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Kingsholm, Gloucester**

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- Full Back
- *† 15. P. Butler
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- * 14. R. Clews
- *§ 13. R. Mogg
- * 12. P. Howell
11. P. Conway
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- Half Backs
- * 10. B. Russell
- *† 9. P. Kingston
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- Forwards
- * 1. G. Sargent
- * 2. S. Mills (Capt.)
3. A. Brooks
- *§ 4. S. Boyle
- * 5. J. Fidler
6. V. Wooley
- * 8. J. Orwin
- * 7. P. Wood
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REPLACEMENTS

R. Jardine *

B. Tomlinson

BROUGHTON PARK

-
- Full Back
- † 15. K. O'Brien
-
- Three Quarters
14. B. Heath
13. S. Mousedale
12. W. Jackson
11. S. Reid
-

- Half Backs
10. G. Glynn
9. G. Copeland
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- Forwards
1. S. Harris
2. K. Pacey
3. J. O'Hara
4. K. Wilson (Capt.)
5. S. Bull
6. R. Davies
8. P. Lavin
7. J. Wilde
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Referee: B. ABRAHAMS (E. Midlands Society)

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"COME ON YOU ELVER EATERS!"

Here we are — at last — at the start of a new season. Somehow, a thoroughly wet Summer makes the gap between Rugby matches seem even longer.

No doubt we shall have our triumphs and our frustrations (remember Rosslyn Park?), but we can, as always, be sure that no team that comes to Kingsholm will have an easy ride.

This year, we have a new Captain in Steve Mills, and a new Coach in Dick Smith. We even have a new format for the programme. Some things don't change, however. If you look around you will see the same supporters, occupying the same spots, making the same remarks, and probably telling the same jokes as last year. In fact, some of them have been in the same place for so long, that one wonders if the Committee goes around every April and throws dust sheets over them 'til September.

Last year's record, (Won — 35, Lost — 12, Drawn — 3, Points For — 884, Points Against — 464) didn't actually represent a vintage season, but was still a record that many good-class clubs would be very glad to achieve.

So let's start the year by wishing everyone who runs out on the Sacred Turf, be they First Team, United, Colts or whatever, the best of Kingsholm luck for a happy, victorious and injury-free season.

Why not make a proper job of it?

If you're more than an occasional visitor to Kingsholm, it makes good economic sense to consider becoming a Patron, or buying a Season Ticket. In fact, you've only got to watch about a dozen games to be in pocket over paying at the gate each match. Rates this year are as follows:

Patron (Includes admission to Centre Stand and a free Car Park ticket) £18.00.

Wing Stand £12.00.

Ground £9.00.

For Senior Citizens, Former Players and Scholars (Under 17), there are special rates:

Centre Stand £9.00 **Wing Stand** £6.00. **Ground** £4.50.

There's another point too. Becoming a Patron, or buying a Season, (except for Scholars), entitles you to free membership of the Social Club, on obtaining the appropriate card. And that's got to be the best place in Gloucester to talk Rugby over a beer or two. Sometimes, you even get to drink with the Referee!

Finally, it's about the best way to give the Club your support — and if you weren't interested in doing that, you probably wouldn't be here anyway. So why not do all your paying now? It's cheaper in the long run.

Nice to see you Broughton Park

Some Clubs start their season with a nice gentle pipe-opener. We don't — we take on Broughton Park, who have been very valued, and respected, opponents over the last few years. It's a pity that a congested fixture list only allows us to see them at Kingsholm every other year, but that makes them even more welcome when they do come.

Last year, the away fixture resulted in a win for Gloucester, 16-9. Peter Butler's trusty right boot supplied four penalties, and Lewis Dick scored the first try of the season.

Of course, anything can happen in the season's first match, and our visitors from up North will, no doubt, be doing all they can to see that it does.

Welcome Park! We're looking forward to the game immensely.

Looking ahead

The next First Team home game is in a fortnight's time, when we entertain another respected team from the North— Waterloo. You don't have to wait a whole two weeks to see some decent Rugby at Kingsholm, however.

Next week, United — surely the most feared 'reserve' side in the country — entertain Coventry Extra First, which makes their first game at home a stern encounter. On Monday 15th, the United campaign continues with a visit from the other end of the Golden Valley, Cheltenham — and you know that form doesn't always mean everything in 'local Derby' meetings of that sort.

On the other hand, none of the three forthcoming Gloucester 'away' matches are prohibitive, in terms of distance. It's only a trip up the road to Stroud (Wednesday, Sept. 10th), while next Saturday it might well be worthwhile going to see if Coventry avenge that desperate last-kick win of Brian Russell's in the John Player last season. Or the trip to Ebbw Vale on Wednesday 17th might be worth making.

Get well soon Phil!

We all know that the minds of National Selectors move in a mysterious way, but surely it was only justice that Phil Blakeway should be selected for the Lion's tour. After all, his role in England's Grand Slam, last year, was absolutely crucial.

It was tragic that the injury sustained in the French match should return to bedevil him, and necessitate his return home, before he'd got more than a sniff of the action. If he'd been fit, who knows what would have happened in the Tests . . .

All this makes it even more sad that Phil has had quite a serious illness, unconnected with his injury, since coming home, and has been in hospital. The last we heard, he hopes to be 'on the scene' again in November — just in time for the National Trials.

We're all rooting for you Phil — get well soon, and start wearing that England shirt again, as well as the Cherry and White.

Read all about it!

It won't have escaped your notice that the Programme is bigger, we hope, better and more expensive this year. There are several reasons for this, the first one being that the Club actually lost money on programme sales last year — and that's ridiculous.

Over the Summer, printing costs have escalated very rapidly, so something obviously had to be done. No one wanted to simply shove another 5p on the price and hope that extra income would result, so the answer seemed to be to charge more, but give the supporters and visitors something better for their money. Hence the new format.

Incidentally, there's quite a vogue in swopping Rugby programmes these days. So hang on to this one. Who knows — it may become a collector's item!

So please go on buying your programme each week. Let's face it—the Club needs the money!

. . . and thanks to the Advertisers

Of course, if it weren't for the generosity of our Advertisers, we wouldn't be able to print a programme at all, so sincere thanks are due to all of them. We're quite certain that space taken each week is a very useful advertising medium in its own right, and it's also a very practical way for the business community to support Gloucester's foremost sporting organisation.

Thanks everyone! We shall always be pleased to see you at Kingsholm.

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Testing time for Steve and Dick

Steve Mills posterior must have worn a dent in the England reserve bench by now — although there are some of us who reckon he ought to be showing his expertise and mobility out on the field. It's nice, therefore to see him reach another milestone by becoming Captain of Gloucester. His experience and popularity will serve him in good stead, and perhaps it's worth pointing out that the last time we had a hooker as skipper — Mike Nicholls — he took the Club to Twickenham to win the very first Rugby Football Union Knockout Competition. Steve will be all out to do it again.

The news that Dick Smith has been appointed Coach will have been greeted with great pleasure by a lot of people. It's worth pointing out that he played some storming games for Gloucester in the Centre, as well as having a long and distinguished career on the Flank, so Dick's all-round experience will be invaluable.

Dick himself is not making any rash promises. He points out that National Coaches have what the selectors fondly imagine to be the pick of all the clubs to work with, whereas a Club Coach makes the best of the available talent. We're sure, however, that if anyone can get the most out of the Gloucester players — it's Dick Smith.

. . . and while we're on the subject

. . . you may not have caught up with the fact that Gordon Hudson has been re-elected as Club Chairman, with that other great flanker Peter Ford as his Vice Chairman. It's nice to know that we're in good and experienced hands, once again.

International Tickets

England v. Scotland (Feb. 21st) and England v. France (March 21st) seem a long way away, but applications for Twickenham tickets have to be in extremely early. Any Member who wants to apply can acquire an application form from Terry Tandy, Hon. Secretary, 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens. Or perhaps you can collar him in the bar (He isn't easy to miss!).

Either way, applications have to be in by October 8th, so don't hang about.

Tailpiece

Came across a programme for the South African Barbarians v. British Lions match. Among the pen-pictures was a piece about Phil Blakeway. It described him as "a cornerstone of what has consistently been the best Club pack in British Rugby."

Fame at last. Perceptive chaps these Springboks.

PETER ARNOLD

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