



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER v. MILAN**

**KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER**

(ITALY)

**THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1958.**

**Kick-off 6-15 p.m.**

**Official Programme - Price Threepence**

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**GLOUCESTER**

- Full Back*
- 1 I. Sheen (c)
- Threequarters*
- 2 R. Smith R.W.  
3 A. Holder (c) R.C.  
4 J. Hart L.C.  
5 P. Hawker L.W.
- Halves*
- 6 D. Phelps O.H.  
7 M. Booth (c) S.H.
- Forwards*
- 8 J. Herbert (c)  
9 C. Thomas (c) (Capt.)  
10 M. Burford  
11 B. J. Green (c)  
12 D. A. Jones (c)  
13 P. Ford (c)  
14 V. H. Leadbetter (I)  
15 D. Ibbotson (c)
- (I) International. (C) County.

Referee :

Mr. Ray Thomas (Newport)

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**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Sept. 13	Lydney	H	40	8	Jan. 3	London Scot.	H
18	Milan (Italy)	H			10	Leicester	H
20	Moseley	H			17	Wasps	A
25	Cheltenham	H			24	Cambridge Univ	H
27	Bristol	A			31	Army	H
Oct. 1	Pontypool	A			Feb. 5	Royal Navy	H
4	Bedford	H			7	Bristol	H
11	Old Blues	H			14	Bath	A
18	Newport	A			21	Swansea	A
25	Coventry	A			28	Pontypool	H
Nov. 1	Leicester	A			Mar. 7	Northampton	H
8	Moseley	A			14	Royal Air Force	H
15	Aberavon	H			21	Guy's Hospital	H
22	Cardiff	H			28	New Brighton	H
29	Oxford Univ.	A			30	Salé	H
Dec. 6	Neath	H			31	Lydney	A
13	Bath	H			April 4	Llanely	H
20	Coventry	H			11	Cardiff	A
26	O.M.T.	H			15	Cheltenham	A
27	U.A.U.	H			18	Newport	H
					23	Stroud	H
					25	Devonport Serv.	A
					27	Teignmouth	A
					28	Taunton	A

**MILAN**

- Full Back*
- Barbini (Capt.) (I)
- Threequarters*
- R. Masnaghetti R.W.  
Giovannazzi (J.I.) R.C.  
M. Russo ~~C. BENACCI~~ L.C.  
R. Lucchetti L.W.
- Halves*
- Ian Simpson O.H.  
Braga (J.I.) S.H.
- Forwards*
- C. Pessina  
Rassaval ~~VALLANI~~  
Palestra  
A. Pancaro  
G. Piccinini  
F. Cozzi  
S. Sacconi  
G. Poidomani
- (I) International. (J.I.) Junior International

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★ The long-awaited visit of the Milan team has arrived after a good deal of anxiety to the Officers and Committee of the Gloucester Rugby Club, on account of the fact that so many unkind rumours have been circulated that the Italian rugby sides had joined the Rugby League, and therefore there would be no match at Kingsholm.

Why people must spread rumours of this kind it is difficult to understand, nevertheless the Milan team is with us, and firstly we give them a very hearty welcome to this City. It is difficult to prophecy what kind of game we are going to have, but from observation and if the Italian side has learned the new rules, we shall certainly have a very entertaining game.

Although rugby was an English game it has during the last few years taken on all over the Continent, and as far as Italy is concerned was started in the year 1910. Unfortunately the game did not prove popular and consequently was allowed to elapse.

The game however, came to life again in 1927 when twelve Sports Clubs fielded fifteens. The Federazione Italiana Rugby was formed in 1928 and a National Championship started. Matches too were played against French Spanish and Spain in 1929.

The first match against an English team occurred in 1932 when the Mediterranean Fleet beat Roma Club 27-5. Since the last war Italian Rugby has made considerable stride, helped by a number of teams belonging to the British Commonwealth Armies.

As far as the Milan team is concerned, they are one of the leading clubs, and are likely to give our side a good run, and it is anticipated a really good game will be seen, between what might be considered the pick of England as a club side, and the pick of Italy.

★ As this is a Thursday game it might be as well to remind our supporters that they have another treat on Thursday next when we try conclusions with our neighbours, Cheltenham. The usual close result can be anticipated and the kick-off is at 6-0 p.m.

★ Another interesting mid-week game is being played on Monday, when two trial teams will participate at Kingsholm for the honour of representing Gloucestershire against Devonshire on October 11th in Devon.

Practically the whole of the Gloucester side will be playing in this match. The prices of entrance will be: Stand accommodation 2/-. Ground 1/-. Dean's Walk 6d. Kick-off at 5-45 p.m. All those, therefore, who wish to witness a game where every player is giving of his best for County honours, should make a point of being at Kingsholm on Monday evening, September 22nd.

★ Supporters are reminded that on Saturday, September 20th we have as our visitors, Moseley. This Midland side is bringing down a first-class group of players who will give our team a tough game, and we shall have to be on our best behaviour to overcome this opposition.

Foremost amongst these players are J. R. C. Young, P. Robbins, both well-known Internationals, together with six County players.

★ Full details of the proposal to form a live Supporters' Club will be announced in the programme published on Saturday next.

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