



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v SARACENS

MATCH SPONSOR TODAY

DUCK, SON & PINKER

62-66 Southgate Street, Gloucester

Saturday, 27th March, 1982
Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

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GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back

15. P. Ford

Three Quarters

14. P. Conway

* 13. P. Taylor

* 12. L. Jones

* 11. R. Clewes

Half Backs

* 10. S. Parsloe

§ 9. S. Baker

Forwards

*† 1. G. Sargent

*† 2. S. Mills (Capt.)

*† 3. P. Blakeway

*§ 4. S. Boyle

* 5. A. Turton

§ 6. J. Gadd

8. R. Fatica

7. M. Longstaff

REPLACEMENTS

A. Durkin

J. Herniman

SARACENS

Full Back

15. D. Gregory

Three Quarters

14. S. Miller

13. C. Babayode

12. P. Kamara

11. S. Moore

Half Backs

10. S. Halford

9. F. Steadman

Forwards

1. C. Roberts

2. N. Branch

3. D. Coomber

4. A. Dawson

5. M. Newcombe

6. A. Keay

8. T. Nilsson

7. K. Douglas

REPLACEMENTS

J. Cox

M. Gentleman

Referee: J. THEEDOM (Devon Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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No anticlimax!

After all the tumult and shouting about the John Player, it's quite a relief to be back on the Club scene proper — and today's game shouldn't be regarded as any sort of an anticlimax.

Today's visitors certainly shouldn't be taken lightly, if the late lamented 'Saracen's Head' in Eastgate Street is to be replaced by the Saracens' Scalp at Kingsholm.

If anyone has any doubts about that, I'd refer them to last season, when Gloucester just about managed a 12-11 win at Green Road, Southgate.

On their last visit to Kingsholm, however, today's visitors found the going a little harder, when we were inhospitable enough to send them away on the wrong end of a 23-3 score line. Steve Baker, Paul Tunstall and Paul Wood scored tries, that day, with Peter Butler converting all three and adding a penalty.

Our games with Saracens go back a long way, and it's always good to see these links being maintained. The game may be in something of a state of flux, one way and another, but without some constant factors no one would know where they were.

So 'Salaams' to you Saracens. We'll try to make matters as lively as possible — both on the field and off.

First things first

The first thing on many people's mind, today, will be how the hell they're going to get to Coventry, and where do they get a ticket anyway.

As regards tickets, there's no problem, as long as you don't mind standing up. At the time of writing, Terry Tandy still had just one or two Stand tickets, at £3.00, but was sure they would have gone by the time you read this. Of course, you can always ask him . . .

Ground tickets cost £2.00 (£1.00 for OAP's and Juniors), and there should be an ample supply, either from Terry Tandy, in the Office or Club, or from the usual emporia around town.

There's a whole range of transport available, including Social Club coaches at £2.50 (See Terry Close, in the Club, for details), and a British Rail trip at £3.50. Times of trains weren't available at the time of writing, but you could call into the Station, or ring Gloucester 29501 for details.

Our old friends from Severn Sound are also running a useful package deal. By dropping in to their reception in Southgate Street, and handing over £4.75, you can have a ground ticket and a seat on a coach to Coundon Road. Times are uncertain at the moment, but the coach will be leaving from outside Gloucester Technical College, and stopping to pick up at the Prince of Wales Stadium at Cheltenham. All the rest of the details when you call in to buy your tickets.

The Patron's Coach has been full for a week, now, so Andy Mitchell tells me. It just remains for me to tell you that it will be leaving Kingsholm at 11.00 a.m.

The boys can do with all the support they can get on April 3rd, so the more good 'Glawster' voices — the better. When you go, get legless, if you like, but not voiceless.

On the other hand, if you're driving up — forget I said that.

And, for our next trick . . .

John Player apart, there are plenty of Good Things coming along in the next few weeks. On Wednesday next, we entertain Abertillery, our last Welsh visitors of the season. It would be nice to keep a clean score sheet against teams from over the border who visit Kingsholm this season.

Next Saturday is Coventry, of course, but the following week sees us visiting Lydney on April 8th, and welcoming the lads from Headingley (Peter Winterbottom's club), on Saturday April 10th.

Next Tuesday, the United have a visit from Berry Hill — always a match to treasure — and on April 14th entertain Pontypool. So there's no need to go into withdrawal symptoms if you can't make the Coventry trip.

Welcome back to Duck, Son & Pinker

It's a typical example of s . . .'s law, that just as we find a sponsor generous enough to fund 14 matches all at once, we hit the worst spell of Winter weather since the ice age. This meant, of course, that our friends from Duck, Son & Pinker lost some of their most attractive fixtures. So it's nice to see them back on stream, and we hope we can now give them a good run until the end of the season.

Sunny Week

Actually, it didn't work out too badly. Dutstone Motors of Eastern Avenue are running a very attractive promotion, starting today. Anyone going into their showroom over the next few days will be automatically entered in a free draw for some excellent prizes. Video Recorders, Hi-fi units just the sort of gear you would normally buy from Duck, Son & Pinker, in fact.

So it's no surprise that, for the next week, you can see a new Datsun Sunny in Duck, Son & Pinker's showroom in Southgate Street. Why not pop along?

Just to complete the circle, Dutstone Motors have generously agreed to sponsor our two Easter matches, so things tie up all round.

The Big News

However, the biggest news this week must concern plans for a major — and we mean 'major' — lottery which will come into operation next season.

You will be aware that plans exist for a major development of the Stand and Clubhouse side of the ground, estimated to cost about £150,000. That sort of money isn't peanuts, and we need help raising it. That help we have found via Raiseden Limited, one of the best known lottery promoting companies in the country.

The idea is to start next season, running a lottery to raise the money, rather along the lines of the City lottery, and one or two others you will have seen. Raiseden have a great deal of experience of this, notably on behalf of some other Rugby Clubs.

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You don't do it for nothing. 10% of your gross takings will be yours to cover expenses. So the more tickets you sell, the more 'expenses' you will be paid.

Think about it.

Tailpiece

Trevor Cruttwell has written to me with a very valid query. Basically, what he wants to know is — what happens to the Methusaleh of Champagne that the lads win regularly from Victoria Wine? More to the point — what happens to the bottles?

Trevor points out that he doesn't expect to try the Champers himself, but thinks that the massive bottle could "occupy an honoured niche in the Social Club". He adds that he does remember singing about a certain Methusaleh, but doesn't think it had anything to do with Champagne.

The answer is, that the lads drink the Bubbly in the dressing room, and it was a nice gesture when they gave the last one they won to the United. The bottles go to whoever can grab one as a souvenir. Terry Tandy agrees that it would be a nice idea to keep one in the Club, and will look into it next time.

P.S. I think Tervor's Patronal memory is just a little at fault. I think the song he refers to concerned a lady called 'Cathusalem', who, you remember, had to rhyme with 'Jerusalem'!

Never mind. Point taken.

PETER ARNOLD.