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GLOUCESTER v ABERTILLERY

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Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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Cherry & White

Full Back

*† 15. P. Butler

Three Quarters

14. P. Conway

* 13. P. Howell

* 12. D. Pointon

* 11. R. Clewes

Half Backs

10. C. Pryce

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

* 2. S. Mills (Capt.)

3. A. Brooks

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

*† 6. J. Watkins

8. M. Teague

7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

P. Williams

S. White

ABERTILLERY

Full Back

15. M. Brickell

Three Quarters

14. D. Rees

13. L. Madden

12. I. Greenow

11. C. Watkins

Half Backs

10. S. Havard

9. N. Paul

Forwards

1. M. Pugh

2. M. Cairns

3. B. Cripps

4. R. Brayshaw

5. G. Aubrey

6. M. Lewis (Capt.)

8. P. Clark

7. B. Grail

REPLACEMENTS

M. Shootle

C. Sweet

Referee: A. LESLIE (Lancs. Society)

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§ Under 23 International

* County



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Kingsholm from Z to A

We seem to have been reversing the alphabet at Kingsholm on Wednesday evenings. Last week, Gloucestershire v. Zimbabwe, this week Gloucester v. Abertillery. Well, they say variety is the spice of life . . .

And talking of spice, a certain amount of that commodity is added to tonight's match by the fact that, not only is it the first Club match of the season under floodlights, but our visitors are the first Welsh team to venture over Westgate Bridge so far.

Last year's equivalent fixture, played on October 10th, was won by Gloucester, but not by all that much. But then, there's no such thing as an easy match against a Welsh Club.

The final result was 16-12, with Steve Baker and Richard Mogg scoring tries, Dave Pointon dropping a goal, and Peter Butler kicking one penalty and one conversion.

So we should be all set for an enjoyable evening — and we sincerely hope our visitors can say the same, both on the field, (whatever the result) and in the bar afterwards.

Abertillery — you're welcome. As always.

Invasion from Twickers

On Saturday, us slow West Country folk are expecting a visitation from the Big City, which is a rather unkind way of saying that Harlequins are here again. As usual, of recent years, the match coincides with a County away game, which is a pity, but that doesn't mean we shan't see a good game.

Anyway, let's not grumble at the County Championship. There are quite enough people putting the boot in, as it is.

The following Wednesday sees the visit of Moseley, surely one of the most attractive fixtures of the year, and one in which, as recent form shows, the result could go either way.

Meanwhile, the United will be entertaining Lutonians on Monday 13th, which the solid core of United supporters won't want to miss.

And talking of the County . . .

Just a reminder that British Rail are issuing special cheap return tickets for the Gloucestershire v. Devon game on October 25th. The fares will be £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for youngsters, and you can pick up trains at Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stonehouse and Stroud.

Please note, that there is no special train on this occasion — the fares relate to the normal service. The best thing to do is enquire about times from the Station.

After all, Torquay isn't a bad place to take the wife, if it's a bright October day. And it could mean you could see the match without any aggro at home . . .

Congratulations to who?

At the time of writing, the selections for the first Thorn County Championship match on Saturday are not available. However, anyone who saw the Zimbabwe game will probably agree that, after that performance, any Gloucester player who gets left out can regard himself as unlucky.

So congratulations to everyone — whoever you are!

Last chance for Twickenham tickets

Terry Tandy must be mellowing in his old age. You will remember that today is the last day for applications to be in, if you want tickets for this season's Twickenham Internationals — England v. Scotland on February 21st and England v. France on March 21st.

However, Terry now tells me that he isn't going to be able to do much about applications received until the weekend in any case, so if you already have an application form which you have not returned, then there is just time to get it back to him.

On the other hand, if you haven't acquired a form, then you might get one from him after tonight's match, and either return it to him right away, or drop it into him at home—shouldn't trust the post if I were you — at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens.

As you will imagine, demand for tickets is always very high, but Terry tells me that most applicants from Gloucester eventually get tickets of some description. No guarantee of course.

But this is positively the last opportunity for this season, so if you're interested, you'd better get your skates on.

The Crisp 'Fiver'

Mr. P. Ashmead of 35 The Triangle, Longlevens won £5 at the Bristol match, having had the foresight to buy programme No. 421.

Inflation-proof

It has come to our attention that the normal charges for Gloucester home games are now about the lowest in the country, for clubs of similar standing. Has it occurred to you, also, that the entrance charges are set at the beginning of the season, and don't change all the year? What other prices do you know of which don't go up in six months?

Of course, the exception comes on County match days, as in the recent Zimbabwe match. Fundamentally, all we do, on these occasions, is rent the ground to the County, so we don't have much influence on what they charge to see the game.

Tailpiece — where are they now? (cont.)

Following the information given on these pages in the Bristol programme, giving the whereabouts of three Gloucester stalwarts who are now living away from the area, another piece of 'gen' has come to light concerning one of the greatest of them all.

Ian Stuart, the City Planning Officer, himself a player of some distinction, having hooked for Derbyshire in his time, tells me that George Hastings now keeps a very nice pub in Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

As you will remember, George was arguably, the finest prop Gloucester ever produced, along with Michael John Burton. He now supports the Market Rasen club, for whom his son Nick plays. Incredibly, he is also a pillar of the local Rotary. The mind boggles . . .

Unfortunately, Ian couldn't remember the name of the hostelry that George manages, but if you're in that direction at any time, Horncastle isn't so big that a quiet pub crawl wouldn't locate him.

PETER ARNOLD