GLoucestershire Rugby Football Union

GLoucestershire v. Cornwall

at

Kingsholm Ground, Gloucester

Saturday, 28th November, 1964

Official Programme — Sixpence
Welcome to Cornwall —

Once again the Championship of the South-West may be decided today, and for many years our two Counties have been great rivals, though to be fair it took Cornwall; from 1892—1904 to record our first win; and indeed we must confess that down the years the balance of victories over defeats lies heavily in Gloucestershire's favour.

It is really only since the war that we have been able to face our redoubtable opponents with a reasonable chance of a win, still a match is never lost until it is finished and although we are under no illusion about the prowess of our opponents at Kingsholm today, Cornwall will be out to record one of those very rare wins on this famous ground.

To many of us "old hands" in Cornwall the name of Tom Voyage means Gloucestershire. His 27 England caps are not a record, but he was a member of what was perhaps the most famous of all English Packs and the hero of countless games. President of the R.F.U. in 1960-61, he is still a member of the ruling body having joined in 1931, and the only one with pre-war experience.

Our heartiest congratulations to P. Ford your Captain on gaining International Honours last year and we wish him luck for this season.

Though we shall not have our full vocal support from Cornwall today, no doubt the Gloucestershire and Bristol Cornish Association will do their best to make up for it.

Shortly the result will be known as to who "goes on", but let us hope for an open game and I am sure that win or lose your hospitality at full time will at least justify our journey.

EDGAR HARE
President C.R.F.U.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE
(White)

(15) *D. RUTHERFORD (Gloucester) Full Backs
(14) J. HAMPTON (Lydney & Rosalyn Park) Right - Wings - Left
(13) J. RAYLICK (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 Halls
(1) B. A. HUDSON (Gloucester) Forwards
(2) J. D. THORNE (Bristol)
(3) *R. A. DOVEY (Lydney & Rosalyn 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

Referee:
M. H. R. KING (Surrey)

Kick off 2.30 p.m.

CORNWALL
(Black and Yellow)

R. HOSEN (Pentyn & Northampton) 15
J. JOSE (Hayle) 11
T. MUNGELES (Hayle) 12
I. GLOVER (Penzance, Newlyn & Bristol) 13
K. PLUMMER (Pentyn) 14
R. A. W. SHARP (Capt., Bristol) 10
J. MICHELL (Penzance & Newlyn) 9
C. R. JOHNS (Redruth) 1
R. HARRIS (Penzance) 2
C. B. STEVENS (Penzance & Newlyn) 3
C. KNEEBONE (Pentyn) 4
A. WILLIAMS (Penzance & Newlyn) 5
P. F. McCOYAN (Redruth) 6
R. S. GLAZIHER (Plymouth Albion) 8
A. C. THOMAS (Falmouth & Northampton) 7

Touch Judge:
H. R. LOFT
(C.R.O.R.S.)
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The outcome of today's match will decide the Championship of the South-West Group, both Counties having won two games each. We are pleased to welcome Cornwall to Kingsholm today, and whatever the result may be we know the game will be keenly fought from start to finish.

From the Forest of Dean across to the Cotswolds, and from the Severn at Tewkesbury to the River Avon at Bristol (the boundary line between Gloucestershire and Somerset so 'tis said) this game of rugby football is encouraged, administered, and indeed is increasing in popularity season by season. It is our proud boast here in Gloucestershire that we have the complete chain for representative rugby from the school XV through the junior local side, the District Combinations, to the first class sides, and so on to County and International honours, and that is an achievement many have accomplished through the past years. In fact this would apply to some of the players in our XV today.

For ease of administration, the County is divided into five Districts, with offshoots or separate organisations for 15 and 19 Group Schools, and a few facts and figures might prove of interest. The Bristol District comprises some 34 Clubs affiliated direct to the County and represents approximately 107 XVs. Cheltenham District—11 clubs or 20 XVs; Forest of Dean 7 clubs or 12 XVs; Gloucester District 20 clubs or 41 XVs; Stroud District 7 clubs or 15 XVs. This does not take into account Schools, Colleges, and one University, catering direct for another 18 clubs and considerably more XVs. At School level there are in all five Schools' Unions catering for both the 15 and 19 Groups, and never a season passes but a schoolboy international is produced from one school group or the other.

In addition we have two Referees Societies—one in Bristol with 72 active members, and the other in Gloucester with 49 active members. While not nearly enough to cover all the requirements these Officials are doing great work and carry out their duties in many other parts of the Country.

Although the following figures may not be strictly correct they may be of interest. Since the Second World War, 218 players have played for Gloucestershire (excluding this season), 102 County Caps have been awarded, and 25 players have won International Caps. Since 1900 Gloucestershire has appeared in 22 Semi-Finals, 15 Finals, and has won the Championship 9 times.