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SATURDAY, FEB. 4th, 1939

United Services

v.

GLOUCESTER

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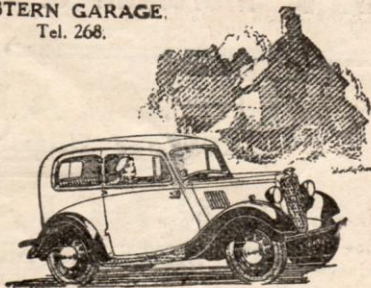
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AFTER
THE
MATCH

THE HIPPODROME, Eastgate

PROGRAMME BELOW

GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White

Full Back	*H. Boughton [1]
Left Wing	R. E. Hook [5]
Left Centre	W. B. Lithgow [4]
Right Centre	E. V. Manning [3]
Right Wing	R. Upham [2]
Outside Half	Don Meadows [6]
Scrum Half	E. J. Parfitt [7]

Referee: Mr. E. L. NIBLETT
(Bristol)

Forwards—

T. Price [8]
*A. D. Carpenter [9]
T. Day [10]
J. G. A'Bear, Capt. [11]
Roy Morris [12]
A. G. Hudson [14]
F. Mustoe [15]
C. J. Howe [16]

UNITED SERVICES

Colours—Red & Blue, Horizontal Stripes

W. J. Parker [1]	Full Back
P. H. May [2]	Right Wing
M. G. Macleod [3]	Right Centre
W. J. Dovers [4]	Left Centre
R. A. Ellis [5]	Left Wing
D. K. O'Nott [6]	Outside Half
D. R. de Stacpoole [7]	Scrum Half

Kick-off 3-0 o'clock

* Internationals



Forwards—

E. R. Bridges [8]
L. Fox, Capt. [9]
C. E. Oxborrow [10]
R. J. Robertson [11]
J. S. Dalglish [12]
C. W. R. Peevor [13]
J. R. Sharp [14]
F. J. Martin [15]

To-night—The Ritz Bros. in "THREE MEN AND A GIRL"

RUNNING COMMENTS

Visitors to Kingsholm on Saturday last must have been greatly surprised at the wonderful condition the ground was in after the snow and rain that had fallen earlier in the week. Naturally everyone expected under these conditions another attractive game would be seen from two such teams. Summing up the game, the only conclusion one could come to is that it was a good forward struggle between two splendid packs. With the Bristolians lasting the best and I should say they held the upper hand in the the loose and also had their fair share of the ball from the scrums. Now as regards the back play on both sides, any combined movement attempted usually failed miserably chiefly through wild passing. One expected better results of this from the Bristolians from what we have seen in the past, one can quite understand their poor record this season. Although the Cherry and Whites scored from back play it was entirely due to Bob Hook's quick following up which caught the Bristol defence napping. Credit was due to the wing three-quarter in taking the opportunity which he has done so before this season. E. J. Parfitt again played a splendid game, his clever breakaways on several occasions being a feature and had he been supported properly would no doubt resulted in scores. It makes one wonder seeing how moderate our centre three-quarter play is at present if the scrum half with his strong bursts and clever dummy that he would prove more valuable to the side at centre three-quarter; surely he is big and strong enough. It was remarkable that the young player W. Hook should be called upon again to deputise for Harold Boughton at full back against Bristol. He again did fairly well and the young Bristol full back also did well, both kicking well to touch. It must be admitted that had either side had had a goal kicker the occasions resulted which no doubt could have been taken advantage of to have won the game. The Cherry and Whites did most of the attacking in the first half and after the interval the Bristolians attacked continuously. The game was again played in the best spirit and enjoyed by both teams and a drawn game was a fair result of the game.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we welcome the first of the Services sides to Kingsholm, and in doing so, we are once again assured of a real good sporting game. The Portsmouth Services are one of the oldest organisations and did not attain full strength until the impetus given to rugby by the formation of the Royal Navy Rugby Union. Many fine players have been produced by the Club and perhaps best known to us being that splendid pair of half-back C. A. Kershaw and W. J. A. Davies who represented England on a great many occasions. K. A. Sellars who played for England at full back and Lieut.-Commander Forrest also gained his Cap as a forward, and last, but not least H. W. Browne (Horsey) one of the finest forwards who ever played for Ireland. It is unfortunate to-day that our visitors have five of their best players away playing for Hampshire against Somerset in the Semi-Final of the County Championship and J. K. Watkins who played for England recently is also assisting Somerset and W. H. Crawford is also playing for Scotland against Wales. But the Services are always able to call on capable first class players, but we welcome the presence of these County players and Internationals to Kingsholm. The side includes W. J. Parker at full back who played brilliantly last week for the Royal Navy, M. G. Macleod and R. A. Ellis three-quarters who has also represented the Royal Navy. W. J. Dovers at centre who is an Australian

Our Visitors—continued.

on a course of training at Portsmouth. The pack includes E. R. Bridges and J. S. Dalglish both of whom has played for the Royal Navy. L. Fox is the Royal Air Force hooker. F. J. Martin is an Army Trial player. R. J. Robertson is another Australian also on a course of training and J. R. Sharp played for Leicester before joining the Navy. Although not at full strength the Services are hoping to give the Cherry and Whites a good game. Here's to hoping the best team will win.

CITY NOTES

Rev. H. M. Hughes the Old Oxonian and the City wing forward is travelling to Cardiff to-day as a reserve for Wales against Scotland.

Cyril Harris, Gloucester's front row forward who sustained a fractured leg against Leicester recently is progressing favourably.

T. Day who is selected as a front row forward has been showing good form for the United. is a product from the All Blues.

Included in the City team to-day at centre three-quarter is W. B. Lithgow of Christ Church College, Oxford, who has been showing good form for the Oxford Greyhounds this season. In welcoming him in the City team we hope he will render good service.

FOSTERING THE JUNIORS

Evidentially the general public does not know what the Gloucester Rugby Supporters Club have been doing for the past **Five or Six Seasons** towards this movement in the City. They are in sole charge of what is called the Junior Combination. Unfortunately we are trying hard to run this organisation on the League principal, but so far we cannot succeed, owing to being unable to form more Junior sides, not through finance, but owing to being unable to get the Local Clubs to run sides, not having the Juniors between the ages of 16 years and 17½ years to call upon. You may be greatly surprised to know at present in the City there is only about twenty of this age and about seventy-five per cent of these are members of the Gordon League. Why should this be so? Naturally they go where they receive such wonderful encouragement from the Officials of the Club. One begins to wonder how they can provide football to these players each week if there are not the Clubs to oppose. What they do is to run a Junior side and also draft a portion into their Second team, which gives the youths a chance to gain experience. Then naturally one begins to wonder what the Gloucester Rugby Supporters Club are doing then towards fostering the Juniors. Each season we make a substantial grant towards this Club for their splendid work towards the Juniors and let it be known we are also fully prepared to make even further grants towards any Local Club who are able to run a Junior side. Now to enable these Juniors to gain greater experience and also further the movement, we fix Inter-Town games. Last season we played a most enjoyable game with the Forest of Dean and Bristol Junior Combination and so as to give the youths as much experience as possible the Bristol R.F.C. were kind enough to allow the game to be played on the Memorial Ground immediately after their game against Neath and also went so far as to reserve seats for both teams to see the game, which was much appreciated by all of us. Does these enthusiasts who are anxious for the Premier Clubs welfare, realise that "Time Marches On," these Juniors are gradually drafted into the Local Clubs teams. Such players as S. Walden (outside half), W. Hook (full back), R. Upham (wing three-quarter), R. Richards (scrum) all previously played under this organisation. Here's to the help being given towards fostering the Juniors.

I might conclude by reminding all football enthusiasts that the Gloucestershire County Union and the Gloucester R.F.C. are fully alive to the facts of this splendid organisation by giving their full support on every possible occasion. In the near future it is hoped to fix a game between the Bristol and Gloucester Juniors to be played at Kingsholm and then the occasion will arise for all keen and anxious enthusiasts about local football to give their **Support**. We hope to see a splendid attendance at Kingsholm.