

**Rugby Football Union**  
 **THORN EMI**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**



**SOMERSET**  
**V**  
**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**Saturday 27th October 1984**  
**The Recreation Ground**  
**Bath**

**KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.**

**Cost of programme: 40p**

## The Match

Today's protagonists, Somerset and Gloucestershire, last met at Twickenham in March of this year in the Final of the THORN EMI County Championship. On that occasion the Somerset side, lacking several regular players through injury, was beaten by 36 points to 18. Gloucestershire cannot afford to be complacent today, however. On the last two occasions that the counties have met at Bath, Somerset has been victorious, in 1979 by 19 points to 9, and in 1981 by 21 points to 7.

In the first clashes of this season's Championship, Gloucestershire beat Kent by 16 points to 10 while Somerset lost to Yorkshire 9 - 19. Both sides, therefore have something to prove and something to play for. The contest should be enthralling.

When the final whistle blows, however, there will be a renewal of many friendships, established over the years through Rugby Football between our neighbouring counties, counties supported so well by the loyal spectators. There must be serious doubts as to whether a Divisional League or Championship, proposed from some quarters, could attract similar support.

Our friends and rivals, the County Champions, Gloucestershire, are welcome today, players, committee and supporters. We hope that they enjoy their day out at Bath. There can't be many grounds in England with such pleasant surroundings.

The Somerset County RFU is most grateful to the Bath Football Club for allowing the use of their fine facilities and for all the support they give to County Rugby. We give our thanks to the officers, committee men and ladies who have worked so hard to stage today's game.

Two weeks ago the men from Yorkshire visited Bath and have written to say how much they enjoyed the lovely city and the West Country hospitality. Today we welcome another Yorkshire man, referee David Wilson. We hope that he enjoys the game and the post match hospitality.

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In two weeks time Somerset travel to Blackheath to play against Kent. Gloucestershire meet Yorkshire at Kingsholm. Both sides will be looking for support.

On 1st January 1985, there will be an opportunity to see many of the players here at Bath today, playing on the same side to represent the South & South West Division against the Romanian National side. This is to be staged at Kingsholm, Gloucester. Stand Tickets will be £5 each. Admission to the ground will be £2 and for scholars and O.A.P.s £1. Somerset members requiring Stand Tickets should send their order, with cash and a stamped, addressed envelope to Jack Wooldridge, 16 Grange Drive, Durleigh, Bridgwater by 20th November.

### The Sponsors

THORN EMI have been very good friends of Rugby Football. Their sponsorship of the County Championship has done so much. Their support made possible the staging of the Final last season at Twickenham and all who were there will have lasting memories of the occasion. We offer our thanks for this support. This afternoon there are over 200 THORN EMI employees and their guests at the match. It is hoped that they have a memorable day.

There are too local donators of financial support to Somerset Rugby. They include:- *Bass, Birmingham & Bridgwater Building Society, British Cellophane, John Crocker, Dalgety Agriculture, Fonthill Garden Centre, Kellands Fuel and Plant Sales, R.B. Taylor and Taunton Cider.* We hope that they and their guests have an enjoyable day.

The Somerset County RFU is pleased to have as a guest here today, Arthur Edwards, 'mine host' of the Pound Inn, Coxley, near Wells. He and his wife Betty readily make facilities available for the Management Committee, the Referees Society and a number of Sub-Committees to meet. Thank you Arthur. Enjoy the match.

## SOMERSET (3) 6

Colours: Black, white and crimson hoops,  
black shorts

15	C.R.MARTIN	Bath	Full-back
14	D.M.TRICK	Bath	Right-wing
13	J.A.PALMER	Bath	Centre
12	A.REES	Bath	Centre
11	B.TREVASKIS	Bath	Left-wing
10	J.P.HORTON (Captain)	Bath	Stand off half
9	R.HILL	Bath	Scrum half
1	D.SOLE	Bath	Prop
2	R.CUNNINGHAM	Bath	Hooker
3	R.LEE	Bath	Prop
4	P.STIFF	Bristol	Lock
5	R.HAKIN	Bath	Lock
6	R.A.SPURRELL	Bath	Flanker
7	J.P.HALL	Bath	Flanker
8	P.D.SIMPSON	Bath	No.8

### Replacements

16	C.STANLEY
17	G.BESS

### Touch Judge

M.PETERS  
Somerset Society

### Referee

D.J.WILSON  
Yorkshire Society

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE (3) 6

Colours: White jerseys, white shorts

15	P.CUE	Bristol
14	A.MORLEY	Bristol
13	J.WATSON	Bristol
12	S.HOGG	Bristol
11	A.RICHARDS	Gloucester
10	D.P.SORRELL	Bristol
9	R.HARDING	Bristol
1	M.PREEDY	Gloucester
2	S.MILLS	Gloucester
3	A.SHEPPARD	Bristol
4	N.POMPHREY	Bristol
5	A.BLACKMORE	Bristol
6	J.GADD	Gloucester
7	M.RAFTER (Captain)	Bristol
8	R.HESFORD	Bristol

### Replacements

16	S.EVERALL	Cheltenham
17	M.HANNAFORD	Gloucester

### Touch Judge

M.COENEY  
Bristol Society