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**Wednesday, 31st March, 1982  
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#### GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back	
*†	15. P. Butler
Three Quarters	
*	14. R. Clewes (Capt.)
	13. R. Ellis
	12. C. Dyke
	11. P. Conway
Half Backs	
	10. P. Webb
*†	9. P. Kingston
Forwards	
	1. R. Phillips
	2. K. White
§	3. S. Ashmead
	4. J. Brain
*	5. A. Turton
	6. R. Fatica
	8. J. Herniman
*	7. P. Wood
REPLACEMENTS	
	G. Thomas
	J. Bennett

#### ABERTILLERY

Full Back	
15.	M. Paul
Three Quarters	
14.	C. Johns
13.	K. Meredith
12.	R. Crane
11.	S. Crane
Half Backs	
10.	A. Parry
9.	M. Burrige
Forwards	
1.	J. Walters
2.	M. Cairns
3.	H. Gilson
4.	J. Williams
5.	P. Roberts
6.	T. Flower
8.	S. Lane
7.	P. Crane
REPLACEMENTS	

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† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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### **Seven up!**

One of the nice things about the clocks going forward, is that it heralds the return of evening Rugby to Kingsholm. There are several attractive events scheduled for the next few weeks, but it seems highly appropriate that the first of this little batch of games should feature our final Welsh visitors of the Season.

Whatever you Scottish friends may say, there ain't no such animal as a weak Welsh side, and with the imminence of the JPC Semi-Final at Coventry causing some selectorial dilemmas, we might be in for a closely matched contest this evening.

I'm afraid the record of recent Gloucester/Abertillery games at Kingsholm doesn't give our visitors unbounded confidence. Two years ago we saw Steve Baker and Richard Mogg scoring tries, with Dave Pointon adding a drop goal, and Peter Butler kicking two penalties and a conversion, in a 16-12 win for Gloucester. Last season, the scoreline was 23-10.

All things being equal, therefore, you might expect a Gloucester win. However, all things aren't equal, so anything could happen.

It's always good to welcome old friends, and our games with Abertillery go back a long way. Have a good visit chaps. It's good to see you again.

### **Been along yet?**

You don't expect to see a brand-new Datsun motor car in the showroom of a music firm, but if you walk into our old friends Duck Son & Pinker, anytime this week, that's just what you'll see.

It all has to do with a promotion that Dutstone Motors are running until Saturday next. Anyone who visits the showroom in Eastern Avenue this week will automatically be entered for a free draw for prizes which include a video recorder, a colour TV, a hi-fi unit and a black-and-white TV — all of them from Duck Son and Pinker. Hence the quid pro quo in Southgate Street.

Why not trot along, tomorrow or Friday, anytime before 8.00 p.m.? I can't ask you to pay them a visit on Saturday, because you'll be in Coventry then. Of course — you could send the wife. It might make a peace offering, when you get home.

### **Better late**

My apologies to Mr. M. W. Harris of 20, Hopton Road, Cam, for not reporting his lucky programme win at the Sale match. Pressure of news, last Saturday, was such that I just didn't have room to record that his programme no. 2332 had won him a fiver at the JPC Quarter Final. However, Mr. R. Kilminster, of 5, Bybrook Road doesn't have to wait for a mention. He bought programme 933, last Saturday, and went home £5 the richer.

### **That lottery**

As mentioned last Saturday, we are going full steam ahead to launch a major lottery next season, with the help of professional promoters, Raiseden Limited.

The idea, you may recall, is to raise the money for our ambitious new development programme by this method. It's been highly successful elsewhere — notably at Newport — so anything they can do . . .

It does stand or fall, however, by recruiting a good team of collection agents. There's 10% of all you collect coming your way, for 'expenses', so if you have an hour or two, on a regular basis, to spare, ask Terry Tandy, who can put you on to full details.

### **Off to Cov.**

At the last count, Terry Tandy had sold some 2,000 tickets for next week's Coventry game. He's still got some available, however, so don't miss out if you want to go. After all, you can't pay at the gate.

The Patrons Coach — leaving at 11.00 a.m. — has been full for 10 days, but, as of last Saturday evening, at any rate, there were still seats going on the various Social Club coaches, at £2.50. See Terry Close.



British Rail's trip at £3.50 still has space, as far as we know, and we haven't heard that Severn Sound's coach at £4.75, including ground ticket, is full either.

So you've plenty of options — and if there was ever an occasion for all good Kingsholm men to come to the aid of the Party, This Is It. The sight (and sound) of a sea of cherry and white, would do Steve Mills and his merry band a world of good as they run out next Saturday.

#### **Good old Sarge!**

Nice to see Gordon Sargent getting recognition by being invited to the Barbarians Easter Tour. Gloucester has never had a better Club Man, and a few more honours to add to his England Cap would be warmly applauded by everyone.

Just one thing though. I wish Rob Fatica would dye his beard puce, or something. It can be quite difficult to tell the pair of them apart, on the field.

#### **Fixture changes.**

First the bad news. The evening Pontypool game, scheduled for April 28th has unfortunately, had to be called off. Either way, we just couldn't make it.

The facts are these. If we reach the John Player Final, it would be unwise, to say the least, to take on the tough 'Pooler' lads just three days beforehand. If we don't get to Twickenham, then the lads will be flying off on That Tour on the day after, so we couldn't really expect the game to be played.

There are some consolations, however. On Wednesday April 7th, we have a very attractive fixture (7.00 p.m.) when the English Students take on the Welsh Students for the first time. Our own John Brain has been on trial for the Students, so there's a chance of some local interest.

The other good news is that the match against Bath, called off because of the pre-Christmas blizzard, has been re-arranged for Wednesday April 21st — as usual, at 7.00 p.m. That's the Wednesday between the Sale and Exeter games.

#### **Easter etc.**

New arrangements apart, there are some good games coming up — if you can bear to think further ahead than next Saturday. On Easter Saturday (April 10th) we have a visit from Headingly, and it will be interesting to compare Peter Winterbottom with our own back row stalwarts.

On Easter Monday, the visitors will be Birkenhead Park, always an attractive side to watch.

On Saturday April 17th, we are expecting another invasion from Sale, who will be out to avenge the defeat in the JPC. So there's plenty to look forward to.

#### **Co-incidence**

Had a nice letter from David Pryce of Dursley, following my selection of the 'best ever' Gloucester XV in the Sale programme. He wasn't quarreling with my selection (about the only bloke who wasn't) but points out that it set up a co-incidence the following week. You'll remember that Phil Blakeway set up the first English try against Wales, and Mr. Pryce points out that Dai Gent (who I named as my scrum half) had a hand in the first try scored in an international at Twickenham. Even more remarkable, not a single Welsh player touched the ball on that occasion.

He also points out that Dai Gent didn't play for England again, after that 11-6 win in 1910. He adds that he doesn't want to see the similarity stretch any further.

#### **Tailpiece**

Talking to England Captain Steve Smith, after the Sale match, I said to him "Well—see you again in about a month." "Oh Gawd!" he replied, "Not Kingsholm three times in a season!"

Which, I suppose, is a sort of a compliment.

PETER ARNOLD.