

RUGBY FOOTBALL  
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH  
SEMI-FINAL REPLAY



**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

v.

**DURHAM**

AT

**KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH, 14th, 1959**

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE PEN PICTURES

**1. I. SHEEN (Gloucester).**

Born in Wales. Played for Abertillery and Ebbw Vale before moving to Gloucester, where he played regularly at stand-off and centre as well as full-back. Has been reserve for Welsh trials.

**2. M. G. ELLERY (Bristol).**

A track sprinter in the summer months, is obviously a very fast wing three-quarter. Played in the first England trial this season. Is at present working in the Hull branch of his firm. Is the leading try-scorer in the very successful Bristol team.

**3. L. D. WATTS (Bristol).**

An Oxford "blue" in his third year and just missed a cricket "blue" last year, having opened for most of the season. Plays for Gloucester II. Recently shown a return to form in the centre after illness, and will be making his first appearance in county football this season.

**4. J. RADFORD (Bristol).**

Is his club's most regular centre this season. Always at his best when with Watts as partner. Thrustful straight runner with a powerful hand-off and a deceptive side-step.

**5. T. WYNNE-JONES (Bristol).**

Captain of Bristol's second string, but playing his second full season as left wing for Gloucestershire. A clever footballer, who plays mostly at stand-off. Has a good pair of hands.

**6. A. HOLDER (Gloucester).**

Plays for the Civil Service team in representative rugby. Vice-captain of Gloucester, and a graduate of local combination Rugby, being one of three members of the Spartan's Club in the side. Others are his scrum-half partner, Booth, and prop Fowke.

**7. M. BOOTH (Gloucester).**

Just 20, but already an experienced campaigner. No stranger to Durham's fly-half, M. P. Weston, for they were paired in the first England trial this season. Product of Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester. Has the second best voice in the side.

**8. R. FOWKE (Stroud).**

Reserve for England trials this season, and many think will be "there" perhaps next year. Possessor of the best voice in the team! Fast, mobile and strong.

**9. J. THORNE (Bristol).**

One of the characters in the side, played in England trials last season—as did the Durham hooker. Many think he should be there in the England team as they do in the N.E. about Hodgson. Charges around like a rhino in the loose; strikes like an adder in the tight.

**10. G. HASTINGS (Gloucester).**

At 34, still one of the best prop forwards in the game. He has been capped 13 times for England, and has also played for the Barbarians. Product of Cheltenham G.S. Now lives in Cardiff. Place-kicker of note, too.

**11. D. NEATE (Bristol).**

An expert in the line-out, who has had England trials. Handles the ball better than many threequarters in open play. A product of a local Bristol club, Avonmouth Old Boys.

**12. B. GREEN (Gloucester).**

Another line-out expert who is considered in the west to have been most unfortunate not to gain a trial. Educated at Crypt G.S., Gloucester, and Bristol University. Also played for Old Cryptians.

**13. R. WHYTE (Harlequins).**

Former playing member of Clifton, left three seasons ago for Harlequins for whom he has played in practically every position. First "capped" by Gloucestershire as reserve scrum-half; in 1950 played stand-off against Glamorgan. Has since played for the county at prop, No. 8, and now on blind side. Recently played full back for Harlequins.

**14. G. CRIPPS (Bristol).**

Vice-captain of the successful Bristol side and captain in all but one match for Gloucestershire. Second player in the side over 30. Has had England trials. Probably the leading points-scorer in first-class Rugby today. Has over 125 for Bristol, and 25 for the county.

**15. T. BASE (Bristol).**

Another versatile player who gained his first county "cap" at scrum-half, then played for Bristol in the centre before being converted to wing forward. Fast breaking and a fine tackler, his determined backing up has brought him a pack of tries. Formerly with Old Cothamians.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE



This was the Gloucestershire team which beat Somerset in the play-off for the south western title (left to right) back row—T. Wynne Jones, K. Walters, D. Neate, P. Ford, B. Green, J. Radford, R. Whyte, T. Base. (Front row)—A. Holder, G. Hale, M. Booth, G. Hastings, R. Fowke, J. Thorne, M. Ellery.

Changes today: I. Sheen for Hale; G. Cripps for Ford and L. Watts for Walters. They are shown insets.



**The Durham Team of 1932 which lost 3-9 to Gloucestershire in the County Final.**

Left to right—Back Row—J. S. Wood, E. Gissing, J. Storey, P. G. McLaren. Standing—G. R. Scott, F. G. Stephens (Referee), H. C. Lawson, R. Fairbridge, J. T. Roddam, S. B. Olsen, D. Lascelles, W. B. Alla, J. R. Corner, E. Watts Moses (Hon. Sec.), E. B. Forster, G. Summerscales, C. Cox. Sitting—G. E. Carter (Pres.), W. T. Anderson, E. C. Mercer, A. McLaren, C. D. Aarvold (Capt.), J. G. Asken, R. Powney, W. J. Purvis (Hon. Treasurer). Front Row—F. Nicholson, C. P. B. Goldson, B. R. F. Mackay, A. C. Harrison, J. Taylor.

## OUR WELCOME

We extend a very hearty welcome to our visitors whose last visit to us was on April 5th, 1902, when they defeated our team by 9pts. to 3 in the final of that season.

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## HOW THEY REACHED THE SEMI-FINAL

### DURHAM

Beat CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND .....	6-3
Beat CHESHIRE .....	9-3
Beat LANCASHIRE .....	14-0
Beat Yorkshire .....	6-0
Lost NORTHUMBERLAND .....	0-3
Beat CHESHIRE (Play-off) .....	11-3

Total ..... 46-12

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Beat CORNWALL .....	8-6
Beat DEVON .....	11-3
Lost SOMERSET .....	6-13
Beat SOMERSET (Play-off) .....	12-6
Beat DORSET and WILTS (Quarter-final) .....	18-0

Total ..... 55-28

FINAL. — versus WARWICKSHIRE (Holders).

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