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## **GLOUCESTER v. LONDON SCOTTISH**

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**Saturday, 1st January, 1983**

**Kingsholm, Gloucester**

**Kick-off 3.00 p.m.**

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#### GLOUCESTER

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	Full Back
15.	P. Ford
	Three Quarters
*§	14. R. Mogg
	13. C. O'Donoghue
*	12. S. Parsloe <i>Jaylor</i>
	11. P. Conway <i>Pritchard</i>
	Half Backs
*	10. L. Jones
	9. W. Hall <i>Baker</i>
	Forwards
*§	1. M. Preedy
*†	2. S. Mills (Capt.)
*	3. R. Pascall
*§	4. S. Boyle
§	5. J. Brain
*§	6. J. Gadd
*	7. P. Wood
*	8. A. Turton

REPLACEMENTS

#### LONDON SCOTTISH

	Full Back
15.	L. Batten
	Three Quarters
	14. A. Friell
†	13. R. Gordon
	12. J. Hume (Capt.)
	11. G. Wood
	Half Backs
†	10. R. Wilson
	9. A. Cushing
	Forwards
	1. D. Butcher
	2. I. Kirk
	3. J. Fraser
†	4. A. McHarg
	5. A. Rhodes
	6. A. Morrison
	7. P. Corbett
	8. K. Budge

REPLACEMENTS

D. Gourlay

Referee: A. MATTHEWS (Liverpool Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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### **A guid New Year**

Can you think of a happier way to start the New Year than greeting London Scottish? Indeed, this just-post-Hogmanay fixture has become a regular feature of the list, and it seems entirely appropriate that it should be so.

Last season, at Richmond, we won by 18 points to 10, but both sides have changed a bit since then. You'll probably remember, also, with some feeling, that during the previous season we managed to come away with a victory to the tune of 13-8, but then, having happily disposed of both Southend and London Irish in the John Player, we were drawn away to the Scottish Exiles, and amid much wailing and gnashing of teeth, could only manage a 9-9 draw, and so lost on the infamous try rule. And that wasn't the only time that the London Scots had proved a stumbling block to Gloucester's Cup ambitions.

But my own favourite memory of today's visitors is a game played at Kingsholm, on New Year's Day, a few years ago. There was some good running rugby played, all afternoon, yet we finished up with that rare animal, a 0-0 draw. Which goes to prove something, but I wouldn't quite like to say what.

One way and another, there has been some memorable football between our two sides, over the past year or two. There doesn't seem any good reason why there shouldn't be a great deal more, and at this time of year, the imminence of the International season gives us a timely chance to take an advance look at any likely candidates the Exiles might have for the Scottish side.

So there are plenty of reasons why we're glad to welcome the Scots. But, perhaps, one overrides the others. London Scottish are always a great bunch of blokes, and the season wouldn't be the same without them.

So welcome London Scottish — and Lang may yer Lum Reek!

### **Resolution**

David Foyle asks me to suggest a New Year Resolution to those — few — Patrons who haven't paid up yet. Start 1983 with a clean sheet, and give him your money now. Before the cricket season sets in.

### **Belated thanks**

As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted by a bout of Yuletide alcoholism, our Friendly Neighbourhood Printer, being affected by a bout of Seasonal Goodwill, found it expedient to give his inky-fingered minions the whole week off, this week. I don't object to that, but it did mean that I had to knock out programmes for Coventry, OMT, Newport and London Scottish in very quick succession, and rather too far in advance to be compatible with red-hot topicality, so one newsworthy event didn't come to my notice in time to include it in the appropriate programme: that for the Coventry game. An omission I now propose to repair.

For that game, we had the advantage of generous sponsorship from Barclay's Bank, who duly turned up with a convivial and numerous contingent. Pity the rugby didn't live up to it.

I can't really tell you anything about Barclay's that you didn't already know, except to point out that, as the major Bank who re-introduced Saturday opening after a break of goodness knows how long, they are obviously a forward-looking organisation, with their fingers firmly on the pulse of what modern conditions require.

I'm told that a very good time was had by all, and that our financial friends went away very happy about the whole thing. Which prompts the thought that — if you're a Barclay depositor, then a trip to your manager wearing your Gloucester RFC tie, could just produce that New Year overdraft, in time for the usual January spate of bills. Or perhaps not — but anything's worth a try.

Our sincere thanks, anyway, Gentlemen. Hope we see you again.

### **Last call for Leicester**

I don't know whether Andy Mitchell still has some seats on his Patrons Coach for Leicester, next week, but I'd hate for anyone to miss out on it if he has. It only costs £3.50, so it must be worth a go at that. Andy will tell you the worst, in the Clubhouse.



### **J.P.C.**

Being away to Leicester next week, and also away to Wasps on the following Saturday, the next home fixture we have to look forward to is the fascinating John Player match against London Welsh on the 22nd.

I've said it all before, but supporters' movements being a little erratic, at this time of year, it bears repeating that the rules of the Competition make this an all-pay game, and there's nothing we can do about it.

Stand tickets are available from the Office (or should be), and they are yours for just two of Her Majesty's pound notes each. There won't be any Ground tickets, so if you want to do your cheering standing up, then usual rates apply at the turnstiles. But get along early enough so that you don't clog the whole system up, and that you obtain a niche in your favourite vantage point.

The Club is making one concession to our Loyal Patrons. Centre Stand (Block 'B') tickets will be reserved for Patrons until today week, January 8th, so for most practical purposes, this is about your last chance to take advantage of the offer. But remember — London Welsh have a perfect right to an allocation of tickets, and, in any event, if all our Patrons came, there wouldn't be room for all of them in the Centre in any case. So strike now — if it's not too late already.

### **International Tickets**

If you haven't done so already, and you are one of the fortunates who are expecting tickets for the France and Scotland games via the Club, you'll find they're awaiting you in the Office. If tiredness overtakes you in the Bar, and amnesia sets in — don't worry; your tickets will be posted to you. But it would help the administration, and would prevent you worrying about the efficiency of the Postal Service if you could collect them yourself.

### **Thanks to Dutstone**

It's always good to say 'Thanks' to Sponsors, and this being New Year's Day, perhaps the old saying about 'the better the day, the better the deed' applies.

It isn't the first time that Dutstone Motors of Eastern Avenue have munificently sponsored a Kingsholm game, but that just increases the sincerity of our gratitude.

I suppose we tend to think of Dutstone as our premier Distributor of Datsun cars, as indeed they are, but like a lot of Gloucester companies, there is more than meets the eye.

There's the matter of rustproofing, for example. Dutstone are the area's only agents for 'Tuff Kote' rustproofing, and it doesn't matter where you bought your car, or what type you drive, our friends from Eastern Avenue will be happy to rustproof it for you. Which isn't a bad tip, at this time of the year.

Similarly, Dutstone will service any make of car for you, and indeed, have a very efficient repairs department, should you be unfortunate enough to bend your wagon.

Having said all that, it's not surprising that, although Datsun cars are Dutstone's major interest in life, they always have a fine selection of used vehicles of many makes in stock.

In fact, when the time comes to change cars, to look for a service (including MOT), or whatever, you could go a lot further, and fare a lot worse than giving your custom to Dutstone Motors.

After all, any motor firm with enough intelligence to sponsor one of our games, must have a lot going for it.

Thanks again, Dutstone!

### **Tailpiece**

What do we wish ourselves for the New Year? Here are a few suggestions.

That John Gadd gets the Cap he so obviously deserves. That Malcolm Preedy continues his precocious march towards the same goal. That John Orwin and Mike Teague receive speedy absolution for their alleged sins. That Steve Boyle and Steve Mills get the bit of luck they need to bring them on to the full international scene.

And indeed, perhaps 'luck' is the operative word. We certainly haven't had much, ever since the John Player Semi-Final. It's time the law of averages started to exert itself.

Have a helluva good 1983, everyone.

PETER ARNOLD.