SUNDAY EXPRESS

GLOUCESTER (Red and White)

FULL BACK
1 D. Alfre.. (c)

THREEQUARTERS
2 J. Dix.. B.W. 10
3 R. Morris.. R.C. 15
4 R. G. Pitt.. L.G. 17
5 J. Groves.. L.W. 24

HALF BACKS
7 J. Mace.. O.E. 10
7 J. Spalding.. S.H. 10

FORWARDS
8 C. T. Neal.. 15
9 P. Keeth-Roch.. 29
10 H. Burman.. 12
11 R. Long.. 19
12 A. Brinn.. 10
13 G. G. White.. 17
14 A. Davis.. 26
15 R. Smith.. 31

FIRST XV FIXTURES

GLOUCESTER

1 Clifton.. H 15-4
2 Northampton.. H 10-9
3 Strand.. A 3-5
4 Liverpool.. H 23-6
5 Wednesday.. A 3-15
6 Bath.. H 2-15
7 A. England.. H 3-17
8 C. T. Neal.. H 9-3
9 E. Wood.. A 0-13
10 R. James.. A 9-4
11 W. J. Smith.. H 9-3
12 R. Davis.. H 9-3
13 G. G. White.. A 3-15
14 A. Davis.. A 3-15
15 R. Smith.. A 11-5

CARDIFF

FULL BACK
15 D. Gethin

THREEQUARTERS
14 H. Richards.. B.Y. 14
13 A. D. Williams.. L.C. 12
12 D. M. Jones.. (c) L.C. 11
11 J. H. Williams.. L.C. 25

HALF BACKS
10 P. Morgan.. G.E. 10
9 W. Hulme.. (c) S.E. 9

FORWARDS
1 G. Thomas
2 W. J. Smith
3 J. P. O’Shaughnessy
4 L. Baxter
5 J. Davies
6 E. Williams
8 A. R. Pender
7 C. Evans

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OUR VISITORS

Always assured of a top billing, so to speak, when it comes to fixtures that are “musts”, our long-standing rivals and friends, Cardiff, make their long-awaited appearance at Kingsholm today and we accord them a very warm welcome.

Victory over the famous Welshmen is a “consummation devoutly to be wish’d”, and Gloucester’s hopes towards that end this afternoon have hardly been raised following Cardiff’s brilliant win over the Barbarians last Saturday.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last season, strangely enough, each of our games with Cardiff ended in a draw of three points each, Don Rutherford kicking a penalty goal on both occasions. The match at Kingsholm last season, incidentally, was played on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 1965.

There is another special welcome to be accorded today – to 28 French apprentices who are particularly anxious to watch a first-class English club match! Many weeks ago they chose Gloucester, particularly with Cardiff as our visitors, and we feel that this is an honour for both clubs whose fame has spread so far abroad.

“Nous voudrions bien accueillir les visiteurs de la France et nous espérons que le jeu leur feront beaucoup de plaisir aussi bien que leur visite à Gloucester.”

A special mention, too, for those dedicated fellows, the St. John Ambulance men, who, so often forgotten in the excitement of the game, turn up regularly at Kingsholm week after week, in hail, rain, frost or sunshine. This afternoon is their annual collection. We feel that there is scarcely any need to ask you to give generously.

The winning programme, No. 846, for last Saturday’s match with New Brighton was held by Mr. G. Sprague, of “The Pines” Green Lane, Churchdown, who is richer by £5.

But there is another “fiver” awaiting collection for the winning programme for the Sale game on Easter Monday. The lucky number was 592, so search your pockets, chaps!

There is another grand Dance in the Social Club this evening, with a star band attraction. Doors will be closed as usual at 9-30, so don’t stroll along at a late hour.

With so many evening matches now that the lighter evenings are with us again, the weekly Bingo session has had to be altered once more. Next week, then, Bingo fans, your weekly session will be held at the Social Club on Thursday evening.

On Monday next Gloucester meet Redruth at Kingsholm, then play Cheltenham on the Athletic Ground on Wednesday.

A.R.