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GLoucester v ABERAVON

Tuesday, 18th November, 1980
Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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Cherry & White

Full Back

15. P. Ford

Three Quarters

*§ 14. R. Mogg

* 13. P. Taylor

* 12. P. Howell

* 11. R. Clewes

Half Backs

10. C. Pryce

9. S. Baker

Forwards

* 1. G. Sargent

* 2. S. Mills (Capt.)

3. S. Ashmead

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Orwin

6. J. Gadd

8. M. Teague

7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

P. Williams

K. White

ABERAVON

Full Back

15. K. Coslett

Three Quarters

14. M. Thomas

13. W. Lewis

12. G. Matthews

† 11. L. Keen

Half Backs

10. M. Lewis

9. R. Giles

Forwards

1. P. Knight

2. W. James (Capt.)

3. S. Hopkin

† 4. A. Martin

5. A. Owen

6. M. Edwards

8. C. O'Callahan

7. S. Thomas

REPLACEMENTS

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† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Aberavon — one each last year

Gloucester v. Aberavon matches over the last two or three years have rarely been one-sided. In fact, we've seen some fine old tussles, particularly between the respective packs.

Last year, for example, honours turned out to be fairly even in the equivalent fixture, played at Aberavon on November 21st, Gloucester came off second-best, on the wrong end of a 12 - 6 scoreline. And it won't come as any surprise that Peter Butler's boot accounted for all six, by the penalty route.

On March 12th, however, at Kingsholm, it was Aberavon's turn to come in second, in a much higher scoring game. Gloucester notched 24 points to Aberavon's 12. Tries were gratefully accepted by Bob Clewes, John Gadd and Steve Boyle, (doesn't take much imagination to picture that one!) Peter Butler converted two of them, and added a trio of penalties, just for good measure.

So this year's first meeting promises to be good. Especially as our most welcome visitors tonight are the first Welsh 'town' side (discounting South Wales Police) that we've met since the already-legendary Pontypool visit.

Cheers Aberavon — it's always great to see you!

Semi-Final Tickets

As you will know by now, the Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire Semi-Final of the Thorn County Championship takes place at Bristol on Saturday, and not at Kingsholm, as was originally arranged.

Tickets will be available at the Office after tonight's match, for stand seats only, at £2.00 per time. If all you want is ground admission — pay at the gate.

Unfortunately, you may find yourself paying £2.00 for a ticket originally printed as £1.50, and altered in Terry Tandy's own fair hand. We know this looks bad, but we do assure you that this was purely a printing error, which cropped up too late for re-printing to be undertaken in time for our Kingsholm supply — and it wasn't the fault of our programme printer either!

And just the usual reminder — when you're navigating your way from pub to pub towards the Ground, don't forget that kick-off is at 2.45 rather than 3.00 p.m.

... and better get your skates on!

Terry Tandy whispers that he has a few — a very few indeed — tickets for the England and Wales v. Scotland and Ireland game to be played at Cardiff on Saturday November 29th. As you probably know, this is part of the Welsh Centenary celebrations, and is sponsored by the Rediffusion company

But — we emphasize — there are precious few of these tickets available, so if you fancy the trip, better get ready to do a Richard Mogg-type dash across the field to the Office as soon as the final whistle goes tonight. Tickets will be sold on a strict first-come, first-serve basis. Price £7.00 and £6.00.

Hartley's Jam

A buckshee fiver added a little jam to the rather bread-and-butter encounter with South Wales Police last Wednesday, for one supporter. Well done! Mr. Hartley of 9, Armscroft Gardens, Gloucester for buying Programme no. 374, which turned out to be the lucky one.

Coming Tomorrow?

Tomorrow night sees the ideal game for connoisseurs of local Rugby. It's the County Cup Final, which features Lydney v. Matson. Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

County Cup Finals are always worth a visit, especially since they began to have some significance for the John Player Cup competition.

Blank day next Saturday

Just a reminder for Season Ticket holders who haven't altered their fixture lists. We are playing London Irish AWAY on Saturday next.

In fact, that whole episode has turned out to be a chapter of accidents. First of all, an administrative error meant that the London Irish match was announced as a Home fixture, when in reality it always was our turn to play them on their ground. Then, when that was sorted out, we were under the illusion that we would have the County Semi-Final, here on that date.

In their wisdom, the County Officials changed their minds about that, at the last minute, which leaves us 'high and dry' at Kingsholm on that day.

There may be consolations, however. Why not spend the afternoon doing some Christmas shopping? It could mean that you won't be required to do that closer to the Festive Season when someone like Coventry are here.

It could help in the cause of domestic harmony.

Here come the Students

The next first team match at Kingsholm will be the one against Loughborough Colleges on Wednesday November 26th. That's followed on Saturday 29th by an away fixture with Oxford University — their final test before the 'Varsity Match. Coming back home on Wednesday December 3rd and what do we find? Visitors from Exeter University; or perhaps you still prefer to think of them as 'St. Lukes'.

Three student matches in a row! It's all a bit academic really.

However, you always know that student teams are fit, keen and like to run the ball, so we might be in for some more good Rugby.

While all this is going on, the United are visiting Nottingham on Saturday, where the 'Corsairs' will be seeking revenge for the 'nasty' that Gloucester did to their Seniors' ground record, and on Saturday 29th, Ebbw Vale Athletic will be playing here. And, as many regular United supporters will tell you, our 'reserve' team can show you some good Rugby, these days.

Tailpiece

It's about time I gave you the answer to Sid Dangerfield's poser, printed here a week or two ago. Incidentally, Sid tells me that he has been inundated with people who wanted to know the answer — and some of them, according to Sid, are people who he would have expected to have known it without being told.

You'll remember that the question went — and the precise wording is important — "There are three ways in which you can score a try without crossing the line. What are they?"

The first one — by a penalty try — is obvious.

The second one merely needs a knowledge of the Laws. If you ground the ball against the upright without crossing the line, that counts as a try.

The third one is a catch. What you do is kick the ball over the line, run round the corner flag, come in from the 'touch in goal' area, and touch down. That's why I said "three ways in which YOU can score a try, without crossing the line. I didn't say the ball didn't."

Incidentally, Sid Dangerfield, to whom I'm indebted for adding a bit of fun to the programme, tells me that he knows the last one is true, because he actually scored for Gloucester, during his playing days, by just that method.

These posers do seem to be popular. If anyone else knows one, I'll be glad to consider it for future publication.

PETER ARNOLD.