GLOUCESTER
(The First Three)

Full Back
1 D. Rutherford (i) (c)

Threequarters
2 N. Feico (c) R.W. 9
3 J. Bayliss (c) R.C. 5
4 R. Morris L.C. 8
5 A. Osman L.W. 11

Half Backs
6 T. Hopson (c) O.H. 18
7 M. Booth (c) S.H. 9

Forwards
8 J. Mcace
9 M. Nicholls (c) N.W.
10 J. Ewkes (c) M.W.
11 R. Long (c) C.W.
12 A. Brinn (c) N.W.
13 P. Ford (i) (c) 11
14 D. Owen (c) 27
15 R. Smith (c) 25

FIRST XV FIXTURES
1 Sept. 2. Broughton Pl. H 12-14
2 Ludlow H 11-3
3 North H 5-3
4 Cheltenham A 6-0
5 Wellington H 16-10
6 Bristol H
7 T. Booth (c)
8 Weymouth A
9 Newport H
10 B.C. H
11 Gipsy Hill A
12 Newbridge H
13 Newport A
14 Cheltenham H
15 M. Owen (c)
16 Poole A
17 A. Owen (c)
18 M. Owen (c)
19 R. Smith (c)
20 J. Mcace
21 D. Owen (c)
22 R. Smith (c)
23 T. Booth (c)
24 M. Nicholls (c)
25 J. Ewkes (c)
26 R. Morris L.C.
27 A. Osman L.W.
28 N. Feico (c)
29 J. Bayliss (c)
30 R. Morris L.C.

REFEREE : P. Brook (Yorkshire Society)

BRISTOL
(The First Three)

Full Back
A. Colston (c)

Threequarters
B. M. Ellis (c) R.W.
C. P. R. Hillard L.C.
D. J. Glover L.C.
E. Watson L.W.

Half Backs
F. R. Wallace O.H.
G. J. S. Amor S.H.

Forwards
H. B. A. Dovery (c)
I. H. Hill
J. R. V. Grove
K. D. E. J. Watt
L. C. Biddle
M. D. A. Phillips
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OUR VISITORS

The spectacular fare provided against the formidable Wolfhounds on Wednesday has obviously whetted supporters’ appetites for more; and who better to serve a second helping than our old friends and rivals, Bristol, welcome visitors to Kingsholm today.

The “local derby” flavour will be there, of course, but with added relish in the Bristol style of rugger which insists on constructive play, stemming from lively forwards, sturdy but mobile, and augmented by speedy, quick-thinking backs whose mode of attack so often sorely tries even the best defensive systems.

Bristol, after a splendid start to the season, had their record somewhat dented, first by Cardiff, then, more decisively, by Swansea last Saturday. But, if their application suffered a slip, they atoned for these failures with a resounding victory over Cheltenham on Wednesday evening by 28 points to nil.

Last season at Kingsholm, in February, our lads accounted for Bristol by 9 points to 5, though they did not succeed in crossing the line, victory coming from dropped goals by Den Rutherford and Mickie Booth, and the almost inevitable Rutherford penalty goal. Gloucester, now apparently in great form, will be anxious to improve on that performance.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

It was good to see Peter Ford back in action again on Wednesday, proving he is still one of the finest wing-forwards in the game, despite the fact that he had not previously played this season.

Hopes that “Fordy” will not be able to resist the call to battle, having once “tasted blood”, as it were, were dashed by his announcement that he was quite prepared to help out Gloucester while Gary White is on the injured list. Then – back to retirement!

A.R.

TUESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER  Kick-off 5-45 p.m.
GLOUCESTER v. STROUD

THURSDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER  Kick-off 5-45 p.m.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. MONMOUTHSHIRE