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## GLOUCESTER v. GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

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Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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*	13. P. Taylor
	12. C. O'Donaghue
*	11. N. Price
	Half Backs
10.	M. Hamlin
	9. R. Wilmott
	Forwards
*†	1. G. Sargent (Capt.)
*†	2. S. Mills
*	3. R. Pascall
*†	4. S. Boyle
§	5. J. Brain
*	6. P. Wood
	7. D. Spencer
	8. L. Cummins
	REPLACEMENTS
	R. Fowke
	G. Manns

### GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

	Full Back
15.	M. Hembury
	Three Quarters
14.	M. Stork
13.	N. Ward (Capt.)
12.	A. Holland
11.	K. Glastonbury
	Half Backs
10.	A. Francis
9.	G. Lewis
	Forwards
1.	S. Davis
2.	K. Smith
3.	P. Prickett
4.	D. Hillard
5.	M. Thomas
6.	D. Jones
7.	P. Marley
8.	O. Williams
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	M. Glastonbury
	S. Gough

Referee: R. G. MOORE (Hertfordshire)

† International

§ Under 23 International

\* County



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### **The Wandering boys return!**

Supporters who keep their programmes, and make a collection of them (it's surprising how many do. They make good reading in the long summer months), will readily discover that last season's visit from Glamorgan Wanderers was their first for some time. So we're delighted that their own brand of Welsh lightning is striking twice, same place, and just about same time, as last year.

Last season's game was on a Saturday, and it will be interesting to compare events then with a match under lights tonight.

If I remember correctly, on that occasion I commented that perhaps Wanderers don't get the publicity they deserve, when compared with illustrious teams such as Cardiff and Swansea, but reputations don't really count for all that much when you've got thirty fit blokes, contemplating various forms of legal mayhem out there in the middle. If you want proof of that, compare our results this season against, say Llanelli (7-7), and Newbridge (ouch !), and you'll see what I mean.

Anyway, we only have one recent match between the two sides to base any judgements on. As I recall, Gloucester ended that match well in front, if you just take scores into consideration, but at 19-9, perhaps we were flattered just a little.

Be that as it may, no Welsh side likes to leave a defeat unavenged so no doubt, tonight's visitors will be out to prove a point or two. Some members of the Gloucester side have good reasons to shine, as well, so we're probably in for a useful game.

Nice to see you, Wanderers. Hope you enjoy your second visit as much as we enjoy having you. And long may the association flourish.

### **County on Saturday week**

You won't have forgotten that Gloucestershire play Yorkshire here on November 12th, in a repeat of last season County Final. Stand tickets are available from the Office in the new complex.

I'm told that there will not be an unlimited supply. The Sponsors, Thorn, have apparently asked for a goodly number, and who are we to deny them, considering the investment they put into the competition? I'm informed that they like coming to Kingsholm, for reasons we can all appreciate, so it will be nice to see them here in force.

We mustn't forget, either, that Bristol and other rugby-minded spots in the County will be needing a fair crack of the whip, and if the enthusiasm of the Yorkshire supporters last season is anything to go by, they will be clamouring for tickets too.

All of which adds up to advice to get in there and get your tickets as soon as you can deduct the cash from the housekeeping. We wouldn't want any strong pair of 'Glawster' lungs to be denied, on this occasion, which could well turn out to be the one that decides the the whole Championship.

Incidentally, Stand tickets **only**, will be on sale. If you prefer to stand, you'll be asked to pay at the turnstile. This means it wouldn't be a bad idea to get here a bit early, both to commandeer your usual spot, and to make sure that the biggest scrums take place on the field, and not out on the pavements in Worcester Street.

Similarly, Social Club members should make sure they have their Social Club cards with them if they want a drink after the game. No one has actually told me so, but I'd be surprised if you'll be able to get into the bar without one.

### **... and the rest**

In fact, you'll have plenty of opportunity to get your vocal chords in peak condition to cheer on the County. That week looks a very full one.

On Saturday next we welcome Rosslyn Park (only their second visit for a long time too), who are an attractive side to watch. If you have the ability — like some Traffic Wardens I know — to be in two place at once, you could even get two matches in: United are playing Caerleon on the Wingate Ground.

That's followed on Monday, November 7th by another Glamorgan Wanderers game— United are taking them on so if you like what you see tonight, you could come back for a second helping.



The following evening we're glad to welcome the County Cup Final again, and with Berry Hill trying conclusions with Lydney it sounds like one for the connoisseur — especially if he happens to be a Forester. Incidentally, prices that evening are exactly the same as for a normal club game.

And so to Wednesday next, when the much-improved South Wales Police side are here — the game sponsored by Honeywell Computers, which is nice of them.

All that plus the County on Saturday, and Cheltenham the following Wednesday. Plenty to get enthusiastic about.

#### **Trip to Leicester**

December 3rd sounds like a long time away but it isn't really. You might like to start considering the fact that the Social Club will be running a coach, following the very warm welcome we got last season. No more details yet, but I'll keep you posted. Meanwhile, have a word with John Beaman at the entrance to the clubhouse.

#### **... and you must go properly dressed!**

John also points out that you can't really go to Leicester, or anywhere else, for that matter, unless you have your colours nailed firmly to the mast — or at least your club tie nailed to your Adam's apple. He can supply a very handsome article for £3.00, or if you prefer, club badges at 65p each.

#### **All Blacks at Bristol**

At the time of writing, there are still a few Ground tickets for the visit of the New Zealanders to Bristol to play the South and South West Counties. Get them from the new Office.

And if you are going, don't forget that it's not an evening game. If you get there in time for a 7.00 o'clock kick-off, you'll get nothing but some very funny looks. Well — you deserve an afternoon off. If you can get your boss and your wife to see it that way.

#### **Sorry ref!**

I'm sorry I didn't pick up the fact that the distinguished French referee M. Hourquet was officiating at the Oxford University game. I would like to have welcomed him in print in the appropriate programme. It's not the first time that a ref, from over the Channel has been here, and they always seem to do a thoroughly good-humoured and workmanlike job.

The fact that English wasn't his strong point doesn't seem to have stopped M. Hourquet from getting his point across, but then, even English referees can sometimes have trouble with 'Glawster' accents. At least — you'd think so by some of the decisions we've seen.

Interesting to note that, while Gloucester were putting 45 points on Oxford University, another Frenchman, M. Jean-Claude Doucet was officiating while Bath piled up 67 points against Neath.

Wonder what reports of West Country rugby will go back to the Land of Beaujolais and Beaune?

#### **Christmas Draw**

You'll know, by now, that the first prize in John Bick's Christmas Draw is a limousine trip for two to the Welsh match at Twickenham, so I won't bother to tell you again here. Nevertheless, you might like to try your hand at selling tickets, and perhaps winning a bottle of Scotch. See John Bick.

#### **Tailpiece**

I was sorry to hear that Oxford University has decided to cease fixtures because they don't feel able to give us a decent game any more.

It's always a great shame when a long-established fixture goes by the board, and it's a sign of the times when it's a University game that's affected.

I would, however, like to hammer home the point that it wasn't our idea, nor, I'm sure, would it have been.

I'd like to think that all is not lost. Old Merchant Taylors, who left us in similar circumstances, did show up for a 'one off' last Boxing Day. Perhaps, at some time in the future, something similar might happen as regards Oxford University.

PETER ARNOLD.