



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER
v
OXFORD UNIVERSITY**

Saturday, 1st December, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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Cherry and White

Full Back

* 15. I. Wilkins

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. P. Blakeway

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins

8. J. Herniman

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

A. Durkin

K. White

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Full Back

15. P. Davis

Three Quarters

14. G. Quist-Arcton

13. S. Halliday

12. A. Thomas

11. D. Woodrow

Half Backs

10. R. Clark

9. D. Morgan

Forwards

1. T. Jones

2. S. Hosmeyr

3. P. Eneroldson (Capt.)

4. K. Budge

5. N. Roberts

6. A. Morrison

* 8. N. Mallett

7. C. Bray

REPLACEMENTS

P. Taylor

Referee: R. PARKER

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to the Dark Blues!

Oxford University, to whom we extend a very warm welcome this afternoon, pay Gloucester the great tribute of counting them as one of their toughest opponents; and it is in this light that the Dark Blues regard this annual fixture as their final searching test prior to their all-important event, the 'Varsity match, to be played at Twickenham this season on Tuesday week, December 11.

Last season the University broke the sequence of fixtures on the home and away basis by visiting Kingsholm and Gloucester gained a comforting victory by 19 points to 4.

But though Matthew Arnold, nearly a century ago, described Oxford as a "home of lost causes and forsaken beliefs" these are sentiments which the University's rugby team treat with scorn.

They will be anxious to put recent results with Gloucester into better perspective and to reach peak fitness for the forthcoming "big game" with their arch rivals. We look forward, then, to another spectacular and absorbing game this afternoon, trusting the Dark Blues enjoy their brief stay in our own fair city.

Kingsholm Kackle The Semi-Final

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

As the Cherry and Whites 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!

Those who have travelled to the less imposing grounds around the country have 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 indulge in this modicum of "trumpet blowing" because some of those who require grandstand tickets for the semi-final at Moseley may be disappointed. Tickets are now available — or what is left of them — at £2.00 (reserved) for the Centre Stand and £1.50 for the Wing Stands and the smaller stand on the opposite side of the ground.

The remaining tickets are on sale at the office here this afternoon, but we respectfully ask supporters **not** to make any further applications by post.

Bath Change

An important fixture change brings Gloucester without a match next Saturday, 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 last Tuesday 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 sup-

porters 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. 268, for the match against Loughborough Students last Wednesday evening was purchased by Mr. P. Dainty, of 98 Bloomfield Road, Gloucester, who gathered in a crisp fiver. Well done, Sir!

Coaches to Moseley and “Cov”

Coaches will be running from Kingsholm next Saturday to Moseley for the county championship semi-final and to Coundon Road on the following Saturday, December 15, for Gloucester's match against Coventry.

The cost of seats are £2.00 each and booking has already been heavy. Rather than expounding at length in these notes supporters who wish to book on either, or both, of these special trips are asked to contact

Terry Close at the Social Club, where they will also find notices giving full details.

Canadian Tour Draw

Tickets, 10p each, are on sale for a draw in aid of the Gloucester R.F.C. Canadian tour next May. Those who have not “had a dabble” and wish to indulge should contact any of the players or apply at the office on the ground, for there are handsome prizes.

The first, donated by Gulliver's Travels, is a free week-end for two in Paris, together with tickets for the Franch - England international match on Saturday, February 2. The second prize is a set of car tyres to the value of £50, donated by Associated Tyre Specialists (Western) Ltd. while the third consists of twelve bottles of wine, donated by Westgate Motor House (Gloucester) Ltd.

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

The first monthly draw in the popular “250” Club competition was held in the Social Club. The winners' names could obviously not be given in these programme notes but they may be seen over the bar of the Social Club.

Next Match

As stated above the next home match is against Bath on Monday week, December 10, kick-off 7.00 p.m. Gloucester are then away until Boxing Day, when Lydney, our now traditional festive season visitors, play at Kingsholm with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.