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GLOUCESTER

Referee: Mr. H. H. TITCOMBE (Bristol Society)

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FULL BACK
15 E. STEPHENS (c)

THREE QUARTERS
14 R. J. CLEWES (c)
13 R. JARDINE
12 J. A. BAYLISS
11 J. DIX

HALF BACKS
10 T. PALMER (c)
9 J. SPALDING

FORWARDS
1 R. COWLING (c)
2 M. NICHOLLS (c)
3 M. A. BURTON
4 A. BRINN
5 J. S. JARRETT
6 D. OWEN
8 M. J. POTTER
7 R. SMITH (c)

EBBW VALE

Full Back
15 D. TOOLEY
13 D. MORGAN

Three Quarters
14 D. JONES
13 D. JONES
12 D. JONES
11 D. JONES

Half Backs
10 M. GRINDLE
9 L. ROBERTS

Forwards
1 N. POWELL
2 G. WILLIAMS
3 D. TAYLOR
4 D. TAYLOR
5 G. HOWLS
6 P. MOYLE
8 P. WATTS
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WELCOME TO THE VALE!

This evening we extend a particularly cordial welcome to Ebbw Vale for the first mid-week match under the floodlights at Kingsholm this season. The Vale will also, of course, be our first visitors from “over the bridge.” To date they have won five of their seven matches, with two defeats, having scored 194 points against 100.

In the corresponding match at Kingsholm last year, on Wednesday evening, October 7th, 1970, Gloucester won by 13 points to 6. Skipper Mike Nicholls and Mike Burton scored tries for the Cherry and Whites, with Eric Stephens converting both and adding a penalty goal. Arthur Lewis and Bernard Williams crossed for the Vale’s unconverted tries.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The last team to lower Gloucester’s colours at Kingsholm was Bedford—and that was just over a year ago. Revenge was sweet, therefore, when the lads beat Bedford on their own ground at Goldington Road last Saturday by 13 points to 5.

Though the play “pleased not the million,” as Hamlet said, congratulations to Gloucester on their victory over Bath at the Recreation Ground last Thursday in the first round of the new national knock-out competition.

While the standard of rugger fell far below that expected from such top-class sides, particularly with Gloucester so dominant, the end justified the means. Considerable honour and prestige are at stake in the competition, quite apart from the great financial boost for those clubs reaching the later rounds, so one cannot look for an abundance of sparkling, constructive Rugby.

Home international matches at Twickenham this season are against Wales on January 15th and Ireland on February 12th. Members wishing to go to either, or both, of these matches are reminded that applications for tickets must be made to the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Harold King, at 126 Podmead Road, Gloucester, not later than October 16th, enclosing the necessary remittance.

Prices of tickets are: Stand £1.55; Kingside 78p; Enclosure 53p; Ground 33p. All these prices are inclusive of booking fees.

When the senior side are away, support the young lads of Gloucester United, they are playing brilliant rugger, 50 pts. against Cleeve testifies.

Tomorrow evening, Monmouthshire visit Kingsholm to meet Gloucestershire in the second of this season’s pre-championship friendly county matches. Kick-off 7 p.m.

Saturday, of course, Harlequins visit Kingsholm. Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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