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## GLOUCESTER v STROUD

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**DUCK, SON & PINKER**

52-56 Southgate Street, Gloucester

Wednesday, 9th September, 1981

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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### GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

- 
- Full Back  
15. P. Ford
- 
- Three Quarters  
14. P. Pritchard  
13. S. Parsole  
12. R. Mogg  
11. R. Clewes
- 
- Half Backs  
10. L. Jones  
9. S. Baker
- 
- Forwards  
1. G. Sargent  
2. S. Mills (Capt.)  
3. S. Ashmead  
4. S. Boyle  
5. J. Fidler  
6. J. Gadd  
8. M. Teague  
7. M. Longstaff

#### REPLACEMENTS

K. White  
P. Howell

### STROUD

- 
- Full Back  
15. M. Camm
- 
- Three Quarters  
14. S. Veird  
13. D. Bowery  
12. J. Breeze  
11. S. Lord
- 
- Half Backs  
10. P. Webb  
9. T. Davies
- 
- Forwards  
1. R. Allen  
2. G. Trott  
3. M. Finch  
4. J. Garrett  
5. A. Wynter  
6. F. Russell  
8. J. Williams (Capt.)  
7. D. Spencer

#### REPLACEMENTS

T. Hester  
J. Gribble

Referee: A. R. GIBBS (Warwickshire Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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### **Rarin' to go!**

Did you read about the chap whose wife divorced him because he was more interested in cricket than he was in her? Fortunately, we don't seem to have got to that stage at Kingsholm — yet. However, if the events of this season parallel some of the things which happened last year, there may be a few wives and girl friends who have reason to grumble.

Remember how it was? 'Orrible thrashings by Moseley and Newport followed immediately by tremendous wins over Pontypool and Leicester, Gordon Sargent, Steve Mills, John Fidler and Phil Blakeway getting caps, and Steve Baker, Paul Ford, Steve Ashmead, John Gadd and Mike Teague distinguishing themselves at Under 23 level, England 'B' caps for Steve Boyle, Richard Mogg and the captaincy for Steve Mills.

Perhaps, after all, it's just as well they don't hold divorce hearings on Saturday afternoons or Wednesday evenings.

All the indications are that this season will be even more interesting than last — certainly, anyone who attended the trial games will agree that there are very few of last year's first team regulars who can call their places safe.

This year, of course, the United had the honour of opening the season at Kingsholm — and why not? Welcome back, however, if you didn't come along to that one, and we hope we'll see a lot of you in the coming months.

It should be quite a season!

### **Welcome Neighbour!**

On the assumption that one always likes to get on well with one's next-door neighbour, it seems entirely appropriate that this season's opening First Team game at Kingsholm is against Stroud. As anyone who knows anything knows, when you have a good old-fashioned local Derby on your hands, you shouldn't take too much notice of reputations or the form book. Anyway, it's no secret that Stroud has been building a very useful side over the past couple of seasons, so it wouldn't do for anyone to underestimate tonight's visitors.

Last season's result is, therefore irrelevant. There's no doubt that we shall see an attractive game played by players who have something to prove for the coming few months.

So a hearty welcome Stroud! We're glad to have you to open our 1981/2 campaign.

### **They're playing our tune**

Can't let this first programme go by without the Club's heartfelt thanks to Duck, Son & Pinker for their magnificent generosity — and business acumen — in choosing us for a major sponsorship project this season. Some £3,000 is involved, and that isn't peanuts, as they say.

Full details on the matches concerned, plus some useful information about the company is contained in tonight's special 4-page insert. You'll note that they certainly have an eye for the best matches to sponsor.

Interesting to note that Duck, Son & Pinker have been around since Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was playing outside half for Vienna, so they might be expected to know a thing or two about their chosen profession. That might be good to remember if you're ever in the market for the odd flugelhorn or so.

Thanks again, Duck, Son & Pinker. We hope the venture will be at least as successful for you as it undoubtedly will be for us.

### **Season tickets**

Just to point out to you that a Season Ticket still represents incredibly good value for money, if you intend visiting the Sacred Turf at all regularly. Prices this year are; **Patron** (incl. free car parking and free membership of the Social Club) £20.00; **Centre Stand** £10.00 (Junior and OAP only); **Wing Stand** £13.50 (J. & OAP £7.00); **Ground** £10.00 (J. & OAP £5.00).

And these magnificent bargains are available, as you read this, at the Office.



### **Patrons**

You'll have noticed, if you are a Reverend Patron, that your card this year has a hole in it. This isn't due to an attack of death watch beetle, it's a method whereby your receipt is visible at all times.

You will appreciate that these receipts would cost a bomb to send out by post, so when you've sent your cheque to Cecil Pope, or want to place one in his sticky little hand, see him, or Peter Denham in the clubhouse, and he'll kit you out. After all, you'll be going into the Club to get your free Social Club membership card — won't you?

Incidentally, we've heard a few comments about the relative lateness of arrival of Patrons' Cards this year. This wasn't the fault of the Club, or of our Friendly Printer. It was just that the supplier of the board covers seems to have had trouble getting his finger out this year.

### **Rich fare!**

Just to point out that we have a fair old start to the Kingsholm season this year. Coventry on Saturday (remember how we won with 10 reserves last time round?), Rosslyn Park, with whom we have a score to settle, next Wednesday, and our great friends from Pontypridd on Saturday the 19th. Three 'musts' for any Kingsholm regular!

### **Tandy's back**

If you are looking around to see Terry Tandy tonight, to enquire after his health, don't bother. He isn't here. He's taken the opportunity to fly off on a belated holiday in Jersey for a few days. And who can blame him after the difficult period he's had to contend with?

You'd probably have difficulty recognising him anyway, not being used to the new, fit, slimline Tandy.

He's asked me to say that he's very grateful for all the enquiries and good wishes he received, while in hospital and afterwards, and assures everyone that, while he's going to have to take things a bit easier than he's used to, he's made a good recovery, and hopes to be carrying out his Secretarial functions with his usual efficiency and good humour.

All of us, I'm sure, are relieved and pleased to hear it.

### **International tickets**

It seems very early to be talking about the International Season, but the sad fact is that, if Members don't get their applications in for tickets by September 30th, they simply won't get tickets.

Forms for this purpose are available at the Office, and if you're thinking of making the Twickenham Trek this season, it might be a good idea to do something about it quickly.

Incidentally, I'm told that, the demand and the likely supply, being what it is, there's no point in asking for more than one England v. Wales ticket, so don't bother trying.

### **Tailpiece**

It has come to my attention (as they say) that this year, Gordon Hudson celebrates 10 years as Chairman of the Club. (Doesn't time fly! It doesn't seem much longer ago than that when he was playing).

Gordon's first year in the 'hot seat' coincided with Gloucester winning the very first Rugby Union Knock-Out Competition, better known nowadays as the John Player Cup.

If that isn't an omen, Gordon is going to have to buy a lot of beer before the end of the season!