



# **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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## **GLOUCESTER V LOUGHBOROUGH**

**Wednesday, 28th October, 1981  
Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 7.00 p.m.**

**346**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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 \*§ 11. R. Mogg

Half Backs  
 \* 10. L. Jones  
 § 9. S. Baker

Forwards  
 \*† 1. G. Sargent  
 \*† 2. S. Mills (Capt.)  
 § 3. S. Ashmead  
 4. J. Brain  
 \* 5. J. Orwin  
 § 6. J. Gadd  
 § 8. M. Teague  
 7. M. Longstaff

#### REPLACEMENTS

S. Parsloe \*  
 K. White

### LOUGHBOROUGH COLL.

Full Back  
 15. K. McDonald

Three Quarters  
 14. F. Pill  
 13. P. Coles

\* 12. A. Thompson  
 11. P. McCloughlan

Half Backs  
 10. J. Short  
 9. C. Rogers

Forwards  
 \* 1. D. Davies (Capt.)  
 2. R. King  
 \* 3. C. Collins  
 \* 4. S. Hill  
 5. F. Heaver  
 6. D. O'Callaghan  
 8. D. Eggerton  
 7. M. Hughes

#### REPLACEMENTS

T. Waldron  
 R. Davis

Referee: M. MORGAN (Somerset Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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### **You never know!**

Everyone knows that tonight's visitors come from one of the most — if not the most — famous Physical Education establishments in Britain. Everyone knows that, therefore, we can expect a side composed of extremely fit young men, who will run until their legs drop off, and give us excellent value for the full 80 minutes.

What isn't so certain is the result of the match. Certainly, Gloucester has a long record of emerging the winners in these encounters, but the size and quality of those wins have been somewhat variable, over the past few years.

Perhaps politeness to our very welcome guests forbids that we make too much of last year's result. It's probably sufficient to say that the score was 46-7, and leave it at that. However, the season before that was a different story, with Gloucester coming out on top by 15 points to 8, thanks to tries by Gerry Herniman, Adrian Turton and Ian Wilkins, with one penalty by Brian Russell. So you never know — and it certainly doesn't do to rest on any laurels.

Loughborough have one of the proudest records of producing future Internationals of any club in the country — so again; you never know! You might be watching one or two household names of the next decade or so.

It's always good to see the Students at Kingsholm, whatever the result, and we're sure that tonight's game will compare favourably, as a spectacle, with any match we're likely to see this season.

Good to see you Loughborough!

### **All roads lead to Leicester**

There's no doubt that the away match against Leicester, on Saturday, November 7th is one of the most eagerly-awaited games of the season so far. It's not so surprising, then, that there are a whole series of plans afoot to get supporters to the game.

First of all, Terry Close tells me that the Social Club will be running a coach — depart Kingsholm 12.00 Noon, leave Leicester 5.45 p.m. — for the very reasonable price of £2.50.

Similarly, after due consultation with his 'regulars', Andy Mitchell will be organising a Patron's trip — same price, £2.50. This trip will take the usual format, leaving Kingsholm at 11.00 am, stopping for a strengthener on the way, staying on for another one after the game, and making a stop for a meal on the way back.

Or you could let the train take the strain. British Rail are offering a cheap (£4.00) fare for the trip. Can't tell you train times, I'm afraid — ask at the Station Travel Centre.

Leicester have not proved to be unbeatable, this year, and the vigorous vocal support of a solid hard core of Gloucester supporters could be just what's needed to tip the balance in our direction.

So why not see Andy Mitchell, if you're a Patron, and Terry Close if you're anyone else?

### **Got your number yet?**

A reminder from Andy Mitchell that, if you're one of those superstitious — or just plain absent minded — people who like to hang on to their 250 Club numbers from year to year, then you'd better see him and get things geared up.

Not that the Club is exclusive, in this respect. Anyone can have a chance to win anything from £10 to a whopping £300, just by paying Andy 25p a week — or giving him a cheque, PO, cash, glass beads, Latvian dollars, or anything, really, to the value of £6.50, all at once.

Andy will be happy to take your money, anytime, in the clubhouse.

### **Well done girls!**

We're used to reporting the names of lucky programme winners who have gone away £5 richer after a visit to Kingsholm. I don't, however, recall ever having to tell you about anyone who had to settle for £2.50!

That's what happened at the Newport game 10 days ago. It appears that two of our younger feminine supporters — Julie Etherton of 8, Cedar Road, Brockworth, and Bev King of 145, Bristol Road, Quedgeley, split the cost of programme no. 26 on the Saturday of the Newport game, and consequently, had to split the winnings too!

It occurs to me to wonder where the boyfriends were. I would have thought that any red-blooded Kingsholm lad would be generous enough to buy his girl a whole programme, all to

herself. So perhaps there weren't any boyfriends? An opportunity for someone perhaps? After all, we have positive proof that the young ladies have a lucky streak about them.

Mr. Rowan, of 26, Oldbury Orchard, Churchdown had no such problem last Saturday. Having bought programme number 281, at the Nottingham game, he was able to pick up a whole 'fiver' all to himself.

#### **No news on Wallabie stand tickets yet**

I'm afraid we still — at the time of writing — know any more about the size of our allocation of stand tickets for the South and South West Counties game on December 22nd. We do know that — with a total of 8 Counties bidding for them, we shan't exactly be spreading them around like confetti, and indeed, that there will probably have to be a ballot, even among Members and Patrons for them. We also know that they'll cost £4.00 each, which doesn't seem too expensive, especially when you consider that Pontypool are charging £5.00 at their game.

Stand tickets are one thing, Ground tickets quite another. If you would like to stroll across to the Office, after the game, clutching two pound notes in your sticky little hands, you can purchase one tonight. Unless you're a Student, that is, when we'll let you have one for a solitary quid.

Sorry! There's no reduction for OAP's. Don't blame us — the Rugby Football Union makes the rules on this occasion.

#### **Oxford on Saturday**

Things are boiling up nicely on the University front. With Oxford giving the Australians all they could handle, and Cambridge going down by 30 points, on their own ground, to Richmond, last Saturday, the whole thing's wide open.

Well, you could start making your own judgement, right here, on Saturday, when Oxford University are the visitors. It will be particularly pleasant, if he plays, to see the old stalwart Derek Wyatt — ex-Bath — on the Wing, he having joined Oxford as a mature student.

Next Wednesday, the Welsh Fuzz are in evidence. South Wales police will be trying to use all their considerable legal powers to lower the Cherry and White colours where other teams from the Principality have conspicuously failed, so far this season.

Saturday November 7th is the away match at Leicester, of course, but we're back home on the following Saturday to Plymouth, who'll no doubt be trying to salvage some of Devon's honour after the County result of a week or two ago.

There's plenty to look forward to for United supporters too. We have a tough proposition in Newport High School Old Boys, on Monday November 2nd, and the late cancellation of the Kidderminster match will mean that the lads have only had one game (Fullerians, away) since the excellent win over Berry Hill, so they'll be rarin' to go.

It will also be an excellent warm up for the visit of their opposite numbers from Leicester on November 7th, while the seniors are doing battle on the Tigers ground. If you can't get to Leicester, it might be worth your while to seek consolation here.

All good clean fun!

#### **Welcome back Phil!**

It must be an occasion worthy of comment when a British Lion returns to the fold, so here's a somewhat belated 'welcome back', to Phil Blakeway. I believe it was a temporary shortage of props, through injury, that persuaded him to return a week or two before he had intended to, but whatever the reason, he didn't seem to have lost any of his old power, as one luckless Nottingham loose head found out.

Good to see you Phil. Hope you're back on the International trail. The Selectors must be nuts if you aren't!

#### **Tailpiece**

Re the Glos. v. Somerset result, I will write out 100 times "I will not say I told you so; I will not say I told you so; I will not say . . ."

PETER ARNOLD