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GLOUCESTER v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER
SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1939.
Kick-off 3:00 p.m.

Official Programme – Price Threepence
GLOUCESTER
Full Back
1 A. Lewis
Tryscorner
2 J. King
3 Dick Smith
4 F. Evers
5 C. Wotton
6 C. Lynch
7 G. Mace
8 M. Burford
9 C. Thomas
10 A. Ricketts
11 V. Leadbetter
12 B. Hudson
13 P. Ford
14 J. Sainsbury
15 D. Ishakton
16 M. Burford
Backs

Glasgow 8 - Canterbury 13
Referee: Mr. D. A. Dunbee (Warwick)

CAMBRIDGE UNIV.
Full Back
1 H. J. F. Scotland
Threequarters
2 P. R. Mills
3 M. H. Wade
4 P. M. Beuze
5 F. C. Ingles
Forwards
6 G. H. Waddell (c)
7 S. R. Smith
8 R. J. Bird
9 M. T. Wetton
10 H. H. Thomas
11 V. S. J. Harding
12 D. G. Perry
13 D. A. MacSweeney
14 K. F. Bearne
15 D. C. Mills
16 M. T. Wetton
Backs

First XV Fixtures
Jan. 3 London Welsh H
14 London Scottish H
28 Arsenal C-H
Feb. 4 Royal Navy H
18 Liverpool C-H
25 Cambridge C-H
Mar. 7 Northampton H
16 R.A.F. H
31 Gloucester C-H
Apr. 1 London C-H
11 Northampton
18 London C-H
25 Oxford Univ.
May 1 H
19 Oxford C-H
31 Gloucester C-H
Result last season (crazy)
Glasgow 8 - Canterbury 13

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Today we give a very warm welcome to our visitors, Cambridge University. Those who had the pleasure of watching the very fine performance this side put up against Oxford University must have been thrilled by the very high standard of rugby served up on this occasion. This match was what might be termed a real thriller and in consequence we should have to treat in store this afternoon. Unfortunately we shall be short of some of our regular players who will be on duty at Cheltenham in the County game. This, of course, will give us the opportunity of seeing how our potential first team players will shape against such formidable opponents. It is, of course, very disappointing that the County Match should clash with our important fixture but in spite of every effort being made there was no alternative, bearing in mind that Wiltz and Dorset insisted on the game being played on a Saturday.

Cambridge University’s record to date is a very fine one. Matches played 17, won 12, lost 5. Points for 275 – against 105.

The cancellation of the game against Leicester which promised a feast of real rugby, raised once again the question of “Why could not the ground have been covered?” Well this question has been discussed so many times that it might be as well to point out that if it were possible to cover the ground, it would be most difficult to choose the exact time when to do so. Take for instance the recent terrible weather we have been experiencing. After the Coventry match the ground had been really and truly cut up, in parts almost resembling a ploughed field. Naturally, if one could have foreseen the very hard weather which was forthcoming, it would have been foolish to have laid straw on top of this quagmire, consequently when the frost did arrive the whole of this rough surface was frozen bone hard. If you, to-day, will take particular notice of the condition of the ground it is certain you will agree that the playing field is in fine fettle. Compare this with Cardiff Arms Park which was well covered before the International game and you will then be able to see which was the best policy to adopt.

The next two weeks will be a very strenuous period for our team. On Saturday we have the Army as our visitors, then a mid-week fixture with the Royal Navy — then comes the titanic struggle with our rivals from Bristol. We think you will agree that these are games which you should really enjoy and we look forward to very large attendances at each of these games.

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