



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v LONDON SCOTTISH

**Saturday, 3rd January, 1981
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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GLOUCESTER

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Full Back

15. P. Ford

Three Quarters

14. P. Conway

* 13. P. Taylor

* 12. P. Howell

* 11. R. Clewes

Half Backs

10. C. Pryce

9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

2. K. White

3. S. Ashmead

4. J. Brain

* 5. J. Fidler

6. J. Gadd

8. M. Teague

7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

I. Wilkins *

LONDON SCOTTISH

Full Back

15. R. Grant

Three Quarters

14. A. Friell

13. R. Gordon

12. J. Hume

11. G. Wood

Half Backs

10. R. King

9. N. Chapman

Forwards

1. D. Butcher

2. I. Kirk

3. J. Fraser

† 4. A. McHarg (Capt.)

5. K. Budge

6. D. Waddell

8. J. Campbell-Lammerton

7. A. McIlwraith

REPLACEMENTS

16. J. Nendick

Referee: I. BROWN (N. Mids Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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A great way to start 1981!

Our first home game of 1981 could hardly have more appropriate — or welcome — visitors. Old Kingsholm hands will recall that this fixture has produced some fine games, over the last few years. Indeed, you may remember that, not so long ago, we played a pointless draw here in the equivalent fixture. You don't see many of those, these days and the lack of scores didn't prevent us from enjoying a really good battle.

Indeed, London Scottish have often been a bogey side for Gloucester, and have the distinction of being one of the few sides to beat Gloucester in the John Player.

Last year, of course, the fixture was played away, and Gloucester came second. It was a 19-10 score line, with John Watkins and Paul Wood scoring tries for Gloucester, with Peter Butler converting one of them.

So — our visitors having had a couple of days to get over Hogmanay — we're all looking forward to another good game today. And let's face it — we've had some good ones over the holiday period.

Welcome the 'exiles'! Hope you enjoy your visit.

Better late

I'm very sorry to have missed one significant landmark in the Rugby career of R. Clewes Esq. Bob's 500th game for Gloucester arrived during the Christmas period — at the Coventry match, to be precise, and we can't let that go by without some pertinent remarks.

Few players have, over the years, given so much pleasure to Kingsholm supporters as Bob Clewes. Some of his tries have been memorable ones, especially during that classic cup run a couple of years ago, when we won the John Player.

Quite apart from all that, Bob has always been an excellent Club man, always willing to do whatever job he's been called upon to do — including last year's stint as Captain.

Indeed, there isn't much else that Bob can achieve for us. You will remember that he took Arthur Hudson's scoring record during the season 1978-79. We all hope, however, that he'll go on scoring tries for us for a long time yet.

500 matches for Gloucester! That works out as almost exactly a fortnight's solid Rugby — not including County, United and other games have come Bob's way.

Bob Clewes — we're proud to know you. May you go on gracing the Wing for years yet.

Ticket reminders

If you're a grandstand ticket holder and haven't yet applied for your County Final ticket, you've just about got time to do so. Terry Tandy needs his applications in by January 7th, which is next Wednesday, as ever was. Address — Terry Tandy, 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens. Price — £3.50. And don't forget to enclose your cheque/PO and SAE.

Incidentally, Ground tickets will be on sale in the Office today, costing £1.00, 80p for OAP's and Juniors.

While we're on the subject, if you are reading this before the kick-off, you might just have time to nip across to the office and invest a few 20p's in the raffle for the four Wales/England tickets, which the generosity of the authorities concerned has considered to be the Club's allocation this year.

If not, then you've missed it. The draw takes place at half-time. Proceeds to the Players' Tour Fund.

. . . and a ticket you won't want!

If you're in the habit of parking your car in Sebert Street, then a word to the wise mightn't come amiss. Our Friendly Neighbourhood Constabulary have mentioned that some supporters are parking on the pavements in that vicinity.

Now, parking on footpaths is an offence, wherever it takes place, and we think it very good of the Police to tip us off in this manner, before they actually get their notebooks out. Let's face it — they could have started lashing out tickets without any warning whatsoever.

So if you know anyone (you wouldn't do such a thing would you?) who has been obstructing the footpath in Sebert Street in this way, then have a quiet word. It could save some money.

Trains to Southend

We now have news, via Mr. Cliff Adams of British Rail, of the times of departure of the special train to Southend for the John Player on January 24th. It is intended that the train will leave Gloucester at 9.20 a.m., Stonehouse at 9.35 and Stroud at 9.45. If all works well on the journey across London, arrival at Southend will be at 13.10 p.m., which gives nice time for a pint beforehand.

Return journey timings aren't established yet.

BR are taking bookings now — at £5 return, which sounds like a bargain.

We also hear that Southend hope to provide accommodation for about 4,000 people, which is quite an achievement for a fairly minor Club. So don't be put off by the thought that you mightn't get in. The lads could do with all the support they can get.

Hello Sailor!

Our lucky programmes do get around! The one which won the fiver at Boxing Day's Lydney match was numbered 899, and bought by Mr. Burns of HMS 'Dolphin', Gosport. Rule Britannia!

The Newport match proved lucky for Mr. Burrows of 'Rosemount', Bristol Road, Quedgely, so it stayed closer home.

The Famous Five

We could have wished that it hadn't happened on a day when we play London Scottish, but hearty congratulations to Steve Boyle, Richard Mogg, Gordon Sargent, Phil Blakeway and Steve Mills, on being selected for the Final England Trial today.

I can't help wondering why Steve is only named as a replacement though. Of course, it doesn't mean much in a Trial, where they tend to chop and change, but it seems poor reward for understudying Peter Wheeler all this time, and for skipping the England 'B' side.

The ways of selectors are sometimes like the Peace of God — they passeth all understanding.

Bought your diary yet?

Just a few left in the Social Club. At a mere 60p. And that is probably the only way you'll get a diary at the moment, so why not support the Club?

Tailpiece

The 'Centre Stand Set' may have noticed that enthusiastic Patron, Cliff Harris has not been much in evidence lately. As a matter of fact, he has had a spell in hospital, and we're glad to see that he's recovering.

Not long before he came home, a new doctor came to see him. "Hallo, Mr. Harris" he said, "I'm your new houseman. My name's Ralston!"

"Oh yes!" replied Cliff "I recognise you now. You're the b----r who kicked us out of the John Player last year!"

Which seems a great way to get the best from the National Health Service. But it must have worked. Cliff was back in his old spot for Newport.

PETER ARNOLD.