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**GLOUCESTER  
v  
PONTYPOOL**

**Wednesday, 19th March, 1980**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 7.00 p.m.**

**Nº 657**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**



## Warm Welcome to the 'Pool!

For the second successive mid-week game at Kingsholm we extend a very warm welcome to opponents from "over the Bridge" with the visit here this evening of our old friends and rivals from Gwent, the lads from Pontypool.

The 'Pool are enjoying a highly successful season and are vying with Swansea for the title of Welsh league table champions. They have won all but six of their 37 matches to date and have scored no fewer than 886 points while conceding 351.

Pontypool, unfortunately, are only met once each season on a home and away basis and, oddly enough, Gloucester have achieved extremely creditable victories at Pontypool Park — where few visiting teams win — in recent years.

But last season "Ponty" exacted sweet revenge when they beat the Cherry and Whites at the Park by 28 points to 3 on Wednesday evening, October 4, 1978. On the last visit to Kingsholm, on Wednesday, October 5, 1977, Gloucester won an entertaining game by 18 points to 9.

We look forward to another absorbing tussle this evening with Pontypool, whose strip, incidentally, is similar to Gloucester's — red, white and black — and trust they enjoy their brief stay here!

## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

### Well Done, Phil!

How better to start the "Kackle" than to extend our heartiest congratulations and very best wishes to our popular and unassuming prop forward, Phil Blakeway, on his selection for the British Lions' tour of South Africa.

At the beginning of the season most of us thought that "Blakers" had made a premature retirement from the game after his serious neck injury three years ago. But back he came into the first-class game against Oxford University early last December, proving that he was a greater force than before — if that were possible!

Now, three months later, Phil has reached the pinnacle of his illustrious career; the goal dreamed of by thousands of top-class rugby players but granted to only a few. Well done, Phil; we are all proud of you and sincerely hope you continue with even greater feats in South Africa!

## Our Sponsors

This evening's match has been generously sponsored — **for the third time this season** — by the well-known local company, Messrs. D. A. Gunn (Engineering) Ltd., of Clydesdale Works, Armscroft Road, Gloucester, to whom we extend our very sincere thanks and gratitude.

The company are still seeking skilled craftsmen of a high calibre and those who feel they are of the sort required by this engineering firm should arrange an interview, either in the day or the evening. The following vacancies apply to both day and night shifts: Radial Arm Drillers; Horizontal Boring; Universal Millers; Turret Setters; Plane Millers; Centre Lathe Turners.

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## 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



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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. C. Price

\*† 9. P. Kingston

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargent

\* 2. S. Mills

\*† 3. P. Blakeway

\*§ 4. S. Boyle

\* 5. J. Fidler

\*† 6. J. Watkins

8. M. Teague

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

S. Baker

F. Reed \*

### PONTYPOOL

Full Back

15. P. Crabtree

Three Quarters

14. S. Evans

13. P. Clark

12. N. Probert

11. G. Lelue

Half Backs

10. C. Morgan

9. N. Osbourne

Forwards

1. S. Jones

2. S. Jones

3. J. Williams

4. J. Perkins

5. N. Wilks

6. B. Gregory

8. M. Jones

† 7. T. Cobner (Capt.)

REPLACEMENTS from

M. Crowley, G. Davis,

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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
	18	Wasps ... H	Post.
		J.P.C. 1st round:	
	26	Richmond ... A	6-6
Feb.	1	Bristol ... H	15-7
	9	Bath ... A	
	15	Swansea ... H	9-12
	23	Coventry ... A	10-9
Mar.	1	Northampton A	12-3
	8	Rosslyn P. (JPC) H	3-6
	12	Aberavon ... H	25-12
	15	Exeter ... A	12-3
	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	Sale ... A	
	26	Exeter ... H	

#### UNITED FIXTURES

1979			
Sept.	1	Broughton Park ... H	
	8	Coventry Ex. 1st VX A	
	10	Pontypool Athletic H	
	15	Brixham ... H	
	17	Cheltenham United A	
	22	Bristol United ... H	
	24	Berry Hill ... A	
	29	Bedford Wanderers H	
Oct.	1	N. G. Combination H	
	6	Cleeve ... A	
	13	Richmond Vikings H	
	15	Luctonians ... H	
	20	Newport United ... A	
	23	Hereford ... A	
1979			
	27	Pontypool Athletic H	
Nov.	3	Leicester Ex. 1st XV H	
	10	Kidderminster Car. A	
	17	Newport H.S.O.B. H	
	19	Ebbw Vale Athletic A	
	24	Nottingham Corsairs A	
Dec.	1	Moseley United ... A	
	8	Bath United ... A	
	15	Coventry Ex. 1st XV H	
	22	Newport United ... H	
	29	Ebbw Vale Athletic H	
Jan.	5	Wasps Vandals ... H	
	12	Leicester Ex. 1st XV A	
	19	Cleeve ... A	
1980			
Jan.	26	J.P. Cup, 1st Round	
Feb.	2	Bristol United ... A	
	9	Bath United ... H	
	16	Moseley United ... H	
	23	Newport H.S.O.B. A	
Mar.	1	Northampton Wan. H	
	8	Nottingham Corsairs A	
	10	Berry Hill ... H	
	15	Cheltenham United H	
	22	Kidderminster Car. A	
	29	Salisbury ... H	
Apr.	12	Llantwit Major ... A	
	19	Blaenavon ... H	
	26	Exeter ... A	

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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!

## Vital Win at Exeter

Gloucester's victory over Exeter at the County Ground last Saturday was a vitally important result for them; and it was well deserved, particularly as they were without several regular stalwarts.

Defeat by the Devon club would have sent the Cherry and Whites slithering dangerously into fifth position in the South-West Merit Table and as only the top four clubs qualify for next season's John Player Cup competition they could have been in dire straits. For their only two remaining merit table games are Bath (away) — a tough proposition — and the return one with Exeter at Kingsholm.

Now, however, Gloucester share third place with Bath, who have a slight advantage with a better points "for and against" record.

## Calling All Patrons!

The annual Patrons' evening is being held in the Social Club tomorrow evening, reception 7.30 to 8.00 p.m. Those patrons who have not yet obtained their tickets should contact club secretary Terry Tandy or Cecil Pope after this evening's match.

## 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.

## St. John Ambulance

The St. John Ambulance lads wish to tender their deepest thanks and appreciation to you all who contributed so generously to their annual collection at the John Player Cup game with Rosslyn Park. The sum of £223.32p was raised and this will go towards the purchase of an ambulance.

## "Fiver" Winner —

### And One Unclaimed

Some of us are not studying our programmes at half-time, are we? At the Aberavon game last Wednesday a supporter bought a programme that was worth a "fiver" but no-one claimed it.

But at the Rosslyn Park match one of our Cheltenham supporters, Julia Hawkes, of 72 Salisbury Avenue, Warden Hill, was richer by £5 after purchasing programme No. 2512.

## Forthcoming Fixtures

On Saturday the Cherry and Whites have another home match when Saracens will be the visitors to Kingsholm, with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m.

But a reminder that next Wednesday, March 26, Gloucester travel the comparatively short distance to the Recreation Ground for their important South-West Merit Table game with Bath.

The lads will appreciate all the support they can get for this match, as Bath are an extremely difficult side to beat, especially on their own ground, and the "Kingsholm roar" would be a great encouragement.

After Saturday there will be no more home matches for Gloucester until the Easter holidays, when Headingley and Birkenhead Park will be the visitors. The United, nearing 800 points for the season, have a match at Kingsholm against Kidderminster-Carolians next Monday, March 24, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.