

**CORNWALL RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**



**CORNWALL**

**v.**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**at**

**CAMBORNE**

**SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1961**

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**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**  
**SIXPENCE**



**A WELCOME to our friends from  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

It is always with the utmost pleasure that we welcome the Players, Officials and Committee-men from the Gloucestershire R.F.U. in anticipation of a really good, hard, exciting game of rugger.

The close friendship which exists between our two Counties stems, perhaps, from the fact that we are geographically so far apart and that conditions in Gloucestershire are so different from those which obtain here. For instance, whilst they have 6 major clubs in the County, they have, in addition, the Bristol Junior Combination of about 17 clubs, and the Combinations of the Forest of Dean, Gloucester, and Bristol — the latter alone having some 45 Clubs in membership running approximately a hundred teams in all, whereas in Cornwall we have only 9 Senior Clubs, 21 Junior Clubs and 12 Colts Clubs. Gloucestershire have been Champion County nine times, have appeared in fifteen finals and won the South Western Division no fewer than twenty times whereas we have been Champion County once only, have appeared in only four finals and won the Division on only nine occasions but, nothing daunted and excluding last season's result — which we hope to avenge today — in the fourteen matches played since the War up to 1959 Gloucestershire had won six, we had won five, three were drawn and there were only five points in total between us we having scored 101 points to Gloucestershire's 96. After last year's result we must score at least 17 points more than they do today to restore the balance !

We should like to extend a sincere welcome to all their party, Officials and Players alike. Amongst the former we offer our congratulations to Charles Humby, their Secretary for the past 12 years, on his election as President of Gloucestershire and wish him an enjoyable term of office, and we extend a special welcome to Sid Grant, their new Secretary, whose first visit to us in an official capacity this is. We wish him well in his new post and shall hope to see him often in the future. Of the Players, many are old friends. John Blake (6) their Captain, for instance, has played against us many times before both for Gloucestershire and Somerset, both of which he has captained. Then there are R. J. Hillier (1), M. G. Ellery (2), L. D. Watts (3), A. Townsend (8), David Watt (11), P. Ford (13), Dereck Neate (14) and Terry Base (15) all of whom played against us last year. We are delighted to see them all again as well as the newcomers to our shores. We hope that they will have an enjoyable stay in Cornwall.

## CORNWALL

(15) \***R. W. HOSEN** (Penryn)

(14) **D. H. PROUT** (Cornwall Tech. College)

(13) **J. GLOVER** (Penzance-Newlyn)

(12) **G. G. LUKE** (Penzance-Newlyn)

(11) **R. J. MOYLE** (Launceston)

(10) **K. J. THOMAS** (Taunton)

(9) **P. J. B. MICHELL** (Penzance-Newlyn)

(1) **C. R. JOHNS** (Redruth)

(2) **W. K. ABRAHAMS** (Redruth)

(3) **C. B. STEVENS** (Penzance-Newlyn)

(4) **A. WILLIAMS** (Penzance-Newlyn)

(5) **D. J. S. MANN** (Penzance-Newlyn)

(6) **P. E. MCGOVAN** (Redruth)

(8) **F. S. W. FURZE** (Redruth)

(7) **A. THOMAS** (Falmouth)

*Touch Judge :*

G. L. RICHES (C.R.O.R.S.)

\* Captain

Full Backs

Three-quarters

Right - Wing - Left

Right - Centre - Left

Left - Centre - Right

Left - Wing - Right

Half Backs

Stand Off

Scrum

Forwards

Prop

Hooker

Prop

Second Row

Second Row

Wing

Lock

Wing

REFEREE :

P. G. BROOK (Yorkshire)

**KICK-OFF : 3 o'clock.**

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

**R. J. HILLIER** (Gloucester) (1)

**P. MEADOWS** (Gloucester) (5)

**J. BAYLISS** (Gloucester) (4)

**L. D. WATTS** (Bristol) (3)

**M. G. ELLERY** (Bristol) (2)

\***J. BLAKE** (Bristol) (6)

**M. BOOTH** (Gloucester) (7)

**A. TOWNSEND** (Gloucester) (8)

**J. D. THORNE** (Bristol) (9)

**J. NEW** (Bristol) (10)

**D. E. J. WATT** (Bristol) (11)

**R. LONG** (Gloucester) (12)

**P. FORD** (Gloucester) (13)

**D. W. NEATE** (Bristol) (14)

**T. E. BASE** (Bristol) (15)

*Touch Judge*

E. J. PARFITT (Glos. R.U.)



## **The Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union**

Although not so old as some County Unions, in County Championship games as well as in other matters Gloucestershire has certainly made its presence felt in Rugger circles as is shown by its winning the County Championship on 9 occasions and appearing in no less than 15 Finals. We believe only Yorkshire have a better record having won the Final on 10 occasions. Whilst Gloucestershire have a considerable advantage over some other Counties in this sphere, having in its area two first class Clubs — Bristol and Gloucester — as well as others to draw their players from (Bristol being divided by the river Avon also has claims from Somerset) none-the-less we envy Cornwall in that it enjoys much more general support of its Clubs than does Gloucestershire. We should certainly be in real trouble if we asked all our Clubs not to make fixtures on the dates of County home games.

Gloucestershire have produced many Internationals some of the more outstanding ones being E. Gwyn Nicholls, Dai Gent, W. R. Johnson, A. T. Voyce, L. J. Corbett, and J. S. Tucker.

We have also been honoured by supplying two Presidents to the Rugby Union in W. T. Pearce (1929-1932) and A. T. Voyce (1960-61).

In the County there operate two Referees' Societies, three district Combinations of Clubs, one Junior (or Colts) Combination of Clubs, and four School Unions, a total membership of well over 100 Clubs some of them running four, five or six teams and most of them affiliated direct to the Rugby Union.

Many more schools are now playing Rugby in the County but strangely enough, although a Junior Combination exists in Bristol to provide boys leaving school with a rung to assist their going on to a Senior Club, many of these boys are lost to our game when leaving their schools. Every year much effort is expended to check this leakage.

It is always a very great pleasure to be with our Cornish rugger friends whether in Cornwall or at home and our annual games with you enable us, players and Committee alike, to keep alive the very great friendship which exists between us off the field of play — if not on it

CHAS. J. HUMBY,  
President Gloucestershire R.F.U.