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**Saturday, 12th September, 1981
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off, 3.00 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

COVENTRY

-
- Full Back
† 15. P. Rossborough

-
- Three Quarters
14. S. Maisey
‡ 13. K. Buttimore
12. D. Foulkes (Capt.)
11. J. Eaton

-
- Half Backs
† 10. H. Davies
9. S. Thomas

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- Forwards
1. T. Bingley
2. S. Brain
3. S. Wilkes
4. A. Gulliver
5. R. Fardoe
6. M. Malik
8. G. Robbins
7. B. Clark

REPLACEMENTS

M. Clifford
M. Gutteridge

Referee: Mr. TRIGG (London Society)

† International

‡ Under 23 International

* County



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First of the 'big ones'

If the pundits were to take a poll among Gloucester supporters, it's a foregone conclusion that Coventry would be very high up on the list of teams most welcome at Kingsholm. The tradition of no-quarter, give-it-all-you've got matches between the two sides goes back further than the memories of most of us, although we don't need reminding of the rivalry, for example, between scrum halves George Cole and Micky Booth. When Dicky Jeeps retired, it was a toss-up, in most people's minds, which of the two would get the International spot. As it happened, neither of them did — but that was England's loss.

One's mind also goes back to a couple of narrow squeaks. As, for example, when Eric Stephens dropped a last-minute goal in the first RFU Knock-Out year, for Gloucester to go through on the away rule. Or, a couple of seasons back, when Brian Russell also dropped a goal to pip Coventry once again.

Last season, we won one each. Coventry disposed of Gloucester handily at Coundon Road by 16 points to 3 in September, but the return fixture, just before Christmas, was that heart-lifting game when Gloucester put 25 points on the Midlanders, having fielded a side with 10 reserves — three tries in the last 15 minutes or so, if memory serves.

So Coventry will be out for vengeance today, and having started this year's campaign with an enterprising win over Newport, they must think they're in with a fair chance.

It's nice to see you again Coventry. We couldn't have a season without you.

The commercial break

This is the time of year when we point out that Season Tickets are on sale in the Office. Patrons £20.00, Centre Stand (OAP's and Juniors) £10.00, Wing Stand £13.50 (OAP & J. £7.00), Ground £10.00 (OAP & J. £5.00). Now, if you intend coming to Kingsholm more than a few times this season, this represents the best bargain you've seen for a fair while, so why not make sure you take advantage of it?

And while we're on that sort of topic, Patrons are reminded to pick up the receipt for their Patron's Cards from Cecil Pope or Peter Denham in the Club. Always providing you've paid, of course.

International Tickets

If you have decided on a trip to Twickenham this season, then you only have 18 shopping days left. Sounds incredible, doesn't it? However, Terry ("Slim") Tandy tells us that, to have any chance at all, your application must be in by September 30th.

Members can obtain an application form with dates, prices and full details in the Office.

One more thing — your chances of getting more than one England v. Wales ticket are as about as rosy as John Fiddler's of beating Sebastian Coe over 800 metres, so don't waste your energy trying.

Thanks to Morley Roofing

Today's Sponsors are Morley & Son (Roofing) Limited of Hempsted Lane, Gloucester, and the thanks of everyone at Kingsholm are due to the Company for their generous gesture.

Students of advertising boards around the ground will be aware that the Morley Group has had a sign-headed Severnside Scaffolding—at Kingsholm for some time. The reason for today's Sponsorship is that Morley & Son (Roofing) are celebrating 21 years of successful trading this month—and what better way to mark the fact than by making their presence felt at Kingsholm?

That's Bill Morley's view, and as a good Rugby man from 'way back', his opinion counts for something. In fact, this is a double celebration, because Bill himself celebrated 50 years in the roofing trade a few weeks ago, and the two anniversaries make a happy coincidence.

Nowadays, the Morley Group consists of four companies. The roofing company is the 'parent' organisation, and, in the 21 years since it was founded, has developed into one of the best respected and most efficient companies of its type in the West Country.

Many of the roofs around Gloucester — and further afield — both commercial and domestic, are by Morley Roofing, ranging from large modern complexes to a centuries-old dovecote, near Stroud.

Morley Coatings Limited handles the other type of roof — the flat one. While one tends to think of that sort of roof as the traditional felt and bitumen, in fact there's a great deal more to it than that nowadays. New materials and techniques are always coming along, but Morley Coatings tries to hold a balance between the tried-and-tested and the new-and-promising. Anyone who has a felt roof in need of repair or replacement should try Morley first.

The third company in the Group is also more technological than appears at first sight. Severnside Scaffolding use a great deal of experience and expertise to erect just the scaffolding needed for a job, no more and no less. There's an emergency service too, which many authorities and individuals have found a godsend when trouble has arisen.

Severnside Contracts exists to operate as a building company, supporting the activities of the other three companies in the Group when the need arises. However, they are also making a name for themselves in restoring old, traditional cottages, which would otherwise fall into decay, to the detriment of all of us.

So there are brief details of today's Sponsors. Obviously, there is a great deal more which could be said, but space doesn't allow us to do so.

No problem, though. For full information on any of the four Morley Companies, ring Gloucester 26680. You'll receive all the information you need as soon as is humanly possible.

The Morley Group pride themselves on the personal touch, whatever they are called upon to do. That, all of us at Gloucester RFC can well believe.

Coming along next week?

Peter Ford has certainly geared up a good start to the season for us this year. Coventry today, Rosslyn Park next Wednesday, and Pontypridd next Saturday.

Anyone who saw the last John Player match at Kingsholm, will remember the frustration, and will want to see an old score settled when the 'Park' arrive on Wednesday. With Pontypridd, it's quite the reverse. The first time they came, two seasons ago, they brought such a friendly, vociferous crowd with them, that we sent a large group of supporters down there last year. The welcome they gave us had to be experienced to be believed, so let's do the same for them next week!

On Wednesday 23rd — ten days time — we are standing by to repel our second Welsh invasion of the season. Newbridge, so that's yet another date for your diary, while on Saturday the 26th, the United entertain Bristol United. After what our lads did to Broughton Park 2nds, last Saturday, they will be after further scalps, and who better than the 'old enemy' from down the A38?

One way and another, there's no excuse for not getting your taste for Rugby back quickly this year, is there?

Dates

While we're on the subject of dates for your diary, you might like some prior warning of various important events at Kingsholm and elsewhere, this season.

The England campaign starts with Australia on January 2nd, and continues with Scotland at Murrayfield on January 26th. Back to Twickenham for Ireland on February 6th, and off to Paris on February 20th. March 6th, at Twickenham, of course, is the nail-biter against Wales.

We have the first County game of the season on October 10th, when Gloucestershire play Devon at Kingsholm. On October 24th, the County visits Bath for the Somerset match, and rounds off the group with Cornwall at Camborne on November 22nd.

Then, of course, there's the big one. South and South West Counties v. the Australians at Kingsholm.

Tailpiece

Best remark from the pre-season AGM. A perfectly sensible suggestion from the floor of the Meeting calling for a team of nimble ball boys, to get the ball back into play as soon as possible, whenever it goes into touch.

Voice from the back of the hall:

"Ar. — so long as it's our bloody put-in!"

PETER ARNOLD.