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**GLOUCESTER
v
SWANSEA**

Friday, 15th February, 1980

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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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. 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

SWANSEA

White

Full Back

15. M. Wyatt

Three Quarters

14. A. Swift

13. G. Jenkins

† 12. A. Donovan

11. A. Meredith

Half Backs

10. M. Dacey

† 9. B. Williams

Forwards

1. B. Mugford

2. J. Herdman

3. H. Hopkins

† 4. B. Clegg

5. R. Moriarty

† 6. M. Keyworth

8. T. Cheeseman

7. G. Roberts

REPLACEMENTS

J. Davies

C. Thomas

Referee: D. I. WILLIAMS (Army Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to the All Whites

Unquestionably among the top few most popular visitors to Kingsholm are our old and valued Welsh friends, Swansea, the famous "All Whites", to whom we accord a particularly warm welcome this evening; the more cordial in view of the fact that our two clubs only meet once each season, on a home and away basis.

As usual in recent seasons this long-awaited game with Swansea is again on a Friday evening because of the televised international match between England and Wales at Twickenham tomorrow afternoon.

Perhaps tonight's game has an even greater significance in view of Swansea's tremendous achievements this season. They may justly claim to be the current top Welsh club, as their record testifies. For prior to this evening's match they have 26 victories to their credit and have only been beaten twice. Moreover, they have the remarkable tally of 758 points while conceding 247.

It is a little unfortunate that both clubs tonight will be without three or four star players required for battle in the international, but there are still rich ingredients for another absorbing tussle with the All Whites, even though we might wistfully quote the poet and say, "Rarely, rarely, comest thou!"

Rarely, indeed: for it is ironic that Arctic weather has caused the cancellation of the matches between the clubs over the past two years, both at Kingsholm and St. Helen's. Swansea's last visit here, in fact, was on Friday, February 20, 1976, when many supporters will recall that Gloucester won a high-scoring and spectacular game by 33 points to 20.

We look forward, then, to such another absorbing tussle this evening, trusting our Welsh friends enjoy their brief visit!

Our Sponsors

This evening's match is being generously sponsored by Cheltenham Commercial Vehicles, Ltd., of the Golden Valley, Cheltenham, to whom the club extends its deepest thanks and appreciation.

Our sponsors are distributors for Renault commercial vehicles. The company, formed 15 years ago, also deals in overseas transport services to France, Italy and Switzerland, and have a subsidiary leasing section.

Their managing director is Mr. Donald Griffiths and the transport and leasing director Mr. David Usher. We sincerely hope that they and others of the company's representatives are able to join us for the match as we again tender grateful thanks.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

John Player Cup

Away again! That was doubtless the sigh from all supporters when they heard that Gloucester were drawn to meet Coventry at Coundon Road in the second round of the John Player Cup competition tomorrow week, Saturday, February 23.

But at least it does not entail a long tiring journey and coaches will be running from Kingsholm, all leaving at 12.15 p.m. for the 3.00 p.m. kick-off. The cost is £2.00 per seat and one coach is already full, but those wishing to take advantage of this bargain offer and who have not yet booked are asked to contact Terry Close as soon as possible in the Social Club.

Contrary to many rumours that have been circulating British Rail will NOT be running a special train for the match — BUT they will be running their normal service to Coventry at the **specially reduced fare** of £2.75p. And for children under 14 this will be £1.38p.

Supporters would have to change at Birmingham, but the trains will be running fairly regularly, with 11.48 a.m. the last one to get to Coventry in good time for the kick-off. Space in these notes does not permit all the relevant details, but the trains, of course, will run from Cheltenham, Stroud and Stonehouse — for the same fare! Moreover, supporters will be able to travel back by whichever train they choose.

Any information may be obtained from British Rail at Gloucester, with Mr. Cliff Adams the gentleman to contact.

Cup Match Tickets

The John Player Cup match is an all-ticket one, as no doubt many of our supporters will know. Those for the main Stand are £2.00 and patrons and members who have not yet obtained theirs may do so before or after this evening's game from the office on the ground.

Enclosure tickets are £1.50p and all those for the ground £1.00, with the special price of 50p for senior citizens and juniors. All tickets are available from the office, the Social Club, Alan Brinn Sports, Barton Street, and Hudson and Co., Northgate Street.

Programme Winner

The lucky programme, No. 1596, for the match against Bristol a fortnight ago, was held by Mr. R. M. Foote, of Stonebridge Farm, Whiteshill, near Stroud, who won £5.00. Congratulations!

Competition Winners

For various reasons — away games, cancelled home fixtures and lack of space — it has not been possible to publish the names of the lucky winners in the special Christmas draw for the Gloucester R.F.C. tour of Canada in May.

Belatedly, but in fairness to all those who participated in the draw, and to whom the players tender their very sincere thanks, the first prize of the free week-end in Paris for two for the France and England international was won by Mr. Jeff Turner, of 123 Oxford Road, Gloucester. The prize was donated by Gulliver's Travels.

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 in the Social Club from Terry Freeman.

Another Raffle

There will be another small raffle this evening, when players will be around the ground selling tickets for a rugby ball autographed by the England and Ireland teams. This is also in aid of the Canadian tour fund.

United Game Tomorrow

Unfortunately it was impossible to switch Gloucester United's match with Moseley United at Kingsholm tomorrow to an earlier start, consequently the kick-off will be at 3.00 p.m.

J.P. Cup Draw

Briefly, for those who may have forgotten the complete draw and at the request of several supporters, the other seven ties in the second round of the John Player Cup tomorrow week are:

London Irish v. Morley; Moseley v. Leicester; Bristol v. Gosforth; London Welsh v. Rosslyn Park; London Scottish v. Bedford; Liverpool v. Bath; Nottingham v. Harlequins. The referee for Gloucester's match at Coventry, incidentally, is Mr. P. J. Kingham, of the London Society.

"Rugby Post"

It is expected that the February issue of "Rugby Post" will be on sale this evening at the Office and in the Social Club, price 25p.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.