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# GLOUCESTER v. NEATH



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## NOTES

SINCE last appearing at the Gnoll, Neath have suffered defeats by London Welsh and Llanelly, in each case lack of finish being the chief cause. This can easily be rectified, as the general standard of play has been very good.

The Neath team to-day has been rather depleted by calls of the Welsh Trial and British Police. Taking part in the Trial are Rees Stephens, Roy John, Courteney Meredith, Keith Maddocks and Brian Sparks, whilst D. T. Meredith and Ron Waldron stand by as reserves. Glen Evans plays for the British Police team versus Swansea. We wish each one a successful game.

We welcome our Gloucester friends to the Gnoll, knowing we can expect a hard and sporting game. Our visitors are recognised as one of the strongest English clubs with a proud tradition. For some seasons past a number of prominent Welsh players have worn the Gloucester jersey. Neath supporters will recall that an ex-skipper of the All Blacks, W. E. Jones, played for Gloucester. Viv Davies, Swansea scrum half, also played for a season or two, and this season John Gwilliam is vice-captain of the Gloucester team.

### GLOUCESTER

Full Back	T. HALLS—1
	Threequarters
Right Wing	J. TAYLOR Capt.—2
Right Centre	R. SUTTON—3
Left Centre	M. BAKER—4
Left Wing	E. TURNER—5
	Half Backs
Outside Half	W. CARTMELL—6
Inside Half	W. NIELD—7

### NEATH

	1—V. EVANS	Full Back
	Threequarters:	
Kick-off:	2—C. ROBERTS	Right Wing
	3—W. THOMAS	Right Centre
	4—BRYN PHILLIPS	Left Centre
2.45 p.m.	5—H. LODWIG	Left Wing
	Half Backs	
	6—D. ALLIN	Outside Half
	7—G. THOMAS (Capt.)	Inside Half

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	J. BOWDEN—11
	J. VARNEY—12
	P. FORD—14
	R. HODGE—15
	D. IBBOTSON—16

	8—D. THOMAS	Forwards
	9—R. JENKINS	
	10—A. N. OTHER	
	11—E. WILLIAMS	
	12.—D. WILLIAMS	
	13—A. WILLIAMS	
	14—A. N. OTHER	
	15—E. JONES	