



**GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**GLOUCESTER**

v

**SARACENS**

**Saturday, 22nd March, 1980**

at

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

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### GLOUCESTER

Red & 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. S. Baker

Forwards

\* 1. G. Sargent

\* 2. S. Mills

3. S. Ashmead

\*§ 4. S. Boyle

\* 5. A. Turton

\*† 6. J. Watkins

8. M. Teague

\* 7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

P. Kingston \*†

F. Reed \*

### SARACENS

Full Back

15. C. Fuller

Three Quarters

14. P. Percra

13. M. Marmion

12. P. Worsfold

11. R. Herwitz

Half Backs

10. G. Davis

9. P. Danby

Forwards

1. B. Lynn

2. S. Hardy

3. C. McGregor

4. G. Morris

5. R. Hill

6. M. Williams

8. B. Newcombe

7. J. McGurk

REPLACEMENTS

R. Moody

R. Faircloth

Referee: D. THOMAS (N. Midlands Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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## Welcome Saracens

Today the Saracens are our most welcome visitors to Kingsholm. Unfortunately we only see them alternate seasons, but we can always be sure of a keen game. Founded in 1876 the Club have always been a force to be reckoned with in the London rugby scene, their best known International being Vic Harding who gained six caps for England during 1961-62.

We trust they will enjoy their short stay in our fair city, and return with memories of a well contested game.

## England

It would be very amiss if we were not to refer to the fine achievements of the England Rugby XV this season—it has been a long wait since 1957 to gain another grand slam.

Congratulations to Bill Beaumont and his players on this fine record, and the many Gloucester members who witnessed their victory at Murrayfield on Saturday last would not hesitate to claim the team worthy champions.

May we congratulate Phil Blakeway on his great contribution to the England XV this season, and wish him well on his selection for the Lions Tour of South Africa.

Perhaps we should not forget to congratulate and at the same time commiserate with Gordon Sargent and Steve Mills who were replacements at all four Internationals without having the good fortune of getting on the field for that coveted cap.

## Arthur Russell

Many of our supporters will by now have learned of the sudden death on Wednesday last of Gloucester's most popular sports journalist, Arthur Russell.

Arthur had attended the game with Pontypool, rang his reports through and had obtained the teams selected for today's game from the Club Team Secretary. On his way home he called, as was his normal habit, into the Avenue Hotel for a night cap, he collapsed and died in the hotel.

It was some twenty five years ago when Arthur began his first journalistic endeavours by reporting on the local rugby and cricket scene. He took up full time reporting with the Hereford Times and subsequently went freelance forming the Arthur Russell Sports Agency. Gloucester Rugby was his first love and his reports on matches in local and national papers were respected by all players and officials alike.

As regular supporters will know, he wrote the Gloucester Rugby Football Club's programme notes, and we can be sure that without his Shakesperian quotations 'Kingsholm Kackle' will never be quite the same again.

To his wife, Nora, and son Colin, we express our deepest sympathy. Members wishing to pay their final tributes to the stalwart of Gloucester Rugby should note that the funeral will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday, 26th March 1980 at Christchurch Church, Brunswick Road, Gloucester—family flowers only.

## Graham Reeves Sevens

This competition, to be held this year at Exeter, is organised jointly by Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester and Plymouth Albion Clubs. Invitations to participate have been accepted by Bridgwater, Camborne, Cheltenham, Clifton, St. Ives, Torquay and Weston-super-Mare.

Graham Reeves, the well known firm of builders merchants have generously sponsored the competition and have provided trophies for the finalists. It is hoped that with good support, this could become an annual event, to perhaps even compete with the Middlesex Sevens.

Saturday, 3rd May 1980 at the County Ground, commencing at 11.0 a.m. with the final at 5.15 p.m. — Grandstand tickets £1.50, Ground tickets £1.00, OAP's & Juniors 50p. In the event of good support coming forward, coaches will be arranged from the Club.

### **England 'Under 23' Squad**

Congratulations to Malcolm Preedy on his invitation to join the England 'Under 23' Squad for special training at Bisham Abbey, 28th - 30th March, 1980.

### **Programme Winner**

The lucky programme number at the Pontypool game was 287 which was held by Mrs. Di Long, 2 Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, the wife of former player and Club Secretary, Roy Long — Di is now £5 the richer.

### **Rugby Post**

The R.F.U.'s own newspaper is now being offered on a subscription basis for the 1980-81 season. Subscription £3.00 (including postage and packing) for eight issues, monthly, during the rugby season. Details from Club Secretary.

### **Rugby Union Debentures**

The Rugby Union has halved the cost of its Debenture Scheme. For the premium of £345 you can be guaranteed a ticket for every inter-

nationals at Twickenham for the next ten years.

Payments can be made in two instalments if required. Anyone interested . . . please contact Club Secretary for more information.

### **Forthcoming Fixtures**

On Monday evening, K.O. 7 p.m. the United XV play Kidderminster Caroleans at Kingsholm.

The 1st XV have an important Merit Table fixture with Bath at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday next. Bath are a very difficult side to beat, and the players would appreciate as much vocal support as possible to encourage their efforts.

Saturday, 29th March 1980, k.o. 3 p.m., the United XV play Salisbury at Kingsholm, whilst the 1st XV make their first ever visit to Orrell.

The next appearance of the 1st XV at Kingsholm is on Easter Saturday when the visitors are Headingley, and Birkenhead will be our visitors on Easter Monday.

### **North Gloucester Combination Cup**

The quarter finals are to be played on Monday next, kick off 6 p.m. The matches are: Gordon League v. Saint-bridge F.P., Hucclecote O.B. v. All Blues, Matson v. Civil Service, Tredworth v. Spartans.