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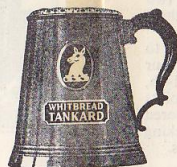
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

REFEREE :
Mr. W. J. FOWLER (Gloucestershire Society)
TOUCH JUDGE Mr. H. J. WILLIAMS (Gloucestershire Society)

MONMOUTHSHIRE

(Navy Blue)

- FULL BACK
15 R. ETHERIDGE (GLOUCESTER)
- THREEQUARTERS
14 A. J. MORLEY (BRISTOL) R.W.
13 J. H. GABITASS (BRISTOL) R.C.
12 J. A. BAYLISS (GLOUCESTER) L.C.
11 P. M. KNIGHT (BRISTOL) L.W.
- HALF BACKS
10 N. D. EVANS (BRISTOL) O.H.
9 J. A. CANNON (CLIFTON) S.H.
- FORWARDS
1 G. SARGENT (LYDNEY)
2 M. J. NICHOLLS (GLOUCESTER)
3 M. A. BURTON (GLOUCESTER)
4 D. E. J. WATT (Capt.) (BRISTOL)
5 J. A. FIDLER (CHELTENHAM)
6 J. A. WATKINS (GLOUCESTER)
8 D. M. ROLLITT (BRISTOL)
7 R. SMITH (GLOUCESTER)



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- FULL BACK
15 B. ANTHONY (NEWBRIDGE)
- THREEQUARTERS
14 R. PARRY (EBBW VALE) R.W.
13 I. TAYLOR (PONTYPOOL) R.C.
12 A. TOVEY (EBBW VALE) L.C.
11 G. COLLINS (PONTYPOOL) L.W.
- HALF BACKS
10 M. GRINDLE (EBBW VALE) O.H.
9 G. TURNER (EBBW VALE) S.H.
- FORWARDS
1 G. HOWLS (EBBW VALE)
2 A. WILLIAMS (NEWBRIDGE)
3 G. PRICE (PONTYPOOL)
4 L. JONES (EBBW VALE)
5 R. BENDALL (Capt.) (NEWBRIDGE)
6 G. EVANS (EBBW VALE)
8 C. DAVIES (NEWBRIDGE)
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WELCOME TO MONMOUTHSHIRE !

For the second successive evening we welcome visitors from "over the bridge" to Kingsholm as formidable Monmouthshire provide stiff opposition for Gloucestershire prior to the county championship campaign which opens later this month.

This will be the only county match on our famous ground this season unless Gloucestershire can again win through to the later rounds ; in which event the semi-final would probably be played here. The selectors, despite early setbacks – and the fact that no-one is getting any younger – are confident that with such top-class clubs as Gloucester and Bristol from which to draw their main resources, the County, with the right combination, can go one step further than in the past two seasons and bring back the championship title which has eluded them for much too long.

Monmouthshire are undoubtedly the side to test this theory to the full, and regular Kingsholm supporters will recall that on our neighbouring county's last visit here, on Tuesday evening, October 14th, 1969, Gloucestershire won a remarkably spectacular game by 35 points to 15. A real rugger feast ! Mike Collins (3) and Dick Smith scored Gloucestershire's tries, with John Morris, in excellent place-kicking form that night, converting all four and landing five penalty goals.

TOUCH-LINE TWITTERS

In a few days time the County selection committee, who welcome the genial giant Ben Edwards, the former Welsh international forward, to their ranks this season, will meet to select the Gloucestershire side for the first championship match. This is against Somerset at the Recreation Ground, Bath, on Saturday, October 23rd, and the lads will be looking forward to the usual excellent support from the thousands of rugger enthusiasts in the north of the county.

It seems likely that Bernard Capaldi, the former Cheltenham wing-forward now living at Hinckley, who was originally selected for this evening's game, will be turning out for Leicestershire in the county championship this season. He was named by them to play against Yorkshire yesterday.

On the domestic scene, so to speak, members wishing to go to the home international matches at Twickenham this season are again reminded that their applications for tickets must be made by October 16th.

They should be addressed to the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Harold King, at 126, Podsmead Road, Gloucester, enclosing the necessary remittance. The matches at Twickenham are against Wales on January 15th and Ireland on February 12th, and the prices of tickets are : Stand £1.55 ; Ringside 78 p ; Enclosure 53 p ; Ground 33 p. All these prices are inclusive of booking fees.

The feast of rugger at Kingsholm this week continues on Saturday, when Harlequins are the visitors, with the usual kick-off at 3.15 p.m.

A.R.