



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v. BATH

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 13th 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 **A. Lewis**

Threequarters

2 **R. C. Smith** R.W.

3 **R. Smith** R.O.

4 **J. Hart** L.C.

5 **P. Hawker** L.W.

Halves

6 **D. Phelps** O.H.

7 **G. Mace** S.H.

Forwards

8 **A. Ricketts**

9 **C. Thomas (c)** (Capt.)

10 **M. Burford**

11 **J. Buckland**

12 **J. Sainsbury**

13 **G. White**

14 **V. Leadbetter (I)**

15 **D. Ibbotson (C)**

(I) International. (C) County.

Referee :

Mr. A. E. Cotterell (Shrewsbury)

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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	Salisbury ... H
Dec. 6	Neath ... H 10 8	31	Lydney ... A
13	Bath ... H	April 4	Llanelli ... 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 15, Bath 3.

BATH

Full Back

1 **B. R. Richards**

Threequarters

2 **D. Ogden** R.W.

3 **D. Lavery** R.C.

4 **P. Fale** L.C.

5 **R. Gazard** L.W.

Halves

6 **J. Coleford** O.H.

7 **D. Peters** S.H.

Forwards

8 **J. Jacobsen**

9 **B. Davis**

10 **P. Parfitt**

11 **F. Book**

12 **F. J. Thomas**

14 **D. Thorpe**

15 **D. Wyatt**

16 **C. Ward**

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★ A great deal of amusement was caused amongst the players prior to the match against Neath after they had perused the record of Peter Ford on the programme. Did you spot the (not deliberate) mistake. It was stated that Peter played for the R.A.F. during the last war. Peter naturally has been inundated with enquiries as to his real age. If you delete the words 'during the last war' the record will be in order.

★ Mick Booth was quite satisfied with his performance in the English Trials but is not anticipating taking part in the other trials this season for no other reasons than the competition of the Scrum-Half position is exceptionally keen. Mick need not worry however, he is quite a young player and higher honours should come to him in the near future. He values the experience gained. Well done! Regarding George Hastings, he appears to be well in the running for this year's Internationals and obviously he certainly knows how to put the ball between the posts in these all-important games.

★ Have you got over the excitement of the game against Neath. This great Welsh side came to Gloucester with the full intention of repeating the doses served out by the other two Welsh sides. Our boys however, made up their minds otherwise and put up a grand performance. Very definite comments came from the Committee and players of the Neath Club that our team surpassed all expectations—they expected to beat us by double figures. The result was a real tonic.

★ To-day we welcome our old opponents, Bath. Unfortunately we shall not see the full sides out on account of the County Match at Weston Super Mare, nevertheless we should witness a rousing game. Bath's record is like our own, not too good, they have played 16 won 7, drawn 1, lost 8, points for 150, against 213. It would appear therefore, that their defence is suspect.

It will be observed that John Sainsbury returns to the pack. John is home for the Christmas vacation and has been keeping himself fit, playing regularly for his College at Newport, Salop. You will recall that John played regularly for us last season.

★ It is with regret that we have to mention the fact that our young centre, John Hart will be leaving Gloucester on the 29th inst. He is taking up an appointment in Notts. This is a loss to the Club especially at this period but we wish John all the very best for his future.

★ This week we publish the record of DENNIS IBBOTSON. 'Ibbey' as he is known to everyone associated with rugby is a great 'boy.' He has been with us since 1948. Prior to this however, he started his career with the Central School XV. of which he was Captain. He captained the Gloucester Schoolboys and played for the Gloucestershire Public Schools' XV. He joined the Old Centralians after leaving school. He played on a number of occasions for the County and for the South Western XV. against the All Blacks.

'Ibbey' is a deadly tackler and could, at one period, be relied on to make unstoppable dashes for the line. Under the new laws we hope that we may see many more of these dashes which certainly give the crowd real thrills. 'Ibbey' is a very loyal playing member of the Club and is the Players' Representative. Good luck to him and may he keep free from injuries.

★ Coventry pay us a visit next Saturday and should draw a large crowd on this occasion.

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