GLOUCESTERSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



GLOUCESTERSHIRE

V

SOMERSET

at

KINGSHOLM GROUND, GLOUCESTER SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER 1966

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME SIXPENCE

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

Today the holder of the prizewinning programme will receive a £5 prize. Listen at half-time for the winning number, the prize being obtained from the Committee Room after the game.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (White)

SOMERSET

(Red, Black & White)

| 15. | R. WALLACE (Bristol) | Full Backs | D. DOLMAN (Bath) | Α. |
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| | | Three-Quarters | | |
| 14. | N. FOICE (Gloucester) | Right-Wing-Left | M. J. BEER (Taunton) | LEA E. |
| 13. | R. J. PITT (Gloucester) | Right-Centre-Left | G. P. FRANKCOM (Bedford) | D. |
| 12. | P. R. HILLARD (Bristol) | Left-Centre-Right | C. McFADYEAN (Moseley) | C. |
| 11. | J. GROVES (Gloucester) | Left-Wing-Right | D. HAZZARD (Weston) | В. |
| | | Half-Backs | 7 168 | RY |
| 10. | D. AINGE (Gloucester) | Stant Off | V. WILLIAMS (St. Luke's College) | F. |
| 9. | J. MORRIS (Lydney) | Scrum | J. GALLEY (Bath) | G. |
| | | Forwards | | |
| 1. | J. FOWKE (Gloucester) | Prop | R. V. GROVE (Bristol, Leicester) | H. |
| 2. | †J. V. PULLIN (Bristol) | Hooker | B. COLLINS (Bath) | I. |
| 3. | †B. A. DOVEY (Bristol) Captain | BRIND Prop | A. ROGERS (Bristol) | J. |
| 4. | *D. E. J. WATT (Bristol) | Second Row | R. ORLEDGE (Bath) | K. |
| 5. | B. G. NELMES (Bristol) | Second Row | J. WATSON (St. Mary's Hospital) | L. |
| 6. | *B. CAPALDI (Cheltenham) | Blind Side | D. PHILLIPS (St. Luke's) | M. |
| 8 | J. S. JARRETT (Pontypool) | Lock | P. HAWKINS (Bridgwater) | N. |
| 7. | *R. SMITH (Gloucester) | Open Side | R. VICKERY (Somerset Police) | O. |
| | †International | | *Trialist | Touch Judge: |
| 0. 1 | Touch Judge: O. M. THOMAS (Glos, and Dist, Referees' Soc, G.R.U.) Referee: MR. T. B. KEARNS (Ireland) | | | |

ABOUT TODAY

In our third and last game in the S.W. Group it is Gloucestershire's pleasure to welcome Officials and players of the Somerset Rugby Union to Kingsholm this afternoon, and what ever the result let us hear the words 'That was a great game.'

Whilst Cornwall are in the lead at the moment for the S.W. Group Championship, their defeat by Devon today at Redruth could make this game a very interesting one, and whilst Gloucestershire will do its utmost to record a victory we know Somerset will have the same idea, and until the final whistle therefore it will be an 'all out' effort.

Gloucestershire makes one change from the side which won at Devon a fortnight ago, namely, Pullin of Bristol comes in at hooker in place of Nicholls of Gloucester. Jarrett will be making his second appearance in a 'Home' game for Gloucestershire, and Bev Dovey acts in the capacity of Captain, his first season in that role, and we are sure he will set his team a good example.

In welcoming Somerset, we would like to congratulate their Captain, Colin MacFadyean on his performances for the British Lions on their recent tour, and his leadership of the Somerset side will undoubtedly play a great part in the game today.

Among our friends from Somerset will be Hugh Bradford, President; Dick Morrish, Hon. Treasurer; John Garland in his second season as Hon. Secretary; George Bastable, Vice-President; and of course those stalwarts — Arthur House and Reg Quick.

One final word. This will be the first 'home town' game for our President, Harry Smith, who for so many years has done yeoman service for rugby football in Gloucester and the North end of the County, so what better than a win for Gloucestershire.

One interesting point about today's game is that it can be a sort of trial to find the Western Counties XV to play the Australians at Bristol on 14th January next, and the Selectors from each County will no doubt have this in mind whilst watching the players.

FROM A SOMERSET SUPPORTER

Pride in one's own County for rugby football, or anything else, is very strong in the West Country.

The fact that all County Championship matches are still played on a Saturday proves this point, and no two Counties I am sure have supplied more eminent officials and players during the past years. For instance, in the fullback position alone Johnson, Chantrill, Pickles, Boughton, Brown, Gibbs and Gamlin have represented England, besides a host of players who have occupied other positions, and of course, Corbett and Tucker captained England teams.

Bristol, being partly in Gloucestershire and partly in Somerset, usually supply a few players for both Counties, and naturally both sides are often in possession of each other's secrets and mannerisms on the field, and take steps to counteract these moves if they can spot them. To my knowledge at times this has been very amusing to the players concerned, also a little frustrating, but nevertheless all taken in good part.

On one occasion when Gloucestershire was playing Somerset, both Captains were from Bristol, and after training on the Thursday evening prior to the match, they decided to toss the coin for the choice of ends in a pub and this decision stood for the game, much to the chagrin of the referee who thought it a bit unconstitutional if nothing else.

I had visions that the result of today's match would decide the winners of the S.W. Group, but this will not be so however. All those watching today's game will, I am sure, primarily wish to see a good game of rugger irrespective of the result. After all, it is a game not a battle.

Let us hope that we can find a cure for the trend to 'play it rough,' and today the Western Counties, Gloucestershire and Somerset, can prove that Rugby football is an attractive game to watch. This afternoon may the best side win.