

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 1950

Present:- Dr. Alcock, President.

Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents.

T. R. Millington, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Treasurer, T. Burns, Hon. Fixtures Sec., S. Smart, R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, F. Wadley, J. G. A'Bear, Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor.

An apology was received from Mr. L. H. Middleditch.

Reference was made to the illness of Mr. Middleditch. It was agreed that the Committee's best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to him.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Matters Arising:

Badges.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had considered the question of the number required and was of [the] opinion that 8 dozen would be adequate. Mr. Morris proposed and Mr. Baldwin seconded that this number be ordered at the approx. price of £1 given in the quotation. This was agreed.

Ties.

Mr. Loveridge was asked to enquire of Messrs. Dance as to the number of Club Ties in stock. Report at next meeting with a view to discussion as to change of pattern, etc.

"W. B." Records.

Mr. Balchin raised the question of the custody of the Records which should, he considered, be readily available for reference. The Hon. Sec. suggested the best place would be a strong box at the ground.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fixture Sec. reported he still awaited reply from Blackheath. He had received a reply from the Cheltenham Club who were prepared to accept either date. The Hon. Treasurer suggested that the list of matches arranged for the next two seasons be circulated to members with a view to discussion at an early date. It was agreed that discussion take place at the next meeting and the Hon. Fix. Sec. promised to prepare and circulate lists.

International Trial.

The Hon. Treasurer reported the final financial position:

Receipts	£1009 8s. 6d.
Expenditure	£235 15s. 7d.
	£773 12s. 11d.
Club's 20%	£154 14s. 7d.

Memorial Ground.

Nothing further to report at present.

R.A.F. Band.

The Hon. Sec. reported conversation with Flt. Lt. Ledbury regarding the Collection to be made at the R.A.F. match and the officer agreed to endeavour to obtain permission for the Collection to be made for the Memorial Fund or jointly with R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

Tea Room.

Mr. Voyce reported that he had made enquiries regarding the possibility of obtaining permits for building or constructional alterations such as had been suggested behind the new stand. He considered the results of his enquiries were not wholly satisfactory and passed the relevant correspondence to the Hon. Sec. Reference was made to a plan which had been prepared some years ago and it was agreed that the Ground Committee should discuss the matter further after search had been made for the plan referred to.

Touch Judges.

United Services	-	Mr. R. Morris
Bath	-	Mr. R. H. James
Bath United	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Referees Bath	-	Mr. A. M. Rees
Oxford University	-	Mr. G. Walters
Swansea	-	Mr. R. A. Beattie
R.A.F.	-	Mr. Parfitt
Newport	-	Mr. J. N. Pearce or D. Cooper, London
Cheltenham	-	Mr. H. Phillips, Mr. Goldsworthy, or Trevor James
London Welsh	-	North Midlands
Headingley	-	Bristol
Llanelly	-	London
Devon Services	-	Mr. G. Salter

K. Daniell.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from this player resigning the Vice-Captaincy reiterating his decision as the result of his injury not to play again this season. This was accepted with regret. The Chairman announced that the Captain had nominated Tom Day as Vice-Captain.

Car Park Fence.

The Hon. Sec. reported Contractors had now obtained the necessary permit and had commenced work on the job. It was agreed to ask Contractor to provide an exit gate to serve the new Stand. The Hon. Sec. also reported that the Contractor had suggested that the fence be set back a foot or so and it was agreed Ground Committee make inspection re. this and report.

Association of Boys Clubs.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had written the Stroud Sec. with suggestion that the match arranged for Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> be put back to Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>. Stroud had replied suggesting March 23<sup>rd</sup>,

Kick-Off 5:30 and pointing out that their ground would be in hands of the Contractors for levelling on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Stroud Club be sounded with a view to match being played at Kingsholm on March 30<sup>th</sup>, the gate to be shared.

Gordon League Juniors.

The Chairman referred to an earlier application for a grant towards expenses incurred in away matches. The application had been renewed; the Gordon League Secretary stating that several proposed games could not be played through lack of funds. The Hon. Treasurer proposed and Mr. Hanley seconded that a grant of £10 be made. This was agreed.

Mr. Voyce raised the question of the use of the ground for matches. He considered that for future a charge should be made as a matter of principle for use of the ground; this to apply to School Boys matches as well. It was agreed that arrangements should be made to fix a scale charge for next season.

Oxford University Match.

In announcing 3 o'clock Kick-Off the Hon. Sec. said Dr. Alcock had invited the Oxford University team to the White Hart Hotel after the game. The invitation was also extended to the Gloucester players and Committee. The Committee's thanks were accorded to Dr. Alcock.

Tour.

Mr. A'Bear asked if Hotel Headquarters for the Tour had been arranged. The Hon. Sec. reported enquires were at the moment proceeding.

Meeting Closed at 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] T. W. Millington

14/2/50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office Kingsholm, Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 1950.

Present:-

Dr. Alcock, President. Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents, T. R. Millington, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. Smart, R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, J. G. A'Bear, F. Wadley, R. H. James, Rev. H. M. Hughes, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies from Messrs. L. Middleditch and H. Boughton.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Mr. F. Day, Players' Rep., attended and reported that several players had asked to be provided with boots. It was pointed out that the Hon. Sec. had authority to deal with such matters and the Players' [Rep.] was asked to refer players accordingly.

Badges.

It was reported these were now on order.

Ties.

Mr. Loveridge reported that Messrs. Dance had about 10 club ties left in stock. A silk and rep. tie at a lower price could be provided if desired and a pattern specimen would be obtained. It was agreed that there should be no change in pattern.

"W. B." Records.

The President reported he had seen Mr. Bailey who had expressed pleasure at Clubs' decision to obtain the Records. It was agreed to defer payment until the end of the current season when Mr. Bailey would hand over Records up to date.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had now received a reply from the Blackheath who asked for a Guarantee of £75 for the proposed match on Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1950. In discussion which took place it was considered this figure was too high. The Hon. Fix. Sec. was directed to check fixtures since War to see whether Blackheath owed us a home game and to reply that we could not offer a guarantee of more than £50. He was further asked to enquire of the Blackheath Sec. whether it was to be understood that his Club wanted a guarantee match at Gloucester in future seasons instead of home and away games in alternate years as in the past.

Further discussion took place on fixtures generally and some concern was expressed on the number of mid-week matches arranged.

Stroud.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had written the Stroud Sec. again as suggested and had asked that Mr. R. J. Mills might call and discuss the matter with the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Hudson). It was agreed that should Stroud agree to play at Gloucester on March 30<sup>th</sup>, that Police be asked to Kick-Off at 3 p.m.

#### Memorial Ground.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had had an opportunity of seeing plans of the proposed ground at Longlevens embracing 8 acres of land which [he] considered very suitable. He strongly advised purchase if price agreeable when the offer was made. Enquiries were still being carried on regarding the land at Hempsted.

#### R.A.F. Band.

There was nothing further to report.

#### Car Park Fence.

It was agreed that members of Ground Committee should make inspection [on] Thursday afternoon to determine the exact distance to set back the fence from the Stand.

It was reported that the plans of the Stand had not yet been found.

#### Gordon League Juniors.

It was reported [that a] letter of thanks for grant of £10 had been received from Hon. Sec. of the Gordon League.

#### Tour.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had met representatives of Cornwall at Twickenham last Saturday and had made inquiries as to the suitability of hotels at Penzance recommended to him as headquarters for the Tour.

#### Touch Judges

Oxford University	- Mr. J. G. A'Bear
Swansea	- Rev. H. M. Hughes
Hereford	- Mr. S. Smart
Cardiff Ath.	- Mr. R. Morris

#### Glos. Boys Clubs.

A letter was read from this Association asking if the Club could provide 4 members of the Committee to attend trial matches on March 18<sup>th</sup>, to assist in selection of team. In view of the date being on a Saturday it was agreed that other duties prevented acceptance of the invitation.

#### County Coaching Scheme.

A letter from Capt. F. Blackwell was read regarding a coaching scheme to be put before the Committee to be run during the close season. The Chairman gave some details as furnished to the County Committee and asked for the support of the Club in connection with the scheme. Mr. Voyce intimated that the use of the ground would probably be required on one or two occasions during the close season. It was agreed to support the scheme.

#### County Trial.

It was agreed to grant use of the ground for County Trial match on March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was understood that arrangements for the match would be left to the Gloucester Club and charges would be the same as for 1<sup>st</sup> XV games.

Gloucester Public & Grammar Schools.

The Hon. Sec. reported receipt of an application for use of the ground in 1951 preferably on a Saturday for a County Match. It was agreed this be left to Hon. Sec. to arrange subject to an agreed charge and date to be on a Thursday.

Boys Match; July 4<sup>th</sup>.

It was reported that the Schools officials were a little dissatisfied over the financial result of the match and would probably be writing the Club on the question of admission of members. It was decided to await communication, but the opinion was expressed that the Club was entitled to receive a balance sheet showing full takings including amount from sale of tickets.

Meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

[Signed] T. Millington

28/2/50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

Present:

Mr. A. Hudson, Vice President, Messrs. T. Millington, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, J. Burns, Hon. Fixture Secretary, S. Smart, J. G. A'Bear, F. Wedley, R. N. Loveridge, Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, H. Boughton, L. Middleditch, R. Morris.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising;

Badges.

Mr. Loveridge reported that Messrs. Janes, Ltd., expected delivery in from 4 to 5 weeks' time.

Ties.

The new sample type of tie was not yet available. The Hon. Sec. raised the question of the qualification for issue of Club ties and it was agreed that past minutes regarding this should be read at next meeting.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fixtures Sec. reported that he had written the Blackheath Club as directed but had not yet received a reply. A review of fixtures since 1945 revealed that the Club did not owe us a home game.

The Hon Sec. said he had discussed with Mr. Mills the suggestion of the transfer of the game arranged at Stroud for March 16<sup>th</sup>, to Kingsholm on March 30<sup>th</sup>. While not anxious to sacrifice a home fixture the Stroud Club [he] had finally agreed to the re-arrangement. The Hon. Sec. was empowered to make the necessary arrangements as to division of the gate, a minimum of 60% to the Stroud Club being suggested. The Police had agreed to Kick-Off at 2.45 on that day. It was agreed that members of the Stroud Club be admitted free on production of membership card. Gloucester Club members also to be admitted on production of membership cards.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from Mr. Adrian Stoop asking if the Harlequins Hon. Fix. Sec. had written to say that his club did not ask for a Guarantee for the proposed match on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The heavy programme was referred to but it was finally agreed to accept the offer of the game, members to be admitted on production of membership cards.

Memorial Ground.

Nothing further was reported.

R.A.F. Band.

It was reported that definite arrangements as regards the Collection to be made had not yet been arrived at. The R.A.F. officer concerned had not seen the Hon. Sec. as arranged. It was

agreed to contact the officer as soon as possible and the Hon. Treasurer promised to do this tomorrow.

#### Car Park Fence.

The Hon. Sec. reported that some members of the Ground Committee had made an inspection and suggested that the fence be set back about a yard and that an extra gate be provided. This was agreed.

#### Tour.

Mounts Bay Hotel was agreed on as Headquarters for the Tour subject to necessary arrangements being made.

#### County Coaching Scheme.

The Chairman said this was under consideration by the County Committee who were meeting again shortly.

#### County Match v. Glamorgan.

The Chairman reported that all arrangements for the game on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> were to be in hands of the Gloucester Club. Ordinary Club prices to be charged. Programmes - single sheet.

#### Gloucester Boys.

No information had been received regarding takings at Leicester game.

#### Touch Judges:-

Northampton	-	Mr. R. H. James
Cardiff University	-	Mr. F. Wadley
R.A.F.	-	Mr. R. H. James
Berry Hill	-	Mr. R. Morris

#### County Championship.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the Bristol Club in which they drew attention to the adverse affect on club football owing to the increase in County Championship games. The letter contained a proposal for the re-grouping of Counties and the Bristol Club asked for the support of the Gloucester Club. In the discussion which followed members were in favour of supporting the proposition, subject to amendment of the proposal by which in order to avoid replays group championships were to be settled on a points basis. Mr. G. A'Bear proposed. Mr. H. F. Balchin seconded.

#### Stan Weaver Fund.

A letter from the Secretary of the Committee formed to raise a fund for this old player was read. It was agreed to donate £5 5s. 0d. Mr. J. G. A'Bear proposed. Mr. R. N. Loveridge seconded.

#### Albert Jenkins Fund.



It was agreed to send £2 2s. 0d. to this Fund in response to an appeal to help this old player received from the Llanelly club.

The Hon. Sec read a letter received from the Education Officer regarding the employment of boys as programme sellers on days when they should be at school, and drawing attention to certain regulations. Mr. Taylor reported he had seen the Education Officer and made arrangements to ascertain the ages of the boys and to submit application forms for those who were of age.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the City Architect drawing attention to [the] fact that a branch of a tree at Dean Walk was touching the roof of an adjoining property. The Hon. Sec. was instructed to reply that the matter would be attended to.

Bristol - Cancelled Fixture.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported receipt of a letter from the Bristol Hon. Sec., asking if it would be possible to play an evening game at Bristol in lieu of the game cancelled on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> were suggested. The Hon. Fix. Sec. said he had already written the Bristol Hon. Sec. that these dates were not convenient, for reasons stated. After discussion it was agreed that Bristol Club be notified that in view of the heavy programme we were reluctantly compelled to come to conclusion that it would be practically impossible to fit in a suitable date.

Meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

[Signed] T. Millington

14 / 3 / 50

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Apologies were received from Messrs. A. Hudson, and L. Middleditch, indisposed.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Badges.

There was nothing further to report.

Ties.

Mr. Loveridge produced specimens of various qualities which were examined. A silk and rep. type quoted at 7/9d was decided upon. It was agreed to leave the question of the number to be ordered to discretion of the Hon. Sec. who was also asked to check up the qualification for issue of ties for further discussion at next meeting.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received a reply from the Blackheath Club agreeing to the suggested Guarantee of £50 for the proposed evening games for 1950/51 and 1951/52. It was agreed that the dates be confirmed subject to kick-off being as late as possible.

Harlequins.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had this morning received a letter from the Harlequins Hon. Sec. in which he stated that at a meeting of his Committee it had been decided that there was no possibility of a sufficiently representative side being available to do justice to the fixture. He regretted therefore that he was unable to carry on with the arrangements for the proposed game on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Arising out of further discussion it was proposed by Rev. H. M. Hughes, seconded by M. H. Balchin that after the season [? 1952/53]<sup>1</sup> Saturday matches except where Cardiff or Newport might be involved should be arranged without consideration for County Championship games. This was agreed.

Memorial Ground.

Mr. Voyce said that, for reason stated, there would now appear to be no hope of acquiring the Hempsted land. There was nothing further to report.

<sup>1</sup> Pencilled insert.

#### R.A.F. Band.

It was reported that the collection made by the R.A.F. Cadets for the Memorial Fund amounted to £19. 0s. 5d. The Hon. Treas. said that in conversation with the Officer in Charge after the game it had been intimated that the Band would be available if invited on a future occasion.

The Hon. Sec. was asked to convey to Group Capt. Withers the Club's great appreciation of the services of the Band and of the Cadets.

#### Tour.

In reply to an enquiry it was stated that it was understood that arrangements were proceeding on the assumption that the party was travelling by rail.

#### County Coaching Scheme.

There was nothing further to report at present.

#### County Game v. Glamorgan.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the takings amounted to £136 of which the Club's share would be approximately £19 net.

#### County Championships - Bristol Proposals.

It was reported that a reply had been sent to the Bristol Club but nothing further had yet transpired.

#### Gloucester Schools.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr. A. Harris, Schools Hon. Sec., in which application was made for the use of Kingsholm on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> inst., for a match v. Cardiff Boys or Oxford Boys. The letter had not been received in time for the application to be considered at the last meeting. The Chairman said he also understood that Mr. Harris had also spoken to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Balchin, and had suggested certain financial arrangements. In the circumstances and in view of the short time available the Chairman said he had given the Schools Hon. Sec. permission provisionally. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Voyce, seconded by Mr. Balchin that the Chairman's action be confirmed. This was agreed. It was also agreed that permission would be subject to the following conditions:

1. Kick-off at 2.15.
2. Alternative arrangements for changing to be made for the boys so that usual changing quarters be available for United XV.
3. All receipts to go to Schools who would defray the Gloucester Club's expenses for the day to a sum not exceeding £15.
4. Club members to be admitted from 2.45 p.m. on production of membership ticket.

#### Bristol Club - Cancelled Fixture.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received a reply from the Bristol Hon. Fix. Sec. in which the latter appreciated the difficulties of arranging another game. He had however not yet had an opportunity of putting the matter again before his Committee.

The teams for next Saturday's games were read by the Committee and discussion ensued on the 1<sup>st</sup> XV's poor form in recent matches.

Touch Judges:

Guys Hospital	-	S. F. Taylor
	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Newport	-	Mr. R. H. James
Newport United	-	J. G. A'Bear
Stroud	-	J. G. A'Bear

Referee:

Stroud	-	Best, Bristol
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(Kick-off 5.30 p.m.)

Mr. Loveridge reported that in conversation with several 1<sup>st</sup> XV players after last Saturday's game he had gathered the impression that the team would welcome a social evening at an early date at which causes of recent poor form could be discussed. It was proposed by Mr. H. Boughton, seconded by Mr. F. Wadley that meeting be held next Tuesday, after Selection Committee meeting. This was agreed, players to be given as much notice as possible.

Mr. Balchin intimated that he would like a Finance Sub-Committee [meeting] on Saturday. Agreed.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that a letter had been sent inviting a Club Representative to the Annual Dinner of the Gloucester Cricket Club on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> inst. An invitation had also been sent to Dr. Alcock.

Meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

[Signed] T. Millington

28 / 3 / 50

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Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., T. Millington, Chairman, H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, S. Smart, L. H. Middleditch, J. G. A'Bear, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. R. H. James, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Burns, and H. Boughton.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Ties.

There was nothing further to report. The question of qualification was deferred for discussion later.

County Coaching Scheme.

The Chairman stated there was nothing further to report. The County Committee was meeting on Friday next. Clubs were being asked to put forward the names of any individuals able to instruct and also players to demonstrate in outside coaching. Agreement at last meeting to give the Scheme every support was confirmed.

Bristol Fixture.

The Chairman said he had discussed this matter with Bristol Committee Members on a recent visit there but nothing resulted.

County Championship - Bristol Proposals.

It was reported that an invitation has been received from Bristol Club to meet them and officials of the Bath Club for discussion of the proposals. The Chairman stated that during the recent illness of the Hon. Sec. he had received a further invitation by 'phone. He had accordingly arranged for the Rev. H. M. Hughes and himself to attend the meeting at Bristol on Wed. March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Rev. Hughes submitted a report of the meeting which was read by the Hon. Sec. This urged support of resolution proposed by Bristol, seconded by Bath that scheme should be put forward. Discussion ensued on the effect of County Matches on Club games. The Chairman's action was confirmed and it was agreed to continue support of the scheme in future negotiations.

Gloucester Schools Match - 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory settlement of the gate, the Club receiving £10 leaving approx. £7 balance for the Schools.

Public & Secondary Schools Match v. Wales.

Mr. Taylor gave a report of a meeting which he attended to discuss arrangements for the game to be played on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Voyce proposed and Mr. Loveridge seconded that a letter should be sent to the Schools Union Secretary regarding financial compensation for the use of ground. This was agreed.

#### Meeting of Players and Committee.

There had not been a large attendance of players but its effect was reflected in the play in the Newport game. Arising out of this Mr. Voyce remarked that Dr. Alcock had not been thanked officially for his generous hospitality in the evening after the Oxford University game. He proposed this be done. Mr. J. G. A'Bear seconded. Unanimously agreed. The President acknowledged.

#### Touch Judges:

Cheltenham	-	Mr. S. Smart	Headingley	-	Mr. J. G. A'Bear
Bristol Aero	-	J. G. A'Bear	Lydney	-	Mr. J. G. A'Bear
London Welsh	-	Mr. R. Morris	Llanely	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
Drybrook	-	Mr. F. Wadley	Old Ludinians	-	Mr. S. Smart

#### Cheltenham Club Dinner.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Rev. H. M. Hughes attend Cheltenham Club Dinner on April 1<sup>st</sup> on invitation extended by that Club.

Application for use of ground for Sports on August 12<sup>th</sup>., by Gloucester & Quedgeley R.A.F. Association.

It was agreed to ask for more details of the programme of events, but to point out August 12<sup>th</sup> was not a suitable date.

#### St. John's Ambulance Association.

The Hon. Sec. reported application for collection at match with Llanely on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This was unanimously agreed.

#### Supporter's Club.

The Hon. Sec. reported further application for accommodation at Kingsholm for office for use on match days. It was agreed to ask for fuller details as to what was in view.

#### City Community Council.

It was [agreed] to continue subscription and Mr. Hudson was re-nominated to serve on Council.

#### English R. F. Union.

The Hon. Sec. read a circular letter from the English Rugby Football Union relative to a number of matters. That regarding suggestion for a collection in support of appeal for funds for National Playing Fields Association was deferred until 1950/51 season.

#### Tour 1949/50.

The question of the number of players to be invited was raised and this was agreed up to 23. Dr. Alcock proposed and Mr. Loveridge seconded that the 4 officers, viz. Chairman, Hon. Sec., Hon. Treas., and Hon. Fixture Sec. be invited and this was agreed.

On proposition of Mr. Middleditch seconded by Mr. Smart that 3 Committee Members also to be invited, it was suggested that those members able to go notify Hon. Sec., and if more than 3 draw to be made. This was agreed.

The Chairman reported he had been approached by F.O. Thomas, R.A.F. with the proposal that a combined R.A.F. District play the N. G. Combination. It was possible that the R.A.F. Station Band could be obtained and it was suggested that a collection be made for the Memorial Fund. It was agreed to refer this to Combination meeting on Monday next to try to arrange a date before end of season. Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> was suggested as best date.

Meeting closed 9:00 p.m.

[Signed] T. Millington

18 / 4 / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., T. H. Millington, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, F. Burns, Hon. Sec. Secretary, S. Smart, A. G. A'Bear, H. Boughton, R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, F. Wadley, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. Morris.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Ties.

It was agreed to award ties to three further players who had qualified, viz. T. Davis, M. Baker, and G. Hastings. Discussion ensued on the qualification for ties and finally on proposition of Dr. Alcock seconded by Mr. Loveridge it was agreed that 12 matches for 1<sup>st</sup> XV and United XV teams should qualify. It was further agreed that the minute of 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1949 in which it was agreed that the qualification be 21 matches should be rescinded.

County Coaching Scheme.

It was reported that as yet no names of individuals willing to instruct had been put forward.

County Championship Bristol Proposals.

There was nothing further to report.

Boys International v. Wales.

The Hon. Sec. reported arrangements well in hand. He had mentioned the question of compensation for the use of the ground with the Schools' Hon. Sec. who was discussing this at the next meeting of his Committee.

Cheltenham Club Dinner.

The Chairman reported he had enjoyed a very good evening and proposed letter be sent thanking the Cheltenham Club for invitations and hospitality. This was agreed.

St. John's Ambulance.

The Hon. Sec. reported a letter of thanks for permission to make collection had been received from the Supt.

Cinderford Band.

On suggestion of the Hon. Treasurer it was agreed to pay fares of the Band who did not of course make their usual collection at the Llanelly match on 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Supporter's Club.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had replied to the Supporters Club Secretary's letter as directed and had received a further letter in which it was suggested that a room or space might be made available under the main stand where teas could be provided, and after discussion it was agreed that Hon. Sec. reply pointing out that the Gloucester Football Club already had its



own catering licence and it was the Club's intention to develop this when circumstances permitted. No objection was raised to the provision of a hut for the enrolling of members.

Tour.

The Hon. Sec. gave details of the completed arrangements for travelling, etc. Mr. R. Morris having withdrawn, Messrs. J. G.A'Bear, H. Boughton, and S. F. Taylor were appointed as Committee members of the party. The Chairman read names of players invited. It was agreed that Mr. S. H. Davies, United XV Capt., also be invited.

R.A.F.

It was reported North Glos. Comb. Committee had considered proposed match and had decided it was too late to entertain it.

Touch Judge v. Devon Services - H. Boughton.

London Welsh.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter received thanking Club for hospitality, etc.

Headingley.

Ditto.

Sale.

The question of the amount of the Guarantee to Sale for Easter Monday 1951 was raised. Correspondence to be looked up with a view to further discussion next meeting.

Bristol R.F.C. Dinner.

It was agreed that the President, if possible, accept invitation for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Balchin would go if President unable to accept.

Drybrook Band.

Application to play on Ground in 1950/51 was deferred.

Fixtures 1952/53 - Tour.

It was decided to defer the question of a change until after the tour.

Mr. Boughton raised question of seating in Committee Box, and said he had on occasion been unable to find room owing to the fact that visitors and others occupied Committee seats. It was agreed that arrangements be made for accommodation of Committee and stewards instructed accordingly.

Meeting closed 9:20 p.m.

[Signed] T. H. Millington

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday May 2nd, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., T. H. Millington, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, F. Burns, Hon. Fix. Secy., S. Smart, J. G. A'Bear, L. H. Middleditch, R. N. Loveridge, Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor, F. Wadley.

Apologies received from Mr. R. Morris.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

County Coaching Scheme.

The Chairman reported there was a number of volunteers as lecturers. The County Committee would be meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, when he hoped something further would be done.

County Championship - Bristol Proposals.

There was nothing further from Bristol to report. Mr. Voyce said the proposals had been considered by the English R. F. Union and a full discussion of the matter had taken place. It had been decided however to give the present grouping a fair trial but to consider a new grouping scheme as soon as possible.

Boys Match v. Wales.

The Hon. Sec. said he had heard nothing further with regard to the question of compensation for use of the ground. The question of the Club's future policy regarding Schools matches on ground was discussed and it was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting. The Hon. Treasurer gave details of gate money taken at match, £386 5s. 6d. inclusive of tickets sold.

Supporter's Club.

The Hon. Sec. reported gist of letter he had written to the Hon. Sec. of the Supporter's Club and awaited a reply.

Tour.

The Chairman reported that the Tour had been an all-round success. The spirit and behaviour of the players as well as the results of the matches played, had been excellent. The Hon. Treasurer reported that the cost of the Tour was somewhat less than anticipated.

The President proposed a message of congratulations on results and general conduct of players be sent to Captain. Agreed.

Fixtures:

Sale.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he could not find any agreement as to amount of Guarantee with Sale for Easter Monday 1951. The amount paid on their last visit was £50 and it was agreed this figure be again offered.

Bradford.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received a letter from Bradford Hon. Sec. in which they said they were prepared to leave the question of the amount of their Guarantee for Easter Monday match 1952 to us. It was agreed to offer £50.

Bristol R.F.C. Annual Dinner.

The President, Mr. A. T. Voyce reported dinner a great success. Some 240 attended. The President suggested letter of thanks be sent to Bristol Club for this hospitality.

Future Tours.

The question of fixtures in future tours was raised by the Hon. Fix. Sec., and it was agreed that Teignmouth be played on Tuesday in 1950/51 and 1951/52. It was also agreed to arrange fixture with Penzance in 1952/53.

Stroud R.F.C.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter received from Stroud Club inviting two representatives to their annual dinner. It was agreed that the Captain and Mr. R. H. James attend.

Application from Hon. Sec. Schools (over 15) for date for next season was deferred for consideration at next meeting.

E. Wingate.

The Chairman reported this player had approached him regarding an account for 37/6d incurred by him for massage treatment. He had not obtained permission of Club doctor. In view of decision in similar cases previously it was agreed that account be paid by Club. It was suggested that the rule requiring Club doctors' permission be brought to players notice by means of notice board.

Finance.

The Hon. Treasurer gave details of his provisional balance sheet for 1949/50.

Grants.

Grants were agreed as follows:-

Local Clubs:-	Gordon League	
	Atlas	
	Widden O. B.'s	
	Old Centralians	
	Spartans	
	Tredworth	
	Coney Hill	
	R.A.O.C	
	All Blues	
	Civil Service	
	Students Union	11 at £10 0s. 0d. each



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1950.

Present: Dr Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., T. H. Millington, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. Smart, L. H. Middleditch, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor, J. G. A'Bear, Rev. H. M. Hughes, H. Boughton.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Matters Arising:

County Coaching Scheme.

The Chairman reported that a meeting had taken place to arrange dates with lectures. Endeavours were being made to commence in week ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Major F. Blackwell had been suggested as Secretary of the Scheme. The Chairman hoped that Committee would give every support.

County Championship Proposal.

The Hon. Sec read a letter from the Bristol Club with which was enclosed a copy of a letter received from the Rugby Football Union acknowledging receipt of their recommendation regarding the County Championship and informing the Bristol Club of the R.F.U. decision to give the present revised scheme a fair trial but to give the grouping scheme recommended by Bristol and Bath full consideration at a later date.

The Bristol club did not intend to raise the matter at the Annual Meeting but would hold a watching brief. In the discussion which ensued it was agreed that little more could be done except to take any opportunity to enlist the support of clubs in other Counties and Groups.

International Match - Boys Over 15.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the Boys' Committee had not yet met and he had heard nothing further regarding compensation for use of ground.

Supporter's Club.

The Hon. Sec. reported nothing further received.

Fixtures - Guarantees.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported Bradford had accepted offer of £50. No reply from Sale.

Grants.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that these had been issued and acknowledgements received. Letter of thanks had been received from the Coney Hill Club. The Hon. Sec. had received cheque of £5 5s. 0d. from All Blues as donation to the Memorial Fund.

Civil Service.

The Hon. Fix. [Secretary] reported he had received further letter suggesting Guarantee of £35 - £40. It was agreed that arrangement of a fixture if feasible be left to the Hon. Sec. and the Hon. Fix. Sec.

### 7-a-Side Games.

In view of great interest evinced in this tournament it was agreed to give every support next year. The President proposed that a trophy be given by the club. This was seconded by Mr. Loveridge and agreed.

### Annual General Meeting.

Fixed for Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>.; 7:30 p.m.

### Players' Meeting.

Fixed for Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### County Nominations.

The Hon. Sec. gave a report of proceedings at last County Committee and he had been asked by the Bristol Club to propose the following nominations:-

President	-	Mr. T. H. Millington
Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer	-	Mr. A. F. Hain
Hon. Sec.	-	Mr. C. Humby

### Gloucester & District Representatives.

The Chairman mentioned that it was the intention of the Hon. Sec. of the North Glos. Combination to seek election in addition to Mr. V. Goddard. This would render a ballot necessary and there was the possibility that the Gloucester Club would have one representative only. On proposition of Mr. Boughton seconded by Mr. Wadley Messrs. Hudson and Balchin were nominated as the Club's representatives. On the suggestion of the President it was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Voyce, and Mr. Wadley bring up the matter of the Club's representation at next Combination Committee Meeting with a view to securing the honouring of previous agreement whereby the Club had 2 representatives and North Gloucester Combination one.

### W. Bailey.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from "W.B." thanking Club for cheque and informing him Records were now ready for collection.

### R.A.F. Guarantee.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported letter received from R.A.F. asking for increase in guarantee from £40 to £50 in view of increased cost of travelling, etc. This was agreed.

### Insurance

The Hon. Treasurer reported that his accounts for season now closed, and gave his final figures to be submitted to the Club's auditors. A sum of £1500 had been taken from Trustee Bank Account. Capital expenditure on Repairs and Renewals - £1965.19s.1d.

On proposition of Mr. Loveridge seconded by Mr. R. James the Hon. Treasurer's statement of Receipts & Expenditure was adopted subject to audit.

### English Schools Under-15.

The Schools Hon. Sec. wrote asking for arrangements to be made for a meeting with Club's representatives with a view to discussing details of match v. Wales at Kingsholm on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1951. It was agreed that the President, Vice-Presidents, and Officers represent the Club. On the question of the charge to be made for ground at this match raised by the Hon. Sec. a suggestion was made that 10% be fixed, but this was left to representatives.

Nominations - Annual General Meeting.

President.	Dr. A. Alcock.	Proposed Mr. A. Hudson Seconded Mr. A. T. Voyce
Vice-Presidents.	Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson H. J. Balchin, T. H. Millington	Proposed L. H. Middleditch Seconded by Rev. H. M. Hughes Proposed by A. T. Voyce Seconded by H. Boughton
Hon. Sec.	A. Hudson	Proposed S.F. Taylor Seconded H. Boughton
Hon. Treasurer	H. J. Balchin	Proposed H. Wadley Seconded M. Jones
Hon. Fix. Sec.	T. Burns	Proposed Mr. S. Smart Seconded J. G. A'Bear
Committee	Present members en bloc.	

R. F. Union.

Mr. L. Burns was appointed to attend Annual Meeting of R. F. Union on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Messrs. J. G. A'Bear and Rev. H. M. Hughes were appointed Club's delegates to County Annual Meeting.

The Rev. H. M. Hughes appointed to attend District meeting.

Meeting closed 9:50 p.m.

[Signed] T. H. Millington.

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great responsibilities, and wished him a good season in 1950/51. He thanked Mr. Gordon Hudson for his great services as Captain for past 3 seasons and for the splendid way he had surmounted difficulties of last season.

The Chairman asked players for any suggestions for the Committee's consideration.

Mr. J. Watkins suggested earlier start in training. Mr. Voyce supported this and also suggested players getting together for talks on tactics.

Chairman referred to County Training Scheme which he feared might fall through unless more lecturers came forward.

Mr. Gordon Hudson congratulated Mr. Tom Day on his election as Captain. He said he had greatly enjoyed his 3 seasons as Captain and wished Mr. Day a good season and the loyal support of the players.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee to Gordon Hudson, Steve Davies and Tom Day for their services during the past season. The players then withdrew. 8:05 p.m.

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Before proceeding to Matters Arising, however, the President raised a question regarding the minutes relating to honoraria. He considered it was out of order. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the minute referred be expunged.

County Coaching Scheme.

The Chairman said there was a danger that the scheme would fall through owing to lack of lecturers. Further discussion was deferred until next meeting in hope of more definite information.

Boys Under-15 International Match.

Hon. Sec. reported he had heard nothing further.

Supporter's Club.

Hon. Sec. reported he had received further letter regarding the provision of a hut on the ground. This was deferred for consideration by the new Committee.

Civil Service.

It was reported that after consultation between Hon. Sec. and Hon. Fixtures Sec., it was considered that owing to congestion of fixtures the proposed mid-week game in 1950/51 would be inadvisable. Agreed.

Bradford Guarantee.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported this Club had agreed offer of £50 for Easter Monday, 1952.

R.A.F. Guarantee.

R.A.F. has also accepted offer of same amount for 1950/51.

No reply from Sale yet.

Nominations to County Committee.

The Chairman referred to the fact that only one of the Club's nominees had been elected. Mr. Balchin mentioned that this question had apparently not been brought up at the recent meeting of the North Gloucester Combination as had been anticipated. After more discussion it was agreed that the matter be taken up by the new Committee to press for revision of rule regarding basis of representation.

"W. B."s Records.

It was reported these [were] now in possession of the Club and Hon. Sec. was endeavouring to obtain strong box to keep them in.

Nominations for Committee.

The Hon. Sec. gave list of nominations received and these were declared to be in order. Names as follows:-

B. Price, H. G. Smith, J. Newton Isaacs, A. W. Carpenter, S. H. Davies, J. Haines.

Referring to nominations agreed at last meeting the Chairman said he wished his name to go forward for election to Committee and not as Vice-President. In view of this Mr. Balchin said he did not think it right for his name to go forward as Vice-President. Nominations were amended accordingly.

Correspondence.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had received an application for the use of the ground for a Fireworks Display etc., from the War Memorial Trust Fund Committee. This would be on the lines of last seasons display and suggested date was Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The President said he had been approached in the matter and had suggested that a proportion of the profits be allocated to the Gloucester Rugby Memorial Fund. The question of possible damage was raised. It was proposed by Mr. Voyce seconded by Mr. Burns that permission be given. Amendment proposed by Mr. Loveridge seconded by Mr. Balchin that permission be not given was carried.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from members drawing attention to remarks derogatory to the Gloucester Club made at Tredworth Club dinner. Mr. Middleditch who was a guest at the dinner thought the remarks made by the Chairman of the Tredworth Club referred to the North Glos. Cup Final match only and not to the general attitude of the Gloucester Club.

Annual Report.

The Chairman read his draft report to Annual General Meeting which was agreed.

Hon. Treasurer asked permission to purchase Deed Box for purpose of keeping his records. Agreed.

Rules.

The President drew attention to Rule 6 which he thought was badly constructed. The Hon. Sec. stated that in his opinion the whole of the Rules of the Club should be re-considered and it was agreed this should be done before next Annual General Meeting.

Ties.

Mr. Loveridge reported that Messrs. Dance Ltd. had had to obtain a new weave of pattern and price was slightly increased. Agreed to accept.

On behalf of members of Committee Mr. Loveridge thanked the Chairman for his able control of meetings during the past season.

Mr. Millington made suitable response and took opportunity to thank the President for his congratulations on his election to the Presidency of the County Union, an honour which he felt had been conferred on him by reason of his association with the Gloucester Club.

Meeting closed 9:30 p.m.

((Extract from the Gloucester Citizen dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1950))

*Quality of defence was a pleasing feature, says R.C., but -*

## **LACK OF SCORING POWER HANDICAPPED GLO'STER**

**THANKS TO A STEADY FINISH, INCLUDING A VERY SUCCESSFUL TOUR, GLOUCESTER HAVE ENDED THE SEASON WITH THE BALANCE ON THE RIGHT SIDE, BUT NO-ONE CAN PRETEND THAT IT HAS BEEN A GOOD SEASON.**

*This team of 1949-50 has for some unaccountable reason been unable to achieve either brilliance or consistency.*

**UNACCOUNTABLE, BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS FELT - IN SPITE OF THE ABNORMALLY HEAVY CASUALTY LIST WHICH HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE HANDICAP - THAT THE INGREDIENTS OF A GOOD SIDE WERE THERE.**

But in back play they hardly ever sparkled. Players of considerable experience and ability not only did not reproduce their form of the previous seasons, but seldom showed real team work.

**HOWEVER, IF IT COULD NOT DAZZLE ITS FOLLOWERS WITH SPECTACULAR ATTACKS, IT WAS USUALLY A HARD ONE TO BEAT, FOR ITS DEFENCE WAS DOUR AND SOLID.**

Yet here again, there were unaccountable lapses which lead to one or two disastrous results.

### **Backs Not Always To Blame**

The failures could not always be blamed on the backs. There were occasions when the pack seemed to have lead in their boots, as at Bedford where Gloucester suffered the biggest defeat for many a long day, and some of the many reserves in the team were the best players.

**At Honour Oak, Gloucester allowed a merely mediocre Guys Hospital to put it across them and there was a crushing defeat by the Army at Kingsholm when Gloucester were shown the value of backing up and quick passing.**

Normally, however, Gloucester's defence stood them in good stead, in a season in which scoring power was lacking. It was mainly defence and the seizing of chances which enabled them to record their first post war victory in Wales at the expense of Neath.

### **Good Period**

This came in the first half of the season at the beginning of one of Gloucester's best periods.

**RICHMOND AND LEICESTER WERE BOTH WELL BEATEN AT KINGSHOLM, AND GLOUCESTER WERE VERY UNLUCKY TO LOSE BY A PENALTY GOAL AT LLANELLY, WHERE THEY PLAYED THEIR BEST FOOTBALL OF THE SEASON. THIS GAME WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EYE-OPENER FOR KINGSHOLM FANS.**

They held Cardiff to 11 points with 14 men for most of the game and then the side went down-hill feeling the lack of scoring power keenly.

Even the Christmas holiday games were won by only narrow margins.

In the middle of a long series of defeats, goal-kicking enabled Gloucester to snatch victories over United Services and Bath in the return match, and there was a very good game at Kingsholm in which Oxford were beaten.

*It was not until April, however, that a lasting recovery was made, and the last nine matches were played without defeat.*

### **Hudson Was Fine Leader**

I think Gordon Hudson deserved a better record in his second year of captaincy. It is no fault of his, for if ever a man played his part as a captain and a player it is he.

**HE HAS NOT SPARED HIMSELF ON OR OFF THE FIELD IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF THE FOOTBALL.**

With his hard straight running and fine backing up he heads the list of try-scorers and when the team was flagging it was he who showed the way to renewed enthusiasm.

### **Outstanding Newcomers**

Injuries which kept Bill Hook, Bob Hodge, Charlie Crabtree and Jack Watkins out of the game for a long time, had undoubtedly affected the season's record.

**But to some extent Gloucester were fortunate in taking into their ranks some outstanding new players.**

One of the most useful acquisitions in the pack has been George Hastings; Dennis Ibbotson is quite the discovery of the season; Roy Chamberlayne is one of the most successful hookers Gloucester has had since the war; while Roy Parry has now played in 69 successive games.

### **Promising Half-Back Partnership**

The greatest acquisition to the team has been the latest half-back partnership, particularly coming as it did when the Club had lost the services at scrum-half of such an enthusiastic and lion-hearted player as Roy Mitchell.

**WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE BEST OF THE VIVIAN DAVIES-JOHN TEAKLE COMBINATION, FOR THEY HAVE APPEARED TOGETHER IN ONLY ABOUT A THIRD OF THE MATCHES, AND I AM SURE WILL DEVELOP WELL.**

Davies is a class player whom I look forward to seeing in the County team next season, and Teakle has a zest for the game which makes him a strong player in attack and defence.

### **Baker's Development**

Experimenting has failed to produce a scoring machine in the three-quarter line, but a feature has been the development of Michael Baker, not only as three-quarter but as a goal kicker.

**Here again the Club has been fortunate in having him to take over the place-kicking when Bill Hook could not find his old form, and also fortunate in possessing a very reliable substitute full-back in Pat Nicholls, although a section of the Kingsholm crowd did its best to spoil his efforts.**

One must commiserate with Hook in another unlucky season, particularly in missing the trials.

Actually the burden of the dour defence to which I have referred fell upon the shoulders of Hudson, Roy Sutton - probably the most consistent performer in the team - Sid Dangerfield and Charlie Dunn.

Mention of some of the older brigade reminds me that it was quite thrilling to see Tom Day playing at the latter end of the season as well, if not better, than he has ever done.

## **THE RECORD**

Played 43, won 19, drawn 7, lost 17, points for 295, against 277.

September:      10 v. Lydney (home) drawn 3-3;  
                     15 v. Stroud (home) won 22-0;  
                     18 v. Moseley (away) lost 9-13;  
                     24 v. Bristol (home) drawn 11-11;  
                     28 v. Cheltenham (away) drawn 9-9.

October:            1 v. Bedford (away) lost 0-28;  
                     8 v. Old Paulines (home) won 24-6;  
                     15 v. Neath (away) won 10-8;  
                     22 v. Old Blues (home) won 19-0;  
                     29 v. Richmond (home) won 12-0.

November:        5 v. Leicester (home) won 18-6;  
                     12 v. Moseley (home) drawn 5-5;  
                     19 v. Llanelly (away) lost 0-3.

December: 3 v. Blackheath (away) won 8-3;  
10 v. Cardiff (home) lost 0-11;  
17 v. Coventry (away) lost 0-11;  
24 v. Bath (away) lost 11-14;  
26 v. Old Merchant Taylors (home) won 8-5;  
27 v. Universities Athletic Union (home) won 6-3;  
31 v. Newport (away) lost 0-11.

January: 7 v. London Scottish (away) lost 3-6;  
12 v. Army (home) lost 5-26;  
14 v. Leicester (away) lost 3-6;  
21 v. Neath (home) lost 3-11;  
28 v. Bristol (away) cancelled.

February 4 v. United Services (away) won 6-3  
11 v. Bath (home) won 3-0;  
16 v. Oxford University (home) won 5-0;  
18 v. Swansea (home) lost 3-5;  
25 v. Cardiff (away) lost 3-11.

March 4 v. Northampton (away) lost 0-6;  
11 v. R.A.F. (home) lost 0-3;  
18 v. Guy's Hospital (away) lost 3-17;  
25 v. Newport (home) drawn 3-3;  
30 v. Stroud (home) lost 3-5.

April 1 v. Cheltenham (home) won 6-5;  
8 v. London Welsh (home) won 8-0;  
10 v. Headingley (home) won 18-3;  
11 v. Lydney (away) drawn 3-3;  
15 v. Llanelly (home) drawn 0-0;  
22 v. Exeter (away) won 11-0;  
24 v. Penzance (away) won 9-3;  
25 v. Teignmouth (away) won 16-8;  
29 v. Devonport Services (home) won 6-3.

Details of scorers and appearance will be published next week.



*Describing Gloucester Rugby Club's recent South West tour, during which three wins were recorded, H.J.B., a special contributor, writes -*

## **CONFIDENCE WAS THE KEYNOTE**

**Although the season had been a disappointing one - due to a large extent to the toll of injuries - members of Gloucester R.F.C. set off on their South West tour in good heart.**

In fact, confidence was the keynote of the trip. And that it was justified was proved by results.

**The first game - at Exeter - was most attractive. The highlight was the treble hands-off of Tom Day before finally passing the ball for young Ibbotson to score. This was a reminder of Tom Voyce at his best.**

Baker, the junior member of the side, also showed that he can use the hand-off when required to advantage. Ibbotson showed intelligent anticipation when he scored his tries and his future will be worth watching.

Travelling to Penzance the same night, the party met Ebbw Vale players and committee who were also on tour.

### **Local Enthusiasm**

On Sunday morning a coach was provided by Penzance Club and the president and officials accompanied the Gloucester party on a trip.

**I THINK I SHOULD RECORD THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORTS THE LOCAL CLUB HAD MADE FOR OUR ENJOYMENT. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE VISITS OF THE BIG CLUBS FROM ENGLAND AND WALES TO THIS AREA CREATES QUITE A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM.**

In the game with Penzance the following day Gloucester gained another good win. The battle of the forwards in this meeting was terrific.

In the evening the players were the guests of Penzance Club at their Headquarters at the Union Hotel.

*Here, club premises have been provided and it is evident that the provision of similar facilities must call for further consideration by our Committee, who have for some time past discussed the possibilities but have been handicapped on account of obtaining permission for the work to be put in hand.*

At Teignmouth the tourists were met by the officials of the club.

A fine match ended in their third win.

The tour was in every way a complete success, the players and officials thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

((EXTRACT FROM THE GLOUCESTER CITIZEN DATED JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>, 1950))

## **GLO'STER TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL PLAYERS**

### **“We Want Them To Have More Ambition”**

**THE QUESTION OF YOUNG PLAYERS FROM LOCAL RUGBY CLUBS TURNING OUT FOR GLOUCESTER, WAS REFERRED TO BY THE PRESIDENT (DR. ARNOLD ALCOCK), AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB AT THE CONNAUGHT ROOMS LAST NIGHT.**

“Some of the young players these days are imbued with local patriotism for their own clubs. That is a very nice spirit but we want young players to have ambition and play better class football under better class conditions - which the Gloucester club can give them,” he said.

Before making these remarks, Dr. Alcock mentioned that he had read in “The Citizen” some rather harsh criticism of the Gloucester Club committee’s relations with local clubs.

“I wish most strongly to refute that,” he declared.

The Gloucester Club would endeavour to encourage local clubs and players.

### **Seven-a-Side Contest**

Dr. Alcock referred to the Gloucester club’s decision to present a trophy to the club which won the seven-a-side competition.

“We hope that will stimulate interest in the game and it will give us an opportunity of seeing any budding players,” he said.

Mr. A. T. Voyce also spoke of the need for young players to come forward.

It was stated by one member that there had been a lot of talk of young players going to Kingsholm and being “frozen-out” after one or two appearances.

Another speaker told the meeting that his own son had received every encouragement from players and committee alike.

## **High Reputation**

In his opening remarks, the President paid tribute to the way in which Gordon Hudson had led the team last season.

**“Our reputation at Kingsholm is kept as high in the Rugby world as it has ever been,” he added.**

Gloucester had been the envy of the Rugby world. Many wondered how Gloucester can put on big games, such as the international trial match last season.

## **Big Improvements**

Referring to tremendous improvements which had been made to the ground, Dr. Alcock said he thought the playing pitch was in better condition than it had ever been and was second only to Twickenham.

He thought they would agree that the banking and terracing had been most satisfactory.

**ANOTHER SATISFACTORY ASPECT OF THE SEASON WAS THE EXCELLENT FORM OF THE UNITED TEAM UNDER THE CAPTAINCY AND INSPIRATION OF STEVE DAVIES.**

The season had been marred by accidents, and a player with whom he thought they would particularly wish to sympathise was Roy Mitchell. They hoped he would be well enough to join them again.

The annual statement of accounts presented by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. H. J. Balchin) showed a balance of income over expenditure of £351.

Commenting on the fact that gate receipts for first team matches were about £1000 lower than in the previous season, Mr. Balchin drew attention to the fact that there were five fewer matches during the past season.

**If they had had those matches the receipts would have been about £50 up, he said.**

The adoption of the statement of accounts was proposed by Alderman S. J. Gillett, and seconded by Councillor T. Jones.

### **Spoiling Tactics**

Reference to criticism of present-day rugby as a spectacle was made by Mr. A. Hudson after his re-election as a vice-president.

He stated that in his playing days backs never met the spoiling opposition that was received to-day.

**"I THINK YOUNGSTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DEVELOP BECAUSE THEY NEVE HAVE A CHANCE", HE SAID.**

"My view is that the ball has got to travel across the field much faster than it does.

"It is not only Gloucester, it is all over the country. It pays to let the other side have the ball. That is a very sad reflection on the game."

Mr. Hudson said they had got to see that the game was an attacking game - not a defensive game.

### **Extra County Games**

The Fixtures Secretary (Mr. T. Burns) spoke of the difficulty in arranging fixtures which would be experienced during the next few years owing to the extra county games.

He also mentioned that in the 1951-52 season and in following seasons the Oxford University match would be played on Saturdays.

*A request from the body of the hall that the committee should look into the question of bad sportsmanship among spectators was made during the evening.*

The meeting voted in favour of the Committee being advised to number reserved seats for stand season ticket holders in future.

## **Difficult Conditions**

In their report for the 1949-50 season the Committee thanked the players, members and supporters for the efforts which had been made under difficult conditions to enable the Club to conclude a fairly satisfactory season.

**The report stated that from a playing point of [view] the record was not as successful as the committee had hoped as - owing to causes well-known - it was not possible to field the same team regularly.**

The First team's playing record read as follows:- Played 43, won 19, drawn 7, lost 17. Points scored 295, against 277.

It was mentioned that the membership had again increased and, in spite of the heavy expenditure on repairs and renewals a satisfactory balance was shown.

Every effort was being made to keep the playing pitch up to the high standard required by the Club.

Under present conditions improvements to the buildings still presented difficulties, but replacements and renovations were continuing within restricted limits.

## **Election of Officers**

The principal officers of the club were all re-elected as follows:- President, Dr. Arnold Alcock; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Hudson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Balchin; Hon. Fixture Secretary, Mr. T. Burns; Players' Representative, Mr. W. G. Hook.

The following were elected to serve on the committee: Mr. J. G. A'Bear, the Rev. H. M. Hughes, Messrs. R. H. James, F. Wadley, S. H. Davies, T. H. Millington, R. Morris, H. Boughton, S. F. Taylor, L. Middleditch and S. Smart.

Dr. Alcock expressed disappointment that R. N. Loveridge had not been re-elected. "He has given us the most helpful and loyal service that any man could have done," he said.

Minutes of Meeting held at Office Kingsholm, Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1950

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., S. Smart, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies, H. Boughton, J. G. A'Bear, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor, T. Day (Capt.).

Apologies from Messrs. R. H. James, F. Wadley, R. Morris.

The President took the chair and welcomed the new member, Mr. S. H. Davies.

He drew the Committee's attention to the matters raised by members at the Annual General Meeting:-

1. Reserving of seats in Stand for members.
2. Circulation of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Good work of groundsman.
4. Number of Vice-Presidents.
5. Rowdyism of Spectators.
6. Publicity of Rules of Game.
7. Welcome to new players.

.Election of Chairman.

The President asked for nominations.

Mr. Millington was proposed by Mr. Voyce,  
seconded by Mr. Davies.

Rev. Hughes was proposed by Mr. Boughton  
seconded by Mr. A'Bear.

In view of the time which he anticipated would be taken up in his office as President of the County Rugby Union Mr. Millington asked for his nomination to be withdrawn, and Rev. Hughes was accordingly elected and took the Chair. In thanking the President for his good wishes in his new office Rev. Hughes said he would endeavour to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Election of Sub Committees.

Selection.

Discussion took place as to the number to be appointed on this Committee, and Mr. Balchin suggested that this be 5. It was finally agreed to accept Mr. Voyce's proposal that the number be 7, viz. The President, Chairman, Hon. Sec., Captain, and 3 others to be nominated. Messrs. S. H. Davies, F. Wadley, and T. Burns were nominated.

Finance.

Messrs. S. F. Taylor, T. Millington, with officers.



Ground.

Messrs. T. Millington, J. G. A'Bear, H. Boughton, R. Morris, S. Smart, R. H. James, with Officers.

Emergency.

Messrs. S. H. Davies, J. G. A'Bear, S. F. Taylor with Officers.

Representative to North Glos. Combination.

Mr. Millington suggested that as County Repr., he might be allowed to attend Selection Committee meetings without power to vote. This was agreed.

Mr. Boughton suggested names of Sub-Committees be published in match programmes. This was agreed.

Baggage Man.

The opinion was expressed that [Baggage Man] was not giving entire satisfaction to the players and the Hon. Sec. was asked to approach G. Hudson and W. Cole to see if they would accept post, if offered.

Photographs.

It was agreed to present framed photographs to 1<sup>st</sup> XV players, cost 24/6d each and unframed to United XV cost 10/6d each.

Schools International - 31 March 1951.

The Hon. Sec. gave details of matters discussed at the meeting between Schools Representatives and Sub-Committee. Mr. J. G. A'Bear raised the question of the charge for use of ground and it was decided to put this matter on the Agenda for discussion at next meeting.

Supporters Club.

Further discussion was deferred to next meeting.

Insurance of Players.

It was agreed to renew insurance with South Western Group and Association Rugby Football Union.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a further letter from the organizers of the proposed Firework Display on behalf of the Gloucester War Memorial Trust Fund for the use of Kingsholm suggesting Thursday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>., in lieu of Saturday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He had also received a personal letter from Mr. Norman Smith, Chairman of the Fund asking for re-consideration of previous application suggesting proceeds be divided on basis of 25% to Glos. Rugby Memorial Fund and 75% to War Memorial Trust Fund.

This matter was discussed at some length and it was finally proposed by Mr. Voyce, seconded by Mr. Balchin that permission be granted for use of the ground on Saturday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>., subject to submission to the Ground Sub-Committee of the proposed programme of events and a guarantee for the provision of adequate staff to safeguard ground etc. This was agreed.

Band.

At this point the Committee adjourned to listen to a demonstration of music from records on the Loud Speaker. This had been arranged by the Hon. Treasurer who reported he had received an offer for provision of machine and an adequate variety of records for £9 for the season.

The demonstration was considered very satisfactory and it was agreed to accept the tender submitted through the Hon. Treasurer.

Reserved Seating for Members in Stand.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to inspect Stand and give further consideration at next meeting.

Season Tickets.

Mr. Voyce reported he had received a letter from a member containing suggestions for sending out notices to members re. season tickets, annual meetings, etc. The letter was handed to the Hon. Treasurer.

Groundsman.

Referring to good work of the Groundsman brought up at Annual Meeting the Hon. Treasurer suggested a bonus at end of season. This was agreed.

Mr. Voyce instanced the case of the Stroud Club who had now obtained permission to proceed with their scheme. He suggested that Ground Committee be authorised to go ahead and decide what permits might be applied for. Agreed.

Mr. Boughton called attention to condition of paint on portion of Stand. This was referred for consideration of Ground Committee.

Training.

To commence Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Catering.

Mr. Middleditch asked for consideration to be given to catering requirements. This was agreed for agenda at next meeting.

Meeting closed 10:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

1 / Aug / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1950

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., T. Millington, H. Boughton, J. G. A'Bear, S. H. Davies, S. Smart, F. Wadley, R. Morris, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. R. H. James & L. Middleditch.

#### Publicity of Rules.

It was agreed that Mr. F. Blackwell, Secy. of Referees Society, North, should be approached with a view to insertion in Club programmes of Rules etc. on Rugby, similar to those published in Football Citizen a few seasons ago.

#### Baggage Man.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had discussed this matter with G. Hudson and W. Cole both of whom had expressed willingness to accept the post. This matter was discussed at some length, the Chairman also obtaining each members' views. The difficulty of finding a suitable man for the United XV was stressed and it was decided to ascertain the players' opinions before proceeding further.

#### Supporters Club.

Correspondence with the Supporters Club deferred from last meeting was considered and with regard to the request for facilities for provision of Teas discussion took place as to the Club intentions for the use of the space under the Stand. It was felt that the provision of refreshments was a matter for the Club to control. Mr. Voyce proposed that a plan and estimate be obtained from builders for the adaptation of the space under the Stand. This was seconded by Mr. Boughton and carried.

It was agreed that the Hon. Sec. approach Mr. W. Jones who built the Stand and report back. The Supporters Club to be informed of the Club's intentions in this matter.

It was agreed that permission be granted for the erection of a hut in suitable place for purpose of interviews etc. with their members.

#### Reserved Seating for Members.

This question was further discussed and it was finally agreed that it was impracticable to make a full reservation this season. It was however agreed to make arrangements for reserving seats for special matches as was done last season and to give notice of the matches in Club programmes.

#### Catering.

In absence of Mr. Middleditch this matter was deferred until next meeting.

#### Referees.

Lydney, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> .	Bristol official
Moseley, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol official
Blackheath, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Walters

Cheltenham, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Goldsworthy, Mr. Parfitt, or Mr. Evans.

Glos. Police.

Permission for use of ground on Thursday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> was granted on application by Glos. Police. Police to be reminded of promise to give proceeds of the match to Club Memorial Fund.

Mr. Keeble.

Mr. Burns and Mr. A'Bear reported they had contacted Mr. Keeble with a view to obtaining his co-operation in training of players. Mr. Keeble, while not giving a definite promise to assist, was considering the matter and had made enquiries as to apparatus, etc., available.

Discussing training in general the Chairman was of opinion that members of Committee should turn up early on practice evenings in early part of season with a view to taking part in organizing practice, tactics, etc.

He suggested a weighing machine be obtained and particulars of weight etc. of each player with name and address etc. be officially recorded.

Next meeting was fixed for Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting closed 9:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

22 / Aug / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., L. Middleditch, S. Smart, F. Wadley, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, T. Millington, R. H. James, S. H. Davies, S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Publicity of Rules.

The Hon. Sec. reported that Mr. J. Blackwell had intimated that he would be willing to assist in the preparation of notes on Rules of the game for insertion in Club programmes.

Baggage Man.

Further consideration was given to this matter and on proposition of R. Morris seconded by L. Middleditch, W. Cole was appointed. Mr. Cole was informed of his appointment and in accepting promised to carry out the duties to [the] best of his ability.

The appointment of a Baggage man for the United XV was deferred.

Supporters Club.

The Hon. Sec. gave particulars of Messrs. W. Jones, builders, estimate for conversion of the space under the stand for use as a bar etc., and it was resolved to ask for a plan of proposed alterations before further consideration.

It was decided to invite a deputation of 3 members of the Supporters Club to meet the Ground Sub-Committee to discuss the matters raised in letters received from the Supporters Club.

Catering.

Mr. Middleditch gave particulars of quotations he had obtained for meals and it was agreed to accept one for 4/- per head. Meal quoted at 5/- per head to be ordered when deemed necessary. The caterer reported old gas stove was unsatisfactory and it was agreed Gas Co. be asked to replace. Mr. Middleditch referred to the bad condition of a number of the chairs in the dining room, and he was asked to obtain estimates of tubular steel type for consideration at next meeting.

Training.

It was reported weighing machine had been installed.

Mr. Barnes reported he had not been able to contact Mr. Keeble since last meeting owing to holidays.

Band.

In response to letter from Cinderford Town Band, Hon. Sec. reported he had informed them of the Club 's intention to make use of recorded music over loud speakers in coming season.

Fireworks Display.

Hon. Sec. reported details of final arrangements received from Secretary of War Memorial Trust Fund Committee which were agreed. The Chairman appealed to members of Committee to be present if possible to help safeguard clubs' interests. The Hon. Sec. said he had impressed upon Organising Committee the necessity of ensuring adequate number of stewards.

Public & Secondary Schools.

Application for permission to use ground on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> was agreed.

Away Matches - Committee Rota.

The draw for matches resulted as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Bristol	-	R. H. James
	Newport	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
	Leicester	-	F. Wadley
	Cardiff	-	S. F. Taylor
	Coventry	-	R. Morris
	Richmond	-	S. Smart
	Wasps	-	H. Boughton
	Bath	-	F. Wadley
	Swansea	-	L. Middleditch
	Llanely	-	S. H. Davies
	Moseley	-	L. Middleditch
	Stroud	-	J. G. A'Bear
	Clifton	-	R. Morris
	Lydney	-	S. H. Davies
	Cheltenham	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
	Tour	-	J. G. A'Bear
United XV	Worcester	-	S. Smart
	Worcester [ <i>sic</i> ]	-	F. Wadley
	Malvern	-	S. H. Davies
	Cleeve	-	S. Smart
	Hereford	-	K. Morris
	Old Luctonians	-	J. G. A'Bear
	University College	-	S. F. Taylor
	Berry Hill	-	H. Boughton
	Stroud Nomads	-	R. H. James
	Drybrook	-	R. Morris

Committee Meetings.

Next full meeting of Committee was fixed for Tuesday Sept., 12<sup>th</sup>.

Selection Committee to meet Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> inst. to pick teams for trial match on Tuesday Sept.

5<sup>th</sup>. Referee's Society to be asked to appoint referee for this game.

In response to an enquiry by Mr. Millington it was announced that F. Davies had been appointed Vice-Captain of 1<sup>st</sup> XV and that Ivor Jones had accepted captaincy of United XV.

In reply to an enquiry by President it was stated that adjustment of radiators in Committee Room had been effected so that heat could be turned off.

The President reported that in conversation with "W. B." the latter had stated his belief that centenary game with Bristol was near. He asked that this might be confirmed and suggested a Club Dinner in honour of the occasion. This was unanimously agreed.

Season Tickets.

Hon. Treasurer reported £176 received to date as compared with £98 at same date last season.

Mr. James enquired if publicity would be given to Committee's decision not to reserve seats for members. It was agreed that this information should be given on enquiry only.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

19 / Sept / 50

Minutes of Ground Sub-Committee Meeting with Representatives of Supporters Club, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1950.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, Messrs. A. Hudson, H. J. Balchin, S. Smart, R. H. James, R. Morris, F. Burns.

Apology was received from Mr. A'Bear.

Supporters' Club: Messrs. Elway, Yeats, and Preece.

The Chairman welcomed the deputation.

He informed them that the provision of adequate accommodation to admit of such gatherings and the serving of refreshments had occupied the minds of the Club Committee for a considerable time. He pointed out the difficulties of obtaining permits to do major alterations. Plans were at [the] moment under consideration by Sub-Committee and if hopes materialised there would be no objection to Supporters Club members having use of building for their meetings, etc.

The President and Hon. Sec. also spoke in support.

The deputation expressed satisfaction with information given.



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas. T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. Smart, H. Boughton, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, R. H. James, F. Wadley, S. H. Davies, T. Millington, S. F. Taylor, L. Middleditch.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Players' Representative, Mr. W. Hook, attended and referred to a number of matters:-

1. Stockings for United XV.

Hon. Sec. stated these had now been received and issued.

2. List of Kit required by United XV players.

It was pointed out that under existing arrangements all cases were treated on merit on referring to Hon. Sec. Generally speaking, regular players received anything required.

3. Insurance, United XV.

Same conditions as First XV.

4. Crabtree.

It was stated that this player expended 5/- each match on bandages. Players Rep. was informed that these could be obtained by chit from Hon. Sec.

Baggage Man - United XV.

It was suggested that L. Abbey, an old player of the Club, might be willing to take over duties. Agreed he be asked.

Fireworks Display.

Hon. Sec. reported he had not yet received a statement of finances and would endeavour to obtain this for next meeting.

Bristol Centenary.

Hon. Sec. said he had not yet been able to go through records for purpose of checking.

Loud Speaker.

It was agreed that provision of music was generally satisfactory.

Touch Judges.

Bristol - R. H. James

Bristol United -

North Glos. Com. - J. G. A'Bear

Blackheath - H. J. Boughton

Newport - Rev. H. M. Hughes

Newport United - F. Wadley

#### Referees.

Bedford	-	W. Evans (Cardiff) <sup>1</sup>
Old Paulians	-	Bristol Official
Exeter	-	Mr. Thompson
Llanelly	-	London Official
Birkenhead Park	-	A. M. Rees

#### North Glos. Combination.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had suggested game with United XV for Monday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>., Kick-Off 6:15. This was confirmed. It was agreed to arrange a Social Evening with N. G. Comb. for Tuesday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m.

#### Stroud.

The Hon. Treas. reported approx. net gate in match transferred to Kingsholm on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> was £90. It was agreed to grant £75 to Stroud Club.

#### Gloucester Schools.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received application for use of ground for games against Cardiff on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>., and London, July 10<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Hon. Sec. should see the Sec. of the Schools Union with a view to finding suitable dates later in season.

#### Blackheath.

Hon. Sec. reported Blackheath had written suggesting 4:30 for kick-off on Thursday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. He had reported to the effect that it had been understood that this was an evening game and an earlier start than 5:45 was not practicable. This action was confirmed.

#### Supporters Club.

The Chairman gave a report of the Ground Sub-Committee meeting with the deputation from the Supporters' Club. He said the deputation had been informed of the Club's scheme for development subject to obtaining the necessary permits and that accommodation at present could not be provided which might prejudice future plans for development. The deputation had been very pleased at the result of the discussion. It was agreed matter be further discussed at next meeting.

Mr. Voyce referred to a report at a recent meeting of the North Glos. Comb., that some local clubs had been given notice to quit grounds owned by Gloucester Corporation which would be taken over by Youth Organisation. Mr. Voyce, who is a member of the Youth Organisation Committee confirmed the report, it being the intention, he said, that Schools and Youth Organisations should have prior use of the grounds. It did not necessarily mean however that the present tenant Clubs would be unable to have use of their grounds in future. He advocated taking what steps were possible to safeguard the interests of the local clubs concerned and referred to the possibility of doing something with regard to our own Memorial Ground. Hon. Sec. said he had spoken to a Councillor on this matter who had promised sympathetic consideration of the local Clubs' case. It was agreed to take up the matter at meeting with N. G. Comb. on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Pencilled amendment inserted at a later date; "W. J. Evans (Cardiff)" substituted for "Llewellyn (Swansea)." See also Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 3 October 1950.

The Hon. Treasurer asked for assistance of members of Committee in dealing with certain individuals who were obtaining entry to Ground and Stands without producing membership tickets. It was agreed to make a test of this at next Saturday's match. It was also agreed that notices "*All tickets must be shown*", and "*All children must be paid for*" should be displayed at entrances and a similar note be incorporated in advertisement of matches.

Mr. Millington asked if members absent at meetings could not be notified by card of next meeting.

Mr. Boughton asked if time of meetings could be advanced. It was agreed Selection Committee meet at 6:45 p.m.

Chairs.

Specimen of tubular chair was examined. Price 30/8d. Further quotation of similar pattern was given by Mr. Middleditch @ 27/6d.

It was agreed Mr. Middleditch and Hon. Treas. examine latter type and report back

Meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

3 / Oct / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, S. Smart, H. Boughton, J. G. A'Bear, L. Middleditch, F. Wadley, T. Millington, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. A. T. Voyce, and R. Morris.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

With regard to the matters raised by the Players' Reps., it was reported by the Hon. Sec. that on enquiry he had been informed by the Baggage Man that Crabtree had been furnished with bandages by him for some weeks past. It was understood that this player had made position clear to Players' Reps.

Baggage Man - United XV.

Mr. Wadley reported that Mr. L. Abbey had agreed to undertake the duties.

Fireworks Display.

The President reported he had seen the Chairman of the Memorial Fund Committee who had informed him that the accounts had not yet been passed.

Bristol Centenary.

Hon. Sec. reported he had not yet been able to make necessary examination of Record.

Referees.

Reported Mr. W. J. Evans not available and Mr. V. Llewellyn of Swansea had been engaged.

North Gloucester Combination.

On behalf of N.G.C. Committee, Mr. Wadley thanked Gloucester Club for arrangements made on occasion of match with United on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Stroud.

Reported letter of thanks had been received from Stroud Club for cheque from gate at match of 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Schools.

Hon. Sec. reported he had seen Mr. Harris the Schools Secy. February 10<sup>th</sup> had been agreed as date for one game and Schools Sec. would suggest a further date later.

Blackheath.

Reported they had been pleased with game on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., but mentioned the difficulties of travelling for mid-week evening match. They expressed hope it would be feasible to return to Saturday games. Hon. Fix. Sec. was instructed to endeavour to arrange H & A Saturday fixtures for 1952/53 and to use the United Services date if necessary.

Supporters' Club.

Referring to Committee's meeting with Representatives of the Supporters, the President, speaking as the Club's representative on the Board of Directors of Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Company Committee, mentioned the possibility of the purchase by the Ground Co., of a property which would provide the accommodation which was required. The matter was in process of negotiation and should not be subject of discussion outside Committee. The Committee approved the idea and agreed to respect the confidence of the President, while hoping negotiations would prove successful.

#### Chairs.

Approval was given for the purchase of chairs for tea room of the type selected by the Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Middleditch.

#### Touch Judges.

Cheltenham	-	Mr. J. G. A'Bear
Bedford	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Worcester	-	S. Smart
Old Pauline's	-	F. Wadley
Malvern	-	S. H. Davies

#### C. Dunn.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from the Coney Hill Club stating this player had applied for membership of this Club and asking for permission to accept him. In discussion it was stated that Dunn had played for Coney Hill when select for United XV and the Coney Hill Club had been reprimanded by the North Glos. Combination Committee. Permission was granted.

#### Universities Athletic Union.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported application for use of Kingsholm for Universities International game England v. Wales on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan., or 7<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1951. Permission was given for game on latter date.

#### Civil Service.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported Civil Service had renewed application for a mid-week match in Nov, 1951. This was deferred for consideration at next meeting.

#### Catering.

Mr. Middleditch was authorised to purchase crockery to replenish present stock. Sandwiches and beer to be provided for the Cheltenham game.

The Hon. Treasurer said he was in negotiation with a view to obtaining a luxury coach for use of Club.

#### S. Dangerfield.

Hon. Sec. reported application by Lydney Club for permission to play this player in recent game had been received at last minute and he had agreed. It was further reported Dangerfield would be available for United XV if selected.

United XV.

The difficulty in obtaining substitutes for last minute defections in last Saturday's match was referred to. Team had gone one short. The Selectors had this week endeavoured to select only those players who would accept invitation to play.

Meeting closed 9:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

17 / Oct / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office Kingsholm, Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. Smart, R. Morris, J. G. A'Bear, F. Wadley, L. Middleditch, T. H. Millington, R. H. James, S. F. Taylor, S. H. Davies.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Baggage Man.

It was reported that Mr. L. Abbey had now intimated that he was unable to accept the position. Mr. Wadley agreed to make further efforts to find a suitable man, it being also suggested that North Gos. Combination Club might be approached to help in the matter.

Fireworks Display.

Hon. Sec. reported that Financial Statement still not received. He was asked to write War Memorial Fund Committee on the matter.

Stroud.

Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from the Stroud Club expressing thanks for the generous cheque as result of match on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Schools.

Hon. Sec. said the further date for Boys match had not yet been agreed on.

Blackheath.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had written Blackheath with a view to H & A games in 1952/53 and was awaiting reply.

Supporters' Club.

Regarding the property referred to by the President at the last meeting it was stated that negotiations were still proceeding.

Chairs.

A further sample having been deemed satisfactory authority was given for the purchase of 60 of these for the dining room and for a further 15 'arms rest pattern' for the Committee Room.

Universities Athletic Union.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received letter thanking Committee for permission given for use of ground on Feby. 7<sup>th</sup>, next.

Civil Service.

Application for mid-week fixture in 1951/52 referred to at previous meeting was considered. After discussion it was decided that in view of number of mid-week games already arranged and possible difficulty in raising representative side the fixture be not entertained. Hon. Fix. Sec. was instructed to reply accordingly.

County Match v. Somerset.

The question of catering was raised. Mr. Middleditch was asked to ascertain arrangements and carry on as required.

Coach.

Hon. Treasurer stated he had received a satisfactory promise of a Super-Coach to be available whenever required.

Loud Speaker Music.

Mr. Voyce asked if the necessary permit to play records over the Loud Speaker had been obtained. Hon. Treasurer said fee of £5 had been paid and that a return of records played had to be made.

Touch Judges.

Exeter	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Clifton	-	Mr. R. Morris
Cleeve	-	S. Smart

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from Leicester Club asking if there was any objection to H. L. Farrington being asked to play for Leicester v. Oxford Univ. on Wed., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Agreed no objection.

Hon. Sec. reported application from County Committee for permission to use Kingsholm for training by County XV on Tuesday evening next. Mr. Balchin proposed and Mr. Morris seconded that any evening except Tuesday which was Club training might be offered. An amendment proposed by Mr. Voyce seconded by Mr. Burns that application for Tuesday evening be granted with suggestion that Monday was preferable, was carried.

Flood Lighting.

The question of the provision of more adequate lighting for training was discussed. The possibility of providing flood lighting to admit of practice games [*sic*] was also considered. It was agreed that 2 estimates be obtained, one for sufficient lighting for practice and the other for a more extensive scheme for matches, if practicable.

Penzance.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported letter received from Hon. Sec. Penzance suggesting a mid-week game at Gloucester in week commencing... [*sic*]. Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to obtain further details, re. Guarantee and to inform Penzance Hon. Sec. that Thursday was only practicable day for Gloucester.

Mr. J. G. A'Bear asked whether badges as awarded to players could be made available to members of the Committee. It was agreed that this would not be correct in principle.

The Hon. Treasurer asked for permission to pay bill for wire fencing at back of stand. Agreed.

Mr. Middleditch suggested a social evening with players and this was agreed for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.



Mr. A'Bear spoke of the necessity for visiting local club matches more. With a view to preparing a committee rota the Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to obtain local clubs fixture lists if possible from N.G.C. Hon. Sec.

Meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Next Meeting Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

31 / 10 / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>., 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, S. Smart, L. Middleditch, F. Wadley, T. Millington, R. H. James, J. G. A'Bear, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. Boughton, and R. Morris.

In the unavoidable absence of Rev. H. M. Hughes Dr. Alcock took the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, signed.

Matters Arising:-

Baggage Man - United XV.

It was reported that Mr. D. Wadley had to take over the duties.

Motor Coach.

Mr. Balchin said he was able to promise that the Super Luxury Coach would be available for Leicester and all later matches.

County Practice.

Mr. Millington, on behalf of the County Committee, thanked the Club for the use of ground and for County players' practice.

Flood Lighting.

The Hon. Sec. gave particulars of the quotation he had obtained. This provided for a number of lights on each side of the ground at an estimated cost of £237 15s. 0d. After discussion during which the practicability of lighting the ground sufficiently for matches was mentioned, Mr. Millington proposed and Mr. Smart seconded that a system of lighting from one side of the ground only be tried experimentally on the assumption that adequate results might be achieved at considerably less cost than the quotation figure. This was agreed.

Touch Judges.

Leicester	-	Mr. Wadley
Leicester A	-	Mr. James
Moseley	-	Mr. Middleditch
Newport G.S.O.B.	-	Mr. Davies

Referees.

Old Blues	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	North Glos. Society (excluding Gloucester local officers)
Bath	Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Mr. Goldsworthy
O.M.T.'s	Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Bristol Official
Univ. A. U.	Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Bristol Official
London Scott.	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Mr. W. J. Evans
Army	Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Mr. G. Walters
Leicester	Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Same official as at Leicester

Bristol Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Llewellyn

#### Firework Display.

Hon. Sec. reported letter received intimating that Memorial Trust Fund Committee would be meeting early in November to pass accounts when a cheque would be sent to Gloucester Club.

#### Public & Secondary Schools.

Hon. Sec. reported he had received application for use of ground on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>, instead of April 12<sup>th</sup>, for which permission had been granted. In view of match with Stroud on April 5<sup>th</sup>, he had offered them any evening except Tuesday or Thursday. This was approved.

#### Concreting.

Reference was made to concreting at back of Stand, which had been satisfactorily completed. The sub-contractors who had done this work had in conversation with Hon. Sec. expressed their willingness to do further concreting suggested and to lay tarmac in the enclosure. Hon. Sec. thought it might be advisable to obtain and settle Messrs. Wm. Jones Ltd. Account for the concreting work completed before agreeing on price etc., with Sub-Contractors mentioned for the further work. The Hon. Sec. was given discretionary power in this matter.

#### Cardiff.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received a letter from Cardiff asking if we would be willing to play Cardiff on Weds. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, instead of Saturday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1951, on which latter date they were arranging to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This was agreed.

#### Moseley.

Hon. Fix. Sec. referred to difficulty in arranging fixture with Moseley Club in 1952/53. The only date acceptable to Moseley was Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the season. It was agreed that it was most essential that we have two home matches to commence season for sale of season tickets etc., and Hon. Fix. Sec. was instructed to write Moseley to that effect and if necessary offer Guarantee for the game at Kingsholm.

Mr. Balchin raised the question of tips for the waitresses in Tea Room. He thought some little recognition of their services was justified. Mr. Millington proposed £2 per month be given between them. This was seconded by Mr. Balchin and agreed; the President to make presentation at Xmas.

Mr. Millington intimated it was not the County Committee's intention to ask any Gloucester players selected as reserves for Devon match to travel to Exeter.

Mr. Voyce mentioned delay which had occurred in getting ticket holders to seats in stand at Somerset match. It was agreed in discussion of the matter that delay mainly due to late arrival but that matter be watched for future matches.

Mr. A'Bear reported Players' Representative had asked whether cups of tea could be provided for players on training nights. This was thought to be unnecessary and was left for consideration if matter raised again personally by Players' Representative.

Social Evening.

Mr. Voyce suggested that procedure to be adopted at Social Evening with Players on Tuesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>., should be on organised lines. Mr. Millington suggested a "Quiz."

Meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

14 / Nov / 50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., Rev. H. M. Hughes Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., H. Boughton, S. Smart, S. H. Davies, J. G. A'Bear, F. Wadley, T. Millington, R. H. James, L. Middleditch, J. S. F. Taylor.

An apology was received from Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice-Pres.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, signed.

Matters Arising:-

Motor Coach.

It was agreed that present arrangements were satisfactory and to be continued.

Flood Lighting.

Hon. Sec. reported he had obtained 2 estimates, one for 3 lights £99 10s. 0d. and other of 5 lights £155. Arrangements for fitting of 3 lights were in hand to be tried first.

Fireworks Display.

It was reported account still not received. The President stated however that he was able to inform the Committee that the accounts had been passed and that a cheque would be sent shortly to Gloucester Club representing the net profit, as announced in "Citizen."

Public & Secondary Schools.

Hon. Sec. said he had received a letter thanking Club for offer of use of Ground on days mentioned. Schools Secy. said matter would be considered at their next meeting.

Concreting.

Hon. Sec. gave details of estimate he had received for tarmacing of Enclosure. The Contractor had however not mentioned figures for the extra concreting required. It was agreed that the Hon. Sec. arrange an interview with the Contractor to discuss this and the question of permits. The President referred to the possible danger from the iron spikes sticking up in the enclosure. The Hon. Sec. said the work of removing these was in hand.

Cardiff.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that he had written Cardiff Club agreeing substitution of a mid-week game on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>., for the game arranged for Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>., 1951. The home game between United XV and Cardiff Athletic would be cancelled and the Cardiff Club would defray expenses of United XV for game at Cardiff on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1952.

Moseley.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. stated he had written the Moseley Club Secy. as directed informing him that it was very necessary for us to have a home match on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>., 1952 and offering a Guarantee for the game at Kingsholm. He had received a reply declining the suggested Guarantee and the Moseley Hon. Fix. Sec. had expressed the hope that we would still visit

them on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the decision at previous meeting to have a home game on this date be adhered to and Hon. Fix. Sec. was directed to offer date to Exeter.

#### Touch Judges.

Llanelly - Mr. H. Boughton  
Cleeve - Mr. S. H. Davies  
Birkenhead Park - Rev. H. M. Hughes

#### Universities' Athletic Union.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. stated he had received a letter from U.A.U. informing us that it had been decided to hold Universities International game at Bristol in February next. Gloucester Club were thanked for offer of use of Kingsholm.

#### Stroud.

Hon. Fix. Sec. stated he had received a letter from Stroud Fix. Sec. who stated that according to his records the match on our list for April 5<sup>th</sup> next should be on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He had arranged a match with Bristol at Stroud on April 5<sup>th</sup>., and asked if we could arrange another date. Agreed to reply we had no convenient date to offer.

#### County Reserves.

Mr. Boughton raised the question as to whether the chances of Gloucester players selected as reserves for the County XV were not being prejudiced by the arrangement that they should not be asked to travel unless required to play. Agreed this was not a matter for discussion by Committee.

#### Programmes.

The desirability of programmes for United XV matters was discussed and it was agreed that they be supplied if satisfactory arrangements for printing could be made.

The President stated he was now able to report that the Ground Co. had been given the opportunity to acquire the piece of land with shed adjoining ground. The building had been examined and was perfectly sound. After discussion of the matter Mr. Mr. Balchin proposed and Mr. Burns seconded that the Ground Co. be asked to purchase. This was unanimously agreed.

Hon. Treasurer reported he had received a letter from the County thanking the Club for the excellent arrangements for the Somerset match at Kingsholm.

Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

28.11.50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. Hudson, Vice-Pres., Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., T. Millington, S. H. Davies, H. Boughton, S. Smart, J. G. A'Bear, F. Wadley, R. H. James, L. Middleditch, J. S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. A. T. Voyce and H. J. Balchin.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Fireworks Display Account.

It was reported cheque not yet received.

Concreting and Tarmac.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had met the Contractor and discussed with him the cost of the projected work as given in estimate. The Contractor had maintained that the cost of tarmacing was more than that for concreting. He had been of opinion that a license would not be necessary but had promised to make further enquiries on this point to safeguard interests of the Club. Mr. R. H. James said he thought the Trinidad Asphalt Co. laid tarmac at 5/6d per yard and he was asked to make further enquiries about this.

Cardiff.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that Cardiff had confirmed Wednesday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> in substitution for Saturday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1951.

Stroud.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the Stroud Hon. Sec. who wrote stating that his Committee were anxious to adhere to the date arranged with Bristol, viz. April 5<sup>th</sup>. He expressed the hope that it might be possible for us to play them on the date arranged which according to their records was March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hudson said he had been in telephone conversation with a Stroud Committee man on the matter and the latter had promised to discuss it with the Bristol Committee on Saturday next. It was agreed to await the outcome of this.

Programmes - United XV.

The Chairman reported he had made arrangements with a printer who was prepared to print programmes on Saturday mornings. This was agreed.

The President stated he had nothing further to report at present regarding the shed and land which the Ground Co. was negotiating to purchase.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the bolts in floor of enclosure had now been removed and that the plank on roof of Stand had been safely fixed pending use by the Electrical Contractor.

Touch Judges.

Cardiff	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Cardiff Ath.	-	Mr. Wadley or Mr. Davies
Old Blues	-	Mr. James

#### United XV Fixtures

The Hon. Fix. Sec. said he had been unable to arrange a game for Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>., but had been offered through Bristol Combination Pool Sec. a game with Midsomer Norton for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. The journey was considered too far and the Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to continue enquiries with other clubs.

Hon Sec. read a letter he had received from Mr. P. C. Lloyd who referred to a letter written to him complaining of the delay in opening the gates at last Saturday's match. It was agreed that letter be handed to the Hon. Treasurer with the expression of opinion of Committee that the opening of gate at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour before kick-off should be aimed at.

#### Penarth.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from Penarth Club asking for visit to Penarth in Sept. 1951 as part of Festival of Britain Festivities. In view of number of matches already arranged it was agreed we could not accept invitation.

#### National Canine Defence League.

Application from this body for permission to make collection at a match on Ground was considered. It was agreed permission be not granted.

#### Penzance.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported date had now been agreed for the game at Kingsholm in April 1953, the Penzance Sec. having accepted the Guarantee terms of £45 minimum or 50% if gate exceeds £90.

The Chairman raised the question of Tours and said he thought a change might be advisable. He suggested Birkenhead Park who were very anxious to entertain the Gloucester Club, and one or two other Clubs in Liverpool area.

#### Rugby Films.

It was stated the County Rugby Union had purchased a copy and it was agreed to apply for the loan of it and Hon. Sec. was asked to make enquiries.

The Chairman suggested it might be possible to arrange a Club Dance. A Club Dinner was also suggested. This matter was deferred.

In view of N.G.C. Meeting on Monday next Mr. S. H. Davies asked whether the Committee rota for the purpose of visiting local club matches could now be prepared. Hon. Fix. Sec. stated he had not received local club fixture lists promised by Hon. Sec. N.G.C.

#### Scrummaging Machine.

Mr. A'Bear agreed to call on a Bristol firm able to supply these machines and report.

#### W. Cole.

It was reported that Mr. W. Cole had been admitted to hospital with appendicitis. Mr. Keeble would do duty at Cardiff on Saturday.



Meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

12 Dec. '50

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. Smart, S. H. Davies, J. G. A'Bear, H. Boughton, R. Morris, F. Wadley, T. H. Millington, R. H. James, L. Middleditch, S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Matters arising:-

Concreting, Tarmacing.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had a meeting with a Representative of the Tarmac Co. whose quoted prices were appreciably higher than those of the other Contractor. After discussion it was agreed to apply for a license for Cementing and if this was obtained soon to have the work done by that means.

Stroud.

Hon. Sec. reported he had spoken to a Bristol Committee man who saw no difficulty over playing Stroud on Wednesday. Hon. Sec. had not heard further from the Stroud Club but anticipated matter would be settled for our match to be played on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Programmes - United Match.

Figures of sales at Cardiff Athletic games were given and it was agreed to continue again for next match.

Opening of Gates.

Referring to the letter from Mr. P. C. Lloyd read at last meeting the Hon. Treasurer said that statement made regarding the time of opening of gates was not in accordance with facts. He said that gates were invariably open at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour prior to Kick-Off. He considered letter quite uncalled for.

Rugby Film.

Hon. Sec. reported he had received reply from County Sec. in response to his application for use of the Film. No charge would be made and an operator would be supplied to show the film. It was agreed to apply for use of it in week commencing Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.

The President stated that he was able to report the purchase of the building and land which was now being transferred to the Ground Co.

Committee Rota - Local Clubs.

Mr. Wadley reported that at recent North Glos. Comb. Meeting it was stated that some local club fixture lists had been received by the N.G.C. Secy., who would hand them on to us shortly.

Scrummaging Machine.

The Chairman reported that he and Mr. A'Bear had not been able to see an actual machine on their recent visit to London. Photos of the machine however were produced. The cost was £30. It was agreed to leave further consideration until a machine had actually been seen.

W. Cole.

It was reported that Mr. Cole had now recovered after his operation. It was agreed to ask Mr. G. Hudson to be Baggage Man for Coventry match.

United XV - Baggage Man.

It was reported Mr. D. Wadley had now undertaken the duties.

Touch Judges.

Coventry	-	Mr. R. Morris
Coventry Ex. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	-	Mr. S. Smart
Bath	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
Bath United	-	Mr. F. Wadley
O.M.T.'s	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Universities A.U.	-	Mr. J. G. A'Bear
Richmond	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Barry	-	Mr. R. H. James

County Championship Semi-Final.

The Hon. Sec. said he had received a letter from the County R. U. Sec asking if arrangements could be made for the Semi-Final game on Feby. 3<sup>rd</sup> to be played at Kingsholm. It was agreed to ask United Services if they were willing for the Club game on that date to be transferred to Portsmouth.

Meeting closed 9:50 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1950 *[sic]*