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GLOUCESTER v. SWANSEA

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1960.

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

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GLOUCESTER

RED AND WHITE

Full Back

1 A. Holder (c)

Threequarters

2 R. Smith R.W.

3 J. Taylor (c) L.C.

4 B. Kear (c) R.C.

5 J. Bellamy L.W.

Halves

6 T. Hopson O.H.

7 M. Booth (T—C) S.H.

Forwards

8 R. Fowke (c)

9 C. Thomas (T—C)

10 A. Townsend (c)

11 R. Long

12 B. Green (c)

13 D. Morris

14 P. Ford (c)

15 D. Smith Captain

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 10 StroudH 14-17

12 LydneyH 28-15

16 CheltenhamA 8-5

19 MoseleyH 14-6

23 CardiffA 9-17

26 BristolH 11-25

30 PontypoolA 6-25

Oct. 3 BedfordA 8-8

10 Old BluesH 13-0

17 NewportH 6-11

24 CoventryH 20-9

31 Oxford Univ. H 5-3

Nov. 7 LeicesterH 13-3

14 MoseleyA 18-3

18 Cambridge Un.A 10-6

21 AberavonH 16-6

28 BathH 9-3

Dec. 5 NeathA 12-3

12 BathA 26-8

19 CoventryA 5-0

26 O.M.T.H 23-11

28 U.A.U.H 17-11

Referee :

A. E. Cotterill (North Midlands)

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(I) International
(T) Trial
(C) County

SWANSEA

Full Back

1 H. J. Mainwaring

Threequarters

2 D. Bebb (I) L.W.

3 C. Roderick L.C.

4 M. Young R.C.

5 M. Evans R.W.

Halves

6 J. Weaver O.H.

7 J. Hopkins S.H.

Forwards

8 W. O. Williams (I)

9 N. G. Gale

10 Gwyn Lewis

11 J. Clifford

12 G. Morris

14 W. Jenkins

15 J. Faull (I)

16 J. Leleu (I)

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 2 London Scot. A 11-0

9 LeicesterA 5-6

16 WaspsH Can.

23 AberavonA 6-11

30 ArmyH 16-3

Feb. 6 BristolA 0-11

13 BathH Can.

20 SwanseaH

27 PontypoolH

Mar. 5 Northampton A

12 R.A.F.H

19 LlanellyA

26 NewportA

Apl. 2 RichmondH

7 CheltenhamH

9 CardiffH

16 HeadingleyH

18 Birkenhead PkH

19 LydneyA

23 New Brighton A

25 SaloA

30 Devonport S. H

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Well the weather beat us last week although a decision to cancel the match against Bath was not made until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday. An inspection of the ground at 9.0 a.m. gave us faint hopes of being able to play although the ground had a thin layer of snow all over. Nevertheless at intervals blades of grass were showing but all of a sudden a very heavy fall came on at 9.15 a.m. and in less than no time the ground was completely covered making it essential to contact Bath and inform them there were no hopes of the game being played. Incidentally we had previously heard that the United match against Bath could not be played.

In spite of the television recording of the England v. Ireland game our telephone was non-stop throughout Saturday morning with enquiries as to whether the game against Bath was off. It can be assumed therefore that we still have a large following who prefer to see a live game instead of a television recording of the International games.

Now what about the game against Swansea. Well at the time of writing the prospects odds on that the game will be played. We took the precautions to cover that part of the ground with straw in front of the main stand and this has done the trick as far as this portion of the ground is concerned. The warm sun each day is keeping the rest of the playing field in good condition and that at the moment is the position.

Our boys have to face another formidable side. Swansea are always a difficult side to beat. Our record for January is not quite so convincing as heretofore but there is not the slightest reason for the pessimism which appears to have sprung up in certain circles. We have played four, won two and lost two. Three of these games were played away and against formidable opposition, viz. Leicester, London Scottish and Aberavon and we well and truly defeated the Army at Kingsholm. It is true since then we received a nasty shock at the hands of Bristol. In this case it is difficult to know what came over our side. Why was our side so much below the form which they had produced for so many weeks previously? It may have been over enthusiasm inasmuch as they certainly left Kingsholm with the full intention of beating their rivals and so prevent a double being scored against them. One redeeming feature was the performance of the United against Bristol United. Without hesitation it can be reported that our United side played first class rugby of the highest standard and inasmuch as the visitors had not been defeated by a score of this kind for well over six years and this at the hands of the Cardiff Athletic at Cardiff.

On this performance alone this United side of ours should have the fullest support from our supporters. They are a fine side and each one playing for the place in the premier side.

It is intended to run a coach trip to the Newport match to witness our side play under floodlights. The coach will leave Kingsholm at approximately 5.0 p.m. and if you are interested please contact the General Secretary at Kingsholm at the earliest possible moment.

Match will be played on March 26th.