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### **Is this Oxford's year?**

To a true Kingsholm regular, Oxford University is always regarded as one of the highlights of the year. This isn't entirely due to the nature of the match — although the quality of play is always high. It has, in fact, more to do with the long and honorable history of the fixture.

Traditionally, Oxford have always regarded the Gloucester fixture as a hard workout for their forwards; just the right preparation for the 'Varsity match. Indeed, for a long time Gloucester was the last fixture the University had before the famous Twickenham occasion.

On our side of the fence, we always enjoy good, committed Rugby, played by a fit and enthusiastic side, and Oxford University have never let us down in this respect. There is also the fact that Gloucester is one of the very few clubs who play both major Universities during the run-up to Twickenham, so we are in the unusual position of being able to assess both teams in advance. I don't know whether any Kingsholm people have taken advantage of this when visiting their friendly, neighbourhood turf accountant, but it could help . . . .

So far, this season, the omens are good for today's visitors. The result against the Australians was an excellent one, and with just a little more luck, they might have pulled off the shock of the season.

I notice that, last weekend, Oxford University had a good away win against Northampton, who had just conquered an admittedly weakened, Leicester side, while Cambridge was taking a 30-point beating, on their own ground, at the hands of Richmond.

Last season, Gloucester stole the show at Oxford in a 27-3 win. On their last visit to Kingsholm, it was a much closer affair, which ended up as a 16 - 12 win for the home side, Bob Clewes scoring two tries, one of which was converted by Peter Butler, who (naturally), also kicked two penalties.

There's no doubt that Oxford has been considerably strengthened by the arrival of Derek Wyatt. At the time of writing, I don't know if the ex-Bedford, Bath, Eastern Counties and England winger is playing today, but a mature student of his capabilities must be a very valuable asset for a University side.

Good to see you again Oxford University — and, whatever today's result — good luck at Twickenham.

### **Gloucester guinea pigs**

We have a brand new Sponsor, today, and our most sincere thanks are due to Dowty Seals Limited, for their generosity.

Of course, we always knew that sponsorship of the right Kingsholm match is a good business proposition for a wide-awake Company, but, on this occasion, Dowty Seals have a much more objective and practical interest in the game itself than is normally the case.

You'll certainly be aware that the Rugby Football Union are continuously searching for a safer boot stud, and have been for a very long time. It could be that Dowty Seals have come up with the answer.

Dowty Seals involvement in aerospace and in industrial sealing has given them a very impressive knowledge of elastomer technology, and a vast amount of expertise in applying it. Now, an intriguing piece of lateral thinking has enabled the company to produce a boot stud which bids fair to solve one of the longest-standing problems in Rugby Football.

And remember — you saw it here first. In today's match the Gloucester side will be wearing the new Dowty Seals safety studs for the very first time, and the Company's designers and technicians will be eager to hear their comments after the match.

Some general information about Dowty Seals would start with the information that the Company is one of 49 organisations that make up the world-famous Dowty Group, which employs some 17,000 people, worldwide, and which, this year, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

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With the introduction of the new safety stud, Dowty Seals hope that it will soon be able to add 'sports equipment' to that list.

We hope so too. We'd be glad to know how it all turns out.

#### **Leicester next week**

Have you decided how you're doing to get to Leicester next week? Just to remind you, Andy Mitchell is running a Patrons trip, to the usual format—leave Kingsholm at 11.00 am, stop for a livener, meal break on the way back. All for a mere £2.50 for the coach.

If you want to get back more quickly, you could go on Terry Close's Social Club coach. Same price — £2.50, leave Kingsholm at 12.00 noon, leave Leicester at 5.45.

Or you could go by train. BR are offering a £4.00 return ticket. Sorry I can't give you train times — ring the Station.

That, of course, was the information gathered over last weekend. It could be that there aren't many seats left by now, so perhaps you'd better see Andy Mitchell or Terry Close pretty quickly if you're tempted by the spectacle of Gloucester taking on the current Club Champions yet again. Remember what we did to them here, last year?

#### **250 Club**

... and talking of Andy Mitchell, he tells me that the 250 Club numbers are going very well indeed. So don't hang about, or you'll miss out on the chance to win that big £300 prize.

#### **There's more to life than Leicester**

Obviously, we're all a bit preoccupied with the Leicester game at the moment, but you don't positively have to make the trip to see some good Rugby.

Before then — next Wednesday, in fact — the South Wales Police will be extending their beat to cover Gloucester (I wonder what the Welsh is for 'Evenin' all?'). Just the sort of toughener for the Leicester match, I would have thought.

After that, we have a pause in home games for 10 days or so — well, we've had our fair share lately — until Plymouth drop in on Saturday November 14th.

The United go on along their merry way, of course. They're home to Newport High School Old Boys on Monday, which should be a good game, and of course, they'll be just as keen to beat their opposite numbers from Leicester, next Saturday, as their seniors will be.

Just an advance notice about the next Colts match, Brixham are here on November 11th, and if you want to see some good running football, Kingsholm will be the place to be that night.

#### **Still no news ...**

... about Stand tickets for the Australians match. Apparently, they don't consider allocations until November 9th, so we'll let you know some time after that.

#### **Tailpiece**

I hope there are no ladies listening, but I can't resist telling you about one of the best pieces of Kingsholm repartee I've heard in recent years — especially as it concerns Oxford University.

It happened at this match, two years ago. You'll remember how University players, in common with other Student sides, tend to run eagerly out on the field, and go through some energetic limbering-up exercises before the game starts. This match was no exception, and Mallett, the big South African flanker — playing No. 8 that day, I remember — dropped down, on the half-way line on the Stand side, and proceeded to do about a dozen rapid press-ups.

Voice from the Stand — "It's all right Mate; you can get up now — she's gone 'ome!"

Sorry Mrs. Whitehouse!

PETER ARNOLD.