITY**

Wednesday, 14th November, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Warm Welcome to The Students

For reasons which seem somewhat obscure those popular visitors we have so long known as St. Luke's College visit us again this evening under their new nomenclature of Exeter University.

But, as Juliet said to her beloved Romeo, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." So true; and the visit of St. Luke's or Exeter University, call them what you will, is a guarantee of an entertaining and exciting game.

The Students play first and foremost with the sole aim of enjoying their rugby and results over the years have shown only too plainly that our matches with them have invariably produced high scoring, with both sides contributing richly to the spectacle.

A year ago, on Wednesday evening, November 15, 1978, Gloucester won a remarkable game at Kingsholm by 46 points to 20, ample testimony to the resilience and free-scoring ability of the Students. They will, then, be seeking to put matters into better perspective this evening and we extend to them a particularly warm welcome, looking forward to another intriguing and entertaining spectacle!

Kingsholm Kackle

All Blacks at Exeter and "Twickers"

Next Tuesday, kick-off 2.15 p.m., the South-West Counties, more in hope than expectation, take on the All Blacks at Exeter and ground tickets for the match, £1.00 each, may be obtained from the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Terry Tandy, at the office this evening.

There are also a few tickets still available for the international match between England and the All Blacks

at Twickenham on Saturday, November 24. Again, anyone who has not applied for one and who wishes to attend should contact Terry this evening.

Aberavon Match

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 there is the South West Counties' game with the All Blacks, as mentioned above. And 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.

Another change is the important John Player Cup first round match with Richmond, which will now be played the day after the other ties—on Sunday, January 27. This has already been widely announced in the press and these programme notes last week-end, but further details will be given a little nearer the date.

Next Home Match

Gloucester's next home match is on Saturday week, November 24, the same day as the England—All Blacks' clash at Twickenham, when London Irish will be the visitors to Kingsholm. The Irish were unable to re-arrange the game for the previous Friday evening, nor switch to an earlier kick-off on the Saturday morning.

We apologise to our supporters for the enforced 3.00 p.m. kick-off which will clash with the international, but we hope that as many as possible will be at Kingsholm to cheer on the lads rather than succumb to the lure of the "goggle-box."

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.

"Rugby Post"

As those supporters who have already purchased their copies will know, the current issue of the "Rugby Post" is now on sale, price 25p. They are obtainable from Terry Tandy and in the Social Club, while lads will also be around the ground acting as budding newsvendors for the excellent magazine, which is full of interesting snippets and stories—just for the rugger enthusiast! And this season the "Rugby Post" will be published monthly.

To use the old advertising catch phrase—"Get your copy now to avoid disappointment!"

Rough Luck, Peter!

We are only too well aware that the minds of selectors work in very mysterious ways their blunders to perform, but those who have the job of naming the Gloucestershire team appear to have surpassed themselves by dropping Peter Butler for next Saturday's quarter-final of the county championship, against Oxfordshire on the Oxford R.F.C. ground—which is on the by-pass, incidentally.

It is difficult to fathom such treatment of a player who has literally won countless matches for them and scored more points for his county than anyone else in their history. Now, we ask ourselves—and perhaps the selectors are, too—who is going to kick those long-range goals that so often mean the difference between victory and defeat?

If it is any consolation to him "P.B." can rest assured that he has the sympathy of most Gloucester supporters.

Semi-Final

For those who imagine that next Saturday's quarter-final should be the proverbial "piece of cake" for Gloucestershire—and several have expressed that view!—may we remind them that Oxfordshire won the corresponding match twice in successive seasons last decade.

But if, as expected, Gloucestershire win on Saturday they would qualify for the semi-final round, which is on Saturday, December 8. Now on this day Gloucester are due to meet Bath at Kingsholm in a South-West merit table, though it would not count as such if the Cherry and Whites, as is virtually certain, supply more than three players to the County team.

The most likely move, however, is that the date for the game with Bath may be re-arranged, though full details will be announced a little later.

Welcome Back, John!

With his period of suspension ending this week it is great to welcome back John Fidler to the fold. Gloucestershire, who have been faring rather inadequately in the line-out exchanges, wasted no time in calling upon him for the quarter-final on Saturday. Good luck, "J.H."!

Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 697, for the Plymouth Albion match was held by Mr. R. Worrall, of 15 Dunster Close, Tuffley, Gloucester. Congratulations on winning the fiver, Sir!

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Cherry and White

-
- Full Back
- *† 15. P. Butler
-
- Three Quarters
- * 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)
- * 13. D. Pointon
- *§ 12. R. Mogg
11. P. Williams

-
- Half Backs
10. B. Russell
9. S. Baker

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- 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

P. Kingston

F. Reed

EXETER UNIVERSITY

-
- Full Back
15. R. Morgan
-
- Three Quarters
14. R. Sumner
- * 13. P. Martin (Capt.)
12. G. Pickersgill
11. P. Drewett

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- Half Backs
10. A. Watkins
9. D. Brooksby

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- Forwards
1. M. Higgs
2. S. Everall
3. N. Walker
- * 4. M. Patching
5. M. Sanbrook
6. K. Freeman
8. W. Churns
- * 7. P. Thornley

REPLACEMENTS

J. Mackintosh

M. Lynch

Referee: A. FISHER (Worcester)

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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	31-12
	24	S. Wales Police H	18-6
	27	Nottingham ... H	23-16
Nov.	5	Leicester ... A	Post.
	7	Cambridge Un. A	25-13
	10	Plymouth ... H	45-3
	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 ... A
	10	Pontypool Athletic H		10 Kidderminster Car. A		9 Bath United ... H
	15	Brixham ... H		17 Newport H.S.O.B. H		16 Moseley United ... H
	17	Cheltenham United A		19 Ebbw Vale Athletic A		23 Newport H.S.O.B. A
	22	Bristol United ... H		24 Nottingham Corsairs A	Mar. 1	Northampton Wan. H
	24	Berry Hill ... A	Dec. 1	Moseley United ... A		8 Nottingham Corsairs A
	29	Bedford Wanderers H		8 Bath United ... A		10 Berry Hill ... H
Oct.	1	N. G. Combination H		15 Coventry Ex. 1st XV H		15 Cheltenham United H
	6	Cleeve ... A		22 Newport United ... H		22 Kidderminster Car. A
	13	Richmond Vikings H		29 Ebbw Vale Athletic H		29 Salisbury ... H
	15	Luctonians ... H	Jan. 5	Wasps Vandals ... H	Apr. 12	Llantwit Major ... A
	20	Newport United ... A		12 Leicester Ex. 1st XV A		19 Blaenavon ... H
	23	Hereford ... A		19 Cleeve ... A		26 Exeter ... A

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