



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER
v
LYDNEY**

Wednesday, 26th December, 1979

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. F. Reed

3. S. Ashmead

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2. P. Price (Capt.)

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Festive Welcome to Lydney

Although there are some mathematicians and historians prepared to argue otherwise this afternoon's match with neighbours Lydney, to whom we extend a particularly warm welcome at the height of the festive season, is to all intents and purposes, Gloucester's last at Kingsholm this decade.

Ever since taking over from Old Merchant Taylors this traditional Boxing Day spot Lydney have contributed richly to a series of thoroughly enjoyable games. Gloucester have usually won by convincing margins, but last Boxing Day they were made to struggle hard for victory by 16 points to 7.

Lydney, beset by injuries, have to date had a disappointing season, having won only six matches and drawn two from 22, one of which they might justly claim could be discounted, for against the Army recently the game was abandoned 10 minutes early because of the atrocious conditions.

But whatever their fortunes the "Severn-siders" are popular annual visitors to Kingsholm and we look forward to another enjoyable and absorbing tussle with them this afternoon.

Kingsholm Kackle

John Player Cup

The approach of the new year also heralds the first round of the money-spinning John Player Cup competition, in which Gloucester have again been drawn against Richmond, though this time at the Richmond Athletic Ground. Moreover, the match will be played on **Sunday**, January 27, as on the previous day, the scheduled date for the first round, Matson, our local champions, will be taking on London Scottish, also on the Athletic Ground.

As one might expect, British Rail, fully alive to the tremendous support given to the Cherry and Whites, will be running a special train for Gloucester's game with Richmond. It will leave Gloucester at 9 a.m., picking up en route at Stonehouse, 9.12 a.m., and Stroud at 9.18 a.m., arriving at Richmond Station at 12 noon, leaving ample time for lunch and other refreshment before kick-off.

But supporters will not be left hanging around after the match, for on the return journey the train leaves Richmond at 4.30 p.m., arriving back at Gloucester Station between 7.30 and 7.45 p.m. Again, ample time to celebrate — or drown one's gloom.

The return fare is only £4.70p — £3.10p for juniors under the age of 14 — but those wishing to take advantage of this special cheap trip are asked to book in advance. Anyone wishing to organise a party of supporters should contact Cliff Adams at British Rail; his telephone number is Gloucester 21121, extension 2271.

There will also be a special trip by British Rail for the county championship final between Lancashire and Gloucestershire at the Vale of Lune on Saturday, February 9, but details will be announced in due course.

Canadian Tour Draw

Unless one pops down specially to the Social Club, this afternoon is the last opportunity to purchase a ticket, 10p, for the raffle in aid of the Gloucester R.F.C. tour of Canada next May, for the draw will take place at Kingsholm on New Year's Day. Anyone who has not bought a ticket and wishes to do so should contact any of the players or apply at the office on the ground, for there are handsome prizes to be won.

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

"Rugby Post"

It is hoped that the January issue of "Rugby Post", full of interesting features on rugger, will be on sale this afternoon, price 25p. There are still a few copies of both November and December issues left at the reduced price of 10p. They may be obtained from club secretary Terry Tandy and in the Social Club.

Gloucester R.F.C. Diaries

Another item on sale is the Gloucester R.F.C. diary, cost only 50p, and this may also be obtained from Terry Tandy. But we must emphasise that only a limited number is available and it must be a case of first come, first served if a firm order has not already been placed.

Coach to Vale of Lune

It is intended to run a supporters' coach from Kingsholm for the county championship final at Vale of Lune. Complete details are not yet available, but all those interested are asked to contact Terry Close 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.

Congratulations

Hearty congratulations to Steve Mills and Phil Blakeway on their thoroughly deserved selection for the England rugby trial at Twickenham on January 5, and to Steve Boyle on figuring among the replacements. It is particularly gratifying for Phil, who we thought at the beginning of the season, appeared to have finished his comparatively short but distinguished career. May they both meet with outstanding success and win their first full caps in the forthcoming campaign.

Programme Winner

The winning programme, No. 347, for the last home match, against Bath, was held by Mr. C. P. Stroud, of 104 Laynes Road, Hucclecote, who became the richer by £5. Well done, Sir!

Our Advertisers

The festive season seems an appropriate time to thank once again our advertisers in both the programmes and around the ground. We look forward to seeing many of them at this afternoon's match and assure them of our deep appreciation of their tremendous support.

We in turn ask our own members and friends to support these advertisers who do so much to help the club. Thank you, gentlemen all, for your great help and encouragement!

Stop Press News

All supporters will readily appreciate that because of the Christmas holidays it was necessary to have these notes in the hands of the printers early last week. But any "stop press news" — team changes and additional club "gossip" — will be announced over the loudspeaker.

Diary Dates

Although Gloucester have to travel to South Wales to meet Bridgend at the Brewery Field next Saturday, they are back at Kingsholm on New Year's Day — next Tuesday — when they have one of their most attractive fixtures of the season with the visit of Moseley, kick-off 3.00 p.m. Meanwhile the highly successful United lads have another home match on Saturday when they entertain Ebbw Vale Athletic, again with a 3.00 p.m. kick-off.

Seasonal Salutations

In conclusion Gloucester R.F.C. officials, committee and the players join in wishing you all the compliments of the season and tender their very sincere thanks for your continued valuable support!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.