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# JOHN PLAYER CUP Quarter Final GLOUGESTER v. ROSSLYN PARK

Saturday, 8th March, 1980

at

3152

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

## Welcome to New Friends — The Park

It was Bolingbroke in Richard II who said he counted himself nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering his good friends, and that undoubtedly applies to countless rugger enthusiasts.

But this afternoon we have an inversion of such sentiments, as it were, for we welcome with particular warmth new friends in Rosslyn Park, the famous London club, who have never before — at least as far as the archives have divulged — appeared at Kingsholm,

The fact that today's match is a John Player Cup quarter-final one is in itself sufficient to warrant the close attention of our supporters who, when the menu is rugby, emulate Duke Orsino and demand an excess of it. The interest is heightened, not only by the first appearance here of the Park, but because it is their centenary season; moreover they have red and white as their club colours—a meaningful similarity, perhaps, though unlikely to bemuse Kingsholm regulars, even if Gloucester wear jerseys totally unfamiliar to them.

Rosslyn Park arrive today with a very impressive record, even allowing for the heavy defeat by London Irish last Saturday, when they fielded a below strength side, for they have lost only seven of their 32 matches to date, scoring 622 points while conceding 299. Gloucester will be under no illusions about the magnitude of their task, especially as the Park can justly claim to have one of the most powerful packs in the country. Another point of interest is that they have twice been losing finalists in the national competition.

While Rosslyn Park could be said to be making their Kingsholm debut this will certainly not apply to their skipper, Phil Keith-Roach, who, in his salad days, though he was not exactly green in judgment, made several appearances for Gloucester prior to winning his blue at Cambridge University.

But though a Gloucestershire lad there will be no question of divided loyalties for Phil this afternoon, and the names of several of his colleagues are well known to our own supporters.

We look forward, then, to an intriguing game and trust that our new London friends will enjoy their firstever visit to our fair city and famous ground.

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### Don Rutherford

Don Rutherford, the former Gloucester and England full-back, now the Rugby Union's technical adviser, has written a new book entitled "Mini Rugby — It's The Real Thing". It makes absorbing reading and is what is popularly known as a "must" for all rugby addicts. The book has only just been published and Don, who is at the match this afternoon, has ensured that Gloucester supporters will be among the first to have it made available to them, for he brought a supply with him, hot off the press, as we say. The price is £2.75p and copies may be purchased at the office on the ground before or after today's match.

### Patrons' Evening

The annual Patrons' evening has been arranged for Thursday, March 20, reception 7.30 to 8.00 p.m., in the Social Club. Patrons should note that admission — free, of course — will nevertheless be by ticket only and they may procure their "open sez me!" from club secretary Terry Tandy or Cecil Pope.

### St. John Ambulance

It is appropriate that this afternoon's match should be set aside for the St. John Ambulance men to make their annual collection on the ground. The lads are on parade for all matches, come fair weather or foul, giving their services so freely and unsparingly, and they deserve a bumper collection, We know you will give them your usual very generous support!

### Rugby Union Debentures

The Rugby Union has halved the original cost of its Debenture Scheme, issuing the new price of £345, including V.A.T., over a period of ten years for the Centre Lower and Centre Upper, both West and East, All other stand seats will now cost £230 for the same period.

Those who have already purchased any are offered a refund or may buy further debentures, though they may only be obtained through clubs. Payment may be deferred over 12 months,, with a 50 per cent deposit and the remainder a year later.

### **Next Match**

Gloucester meet Aberavon at Kingsholm next Wednesday, March 12. kick-off 7 p.m., instead of Cheltenham, as appears on the fixture lists. This is the fixture due to have been played a fortnight ago, Supporters should also note that Gloucester United meet Berry Hill at Kingsholm on Monday evening, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

### Winners

The lucky programme, No. 8, for the Swansea match was purchased by one of our regular supporters, Mr. E. M. Webley, of 76 Lavington Drive. Longlevens, Gloucester, who was enriched, if only temporarily, by £5. Well done, Sir!

In what masqueraded under the euphemism of a ball raffle, the recent draw for an autographed rugby ball was won by Mr. S. Murray, of 25 Parkside Drive, Churchdown, with green ticket No. 569, and to him we also offer our congratulations.

ARTHUR RUSSELL.