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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION  
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1978-79

CENTENARY YEAR



**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

v.

**SOMERSET**

at

**KINGSHOLM GROUND, GLOUCESTER**

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1978

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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G. E. WRIGHT, Hon Secretary.

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## Gloucestershire

Colours: White

15. **\*P. BUTLER**  
Gloucester
14. **R. CLEWES**  
Gloucester
13. **\*A. J. MORLEY**  
Bristol
12. **P. JOHNSON**  
Clifton
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. **J. R. DOUBLEDAY**  
Bristol
4. **N. POMPHREY**  
Bristol
5. **S. B. BOYLE**  
Gloucester
6. **\*J. A. WATKINS**  
Gloucester
8. **S. J. GORVETT**  
Bristol
7. **\*M. RAFTER (Capt.)**  
Bristol

Replacements:

16. **C. DAVEY**  
St. Paul's College
17. **T. DAVIS**  
Stroud

Full Backs

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Outside Half

Scrum Half

Forwards

\*International

## Somerset

Colours: Red, White and Black  
Narrow Hoops

15. **P. PEARCE**  
Clifton
14. **J. LANE**  
Bristol
13. **N. HUNT**  
Bristol
12. **C. BIRD**  
Bath
11. **D. NEWMAN**  
Bristol
10. **J. PALMER**  
Bath
9. **D. MURPHY**  
Bath
1. **R. SPEED (Capt.)**  
Bath
2. **S. LUXMOORE**  
Clifton
3. **J. MEDDICK**  
Bath
4. **N. WILLIAMS**  
Clifton
5. **B. JENKINS**  
Bath
6. **F. HARTLEY**  
Exeter
8. **S. DAVIES**  
Bristol
7. **S. JONES**  
Bath

Replacements:

16. **G. PAUL**  
Exeter University
17. **R. YANDLE**  
Exeter University

Touch Judge:

**A. M. J. FISHER**  
Gloucester Referees' Society

Referee:

**MAJOR P. L. LILLINGTON**  
Army & London Referees' Society

Touch Judge:

**C. COLE**  
Somerset Referees' Society

Today we welcome to Kingsholm in our Centenary Year our oldest and closest opponents, and friends.

In season 1878-79 our first ever representative game as a County was against Somerset on 2nd January, 1879, at Weston-super-Mare.

The report says: "An enjoyable game finally resulted in a draw, both sides having scored one try and two touches.

Our next meeting was at Gloucester on 18th December, 1880, when we were the victors by 1 goal to nil.

So for a 100 years we have enjoyed the "battles" and friendship with Somerset and long may they continue, and we look forward to an enjoyable game today.

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There is another feast in store for the home supporters, after you travel down the road next week, 1st November, to play Clifton, Gloucester R.F.C. are at home for the next six matches, and look forward to having your support:

Saturday, 4th November—Gloucester v. Leicester.

Wednesday, 8th November—Gloucester v. Cambridge University.

Saturday, 11th November—Gloucester v. Exeter.

Wednesday, 15th November—Gloucester v. Exeter College.

Saturday, 18th November—Gloucester v. Camborne.

Tuesday, 21st November—Gloucester v. Aberavon.

Slotted in between those games, on Wednesday, 15th November, the South and South West XV play New Zealand at the Memorial Ground, Bristol, when we hope a number of players on view today will be playing, and our best wishes go with them.

There has been a great demand for tickets as eight Counties are involved, but there are still a few ground tickets available, on sale from the Office AFTER the game.

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We thank the First-Aid Service on this ground provided voluntarily by the City of Gloucester Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Also the Gloucestershire R.F.U. expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Gloucester Club for the facilities to stage this game, and to the Officials, Stewards and Ladies for the help and co-operation given, and to you for your support.