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GLOUCESTER v. BRISTOL

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1959.

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

Official Programme Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 I. Sheen

Threequarters

2 J. King

3 B. Kear

4 A. Holder

5 R. Timms

Halves

6 T. Hopson

7 M. Booth

Forwards

8 R. Fowke

9 C. Thomas

10 A. Townsend

11 B. Green

12 B. Hudson

13 P. Ford

14 D. Smith

15 D. Ibbotson

R.W.

R.C.

L.C.

L.W.

O.H.

S.C.

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 10	Stroud	.....H	14-17
12	Lydney	.....H	28-15
16	Cheltenham	.....A	8-5
19	Moseley	.....H	14-6
23	Cardiff	.....A	9-17
26	Bristol	.....H	
30	Pontypool	.....A	
Oct. 3	Bedford	.....A	
10	Old Blues	.....H	
17	Newport	.....H	
24	Coventry	.....H	
31	Oxford Univ.	.....H	
Nov. 7	Leicester	.....H	
14	Moseley	.....A	
18	Cambridge Un.	.....A	
21	Aberavon	.....H	
28	Newbridge	.....H	
Dec. 5	NeathA	
12	BathA	
19	CoventryA	
26	O.M.T.H	
28	U.A.U.H	

Referee :

Mr. R. J. Todd (Hampshire)

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BRISTOL

Full Back

A R. Dash

Threequarters

B M. G. Ellery

C P. Colston

D D. Weeks

E J. Radford

Halves

F J. N. Blake

G B. W. Redwood

Forwards

H D. St. G. Hazell

I J. D. Thorne

J J. Hellings

K D. W. Neate

L D. E. J. Watt

M T. E. Base

N G. Cripps

O C. H. Hollister

R.W.

R.C.

L.C.

L.W.

O.H.

S.H.

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 2	London Scot.	.....A	
9	Leicester	.....A	
16	Wasps	.....H	
23	Aberavon	.....A	
30	Army	.....H	
Feb. 6	Bristol	.....A	
13	Bath	.....H	
20	Swansea	.....H	
27	Pontypool	.....H	
Mar. 5	Northampton	.....A	
12	R.A.F.	.....H	
19	Llanely	.....A	
26	Newport	.....A	
Apr. 2	Richmond	.....H	
7	Cheltenham	.....H	
9	Cardiff	.....H	
16	HeadingleyH	
18	Birkenhead PkH	
19	LydneyA	
23	New BrightonA	
25	SaleA	
30	Devonport S.H	



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The match at Cardiff Arms Park on Wednesday last proved to be a game of fast open rugby and it can be said that Gloucester was a trifle unlucky to be at the losing end when "time" was called. In the first half Gloucester were well on top: the Cardiff boys very seldom being able to get out of their own half. Consequently, we were leading by one penalty and one dropped goal at the end of the first half. Cardiff, however, had different ideas when the second half commenced, for in the space of five minutes they had scored two tries and both from lovely passes by the backs assisted by the full back who joined the three-quarters in each of these moves. The score of six all was increased to 17-6 when a very fine movement by our three-quarters and halves resulted in Timms getting possession of the ball and a delightful run by this player resulted in a try just five minutes before "time" was called.

The display of our boys on this occasion suggests that we are in for a first-class Season of open rugby and to-day we have an opportunity of seeing what these two first-class sides can produce. The ground, of course, is still very hard, and players must feel a little bit nervous of going all out. Nevertheless, there can be no doubt they are certainly playing hard and enjoying it.

Regarding the visit of Bristol today. They have unfortunately lost two games recently, viz. Newport and Swansea, and although they have had a fairly easy win against Cheltenham they will be very anxious to get the better of our boys today.

It is nice to refer to some of the results of the meetings between these clubs in bygone days. In the Seasons between 1906 and 1911 of ten matches played, Gloucester won 7 and lost 3: points scored, 85 against 57. It will be seen by the scores at each game that in those days there was little to choose between the strength of the two sides. Details are as follows: 1906/7 at Bristol 0-8, at Gloucester 16-0. 1907/8, at Bristol 5-3, at Gloucester 6-0. 1908/9 at Bristol, 8-3, at Gloucester, 13-3. 1909/10 at Gloucester, 8-6, at Bristol, 6-20. 1910/11 at Gloucester, 23-6, at Bristol, 0-8.

Gloucester Rugby Supporters Club. You will recall that strong proposals for the formation of a club of this kind were made last Season but without success. There is, however, a possibility now of a Supporters' Club being formed and the General Secretary is waiting for applications from our members and the necessary wheels will be put in motion for a meeting to be called.

All of you have missed the well-known Kingsholm clock face. It was hoped that this will be restored in time for to-day's game. There is, however, a doubt about this.

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