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GLOUCESTER v NEWBRIDGE

**Wednesday, 23rd September, 1981
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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Full Back

15. **A. Durkin**

Three Quarters

14. **P. Pritchard**

*§ 13. **R. Mogg**

12. **S. Parsloe**

11. **P. Conway**

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. **V. Wooley**

§ 8. **M. Teague**

* 7. **P. Wood**

REPLACEMENTS

P. Howell *

K. White, M. Longstaff

NEWBRIDGE

Full Back

15. **B. Macaldon**

Three Quarters

14. **C. Phillips**

13. **D. George**

12. **I. Gosling**

11. **D. Owen**

Half Backs

10. **P. Turner**

9. **L. Davies**

Forwards

1. **G. Hewlett**

2. **J. Stokes**

3. **L. Sims**

4. **R. Deale**

5. **A. Stimpson**

6. **P. James**

8. **B. Peebles**

7. **A. Morgan**

REPLACEMENTS

A. Browning

C. Davis

Referee: **G. JONES** (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Tough challenge tonight

It's an odd thing, but whereas many Kingsholm regulars can give you chapter and verse about Gloucester's results against most Welsh clubs over the past few seasons, they sometimes have trouble recalling details about encounters with Newbridge, who are with us tonight. Perhaps the fact that we only see them at Kingsholm every other year has something to do with it.

Whatever the reason, however, it does tonight's visitors less than justice. In fact, their results against Gloucester recently have been quite as good as any other Welsh side can claim.

Last season, for example, we came away from our visit to Newbridge on the wrong end of an 18-9 scoreline. Their last raid on Kingsholm turned out to be a very close run thing, ending in a 9-9 draw — and we should not have done as well as that if Peter Butler hadn't had one of his nights, contributing all Gloucester's points by the penalty route.

Newbridge's results so far this year don't indicate that they are any less of a tough proposition than usual. They gave Bridgend quite a fright a week or two ago, and last Saturday were unlucky to lose by the odd point in a match with Aberavon which ended up 17-16.

So tonight's game represents a real challenge — but then, what else do we ever expect from opponents from Newbridge's neck of the woods?

So welcome to Newbridge — our second Welsh fixture in five days. Let's just hope that the weather, which marred the Pontypridd game, is just a little kinder tonight.

County tickets

You'll have noticed that the County are here on October 10th, the opposition being provided by Devon; always a worthy challenge at County level. Indeed, I have already been asked about ticket arrangements.

Well — now I can Reveal All, as they used to say in the women's serials. Centre Stand tickets will cost £2.50, Wing Stand, £2.00.

There will be no ground tickets, but entrance will cost you £1.50. Unless you happen to be an OAP or a Junior, in which case the gateman will only rush you £1.00.

Terry Tandy will, he hopes, be dispensing tickets after tonight's match in the Office. Or you could write to him, enclosing money and an SAE, at 17, Ogbourne Close, Longlevens, or, presumably, c/o the Ground.

After two successive years in the County Final, albeit unsuccessfully, you'll want to see if the lads can go one better this year.

Patrons — you have been warned!

Cecil Pope tells us that, if Patrons don't have their receipts by October 17th, showing through that dinky little hole in their Patrons Cards, then they won't get in to the match.

A quick check will show you that October 17th is the Newport game, and no one who reckons to be a real Gloucester supporter will wish to miss that, simply because he's forgotten to pick up his receipt from Cecil Pope or Peter Denham in the Clubhouse.

Of course, Cecil will want to be sure that you've actually paid for your ticket before he can hand over a receipt. But then — you've all done that haven't you? Of course you have.

... and talking about dates

This is the last programme in which we will be able to remind you about International tickets. Applications have to be in to Terry Tandy in just one week — September 30th.

So, if you have a fancy to go and see England play Australia (Jan. 2nd), Ireland (Feb. 6th), or Wales (March 6th), then get your application in fast. Forms for that purpose are available from the Office. And, sorry to have to keep harping on about this, but there's simply no point in applying for more than one England v. Wales ticket. We're not expecting a big enough allocation to allow more than that, much as we might like to.

Cheltenham next week

One week tonight — Wednesday 30th — we entertain Cheltenham, the traditional 'local Derby' that is so valuable a part of the Gloucester Rugby scene.

Remember the way they ran the ball at us last year? And this season they have the incentive of a magnificent new Stadium, and a steadily improving playing record, so they will be nobody's pushovers.

Next Saturday, of course, the boys do battle down at Bristol, who have an impressive record so far this season. Why not nip down to give them some vocal support?

On the other hand, you might prefer to come to Kingsholm to watch the United, who are offering extremely good entertainment value this year, who are entertaining their opposite numbers from down the A38. Having done that, you probably wouldn't need much persuasion to come along on the following Tuesday — September 29th — to see the United in action again, against Llantwit Major.

The next home First Team fixture, after Cheltenham, is another Wednesday, October 7th, against Pontypool, who no doubt, will be out to prove a point or two, after last year's epic struggle.

Make a note now.

All the winners!

Two Lucky Programme winners to announce tonight. The Rosslyn Park match gave an added bonus to a highly memorable match to Mr. John Reed, who had bought programme number 217. I'm told he is no relation to the John Reed who writes in the 'Sunday Express', so we haven't been buttering up the press again. Our Mr. Reed lives at 9, Grafton Road.

The Pontypridd game saw us handing over a 'crisp Fiver' to Mrs. Arnold of 24 Golden Vale, Cheltenham.

Before anyone shouts 'fiddle', I can assure you that, as far as I know, Mrs. Arnold is no relation of mine. Although, oddly enough, she won her £5 with programme no. 1156, while I was sitting grasping programme no. 1165.

Flying Doctor

It was delightful to see 'Doc' Tom Durkin at the Rosslyn Park game on Wednesday last, home on a short visit from his Sports Clinic in Saudi Arabia.

The occasion was even more pleasurable, because he had just had the very gratifying experience of watching his son, Tony, put in a never-a-foot-wrong performance at full-back. So pleased was Tom that he remarked that he probably wouldn't need a plane to fly back to Jeddah on the following morning — he could get there by flapping his arms.

Anyone who missed Tom's visit needn't be too put out. He tells us that he hopes to be home again in good time for the Christmas matches — so you can buy him a drink then.

Seen the video?

Our benefactors from Duck, Son and Pinker tried valiantly to get last Saturday's match against Pontypridd on video tape, in spite of appallingly rainy conditions. At the time of writing, I haven't heard whether they were successful or not, but if they were don't forget that you can see the film for your self in their Southgate Street premises this week.

Tailpiece

Conversation heard outside the bar — which had yet to open — before last Saturday's game.

There we were, trying to gnaw the door down, when who should walk past but Mike Burton. One cheerful wave, and he passed on his way. The conversation went like this.

"There's Mike Burton!"

"Aye — isn't he coming in for a pint then?"

"No — he can't hold a pint mug these days!"

"Why not?"

"Writers' Cramp!"

PETER ARNOLD