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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1976 - 77



GLOUCESTERSHIRE

v.

SOMERSET

at

KINGSHOLM GROUND, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER, 1976

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - - - - 5p

G. E. WRIGHT, Hon Secretary.

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Gloucestershire

Colours: White

15. **D. P. SORRELL**
Bristol
14. **R. CLEWES**
Gloucester
13. **C. J. WILLIAMS**
Bristol
12. **R. JARDINE**
Gloucester
11. **R. R. MOGG**
Gloucester
10. ***C. G. WILLIAMS**
Gloucester
9. ***P. KINGSTON**
Gloucester
1. **G. A. F. SARGENT**
Gloucester
2. **S. G. F. MILLS**
Gloucester
3. ***M. A. BURTON**
Gloucester
4. **N. POMPHREY**
Bristol
5. **S. B. BOYLE**
Gloucester
6. ***J. A. WATKINS (Capt.)**
Gloucester
8. ***D. M. ROLLITT**
Bristol
7. **M. RAFTER**
Bristol
- Replacements:
16. **B. COLE**
Bristol
17. **N. WILLIAMS**
Clifton
18. **E. A. PINKNEY**
Gloucester
19. **J. WALTER**
St. Paul's College
20. **I. WILKINS**
St. Paul's College
21. **R. HARDING**
Bristol

Full Backs

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Outside Half

Scrum Half

Forwards

*International

Somerset

Colours: Red, White, & Black
Narrow Hoops

15. **D. TYLER**
Bristol
14. **P. KENT**
Bridgwater
13. **C. KENT**
Rosslyn Park
12. ***M. BEESE**
Bath
11. **R. CARTER**
Bristol
10. **R. HAZZARD**
Bristol
9. **F. CAME**
Swansea
1. **M. FRY**
Bristol
2. **S. LUXMOORE**
Clifton
3. **R. SPEED**
Bristol
4. **B. JENKINS**
Bath
5. **A. SHORNEY**
Avon & Somerset Police
6. **R. LYE**
Bath
8. **S. DAVIES**
Bristol
7. **N. TURNER**
Rosslyn Park
- Replacements:
16. **N. HUNT**
Bristol
17. **R. FARRELL**
Avon & Somerset Police
18. **H. CLEATON**
Bristol
19. **P. NORRIS**
Bridgwater
20. **P. SAMS**
Bristol

Touch Judge:

N. P. JONES

Gloucester Referees' Society

Referee:

P. E. HUGHES

Lancs/Manchester Referees' Society

Touch Judge:

F. ELLISON

Somerset Referees' Soc

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my very pleasant duty and privilege to extend a cordial welcome this afternoon to our friends and neighbours, Somerset, who, like our own County, have achieved excellent victories in their first two matches of this season's championship campaign.

Last season Somerset proved one of the biggest obstacles to Gloucestershire's progress through to the title and it was only after a very close battle indeed that our County won at Taunton by 15 points to 9.

Somerset have shown that they have a fast and clever back division in support of a lively pack and we look forward to another keen tussle at Kingsholm today.

On behalf of all Gloucestershire officials, players and supporters I welcome our neighbours and trust sincerely that they enjoy their brief visit here.

S. T DAY. (President, Gloucestershire R.F.U.)

CHAMPIONSHIP CHATTER

No replays

As most enthusiasts know there will be no replays in the various groups of the County rugby championship as from this season. Some enquiries have been made, however, as to how the South-West group title would be decided were this afternoon's match to end in a draw.

To avoid any congestion of fixtures - and this has been caused in the past by replays or "play-offs" - should two or more counties finish the group campaign equal on points awarded for wins and draws, the title would go to the one having the best record of points actually scored and conceded, rather like the goal average in soccer. Although Gloucestershire and Somerset have each won their two matches to date, the former has the superior scoring record. Thus Somerset can only become South-West champions by winning today; a drawn game would mean Gloucestershire becoming title-holders again.

Handbook

All clubs and officials should by now have received their Gloucestershire R.F.U. handbook for 1976-77. Supporters can purchase a copy (price only 30p) from the County secretary, Mr. George Wright, or from Colin Russell (telephone Dursley 3334). It is again packed with interesting information and the County's records and players over the years, while there is a special article on the tour of Rhodesia and South Africa earlier this year, written by the **Daily Telegraph** rugby correspondent, John Mason, who accompanied the Gloucestershire party.

Congratulations

It seems appropriate to offer congratulations to that popular player, Dave Rollitt, the "daddy" of the current Gloucestershire team, who this afternoon makes his 54th championship appearance for the County. Well done, "D.M!"

"Quarter-final"

What we have always known as the quarter-final this season becomes a play-off between the winners of the South-West and South divisions. "...that which we call a rose". This play-off will be staged in the South-West, so whichever county is successful here today will meet the winners of the South group at home in a fortnight's time, Saturday, November 27th.

KINGSHOLME KACKLE

More Rich Fare

There is another feast of rugger at Kingsholm tomorrow, when Gloucester meet an all-star side which includes several top names in the world of Rugby football. The match is in aid of Gloucester's tour to Colorado next May and admission is by programme only (price 50p), with a further 50p for seats in the stand. This is NOT an all-ticket game, as many seem to think, and programmes may be purchased on the ground today from the office or the Social Club.

John Player Cup

Apart from the Patrons' coach already booked for Gloucester's John Player first round cup match against Harlequins at Twickenham on December 4, another will be run for members. It is nearly full, but a few seats remain and anyone wishing to take advantage of the trip should contact Jim Holder in the Social Club. The first round matches in the cup competition involving West Country clubs, incidentally, are Esher v Bristol; Harlequins v Gloucester; London Welsh v Bath; Weston-super-Mare v Gloucester Gordon League. All are due to be played on December 4.

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