



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER
v
BATH**

Monday, 10th December, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7 p.m.

No. 537

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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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. P. Tunstall
-
- Half Backs
- * 10. B. Russell
9. S. Baker
-
- Forwards
1. M. Preedy
- * 2. S. Mills
- *§ 3. P. Blakeway
- *§ 4. S. Boyle
- * 5. J. Fidler
- *† 6. J. Watkins
- * 8. A. Turton
7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston †*

F. Reed *

BATH

-
- Full Back
- * 16. J. S. Waterman
-
- Three Quarters
15. D. Trick
- *† 14. M. Beese
- * 12. J. Palmer
- * 11. B. Trevaskis
-
- Half Backs
- *† 10. J. Horton (Capt.)
- * 9. D. Murphy
-
- Forwards
- * 1. J. Meddick
2. A. Mason
- * 3. R. Lee
- * 4. D. Barry
5. M. Van der Loos
- * 6. G. Parsons
- * 8. R. Lye
- * 7. R. Spurrell

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: R. PRIDEAUX (N. Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to Our Bath Friends

In recent years representative matches, the John Player Cup competition and the weather have all combined to curtail or throw into disarray fixtures with our old friends and rivals, Bath, and in a less frustrating sort of way the meeting between our two great clubs this evening follows this trend.

This time it was the county championship semi-final between North Midlands and Gloucestershire which caused the re-adjustment, for this evening's match was originally scheduled for last Saturday. But once again, as they have done in the past, Bath willingly agreed to re-arrange the game and may rest assured that they have won the gratitude and thanks of many of supporters, some of whom might have been coerced into trotting dejectedly round the city on Christmas shopping expeditions last Saturday, or being faced with the dilemma of following club or county.

To the latter group Bath have brought the best of both worlds, as we say, for those who supported Gloucestershire at Moseley on Saturday may joyfully bring their "Kingsholm roar" here this evening to encourage their club. And Bath's remarkable performances this season suggests that such encouragement will be sorely needed.

Our friends from Somerset—which is still the neighbouring county in the world of rugby—have always been in the "top ten", to use a modern cliché of visitors to Kingsholm; but this season few will argue the fact they they must be "top of the pops."

For their amazing record to date shows that they have suffered only two defeats in 18 matches and have scored 413 points while conceding 186; moreover, they have not yet been beaten by an English club! The scene then, we trust, is set for a classic encounter.

Last season the honours were evenly divided, though again the matches could not be played on Saturdays, as arranged for one of the reasons stated above. Bath won deservedly at the Recreation Ground on Monday, December 11, 1978, by 20 - 10 but the Cherry and Whites put the overall picture back into focus by winning the return match at Kingsholm on Monday, April 2, of this year by 11 - 3.

Now that Gloucester are able to call upon their county players this evening's match counts in the official South-West merit table, which Bath top with a 100 per cent record.

We again thank Jack Simpkins, John Roberts, their committee and the Bath lads for so willingly agreeing to switch the match to this evening and we look forward to another absorbing tussle, the while hoping that they enjoy their brief stay and the social intercourse afterwards.

Kingsholm Kackle

Coach to Coventry

A coach — or coaches, if the demand exceeds the supply, as it were—will be run to Coundon Road next Saturday for Gloucester's match against Coventry. The cost per seat is £2.00 and rather than expound at length in these notes supporters who wish to book are asked to contact Terry Close at the Social Club, where they will also find notices giving full details.

'Rugby Post'

The December issue of the "Rugby Post", full of "Goodies" in the world of rugger, is now on sale, price 25p. and may be obtained from our club secretary, Terry Tandy, and in the Social Club.

Club Tie

We are all looking for Christmas presents for friends or relatives, but has anyone thought of giving a Gloucester R.F.C. tie for those who follow our great game and club? Again, they are available from Terry Tandy or in the Social Club — and at the very reasonable cost of £2.50p each.

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.

Programme Winner

The winning programme number for the Oxford University match last Saturday was 1254, which someone has either been carrying around in his or her pocket, or has thrown it into the dustbin, for the prize of £5 was not claimed.

For Wednesday's Gloucestershire R.F.U. county cup final between Matson and Stroud, however, the winner was Mr. Brindley, of 111 Longford Lane, Gloucester, with No. 2731, and he duly collected the fiver.

"250" Club Winners

The winners of the first monthly draw in the popular "250" Club competition, made last week-end, were:

£25—J. F. Herniman (Ticket 241); £10 each—E. Pope (36); E. G. Davidson (118); Mrs. R. Pottinger (195); D. A. Grant (216).

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.

Forthcoming Matches

Perhaps it is not easy to believe, but this is Gloucester's last home match before Christmas, though the United, to whom many congratulations on their great away win last Saturday over Moseley, who included several 1st XV players in their side, meet Coventry Extra 1st at Kingsholm next Saturday, with Newport United as the visitors the following week-end.

The senior side's next home game is the traditional Boxing Day fixture with near neighbours Lydney, with the kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

And as this is the final first XV fixture before Christmas officials, committee men and players join in wishing all our supporters a very happy festive season, coupled with sincere thanks for their continued encouragement and support.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.