



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# GLOUCESTER v. BATH

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1959.

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Official Programme - Price Threepence

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## GLOUCESTER

Red and White

- Full Back*  
**1 A. Holder** (c)
- Threequarters*  
**2 R. Smith** R.W.  
**3 B. Kear** (c) R.C.  
**4 J. Taylor** (c) L.C.  
**5 R. Timms** (c) L.W.
- Halves*  
**6 T. Hopson** O.H.  
**7 M. Booth** (c) S.H.
- Forwards*  
**8 A. Townsend** (c)  
**9 C. Thomas** (c)  
**10 R. Fowke** (c)  
**11 R. Long**  
**12 A. Ricketts**  
**13 D. Morris**  
**14 P. Ford** (c)  
**15 D. Smith** Captain

### 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	11-25
30	Pontypool	A	6-25
Oct. 3	Bedford	A	8-8
10	Old Blues	H	13-0
17	Newport	H	6-11
24	Coventry	H	20-9
31	Oxford Univ.	H	5-3
Nov. 7	Leicester	H	13-3
14	Moseley	A	18-3
18	Cambridge Un.	A	10-6
21	Aberavon	H	16-6
28	Bath	H	
Dec. 5	Neath	A	
12	Bath	A	
19	Coventry	A	
26	O.M.T.	H	
28	U.A.U.	H	



(C)—County Player

Referee:

Mr. D. H. Easby (Berkshire)

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

## BATH

Full Back

- 1 B. R. Richards**
- Threequarters*  
**2 R. Farnham** L.W.  
**3 Howard Baker** (c) L.C.  
**4 H. Cormack** (c) R.C.  
**5 R. Andrew** R.W.
- Halves*  
**6 R. Fieldgate** O.H.  
**7 G. F. Drewett** (c) S.H.
- Forwards*  
**8 R. J. Brown** (c)  
**9 J. Jacobsen** (c)  
**10 P. J. K. Parfitt** (c)  
**11 M. J. Jones** (c)  
**12 A. J. Jacob** (c)  
**14 M. Lambert**  
**15 R. Titchen** (c)  
**16 G. Robins**

### 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	Llanelli	A
26	Newport	A
Apl. 2	Richmond	H
7	Cheltenham	H
9	Cardiff	H
16	Headingley	H
18	Birkenhead PkH	
19	Lydney	A
23	New Brighton	A
25	Sale	A
30	Devonport S.	H

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Well, what do you think of our side now? It is true that during the past season you have had cause to grumble and, after all, one of the privileges of an Englishman is to be able to grumble, but you must have realised our team was going through a very difficult period. In view of the fact that the County had a very good run in the Championship our side had continually to be split up, especially last season.

Our youngsters have now got into their stride and the general opinion is that we are playing rugby equal or better than for many seasons. Anyway, you supporters must be getting thrills galore, especially last Saturday. What a game! Before the season is over you will be treated to similar displays. Rugby like this must draw the crowds and by all accounts we are in for another brilliant display to-day.

Bath are coming here with a very strong side and will go all out to stop our side's run of victories. Mark you, the last seven games have been extremely hard ones. We started off with a defeat by Newport which, however, might have been a win. We failed with those goal kicks and there you are. Newport have proved to one and all they are a great side and are still unbeaten, so in losing to a side of this nature by only a goal we did exceedingly well.

Since then we have gone from victory to victory, having defeated Coventry, Oxford University, Leicester, Moseley, Cambridge University and Aberavon. This really is an imposing record and we should look forward to our game with Bath to-day with the greatest confidence. The records of these two sides are much alike, as shewn here.

Bath            Played 15, won 9, lost 5, drawn 1, Pts. f. 201, a. 120.

Gloucester, Played 16, won 10, lost 5, drawn 1, Pts. f. 203, a. 170

Congratulations will be handed to Cyril Thomas from many quarters in connection with his selection for the first Trials. The Selectors appear to have at last realised that Cyril has, for many seasons, been one of the best hookers in the Country and we all wish him the very best of luck in his First Trial and, we hope, subsequent Trials, culminating in International honours. Other players appear to have been overlooked and it is obvious that our Captain and some members of the back division are among these.

The premier side will now be away from home until Boxing Day when they have their annual game with Old Merchant Taylors. In the meantime they have matches against Neath, Bath and Coventry, so you will now have the opportunity of seeing the United in action against St. Paul's College; Bath United and Coventry Extras. Why not come down to these games? After all, it is rugby you wish to see and you will not be disappointed at Kingsholm if you witness these games. PLEASE TURN UP IN LARGE NUMBERS AND GIVE THESE CHAPS A REALLY WARM WELCOME.