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# **GLOUCESTER v. R.A.F.**

**KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER**

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## GLOUCESTER

RED AND WHITE

Full Back

1 A. Holder (c)

Threequarters

2 R. Timms R.W.

3 J. Taylor (c) R.C.

4 B. Kear (c) L.C.

5 J. Bellamy L.W.

Halves

6 T. Hopson O.H.

7 G. Mace S.H.

Forwards

8 R. Fowke (c)

9 R. Chamberlayne

10 A. Ricketts

11 B. Green (c)

12 R. Long

13 P. Ford (c)

Captain

14 D. Owen

15 Dick Smith

### 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	8-3
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	9-3
Dec. 5	Neath	.....A	12-3
12	Bath	.....A	26-8
19	Coventry	.....A	5-0
26	O.M.T.	.....H	23-11
28	U.A.U.	.....H	17-11

Referee :

K. Burt (Somerset)

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(T) Trial  
(C) County

## R. A. F.

Full Back

1 AC R. Randall

Threequarters

2 Plt. Off. J. Duigan

3 SAC G. R. Rees L.W.

4 SAC J. A. Roblin L.C.

5 SAC W. Burgess R.C.

Halves

6 Flt. Lt. G. W. Hackett O.H.

7 SAC D. O'Neill S.H.

Forwards

8 Ft. Officer P. W. Watson

9 SAC R. Storey

10 AC A. Foster

11 Cpl. A. P. Close

12 Pt. Off. S. E. Mulligan

13 LAC L. R. Evans

14 Fg. Off. L. H. Jenkins (I)

Captain

15 SAC P. E. McGovan

### FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 2	London Scot.	A	11-0
9	Leicester	.....A	3-6
16	Wasps	.....H	Can.
23	Aberavon	.....A	6-11
30	Army	.....H	16-3
Feb. 6	Bristol	.....A	0-11
13	Bath	.....H	Can.
20	Swansea	.....H	6-6
27	Pontypool	.....H	9-18
Mar. 5	Northampton	A	9-28
12	R.A.F.	.....H	
19	Llanely	.....A	
26	Newport	.....A	
Apl. 2	Richmond	.....H	
7	Cheltenham	.....H	
9	Cardiff	.....H	
16	Headingley	.....H	
18	Birkenhead PkH	.....H	
19	Lydney	.....A	
23	New Brighton	A	
25	Sale	.....A	
30	Devonport S.	H	

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Our defeat at the hands of Northampton was not altogether unexpected but we did not anticipate such a large score. Nevertheless there can be no doubt about the superiority of this great side, who are carrying all before them and have already accumulated well over 600 points this Season. At the same time one must wonder why our side has deteriorated so much in comparison with the wonderful record up to the end of the year. With only two victories and one draw in the last eight games, the selectors have had to make certain changes which can be called experimental. After all, we have two first class sides representing Gloucester at the moment and the extraordinary football the United side have been playing, remember they have scored 68 points against 9 against two of the reputed strongest reserve sides in the Country viz. Bristol and Leicester United, made it essential for the selectors to try some of these players in the premier side. Now what does this mean in effect. Some people immediately say that this or that player has been dropped. Let it be said at once this is not the case. The selectors of the sides must adopt a long term policy and those players who have been selected to play for the United this Saturday will, we are certain, accept this in the same spirit they have shewn during the whole of the Season. After all the interchanging of players during the Season is quite a good policy, there are very few clubs who have been privileged to play the same side week after week and this has been the real reason why the United side are having such a wonderful Season.

For some time past it has been stressed in these programmes what you are missing by not attending the United games at Kingsholm. As a result well over a thousand supporters saw the Leicester A game last Saturday. Were they disappointed? Oh dear no. It can be assumed that everyone who saw the game must have talked about it during the week and as a result it can be expected that the gates will considerably increase during the rest of the Season. You have two more opportunities of seeing them in action, viz. v. Cardiff University on March 19th, kick-off 3.15, and Newport Athletic on March 26th. The kick off for the Newport game will be at 3.30 p.m. Looking at the United side which has been playing so wonderfully, quite a lot of the success is due to the introduction of first team players with experience which is now being passed on to the younger players.

It is intended to run a coach to Newport on the 26th inst., leaving the ground at 5 p.m. As you already know, this game will be played under floodlights and will commence at 7 p.m. Supporters desirous of travelling must reserve their seats immediately, at the General Secretary's Office, Kingsholm.

Today we welcome our visitors the R.A.F. This team always gives us a rousing game and last season was no exception. You will recall on this occasion we were just pipped on the post and were beaten 16-19. Will history repeat itself or will Gloucester recover their lost form. We can only wait and see.