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GLOUCESTERSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



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v.

SOMERSET

at

MEMORIAL GROUND, FILTON AVENUE, BRISTOL

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 1964

Official Programme — Sixpence

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(White)

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| (15) * D. RUTHERFORD (Gloucester) | Full Backs |
| (14) J. HAMPTON (Lydney & Rosslyn Park) | Right - Wings - Left |
| (13) J. BAYLISS (Gloucester) | Right - Centres - Left |
| (12) D. J. WEEKS (Bristol) | Left - Centres - Right |
| (11) M. R. COLLINS (Bristol) | Left - Wings - Right |
| (10) R. WALLACE (Bristol) | Stand Offs |
| (9) M. H. BOOTH (Gloucester) | Scrum Halfs |
| (1) B. A. HUDSON (Gloucester) | Forwards |
| (2) * J. D. THORNE (Bristol) | |
| (3) * B. A. DOVEY (Lydney & Rosslyn Park) | |
| (4) D. E. J. WATT (Bristol) | |
| (5) D. W. NEATE (Bristol) | |
| (6) * P. FORD (Capt., Gloucester) | |
| (8) D. M. ROLLITT
(Loughborough College & Bristol) | |
| (7) R. SMITH (Gloucester) | |

* Internationals

Touch Judge :

J. P. NEWPORT

(G.R.U., Bristol Referees' Society)

Referee :

D. A. DUNSDEE (North Midlands)

Kick off 2.30 p.m.

SOMERSET

(Red, Black and White)

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| E. JAMES (Bristol) | A |
| G. MARGRETT (Bath) | E |
| C. WEBBER (Bridgwater) | D |
| C. McFADYEAN (Loughborough College) | C |
| C. BALL (Bridgwater) | B |
| J. K. THOMAS (Redruth) | F |
| J. S. AMOR (Bristol) | G |
| R. GROVE (Bristol) | H |
| C. BUCKLE (Bath) | I |
| P. PARFITT (Bath) | J |
| J. WATSON (St. Mary's Hospital) | K |
| L. ROSS (Bridgwater) | L |
| G. WHITE (Bristol) | M |
| G. REDMOND (Bristol) | N |
| L. DAVIES (Capt., Bristol) | O |

Touch Judge :

T. A. B. MAHONEY

(Somerset R.U.)

Welcome to our neighbours from —

SOMERSET

Once again it is our turn to welcome players, officials and supporters to the Memorial Ground, Bristol. Several of their party know this ground rather well, of course, and we sincerely trust that Tom Mahoney, in his familiar position on the touchline, will not turn into the "Home" dressing-room today as is his usual habit, as after all he is "up from Somerset."

Gloucestershire would like to take this opportunity at the outset to pay tribute to the late Len Bisgrove, and it is difficult to imagine a game between our two Counties without Len present. He first played for Somerset in 1922 and was a member of the County Championship winning side and won 27 caps. He was a Vice-President of Somerset and Official since 1934, and from 1944 until his death in May this year was Hon. Secretary. Len will be missed by all who played and worked with him, not only in his native Somerset but throughout the South-West Group.

Like ourselves, Somerset have a new President this year, and we congratulate him on his election. Hugh Bradford is a busy man on Somerset's behalf and this year, in addition to his Presidential and Rugby Union duties, he is also the County's stand-in Hon. Secretary. The immediate Past President, Arthur House — another long-serving Official for Somerset — and County Hon. Treasurer Dick Morrish, not forgetting of course their Vice-President, George Bastable, an energetic worker for Bridgwater rugby, are also among those due here today besides several members of the Somerset Committee — a body which casts a wide net.

It is no duty of ours to decide what the outcome of today's match will be — the players will be seeing to that very shortly. May it be a match to remember, a game played in the true spirit of the Laws and where honest, fierce competition is the only criterion.

Somerset are led today by Len Davies, one of several Bristol players in the side, and we congratulate him on his Captaincy of Somerset. He forms part of an all-Bristol back row, and our spies at Camborne report that this trio played as well as any three weeks ago when Somerset went down 16 points to 9. Keeping him company are Gary White, a figure well known to the Gloucester Club players in our side, especially the back row men, Peter Ford and Dick Smith,

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Having won the South-West Group and reached the semi-final for the past two seasons, Gloucestershire will do its utmost to bring the Championship to the West Country once again. A great start was made by a 37 points to nil win over Devon at Exeter three weeks ago, and we have every confidence in the ability of the Gloucestershire XV to win today, but nevertheless we do not underestimate our opponents from neighbouring Somerset, and come what may, we look forward to a keen, hard tussle.

The majority of today's XV have been playing together now for two to three seasons and have created that vital element of team spirit both on and off the field. It is gratifying to note that with the exception of perhaps one or two they have learned and played their rugby in junior sides in various part of the County, but those players who have adopted Gloucestershire as their County we have been pleased to welcome, and they form an integral part of the XV.

Once again the side is led by the ubiquitous Peter Ford (this is his 42nd appearance for Gloucestershire), an exponent of the "charge down," and his belated recognition last season for the Barbarians and England was more than deserved. Our pack is a very experienced one which, under the leadership of Bev Dovey — a product of Lydney Grammar School — will give a good account of itself and will be hard to beat. With Bev in the front row we have John Thorne (Bristol), playing in his 34th County game, and Baggy Hudson (Gloucester), converted from second row to prop forward. The second row comprises those two well known players to Bristol supporters, Derek Neate and Dave Watt, who form a solid foundation of a good pack. To complete the back row are Dave Rollitt (Bristol University), now at Loughborough College, and Dick Smith (Gloucester), who we feel sure will be worrying the Somerset defence today.

The evergreen Micky Booth is as usual our scrum half, a hard worker, and his new partner, Richard Wallace, will be playing in his second County match and the first home game. We congratulate him on his recognition and feel he will give his threequarters every opportunity. Our three-quarter line has the speed and, if given the chances, are sure they will be among the tries. This brings us to our last line of defence — Don Rutherford, who is playing his first season for the County, and on his performance to date it could be that he will again represent England. We welcome him to the side.

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for he was a member there for many seasons. Gerry Redmond, like John Watson an Old Boy of Weston Grammar School, is at No. 8 and has just started at St. Luke's College, Exeter. Packing down with Watson in the second row is young Laurie Ross, a newcomer to this fixture, from Bridgwater, who was among the scorers at Camborne. The front row reads Peter Parfitt and Clive Buckle, from Bath, and Bristol's Roger Grove, an England trialist last season. Buckle is a former member of the Bristol club too, while Parfitt has been playing County rugby for several seasons.

At half-back John Amor (Bristol) and Kingsley Thomas (Redruth) maintain last season's successful partnership. Amor is a sound goal kicker, beating Middlesex off his own bat in a friendly a few weeks ago. Cornishman Thomas is, of course, a Somerset player of some seasons' standing and a leading figure with Taunton club until a business change this season. We advise watching Col Ball (Bridgwater) on the right wing, for he scored 19 points in a recent club fixture, and on the other wing is Gordon Margretts, from Bath, making his County debut today. The last time on this ground he almost won the match for his club. Colin McFadyean (Bristol), the Loughborough Captain, and Clive Webber, another Bridgwater man, form the centre partnership, a new pairing which will be noted with interest.

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Finally, we have in his first season as President of the County, George Wright, an Official for many years with the Bristol Saracens and for a long time connected with the Bristol Referees' Society and other rugby organisations.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

November 21st.— Bristol v. London Welsh, at the Memorial Ground.
Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

November 28th.—Gloucestershire v. Cornwall, at Gloucester. Kick-off
2.30 p.m.

The Gloucestershire Rugby Union expresses its appreciation to the Bristol Club for use of the ground, to all their Officials for their help, and to you who have supported the game.