

Somerset County Rugby Football Union



COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SOMERSET

VERSUS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Saturday, 22nd October, 1977

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

at

BRIDGWATER & ALBION R.F.C.

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BASS

PROGRAMME TEN PENCE

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE MATCH

If we have to play Gloucestershire anywhere—and it will take a pretty earth-shattering decision from the R.F.U. ever to end this local derby—there is nowhere we should rather choose than Bridgwater. For the name 'Bridgwater & Albion' is redolent of Zummerzet rugby and the way the game is played in these parts. The sad fact that 'they' are one up, and that we are one down, matters not at all to the local folk who look upon the Gloucestershire match as an occasion to rank with The Carnival or a General Election.

As at Bath a fortnight ago (and there we hope all similarity to that unfortunate day ends), we acclaim the support of three firms WEST OF ENGLAND FARMERS Ltd., A. & S. WHITE Ltd. and BASS—who are meeting the costs of staging today's game. Their contribution will go some way to enabling the County Committee to continue their present level of support for rugby in Somerset and South Avon; last year, for instance, some £600 was distributed in grants to clubs promoting junior rugby and, at the moment over £3000 is out on loan to clubs for ground purchase or clubhouse projects. So the true supporters of Somerset here today will be wishing both our team and our sponsors (whose representatives are at the match) a most fruitful and enjoyable afternoon.

We are also happy to have the opportunity of thanking in these pages several firms who have contributed to the cost of publishing the Handbook—their help is greatly valued and appreciated:

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Finally a word of thanks to the officials and the Ladies of the Bridgwater & Albion R.F.C. who have worked hard and long to stage the match.

SOMERSET

15	J. WATERMAN (Bath)	Full Back
14	D. NEWMAN (Bridgwater)	Right Wing
13	C. KENT Capt. (Rosslyn Park)	Centre
12	M. BEESE (Bath)	Centre
11	R. CARTER (Bristol)	Left Wing
10	J. LEIGH (Bristol)	Outside Half
9	H. CLEATON (Bath)	Scrum Half
1	J. AKERMAN (U.S. Portsmouth)	Forwards
2	A. WHITTLE (Bristol)	
3	J. MEDDICK (Bath)	
4	B. JENKINS (Bath)	
5	N. WILLIAMS (Clifton)	
6	G. PARSONS (Avon & Som. Police)	
8	S. WOOLWAY (Bristol)	
7	B. LEASE (Newport)	

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

P. BUTLER (Gloucester)	15
A. MORLEY (Bristol)	14
P. JOHNSON (Clifton)	13
R. JARDINE (Gloucester)	12
R. MOGG (Gloucester)	11
C. G. WILLIAMS (Gloucester)	10
P. KINGSTON (Gloucester)	9
P. BLAKEWAY (Gloucester)	1
F. REED (Gloucester)	2
A. SHEPPARD (Bristol)	3
N. POMPHREY (Bristol)	4
S. BOYLE (Gloucester)	5
M. RAFTER Capt. (Bristol)	6
D. ROLLITT (Richmond)	8
J. HAINES (Gloucester)	7

Replacements :

I. VICKERY
(Bridgwater)
J. BIDDISCOMBE
(Bridgwater)
J. LLOYDS (Taunton)
M. DAVIS (Taunton)
R. BELL (Bridgwater)
F. HARTLEY (Exeter)

K. DANIELS (Stroud)
I. WILKINS (Lydney)
J. CANNON (Clifton)
M. HAMBLIN
(Cheltenham)
A. TURTON (Stroud)

Referee : **L. PRIDEAUX** (N. Midlands)

Touch Judges :

G. JONES (Somerset) and **E. STEPHENS** (Gloucestershire)