



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v LYDNEY

**Friday, 26th December, 1980
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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- Full Back
- *† 15. P. Butler
-
- Three Quarters
14. P. Conway
- * 13. P. Taylor
12. P. Williams
11. P. Tunstall
-
- Half Backs
10. R. Lewis
- *† 9. P. Kingston
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- Forwards
1. M. Preedy
- * 2. S. Mills (Capt.)
3. S. Ashmead
4. J. Brain
- * 5. J. Fiddler
- *† 6. J. Watkins
8. M. Teague
- * 7. P. Wood

REPLACEMENTS

K. White
S. Baker

LYDNEY

-
- Full Back
15. P. Watkin
-
- Three Quarters
14. M. Howell
13. J. Saville
- * 12. B. Vine (Capt.)
11. W. Howells
-
- Half Backs
10. G. Thomas
9. K. Rodway
-
- Forwards
1. R. Davis
2. P. Price
3. R. Trafford
4. P. Giddle
5. J. Weech
6. S. Hollins
8. A. Curtis
7. P. Davies

REPLACEMENTS

M. Carr
P. Biddle

Referee:

(Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Happy Boxing Day, Lydney!

Of all times to welcome old friends and neighbours into one's home surely Boxing Day is most appropriate. Which is why it is always good to see Lydney here on Boxing Day.

Lydney are showing signs of recovering in an up-and-down season, which is good to see. On the same occasion last year, Richard Mogg, Colyn Price, Ian Wilkins and Fred Reed had shaken off the effects of the Christmas pudding enough to score a try each, with Price kicking a penalty and Wilkins converting one, in a 21-3 win.

On April 3rd this year, our visit to Regentholm gave us a 13-0 win coming from a try by Steve Boyle, and three penalties from Ian Wilkins, which seems a bit ungrateful from an old Lydney man.

It's obviously important that we keep our ties with other local clubs, for the good of everyone concerned. And it's worth pointing out that this would be much more difficult if the so-called 'Burgess' Plan, or any other League system were to be adopted.

For now, however, let's concentrate on a Festive Season game of Rugby. Happy New Year Lydney!

Keep your dates handy

Christmas holidays having got in the way, this set of notes had to be into our Friendly Printer earlier than usual, so we're not 100% sure, but all being well, the Club Diaries for 1981 will be available in the Social Club this afternoon, after the match.

Anyone who has had to buy a diary for Aunt Agatha this Christmas will have a pretty good idea of how much they cost these days, so the price of the Gloucester RFC Diary at 60p is a genuine bargain — especially as it has plenty of information about fixtures etc. as well as the more usual things. Why not get one?

From now until next year

You probably won't need reminding that Newport are here tomorrow—Saturday 27th, Kick-off 3.00 p.m., as per usual. We really have something to thank them for this year, for it was the almighty thrashing they handed out to us in October that sparked of the revival since.

Tomorrow must be a different day though. Worth coming to find out.

On New Year's Day, why bother to go to bed after your New Years Eve Party? Why not go straight up the M5 and watch Gloucester play Moseley? (Another team we have a score to settle with).

Next Saturday week — January 3rd, we shall be entertaining London Scottish, who always give good value for money, and who may be far enough past Hogmanay for the Scotch to have evaporated by then.

Finally, don't forget that intriguing Colts match here, on Tuesday next — kick-off 3.00 p.m. South West Colts — that is, the selectors' choice from Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall — are taking on the Spanish National Colts side.

Tickets cost £1.00 for the stand — on sale now, from the Office, or 60p for Ground entrance. But do remember it's a 3.00 p.m. kick-off. If you come in the evening you'll have missed it.

County Final

If you're a Grandstand Season Ticket holder, you would do well to get your application for one County Final Ticket into Terry Tandy without hanging about too long. Costs £3.50. It seems hard that our most ardent supporters have to be restrained in this way, but we must admit that the Final is a County event, and not a Gloucester RFC event. This means that our neighbours from Bristol, Cheltenham, Stroud, Lydney, Berry Hill and everywhere else you can think of in Gloucestershire are entitled to a crack of the whip.

Alternatively, Ground tickets will be on sale in the Office for £1.50 each, Juniors and OAP's 80p — but again, Members only please.

At the time of writing, we're not absolutely sure that these Ground tickets will be available today. Listen for announcements over the loudspeaker system.

Nearly forgot. The address to write to with Grandstand Ticket applications is, Terry Tandy 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens. Cheque (Postal Order, glass beads, Cowrie shells or whatever) and Stamped Addressed Envelope please.

England v. Wales

As we were saying last Saturday, it's a little bit difficult to allocate a whole two Stand Tickets and two Standing Tickets for the January 17th fracas at Cardiff, without risking cries of "Fiddle", "Old Pals Act", and similar slanderous accusations. The solution, which may not be perfect, but is the best we can think of, is to raffle the b----y things off. Which is being done. 20p a ticket. Proceeds to the Players Tour Fund.

Who knows? 1981 may be your lucky year. Pop into the Social Club, or over to the Office and buy one or three. It could be the cheapest International Stand Seat you'll ever have.

Let the train take the strain

British Rail are still intending to run their Special to Southend for the visit of Gloucester on January 24th. The journey will be round about four hours, depending on the timing of London Rail traffic, and times of departure and return will be announced later.

For a straight £5, it sounds like a bargain.

How to pick yourself a right little baggage

The Club could still do with one or two chaps to act as baggage men, for both home and away matches. The duties aren't too arduous (if you don't count Steve Boyle's socks), and you could be providing a very real service for the Club. Apart from anything else, it gets you a seat on the Players' coach to away matches. But we do want people who can take the job on regularly, perhaps on a sort of rota basis.

Interested? Contact Terry Tandy, or Team Secretary Mike Nicholls.

South West Merit Table

That highly creditable win at Bath last week has important implications for the South West Merit Table. Having lost to Bristol early in the Season — thanks to the enterprising Mr. Morley — we were struggling a bit, but with Exeter and Bath at home to come, things look rosier.

Not that I'm admitting it was going to make much difference to next year's John Player. After all, we're going to win it again this year, aren't we — so the whole thing becomes academic.

Tailpiece

Mervyn Hughes, Gordon Hudson, Peter Ford, Doug Wadley, Terry Tandy, Mike Nicholls, Steve Mills — indeed, all the Players and Committee Men — ask me to send you their very best wishes for the rest of Christmas and for the New Year. Which I'm most happy to do.

So, may you always find touch when you're looking for it, ride all the tackles that come your way, make your mark in whatever field you find yourself, and always avoid the Referee's beady gaze.

Best of luck from all of us!

PETER ARNOLD.