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GLOUCESTER v. NEATH

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1958.

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Official Programme - Price Threepence

**AT HOME
OR AWAY**

**USE
ENGLAND'S GLORY**

**THE MATCH
FOR YOU**

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 I. Sheen

Threequarters

2 R. C. Smith

R.W.

3 R. Smith

R.C.

4 J. Hart

L.C.

5 P. Hawker

L.W.

Halves

6 A. Holder (c)

O.H.

7 G. Mace

S.H.

Forwards

8 J. Herbert (c)

9 C. Thomas (c) (Capt.)

10 A. Ricketts

11 B. J. Green (c)

12 B. Hudson

13 P. Ford (c)

14 V. Leadbetter (I)

15 D. Ibbotson (c)

(I) International. (C) County.

Referee :

Mr. W. Hurford (Bath)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 13	Lydney H	40	8	Jan. 3	London Scot.	H
18	Milan (Italy)	H	23	3	10	Leicester H
20	Moseley	.... H	9	6	17	Wasps	.... A
25	Cheltenham	H	9	5	24	Cambridge Univ	H
27	Bristol	.... A	3	13	31	Army	.... H
Oct. 1	Pontypool	.... A	3	14	Feb. 5	Royal Navy	H
4	Bedford	.... H	13	3	7	Bristol	.... H
11	Old Blues	.... H	9	6	14	Bath	.... A
18	Newport	.... A	3	30	21	Swansea	.... A
25	Coventry	.... A	0	3	28	Pontypool	.... H
Nov. 1	Leicester	.... A	12	6	Mar. 7	Northampton	H
8	Moseley	.... A	11	14	14	Royal Air Force	H
15	Aberavon	.... H	8	15	21	Guy's Hospital	H
22	Cardiff	.... H	5	11	28	New Brighton	H
29	Oxford Univ.	A	8	16	30	Sale	.... H
Dec. 6	Neath	.... H			31	Lydney	.... A
13	Bath	.... H			April 4	Llanely	.... H
20	Coventry	.... H			11	Cardiff	.... A
26	O.M.T.	.... H			15	Cheltenham	A
27	U.A.U.	.... H			18	Newport	.... H
					23	Stroud	.... H
					25	Devonport Serv.	A
					27	Teignmouth	A
					28	Taunton	.... A

Result last season : Gloucester 5, Neath 3.

NEATH

Full Back

1 J. C. Hopkins

Threequarters

2 C. Roberts

R.W.

3 T. Thomas

R.C.

4 D. Crowley

L.C.

5 D. Hill

L.W.

Halves

6 J. Weaver

O.H.

7 D. R. Reece

S.H.

Forwards

8 R. Waldron

9 M. Williams

10 J. Dodd

11 R. Stephens

12 T. Wills

13 M. Morgan

14 J. Samuel

15 A. Davies

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★ The match against Oxford University was a strenuous try-out for the home side prior to their match against Cambridge University on Tuesday next. Our forwards throughout the game held the Varsity pack and had certainly got on top towards the latter part of this interesting tussle. Once again it is disappointing to report that the game might easily have gone the other way if we had had a goal kicker. The University threes were very fast and with the concerted combination of their forwards made a dangerous attacking side always ready to drop on any mistakes by our players. Quite a large number of supporters travelled to Oxford and had the unhappy experience of being involved in a collision with a small car en route. No one was injured, however, and the party arrived at Oxford in time for the kick-off.

★ We welcome to-day our friends from Neath. This side has a much better record than our own, having played 16, won 10, drawn 1, lost 5. They are one of the strongest of the Welsh sides and are likely to extend our boys to the utmost. Having lost at Kingsholm to both Aberavon and Cardiff it is hoped that we can get back to winning form on this occasion. It will be observed that a new player has been introduced to the threequarter line, viz. R. Smith, who hails from the Old Cryptians. He is making a name for himself in local rugby and we wish him every possible success in his first game for the premier side.

★ Our most heartiest congratulations are extended to Mick Booth on being selected for the first English Trial. Our thoughts will be with him to-day, but under the guidance of George Hastings we need have no fear that Mick will give of his best. After two seasons of first-class football Mick has done exceptionally well and it is to be hoped before long that he will reach the target of playing for his Country. Good luck.

★ Congratulations are also extended to our boys who have been selected to represent the County v. Somersetshire at Weston Super Mare on Saturday next. The recall of Peter Ford might just about turn the scales in our favour. There should be a large number of supporters travelling to witness this match. The Gloucester players selected are: I. Sheen, G. Hastings, A. Holder, M. Booth, B. Green and P. Ford.

★ PETER FORD comes into the limelight this week. He started his career as a rugby player with the Central Secondary School and migrated to the Gordon League. He joined Gloucester in 1951/52 and has had no difficulty in maintaining his position. He was Captain from 1955 until 1958.

Peter was selected as reserve for England against France in 1953 and played for the Western Counties against the Aussies in 1957. During the War he played for the R.A.F. Peter has established a name for himself as being one of the most prominent wing forwards in the game and in spite of the fact that he was out for quite a long period last season due to injuries, he is playing as well as ever.

★ On December 20th we hope to include in the programme some very interesting statistics appertaining to the Club and suggest that you should make sure of getting your copy on this occasion.

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