



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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GLOUCESTER

v

ABERAVON

Wednesday, 12th March, 1980

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

No

309

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **10p**

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

Full Back

15. I. Wilkins

Three Quarters

* 14. R. Clewes (Capt.)

*§ 13. R. Mogg

* 12. D. Pointon

11. P. Tunstall

Half Backs

10. C. Price

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

* 2. F. Reed

3. S. Ashmead

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Fidler

*† 6. J. Watkins

* 8. J. Orwin

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

ABERAVON

Red & Black

Full Back

15. W. Lewis

Three Quarters

14. K. James

13. D. Jacob

12. G. Matthews

11. M. Thomas

Half Backs

10. K. Coslett

† 9. C. Shell

Forwards

1. J. Richardson

2. B. Cuss

3. D. Margetson

4. A. Owen

5. D. Price

6. G. Davies

8. P. Clarke

7. O. Alexander

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: G. E. JONES (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Warm Welcome to The Wizards!

In recent years the national cup commitments of both clubs, and occasionally the weather, have sadly disrupted normal fixtures between Gloucester and Aberavon, the Welsh "Wizards", to whom we extend a very warm welcome this evening.

Even tonight's game is the result of a switch from February 23, when Gloucester met Coventry in the second round of the John Player Cup, and we express our gratitude to our old Welsh friends for so readily agreeing to the change.

Only one of the two normal fixtures between our clubs was possible last season and in that game Gloucester beat the Wizards by 22 points to 10 at Kingsholm on Tuesday evening, November 21, 1978. Earlier this season, on Wednesday, November 21, 1979, the Cherry and Whites visited the Talbot Athletic Ground and were beaten by 12 points to 6 in a keenly contested struggle.

As one of the leading lights in Welsh rugby the Wizards' reputation for placing the emphasis on skilful, constructive moves needs no elaboration and we look forward to another exciting and entertaining game this evening, trusting the Welsh lads enjoy their brief stay in our fair city.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

End-of-Season "Sevens"

The major South West clubs, including Gloucester, Bristol, Bath, Exeter and Plymouth Albion have been invited to the Graham-Reeves seven-a-side tournament to be staged on the County Ground, Exeter, on Saturday, May 3.

All participating clubs will take a share of the "gate" and the first match is due to kick off at 11.00 a.m., with the final being played about 5.00 p.m.

There may be many of our own

supporters who rather care for the idea of a trip to Devon with the approach of summer and if sufficient are interested a coach will be arranged from Kingsholm. Stand tickets, not yet available, for the "sevens" are £2 each, with £1 as the price of admission to the ground. Excellent value, one would think, for six hours of spectacular rugby!

That Sad Cup Exit

That shock defeat by Rosslyn Park in last Saturday's John Player Cup quarter-final will long be discussed, no doubt, but it is as well to keep in mind the old proverb about spilt milk. As some consolation it must also be remembered that Gloucester had rather more than their share of luck in the previous two rounds, against Richmond and Coventry, so the more phlegmatic of our disappointed supporters might rightly argue that justice was done.

Patrons' Evening

The annual Patrons' evening has been arranged for tomorrow week, Thursday, March 20, reception 7.30 to 8.00 p.m., in the Social Club. While admission is free, of course, Patrons should note that it will be by ticket only and that they may procure same from club secretary Terry Tandy or Cecil Pope.

Don Rutherford

Don Rutherford, the former Gloucester and England full-back, now the Rugby Union's chief technical administrator, has written a new book entitled "Mini Rugby—It's The Real Thing."

It makes absorbing reading and is what is popularly known as a "must" for all rugby addicts. The book has only just been published and Don has ensured that his old Gloucester friends will be among the first to be

able to obtain a copy, for he brought a supply with him last Saturday—hot off the press, as we say.

The price is £2.95p—not £2.75p as previously stated—and copies may be purchased in the Social Club.

Rugby Union Debentures

The Rugby Union has halved the original cost of its Debenture Scheme, issuing the new price of £345, including V.A.T., over a period of ten years for the Centre Lower and Centre Upper, both West and East. All other stand seats will now cost £230 for the same period.

Those who have already purchased any are offered a refund or may buy further debentures, though they may only be obtained through clubs. Payment may be deferred over 12 months, with a 50 per cent deposit and the remainder a year later.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Gloucester travel to Devon on Saturday to meet Exeter on the County Ground, while the United meet their counterparts from neighbouring Cheltenham at Kingsholm, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Next Wednesday, March 19, the senior side is back at Kingsholm for the visit of Pontypool, vying with Swansea for the title of Welsh Champions, and who last Saturday gained a splendid away win over Cardiff. The kick-off for this attractive fixture is at 7.00 p.m.

Summer Time

Not an extract from the "Porgy and Bess" opera but a reminder that British Summer Time begins this coming week-end, so don't forget to put your clocks and watches ON one hour on Saturday night.

Gloucester Record

At the request of several supporters we publish Gloucester's record to date, including the cup defeat by Rosslyn Park last Saturday.

Of 37 matches played they have won 23, lost 10 and drawn four, having scored 631 points while conceding 239. Among the drawn games is that at Richmond in the John Player Cup first round, though it counted as a win for Gloucester in the cup competition under the away team ruling.

Congratulations

Hearty congratulations yet again to Phil Blakeway on retaining his rightful place in the England side for the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday, and to our two other front row stalwarts, Steve Mills and Gordon Sargent, on their continued selection as official replacements!

Cup Time Again!

As so many of our supporters look forward eagerly to the North Gloucester Combination Cup each year, a reminder that the Senior first round matches are all being played next Monday evening, March 17, and they are this season well spread out around the city. The full draw is:

Spartans v. Chosen Hill Former Pupils; Saintbridge Former Pupils v. Gloucester Old Boys; Gordon League v. Coney Hill; Tredworth v. Old Cryptians; Gloucester All Blues v. Newent; Longlevens v. Matson; Hucclecote Old Boys v. Old Richians; Gloucester Civil Service v. Widden Old Boys.

And on the following evening, Tuesday, March 18, there are three games in the first round of the Junior Cup. They are: Brockworth v. Old Richians "A"; Old Cryptians "A" v. Gloucester Civil Service "A"; Cainscross v. Tredworth Athletic.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.