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GLOUCESTER v. ROYAL NAVY

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1959.

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Official Programmes - Price Threepence
GLoucester
Red and White
Fall Back
I. Sear (0)
Threequarters
2 C. Wotton (0)
3 K. Ibbotson (0)
4 Dick Smith (0)
5 J. King (0)
6 A. Holder (0)
7 M. Booth (0)
Forwards
8 G. Hastings (8)
9 C. Thomas (0)
10 A. Ricketts (0)
11 B. Green (0)
12 R. Hudson (0)
13 P. Ford (0)
14 C. Davies (0)
15 D. Ibbotson (0)

Referee:
Mr. F. L. Wolfe (Bath)

The first fixture on this ground is voluntarily provided by the City of Gloucester Division of the John Ambulance Brigade.

ROYAL NAVY
Fall Back
16 L. W. Naylor (2)
17 J. Hunter (2)
18 C. J. G. Thomas (2)
19 A. P. F. Green (2)
20 P. O. N. Rickford (2)

Threequarters
11 J. Hunter (2)
12 C. J. G. Thomas (2)
14 A. P. F. Green (2)
15 O. A. J. D. J. C. A. Naylor (2)

Backs
10 T. L. R. A. Sharp (0)
14 S. A. G. A. Naylor (0)
9 P. O. N. Rickford (2)

Forwards
1 L. W. Naylor (2)
2 C. J. G. Thomas (2)
3 S. A. G. A. Naylor (0)
4 B. W. A. G. A. Naylor (0)
5 T. L. R. A. Sharp (0)
6 P. O. N. Rickford (2)
7 L. W. Naylor (2)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Gloucester 0

23.00

Royal Navy 10

24.00

Result: H 10 – 0

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We welcome today the Royal Navy who will be playing their final game before trying conclusions with the Royal Air Force at Twickenham. The Navy had a rather severe drubbing against Newport under floodlights recently, but this may have been partly due to playing under unfamiliar conditions. Furthermore, they were a forward short for the greater part of the game and as a consequence were unable to cope with a very fine set of forwards representing the Newport team. We can, however, look forward to a first class open game and in keeping with the two recent games which we have had against Cambridge University and the Army. The latter game was lost solely by misfortune and no doubt our players are still smarting under the what-might-have-been very bad misses. Still, there you are, the game against the Army was somewhat comparable with the University which was considered one of the finest exhibitions seen at Kingsholm for many a day.

Today we welcome many spectators who, by virtue of their occupation in life, are unable to witness a first class rugby match and it may be wise therefore to give you full details of some of the new laws governing the game which probably have been brought into effect since you were at Kingsholm.

One of the most important is the law appertaining to the Knock-on which is somewhat confusing until you get thoroughly used to it.

KNOCK-ON. A knock-on occurs when the ball is propelled by the hand or arm of a player in the direction of his opponent’s dead ball line or when the ball after striking the hand or arm of a player travels in the said direction. Provided that a movement of the ball in the player’s grasp which is in the nature of a steadying or re-adjustment of the ball within his possession, without loss of control, is not a knock-on.

REBOUND. A rebound occurs when the ball after striking any part of a player except his hand, arm, or leg from the knee to the toe inclusive, travels in the direction of his opponent’s dead ball line. A rebound is not a knock-on.

LAW 25 relates to the place-kicking for goal, which now reads—After a try has been scored the scoring team shall have the right to take a place-kick at goal on a line parallel to the touch lines through the place where the try was obtained but need not take the kick. The kicker may place the ball.

(a) All the kicker’s team must be behind the ball when kicked.

(b) The opposing team must be behind the goal line until the kicker begins his run or offers to kick when they may charge or jump with a view to touching the ball.

(c) The kick must be taken without undue delay.