

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL GLUB

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KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1958. Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Official Programme - Price Threepence

OR AWAY ENGLAND'S GLORY FOR YOU

THE MATCH

3 J. Hart R.C. FIRST XV. FIXTURES 3 G. John (I) R.C. 4 A. Holder (c) L.C. Sept. 13 Lydney H 40 8 Jan. 3 London Scot. H 10 Leicester H 11 Leicester H 12 Leicester H 11 Leicester H 12 Leicester H 12 Leicester H 12 Leicester H 12 Leicester	BLOUCESTER Red and White	Referee:	CARDIFF
	1 A. Lewis Threequarters 2 P. Hawker R.W. 3 J. Hart R.C. 4 A. Holder (C) L.C. 5 J. King L.W. Halves 6 D. Phelps (C) O.H. 7 M. Booth (C) S.H. Forwards 8 G. Hastings (I) 9 C. Thomas (O) (Capt.) 10 A. Ricketts 11 B. J. Green (C) 12 B. Hudson 13 P. Ford (C) 14 J. Buckland 15 D. Ibbotson (C)	FIRST XV. FIXTURES Sept. 13	1 A Priday (1) Threequarters 2 G. Pugh R.W 3 G. John (1) R.C 4 M. Roberts L.C 5 K. Thomas L.W Halves 6 C. Williams O.H Forwards 8 K. Jones 9 W. J. Thomas 10 C. Howe 11 M. Gough 12 C. H. Norris 13 C. D. Williams (1) (Capt) 14 E. Williams 15 D. J. Hayward

We welcome to-day as our visitors, Cardiff, who for so many years have produced really great rugby, and one can almost say they have upheld the tradition of the great game throughout the British Isles. They come to Kingsho m however, with a record not in keeping with their previous ones, and it may be that this great side has not found the new laws altogether to their liking. Nevertheless we shall have the opportunity of seeing whether this is the case this afternoon. Their record to date is played 17, won 6, drawn 2, lost 9. Points for 155, against 152. Our own record is played 13, won 7, lost 6. Points for 153, against 126. The two records are therefore somewhat identical.

In the Cardiff side to-day there are four Internationals and three brothers—viz. C., L. and E. Williams. Whatever the result however, we can look forward to a first-class game and it is somewhat difficult to prophecy the result.

* It is our intention to give you the history of all of our first team players during the season and we start off with the Captain, Cyril Thomas. It is not necessary to tell you how well this player has perfected the art of hooking, in this direction his fame is known throughout the country, but here is his playing record.

He commenced playing rugby at Lydney Grammar School playing for the 1st XV in 1944. In season 1945-46 he turned out for Yorkley R.F.C. and in the following season for Lydney. He commenced playing for the Gloucester 1st XV during season 1947-48 when the side was short of a hooker against Oxford University. He played regularly for the side until 1950-51 when he returned to Lydney. He returned to Gloucester in 1951-52 and has played regularly ever since. He has had the distinction of captaining the British Police R.F.C. a d has been capped for Gloucestershire. He played for Ranji Walker's team against Newport, and the combined Western Clubs against the Sables. He was select 1 for the first Welsh Trial this season.

Although somewhat premature it may be as well to look ahead for important events. In this respect your attention is called to the great International Match which will take place on 17th October, 1959 at Twickenham between England and Wales versus Scotland and Ireland. The game is to celebrate "Fifty Years at Twickenham" of the English Rugby Union. Obviously this should be a match which will be worth travelling many miles to see but the tickets which will be the same prices as the regular ones, will not be on sale until June, 1959. The proceeds will be given to the Rugby Football Union Charitable Trust Fund. At the time of writing no further information is available but if you are interested please book and reserve this date.

Next week our side travel to Oxford and here again this should provide a first-class game. Incidentally our fixtures have been arranged for several seasons ahead.

★ In connection with the draw which takes place weekly in the Club Room by members, the two prizes drawn on Saturday last have not been claimed and owners of Tickets numbered 167 and 261 can have their prizes by calling at the Club Room. After the game slip into the Club Room and have a cup of the and refreshments.

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