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**GLOUCESTER
v
WASPS**

Friday, 18th January, 1980

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

Warm Welcome to the Wasps!

An entomologist who knows nothing of rugby might regard this as an ephemeral gathering of hymenopterans — (to those who do not make a study of insects this means a transitory visit of wasps) — but it is far from being a strange invitation to those revolting creatures which plague us during the warmer months of our fickle climate.

Instead, it is a very sincere welcome to the famous London club, the Wasps, who so readily agreed to visit Kingsholm this evening because of the televised international match tomorrow afternoon.

Unfortunately, those black jerseys with the golden wasps upon them are only seen normally at Kingsholm once every two years, the annual matches between our two clubs being on an alternate home and away basis. Indeed, we might almost quote the poet Shelley — rarely, rarely, comest thou!

Last Saturday the Wasps were narrowly beaten in their high-scoring away game with powerful Liverpool, but they are enjoying a successful season, having won 13 of their 21 matches. The fixture with Wasps at Sudbury last January fell victim to the arctic weather, but when they visited Kingsholm two years ago, on Saturday, January 21, 1978, Gloucester won an entertaining tussle by 26 points to 12. We look forward to another such intriguing game this evening, trusting our London friends enjoy their brief stay in our fair city!

Kingsholm Kackle

John Player Cup

Next week-end, of course, brings the first round of the money-spinning John Player Cup competition, though Gloucester will be, in a way, the "odd man out." For they meet Richmond at the Athletic Ground on **Sunday, January 27**, as the ground is required on the Saturday for the cup game between London Scottish and our local junior champions, Matson.

British Rail, fully alive to the tremendous support enjoyed by the Cherry and Whites, will be running a special train for the match, as previously announced in these notes and in the press. It will leave Gloucester at 9 a.m., arriving at Richmond Station at 12 noon, leaving ample time for lunch and other refreshment before the kick-off.

Supporters will not be left to ruminate and cogitate, or generally muse over events — at least, not in Richmond — for the train will leave on the return journey at 4.30 p.m., arriving back at Gloucester between 7.30 and 7.45 p.m.

The return fare is only £4.70p — £3.10p for juniors under 14 — but those wishing to take advantage of this extraordinarily cheap trip are asked to book in advance if possible, for there will certainly be no shortage of supporters.

Coaches will also be running from Kingsholm for the match, both leaving at 10.30 a.m., but with the cost at a mere £3.00 business has been as brisk as what the musician might term "allegro." (In his language meaning fast and lively, not the chorus girls' line-up!).

Our supporters will by now be well aware that because of the archaic Sunday Observance Law, tickets will not be issued for this Cup game, so it is pointless to apply. Instead admission will be by programme, £1.00p each, with an extra 50p for entrance to the main stand. As the train and coaches should arrive at least two hours before the kick-off, it seems good advice to purchase stand tickets immediately on arrival, taking it in turns to reserve your seats while your pals pop out for a "quickie or two."

But there is a special note for all members who wish to partake of refreshment, before or after, at the Richmond club — **they must ensure that they have their Gloucester R.F.C. season tickets on their persons.** Richmond have announced that this rule will be strictly adhered to and we would add that a Gloucester R.F.C. Social Club membership card will NOT produce the "open sesame"!

... And The County Final International Tennis

Still very much on the proverbial ball, British Rail have also announced details of a special trip for the county championship final between Lancashire and Gloucestershire at the Vale of Lune ground on Saturday, February 9 — and another excellent bargain, it appears!

The train will leave Gloucester at 9.15 a.m., arriving at Lancaster, from where it is easy access to the Vale of Lune ground, at 12.25. For the return journey the departure time from Lancaster is 5.20 p.m., arriving back in Gloucester at 8.35 p.m.

The cost? Only £4.90 and £3.40 for juniors! But again, it is advisable to book seats in advance, as there will undoubtedly be numerous "takers" at this extremely reasonable price.

Supporters are asked to note, however, that in view of this competitive price **no coaches** will be run from Kingsholm for the final, as the lowest quotation exceeds the rail fare.

Competition Winners

Mr. Jeff Turner, of 123 Oxford Road, Gloucester, has won the prize that will no doubt make him the envy of so many of our supporters and rugby enthusiasts everywhere in the area — a free week-end in Paris for two for the France - England international match on February 2!

This prize, donated by Gulliver's Travels, was the first in the Gloucester R.F.C. Canadian Tour raffle, the draw for which has been made in the Mayor's parlour at the Guildhall.

Second prize of a set of tyres to the value of £50, donated by Associated Tyre Specialists (Western) Ltd., went to Mr. Jim Cox, one of our staunchest supporters, of the well-known firm of Jaco, while the third, 12 bottles of wine given by Westgate Motor House Co., Ltd., was won by Mr. Don Kennedy with a ticket bought from Terry Freeman.

There was also some extra festive season cash for lucky winners on the December draw of the "250" Club, with the monthly top prize of £25 going to R. R. Robinson, with ticket number 175. The £10 winners were K. Jackson (173), E. L. Gray (71), R. A. Daw (83) and Mrs. S. Rymer (37).

With so many of our supporters also keen followers of other sports we have been asked to remind you all that there is International Tennis at the Gloucester Leisure Centre on Thursday evening, January 31, when Great Britain will be in the group play-off in the 1980 King's Cup. The other countries involved in this big tennis evening are Austria, France, Hungary and U.S.S.R.

"Rugby Post" and Diaries

Currently on sale from the office and the Social Club are the January issue of "Rugby Post", price 25p, and the Gloucester R.F.C. diaries, costing 50p each, though it must be emphasised that there is only a limited number of diaries left.

United Game Tomorrow

May we remind those who may have missed the announcement that the Gloucester United match with Cleve will be played at Kingsholm **tomorrow, kick-off 12 noon**, and not at Cleve as on the fixture lists. Ample time to support skipper Jerry Herniman and his successful team and toddle homewards to watch the international on the television!

Cheltenham

Many of our supporters pay little heed to the Bard's observation that "the appetite may sicken and so die"; they cannot get their fill of rugger and they may like to know that Cheltenham's match against South Wales Police, at the Athletic Ground, due to have been played tomorrow, has been switched to next Monday evening, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

No Programme Winner

Someone forgot to look at the number on their programme at last Saturday's game with Leicester, for the "fiver" was unclaimed. The winning number was 737.

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- *† 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. F. Reed
3. A. Brooks
- *§ 4. S. Boyle
- * 5. J. Fidler
- *† 6. J. Watkins
- * 8. A. Turton
7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston

K. White

WASPS

- Full Back
15. H. Davies

- Three Quarters
14. A. Yarrow
13. I. Perkins
12. G. Graham
11. R. Cole

- Half Backs
- † 10. M. Taylor
9. I. Grocott

- Forwards
1. A. Isickei
2. J. Gallagher
3. M. Brooks
4. R. Smith
5. J. Cowell
6. J. Lambden
8. M. Leggett
7. A. Cooper (Capt.)

REPLACEMENTS

16. M. Evans

17. L. Lewis

Referee: D. MARTIN (Cornwall Society)

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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 15-8
Dec.	1	Oxford Un.	... H 16-12
	10	Bath	... H 10-3
	15	Coventry	... A 9-3

First XV Fixtures — contd.

	22	Newport	... A	Post.
	26	Lydney	... H	21-3
	29	Bridgend	... A	3-7
1980				
Jan.	1	Moseley	... H	Post.
	5	London Scot.	A	10-19
	12	Leicester	... H	20-15
	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	Salé	... 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
10	Pontypool Athletic	H	10 Kidderminster Car.	A	9 Bath United
15	Brixham	H	17 Newport H.S.O.B.	H	16 Moseley United
17	Cheltenham United	A	19 Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	23 Newport H.S.O.B.
22	Bristol United	H	24 Nottingham Corsairs	A	Mar. 1 Northampton Wan.
24	Berry Hill	A	Dec. 1 Moseley United	A	8 Nottingham Corsairs
29	Bedford Wanderers	H	8 Bath United	A	10 Berry Hill
Oct. 1	N. G. Combination	H	15 Coventry Ex. 1st XV	H	15 Cheltenham United
6	Cleeve	A	22 Newport United	H	22 Kidderminster Car.
13	Richmond Vikings	H	29 Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	29 Salisbury
15	Lutonians	H	Jan. 5 Wasps Vandals	H	Apr. 12 Llantwit Major
20	Newport United	A	12 Leicester Ex. 1st XV	A	19 Blaenavon
23	Hereford	A	19 Cleeve	A	26 Exeter

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