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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

**Bristol
Football
Club**

R.F.U.



Memorial Ground
Filton Avenue

SEASON
1950-51



Georges'
HOME BREWED

THE BRISTOL BREWERY GEORGES & CO LTD

BRISTOL v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, September 23rd, 1950

BRISTOL

Colours—Blue and White



Full Back

(A) M. J. HILL

Threequarters

Right Wing (B) J. A. GREGORY

Right Centre (C) M. D. CORBETT

Left Centre (D) R. T. MOULE

Left Wing (E) D. GOLLEDGE (Capt.)

Half Backs

Outside Half (F) P. S. C. JONES

Scrum Half (G) N. A. REES

Forwards

(H) A. J. SCOTT

(I) D. WOODWARD

(J) J. WILSON

(K) E. McCALL

(L) E. G. HOPTON

(M) D. G. PRATTEN

(N) A. MACDONALD

(O) D. GUNSON

Kick-off
3.15 p.m.



Referee.
Mr. W. DAVIES
(London Society)

GLOUCESTER

Colours—Red and White



Full Back

(1) W. HOOK

Threequarters

Right Wing (2) C. CRABTREE

Right Centre (3) R. SUTTON

Left Centre (4) M. BAKER (Out Rules)

Left Wing (5) E. TURNER

Half Backs

Outside Half (6) H. L. TERRINGTON

Scrum Half (7) W. MORELAND

Forwards

(8) T. DAY (Capt.)

(9) R. CHAMBERLAYNE

(10) R. HUMPHRIES

(11) J. RYDER

(12) H. G. WELLS

(14) R. HODGE

(15) G. HASKINGS

(16) D. IBBOTSON

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OUR VISITORS . . .

Gloucester's visit to Bristol and our visit to Kingsholm are always looked upon as special occasions in the respective camps, for although the teams first met in 1892, the friendly rivalry between them is as keen as ever. The margin of points between the sides has rarely been very great but according to a four years' old programme we happened upon, exceptions were in 1904, when Gloucester won at Kingsholm by 24 points to 6, and 1928, when Bristol triumphed at home by 19 points to 3. We regard the City of Gloucester as a stronghold of Rugby Football—typical of the West Country Scene, and welcome our visitors this afternoon well knowing they will, as always, give us a testing time forward and also some watchful moments behind the scrum if we give them only half a chance.

. . . AND OURSELVES

This may be an appropriate occasion to quote the Rugby Football Correspondent of *The Times*, who wrote in his article of the 4th September 1950:—

“ . . ., one may be allowed to hope that not only Bristol but that other great West Country Club, Gloucester, will soon regain the high position they held for so many years before a second world war intervened to upset things. While one always welcomes the rise of clubs, it is equally bad for the game as a whole if the great traditional sides, possessing fine grounds and strong fixture lists, fail to hold their own against the best in the land.”

We were reminded by this article that very shortly will commence the South-Western Group campaign of the County Championship Competition and it is likely that on alternate Saturdays for many weeks, Gloucester and ourselves will be weakened by the requirements of Gloucestershire and Somerset. The South-Western Group has been increased to six County bodies and, conscious of the prospective increased demands on their playing strength, the committees of the Bath, Bristol and Gloucester Clubs combined in making representation to the R.F.U. for the South-Western Groups (in common with others) to revert to the old system of the group of four counties only. We understand that the proposal will receive consideration in due course but it is certain that the South-Western Group of six teams is established for at least two seasons. In consequence, there will be many calls on the clubs and it is difficult to see how Gloucester and Bristol can, “hold their own against the best in the land” if their playing strength is being constantly undermined. There are places for County and Club Rugby and we like them both—but after all, the Clubs are the backbone of the game and the powers that be should see to it that the backbone is not weakened!

THE UNITED XV

The following paragraph by Peter Storkey, the Captain, will, we know, be of interest:—

I should like to thank all members of the Club for giving me the opportunity of leading the United XV this season. I shall enjoy fulfilling the important duties involved, both on and off the field, and trust that with the fine spirit that exists, the United team will even improve on the high standard of play that has been reached during the difficult post-war seasons under those very able captains—Ronnie Morris and Tom Mahoney.

The Club policy of endeavouring to keep the game open and fast will be borne in mind by all players, and though in our first two games we did not produce the same form as shown in the final trial, I can assure “Den Gollidge and his Merry Men” that they will have to “keep on their toes” throughout the season, for many United XV players are “knocking hard at the door of the 1st XV”—surely the sign of a successful Club?

Finally, I *do* appeal most sincerely to all members to support the United matches, for your genuine interest means so much to the young player who stands on the threshold of first-class Rugby, having “made the grade” from his Combination or Schools XV.