Gloucester

Referee: Mr. G. G. Price

Northampton

Full Back
1 K. Taylor

Threequarters
2 D. P. Hyde
3 J. Butterfield
4 J. M. Gibson
5 R. Townsend

Halves
2 T. Hopkins
3 R. G. Smith
7 B. Tunney

Forwards
10 A. Townend
9 R. Chamberlayne
8 J. Fowke
11 R. Long
12 A. Brain
13 P. Ford
14 H. Simmonds
15 D. Smith

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11 R.A.F... H
18 Guya Hospital... H
25 Newport... H
Apr. 1 New Brighton... H
5 Sale... H
4 Lydbury... A
8 Donorquil... H
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Drinks

Backs

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NOTES

WE Welcome to Kingsholm the Northampton team who, as usual, are having a most successful season. Their record to date is as follows: Played 30, Won 19, Lost 8, Drawn 3; Points scored 400, against 207. It would seem therefore that it will take all our efforts to overcome opposition of this nature. Nevertheless it is an established fact that Gloucester usually produces their best form when the opposition is at its best. The game against Swansea should lead us to believe that we still have a very good side and once again it is the absence of a first-class goal kicker which has been so disappointing this season and lost quite a number of games.

Now on the serious side it is pleasing to note that a really great effort is going to be made to curtail the activities of the television as it affects the gates of the money-taking clubs.

If the decrease in gate receipts continues, and the expenditure in running clubs increases, in the very near future clubs will not survive and a number of them will have no alternative than to give up. You can take it that the position is most serious and this Club is wholeheartedly in support of Bristol who have set the ball rolling and are being encouraged by a large number of clubs in the country. Whether the Rugby Union will see the red light remains to be seen but it is felt very strongly that they must do something.

Why cannot a recording of all International matches played during the season be made on a Sunday afternoon? This would give all Rugby players an opportunity of seeing the game and after all they certainly have the right to expect a concession of this kind. Anyway something has to be done in the near future and it is anticipated that a meeting of the clubs interested will be called as quickly as possible.

To give you some idea of the losses the Bristol Club are having, here are the figures for this Season: v. Newport, takings £18; v. Harlequins, £25; v. St. Mary's Hospital, £31. It is estimated that £500 has been lost in these three games. This will give you some idea of the seriousness of the situation and we are in the same boat.

Saturday, March 11 v. Royal Air Force, 3.15 p.m.
18 v. Guys Hospital 3.15 p.m.
25 v. Newport

In all probability a change will be made regarding the kick-off time against Newport. Will you therefore watch the Press and other advertisements.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

Gloucester v. Royal Air Force
KICK-OFF 3.15 P.M.

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