



**GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER**  
v  
**Loughborough College**

Wednesday, 28th November, 1979

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 7 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p



## Welcome to the Students!

More than a century ago Lord Macaulay wrote of giving pleasure to spectators; he was referring to Puritans and bear-baiting, as rugby was one of the erudite pleasures unknown to him.

Nevertheless, these sentiments can still be echoed as we extend a very warm welcome this evening to our popular visitors, Loughborough Students. ("Students", you will note, not the old name of "Colleges"—ours not to reason why!). But, as the Bard wrote, that which we call a rose . . . !

In other words, whatever their nomenclature, the Students' insistence on open and constructive rugby, allied to fitness and finesse, is virtually synonymous with an entertaining and absorbing game.

Matches with the Students invariably produce high scores as both sides contribute richly to the proceedings, aware that thinking is a prelude to production, not a substitute for it. And, as Samuel Johnson wrote, the great source of pleasure is variety. But perhaps all this might be better recognised in statistics.

Loughborough Students suffered their first defeat of last season when they visited Kingsholm on Wednesday evening, December 6, and the Cherry and Whites won an exciting game by 16 points to 3. They arrive this evening with another exceptionally fine record.

To date the Students have won eight and drawn one of their 11 matches, with a tally of 253 points to their credit while conceding only 111. Last Saturday they gained an impressive away win over Middlesbrough by 12 - 7 and we look forward to another exciting tussle with them, trusting they enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

## Kingsholm Kackle

### That Scoreboard

At last Saturday's match supporters, like the prophet of old, looked this way and that but saw nothing as they took the customary glances at the scoreboard which, alas, was not functioning.

We do indeed apologise for this

lack of communication, but it was, as official jargon has it, due to circumstances beyond the club's control, not, as some thought, because the accomplished scoreboard manipulators had taken the day off to go to Twickenham.

The absence of current statistics was due to a mechanical fault which it is hoped will be rectified in time for this evening's match — and certainly by next Saturday.

## The Semi-Final

Gloucestershire, as most supporters know, meet North Midlands at the Reddings, Moseley, in the semi-final of the county championship on Saturday, December 8; and they will have a score to settle, for it was North Midlands who defeated them in the final two seasons ago.

As Gloucester have no match on this day—(see "Bath Change" below)—the Reddings will no doubt be reverberating to the famous, "Kingsholm roar." Raucous, even frightening to the opposition, but highly efficacious as far as Gloucestershire are concerned!

Visitors to the Oxford City By-pass ground for last Saturday's quarter-final again had it brought home forcibly to them that Kingsholm supporters are spoiled; in other words, there are few clubs with such a magnificent ground and splendid accommodation. We mention this because some of those who require grandstand tickets for the semi-final may be disappointed.

Tickets will shortly be available at £2.00 (reserved) for the Centre Stand and £1.50p for the Wing Stands and the smaller stand on the other side of the ground.

Applications, together with remittances and **stamped addressed envelopes**, should be sent to our club secretary, Terry Tandy, at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, Gloucester.

But please note that all members applying are respectfully asked to state in their applications if they are willing to accept £1.50p tickets in the event of there being insufficient Centre Stand ones. We need scarcely state, of course, that all applications will be treated as fairly as possible.



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Cherry and White

Full Back

\* 15. I. Wilkins

Three Quarters

\* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

\*§ 13. R. Mogg

12. K. Conway

\*† 11. L. Dick

Half Backs

\* 10. B. Russell

9. S. Baker

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargent

\* 2. S. Mills

3. M. Preedy

\* 4. J. Fidler

\* 5. A. Turton

6. J. Gadd

8. J. Herniman

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston

K. White

### LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE

Full Back

15. C. Hopwood

Three Quarters

14. B. McLaughlin

\* 13. R. Bodenham

\* 12. B. Barley

11. J. McKinney

Half Backs

10. M. Boyd

9. C. Jones

Forwards

1. M. Thomas

2. R. King

3. C. Collins

4. M. Grindle

5. S. Riddington

6. E. Brooks

8. P. Kremer

\* 7. B. Morgan

REPLACEMENTS

R. Lytollis

D. O'Callaghan

Referee: E. J. T. LARCOMBE (London Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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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	73-6
	21	Aberavon ... A	6-12
	24	London Irish H	3-12
	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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## Bath Change

An important fixture change brings Gloucester without a match next Saturday week, December 8, the date of the county championship semi-final. As supporters will know from their lists the Cherry and Whites were due to meet Bath—unbeaten by an English club side this season — at Kingsholm.

But this would not have counted as a South-West merit table game as Gloucester will undoubtedly have more than three players — the minimum number stipulated under the new Rugby Union ruling — in the Gloucestershire team to meet North Midlands.

Bath have kindly agreed to postpone the fixture and travel instead to Kingsholm on the following Monday, December 10, with the usual evening kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

## New Cup Final Date

With what Macbeth's witches termed the "fog and filthy air" making a thoroughly unwelcome appearance yesterday week, the Gloucestershire R.F.U. County Cup Final between Matson and Stroud had perforce to be postponed, though both clubs sincerely thank those avid supporters who courageously braved the elements and turned up optimistically in the hope that the wretched weather might clear — as indeed it did later in the evening.

However, in anticipation of our unpredictable weather proving much kinder the long-awaited match will now be played at Kingsholm next Wednesday, December 5, with the kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

Congratulations, incidentally, to Stroud, who came so near to springing a surprise on powerful visitors Bristol last Saturday, losing only by the odd point, and to Matson, romping to an overwhelming victory against local rivals Hucclecote Old Boys. The scene appears set for an exciting final!

## "Rugby Post"

Many supporters will already have purchased their current copies of the "Rugby Post," though there are still a few on sale, price 25p, and are

obtainable from Terry Tandy, our club secretary, and in the Social Club. The December issue will shortly be available, hopefully for next week.

## Programme Winner

The winning programme, No. 483, for the match against London Irish last Saturday was purchased by Mr. Colin Lewis, of 5 Glencairn Avenue, Tuffley, Gloucester, who gathered in a crisp fiver. Well done, Sir!

## 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.

## "250" Club

Trevor Pritchard, its genial and industrious treasurer, announces that the "250" Club is rapidly running out of vacancies. With so many handsome monthly prizes to be won each month, may we respectfully suggest that any regular members — or intending new ones — who have not yet paid their first month's subscription, contact "T.P." or one of the committee as soon as possible, as the first draw will take place in the Social Club next Friday evening at 9.00 p.m.

## Next Match

There will be further rich fare at Kingsholm next Saturday, when Oxford University are the visitors, kick-off 3.00 p.m. Gloucester will be anxious to make it a "Varsity double," having already defeated the Light Blues at Grange Road earlier this month.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.