

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Saturday, 4th October, 1980 Kingsholm, Gloucester Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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Cherry & White

Full Back

15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

*8 14. R. Mogg

13. P. Howell

12. R. Jardine

11. R. Clews

Half Backs

10. C. Pryce

9. P. Kingston

Forwards

1. G. Sargent

2. S. Mills (Capt.)

3. A. Brooks

*8 4. S. Boyle

5. A. Turton

6. V. Wooley

8. M. Teague

7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

A. Durkin

* J. Haines

BEDFORD

Full Back

15. P. Carter

Three Quarters

14. K. Canning

13. J. Sargent

12. B. Lockheart

11. J. Graves

Half Backs

10. N. Chesworth

9. N. Youngs

Forwards

1. S. Ashton

2. M. Howe

3. R. Pascall

4. J. Mawle

5. R. Wilkinson

6. S. Ingram

8. C. Hooker

7. G. Phillips (Capt.)

REPLACEMENTS

P. Durrigan

J. Bignell

Referee: D. THOMAS (N. Midlands Society)

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GREETINGS BEDFORD

Bedford is one of those Clubs which, owing to the congestion of today's fixture lists, only visits Kingsholm once every two years—which doesn't make them any less respected as a Club and as worthy opponents. Indeed, the relative infrequency of their visits simply makes them that much more welcome.

Perhaps Bedford's results, over the past couple of seasons, haven't quite lived up to those of their palmier days. However, these things go in cycles, and no doubt their turn will come again.

Indeed, last year's match, played at Bedford on September 29th, was a close affair, in which Bedford scored the only try before losing 9 - 4, thanks to two penalties by Peter Butler, and a Dave Pointon drop goal.

Perhaps we have a fellow feeling with Bedford, being like Bath and Gloucester, one of the relatively few good English Clubs which doesn't have to share the limelight with the 'attractions' of a locally-based League Soccer Club.

So welcome to a fellow Rugby town. There aren't many of us about!

Duggy Dawe

Any true Gloucester Rugby man will have been saddened by the news of the death of Duggy Dawe, for so many years the Club's Fixture Secretary, and at one time Club Treasurer.

Doug was one of the most familiar figures at Kingsholm, confined to a wheelchair though he was. Although in considerable pain for long periods, his unfailingly cheerful disposition never faltered, and indeed, was only equalled by that of his wife, on whom much of the burden of caring for him, fell.

Rugby was, of course, his first love, but by no means his only one. He never missed an Old Cryptians Reunion, and was, until a few years ago, a valued member of the Regional Committee of the County Cricket Club. He was also a prominent member of the community at Harescombe where he lived. Indeed, no local event — public or private — took place without Mr. and Mrs. Dawe receiving an invitation.

And, of course, in spite of difficulties which would have deterred most of us, he achieved the distinction of being one of the most respected members of the Fixture Secretaries fraternity around the Rugby circuit. Over the two decades in which he held the job for Gloucester, he was continually maintaining and improving the fixture list, until we now have one of the strongest programmes of any English Club, while still retaining our local links.

Most supporters will remember Doug's most recent coup when, being faced with the loss of traditional matches against Cardiff, he replaced them with the team that had beaten them so often in the recent past — Pontypridd.

That was typical Duggy Dawe - never knew when he was beaten.

Gloucester RFC — and the world at large, for that matter — have sustained a very real loss with the passing of Duggy Dawe, who was a brave man, a humourous man, and a gentleman in both senses of the word.

Everyone at Kingsholm will wish to take this opportunity of sending heartfelt sympathy to his wife Nancy.

As a small, but we think fitting, gesture, there will be a minute's silence in Memory of Doug Dawe before today's game.

Sponsorship

After last week's Bristol match, which was sponsored by our friends from Sandoe Luce Panes, we have had a query or two about just what sponsorship consists of. So here's a little information for interest's sake, and perhaps to put an idea or two in the mind of any local businessmen at today's match...

Basically, for a fee which varies with the match in question, and with the requirements of the Sponsor, businesses, organisations or even individuals, acquire the 'freedom of the Club' for a day. Six free Stand tickets are part of the deal, although more can obviously be negotiated (one local Sponsor had 40).

Before the match, the Club officials and players can entertain Sponsors and their guests, and make facitilities available, if required, for Sponsors to entertain clients or other important people, themselves.

Naturally, the Club takes every opportunity to publicise the Sponsor and his business — by telling the Press about it, by making announcements over the loudspeaker system, and by providing space in the Programme for a description of the Sponsor and his activities.

Largely, however, sponsorship is what the Sponsor cares to make of it. Certainly, several firms have found that it can be a very worthwhile marketing and public relations exercise. And there's always the satisfaction of supporting the Club.

Interested anyone? We already have a solid nucleus of Sponsors for this season, but there's always room for one more. Contact Terry Tandy, or any Club Official, who will point you in the right direction.

Last call for 250

Andy Mitchell will still happily take your money if you want to join the 250 Club. Let's face it — a £300 prize isn't a bad way to wind up the Season.

Here come the Welsh!

Next Wednesday, we have our first First Team evening game of the Season, against the first Welsh club to visit Kingsholm this year. So come and see Abertillery. This is followed on Saturday by a game against the Harlequins. Wonder if we can better the 45 points that Leicester put on them?

United supporters will be glad to know that we have an extra game on Monday evening next (Kick off 7.00 p.m.) when we entertain Stroud Nomads.

Training for Devon

British Rail tells us that they will be providing special cheap fares to Torquay on October 25th, for the Gloucestershire v. Devon match. £5.00 return, adults, and £2.50 for youngsters. You can pick up trains at Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud or Stonehouse. Times of trains available from the station.

Tailpiece

Here's a puzzler for you. No prizes, but we'll give you the answer next week.

During a match, the outside half takes the ball, and then proceeds to score 12 points — without anyone else touching the ball! How does he manage that?

PETER ARNOLD