BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB
(RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION)

BRISTOL

v

GLOUCESTER

Memorial Ground, Filton Avenue
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1964

PROGRAMME         SIXPENCE

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BRISTOL
Colours—Blue & White

Kick off
3.15 p.m.

Full Back
(A) R. WALLACE

Threequarters
Right Wing (B) M. G. ELLERY
Right Centre (C) D. J. WEEKS
Left Centre (D) J. GLOVER
Left Wing (E) M. R. COLLINS

Half Backs
Outside Half (F) M. W. REDGERS
Scrum Half (G) D. J. SPRATT

Forwards
(H) M. J. PEGLER
(I) J. D. THORNE (Cape.)
(J) R. V. GROVE
(K) D. W. NEATE
(L) D. E. J. WATT
(M) M. A. LAWRENCE
(N) D. J. S. MANN
(O) G. G. WHITE

Referee:
Mr. D. G. WALTERS
(Gowerton)

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GLOUCESTER
Colours—Cherry & White

Full Back
(1) D. RUTHERFORD

Threequarters
Right Wing (2) N. FOICE
Right Centre (3) J. BAYLISS
Left Centre (4) J. VALLENDER
Left Wing (5) A. OSMAN

Half Backs
Outside Half (6) T. HOPSON
Scrum Half (7) M. BOOTH

Forwards
(8) A. BRINN
(9) M. NICHOLLS
(10) B. HUDSON
(11) H. SYMONDS
(12) R. LONG
(13) P. FORD
(14) D. OWEEN
(15) R. SMITH
Club Notes

We welcome today our old friends and rivals from Kingsholm, who have made an excellent start to the season, having won (by last Saturday) their first four games, scoring 78 points and conceding only 3. It is obvious that the club’s defensive qualities have not been much affected by the greater freedom given to backs by the new laws. From a distance the Gloucester style would appear to be still based on an excellent pack, where evergreen Peter Ford has long been a menace to Bristol XV’s, and on the ability of their halves, Micky Booth this season being the club skipper. A newcomer to the side is full-back, Don Rutherford, who played five games for England in 1960-61, and has been in fine kicking form in these early weeks.

The contrast between the two styles always makes this game an interesting one, with ground advantage often proving the decisive factor, as last season when each side was successful in front of its own supporters. One Bristol player who will be particularly keen to do well this afternoon is Garry White, who will be opposing his old colleagues for the first time.

Among interested spectators at the game this afternoon will be the Gloucestershire selectors. In the last two seasons the County XV has won the South-West Championship, and the bulk of the team have been drawn from these two Senior Gloucestershire Clubs. With Somerset already having selected six Bristol players for their trial teams, and Richard Sharp, Jim Glover and David Mann certain to be on Cornwall’s short list, it would appear that club players will once again be in demand when the Championship season starts.

The 1st XV is now nearing the end of what must be the fullest and most demanding September fixture list faced by any leading English club. The epidemic of injuries has not helped the club to settle into a fixed pattern of play, and results have been mixed. It was, however, interesting to read in a Sunday newspaper last week that by beating Swansea, Bristol won their first match against a major club, a statement that must have puzzled players and supporters of Northampton.

The usual £5 programme prize will be given. Listen for the winning number at half-time, and the prize can be claimed in the hall-way under the Stand.

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