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Gloucester Rugby Football Club



GLOUCESTER

v.

NEATH

AT

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

ON

SATURDAY, DEC. 1st, 1945

KICK-OFF 2-30 p.m.

TEAMS

GLOUCESTER

(Colours—Red and White)

Full Back

H. BOUGHTON (1) Captain

Three-quarters

R. G. UPHAM (2)
W. D. KEAR (3)
W. GORNALL (4)
G. DUNN (5)

Half Backs

Rev. A. KEMBLE (6) Outside Half
D. D. EVANS (7) Scrum Half

Forwards

T. PRICE (8)
J. HOPSON (9)
T. DAY (10)
R. MORRIS (11)
S. SMART (12)
E. HORSFALL (14)
W. HOGG (15)
G. HUDSON (16)

NEATH

Colour—(All Black)

Full Back

VERNON FRIEND

Three-quarters

ROY WILLIAMS, Right Wing
T. G. JAMES, Right Centre
T. R. DAVIES, Left Centre
KEN HARDWICK, Left Wing

Half Backs

J. THOMAS, Outside Half
H. PARKER, Scrum Half

Forwards

L. ANTHONY
L. DAVIES
T. H. BEVAN
G. HUGHES
D. G. SWAIN
H. WILLIAMS
M. THOMAS
T. JAMES, Captain

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

GLOUCESTER v. NEWPORT GAME

The Gloucester-Newport game produced a grand struggle, and generally speaking the two sides were very evenly matched. Newport's supporters would agree that the margin of eight points exaggerated any superiority the Usksiders may have enjoyed by reason of their heavier pack of forwards. There were thrilling moments in this fast vigorous game, enthusiasm and excitement grew until one was reminded of other great battles with Newport. The Gloucester forwards, depleted as they were, played well, and brought off some amazing good rushes, at times taking the ball from one end of the ground to the other. The halves and three-quarters tried hard without much luck. But credit where credit is due, it must be recorded that the Newport forwards never lost control of the situation. Their wheeling with the ball at their feet and their work in the "lines out" were especially good, and once more the Welshmen demonstrated that they are not in the habit of allowing stray scoring chances to go begging.

ENGLAND v. NEW ZEALANDERS

A number of Gloucester enthusiasts travelled to Twickenham to see this game and there seemed to be among them a quiet confidence in England's XV. One gained the general impression that England was expected to put up a strong challenge and had a very good chance of putting an end to our visitors run of successes. The result was decisive and though it is conceded that England had a grand pack of forwards, there was not that cleverness and cohesion among the backs which in the face of a stout defence, could secure tries. Congratulations New Zealand, on a fine win in your first game against a representative side.