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**Saturday, 17th October, 1981
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

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Full Back

15. P. Ford

Three Quarters

14. P. Pritchard

* 13. P. Taylor

* 12. S. Parsloe

*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs

* 10. L. Jones

§ 9. S. Baker

Forwards

1. M. Preedy

*† 2. S. Mills (Capt.)

§ 3. S. Ashmead

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. J. Orwin

§ 6. J. Gadd

§ 8. M. Teague

7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

D. Pointon *

P. Wood *

NEWPORT

Full Back

15. P. Rees

Three Quarters

14. J. Robinson

† 13. G. L. Evans

12. M. Fenwick

† 11. R. Ackerman

Half Backs

10. M. Goldsworthy

9. L. O'Connor

Forwards

† 1. C. Smart

2. R. O'Donoughe

3. R. Morgan

4. J. Widdicombe

5. D. Fryer

6. F. Lane

8. K. Williams (Capt.)

7. R. Barrell

REPLACEMENTS

M. Maurice-Jones

J. Manders

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† International

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* County



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The fifth invader

Newport are the fifth Welsh team to visit Kingsholm in the last month, which must be as stern a baptism as any English team has had, so far this season.

The boys from Monmouthshire are always welcome, of course. In fact it would be difficult to imagine a Gloucester season without them. Remember some of the tussles of the past? The elegant Ken Jones? The epic encounter between Mike Burton and Colin Smart a few seasons ago? Bob Clewes' opportunist try, score a couple of years back, before the echoes of the ref's starting whistle had died away?

I don't suppose you'll need much reminding of last season's record, which started at Rodney Road, on the equivalent Saturday to this one, with the heaviest defeat Gloucester endured all year — 38-6 if memory serves, and ended at Kingsholm on the day after Boxing Day with Gloucester having the edge in a 13-11 scoreline.

As it happens, that thrashing at Newport led to a drastic re-think and an immediate victory over Pontypool, the brushing aside of Nottingham, and the six-try win over Leicester, so perhaps we have something to thank Newport for after all.

Over the previous few years Newport were going through the sort of lean spell which afflicts all clubs at some time or other, but it looks as though that period is now well and truly behind them. Based where they are, that can't be anything but good for both Welsh and West Country Rugby.

Newport — we're glad to see you back for the next installment in our long-running serial. As far as Gloucester is concerned, it can run for ever.

Bad luck United!

So United have lost their unbeaten record. Well — it's not the end of the world; as Bobby Windsor said after the Pontypool game "Thank Goodness for that! It's a millstone round your neck!" and if he feels that way, who are we to disagree?

In any case, consider the circumstances. Gloucester were playing 'Quins with eight absentees, owing to County calls and injuries. In addition, Kevin White was not available, doing replacement duty for Gloucestershire at Kingsholm.

In those circumstances, to hold one of the biggest and strongest second XV's in the country to 13-10 was a considerable achievement. And on unfamiliar territory at that. Indeed, many such teams would not have been able to get a side together at all.

Mind you — I can't really go along with the suggestion that, as the game was played at Winget, it doesn't count as a home defeat. Come on chaps — that's going a bit far!

More cheerfully, do you realise that United have now passed their 200-point mark for the season? Now there's something to be pleased about. Congratulations are due all round.

Video again today

Take a walk down to Duck, Son and Pinker at 52-56 Southgate Street, during the week, and you'll be able to see today's game on video tape. Who knows? You might appear yourself, so watch your language!

This is the second game which Duck, Son and Pinker have recorded for posterity in this way, and our thanks are due to them for that, as well as for their very generous sponsorship.

While you're down there, take a look at the Sony colour TV's. They're available with a five-year guarantee, which must take some beating. I gather that Sony themselves consider the offer to be somewhat superfluous, because — naturally — their sets NEVER break down in any case!

Incidentally, if you want proof that this type of publicity pays, Laurence Hull, the Manager of the Gloucester Branch, tells me that his Gloucester RFC window was so popular that it didn't last long. He had such a good Saturday that he had a rob the window display to satisfy the customers.

Still, knowing Laurence, he's probably got that sorted out by now.

When you come home again

There are some good teams to watch, apart from Welsh ones, you know, and just because we're coming to the end of our first string of Celtic encounters, doesn't mean that there aren't some intriguing tussles coming our way.

A week today, our visitors will be Nottingham — a vastly improved side of recent years, and one we only managed to beat 22-15 last year. On the following Wednesday — the 28th — we have our regular visit from the keen, fit students from Loughborough, which always makes for running Rugby.

The educational theme continues on Saturday 31st, when we welcome our traditional opponents about now — Oxford University.

Of course, you don't have to confine yourself to First XV matches if you want to watch some decent football. Next Tuesday, we are expecting the lads from Berry Hill to drop in, to exchange fraternal greetings with the United. At the time of writing, the Foresters are unbeaten, so there's a memorable encounter in prospect there. The following Tuesday — the 27th — Kidderminster arrive to try their strengths against the United, so there's plenty to look forward to.

Hope to see you for most of the matches, at any rate.

Give the lads your support

If you reckon to know your Gloucester Rugby, and want things to stay that way, then you'll regard a visit to Kingsholm on Wednesday 21st as a 'must'. It's the night of the Gloucester Colts first home fixture of the season, and the opposition is provided by Nuneaton.

Remember — you'll be looking at the Mike Teagues and Steve Bakers of the future, and if you want to give a considered judgement of where Gloucester Rugby will be in a few years time, then Kingsholm's the place to be on Wednesday October 21st.

Mixture as before

Whatever you think of the County's decision to hang on to an unchanged team for their match with Somerset, you will want to give your congratulations to the Gloucester contingent on retaining their places.

Richard Mogg, Steve Parsloe, Les Jones, Gordon Sargent, John Orwin and Steve Boyle all did enough, in the conspicuous demolition job on Devon, to retain their places, and so it has proved.

Mind you — Somerset won't be as easy to shove around as Devon were. Although the 'Janners', rather surprisingly, beat them, they didn't look a bad side to me.

And we've lost at Bath before!

Waiting for the Wallabies

Terry Tandy tells me that he hopes to have information about tickets for the Australians match, here at Kingsholm, on December 22nd, very shortly now. In fact, he might even be able to make an announcement today, but doesn't believe in rushing into print before he's got everything cut and dried.

The best thing to do, is to listen to the public address system, before the match, and at half time. You could just (as they say) hear something to your advantage. If not — we'll let you know, as soon as we possibly can; either here, or in the press.

Tailpiece

There we were, at the County match on Saturday. The excitement was intense. The ball flashed along the Gloucestershire three-quarters, the full back came into the line at just the right moment, with the try line at his mercy. He accepted a perfect pass and — dropped it.

Voice from the Worcester Street end: "Hey Rafter — you want some b****y chalk on your Cue!"

PETER ARNOLD