

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, J. G. A'Bear, R. H. James, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

An apology was received from Rev. H. M. Hughes in whose absence the President, Dr. Alcock, was unanimously voted to the Chair.

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

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

Mr. Loveridge reported that the owner of the land had 'phoned him while he had been away from his office but had not renewed the call. Mr. Balchin proposed and Mr. Millington seconded that the Sub-Committee be given full powers to negotiate and this was unanimously agreed.

London Scottish.

The Hon. Sec. reported that London Scottish Sec. had written agreeing match be played in a.m. Arrangements therefore agreed for 11 a.m. kick-off, and a snack lunch and motor coach from Richmond to Twickenham and to Paddington after international match.

Local Clubs.

Reference was made to report in Football Citizen and it was agreed to await reaction of local clubs.

Clifton Match - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1952.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported no replies yet received to tentative enquiries regarding this date.

Fixtures - 1953/54 Tour.

The possibilities of making a trip to France were discussed and it was agreed to make inquiries with this in view, particularly of teams which have been over to France during recent seasons.

Touch Judges.

London Scottish	-	Mr. S. F. Taylor (in charge)
Newport H.S.O.B.'s	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Army	-	Mr. J. G. A'Bear
Leicester	-	Mr. R. Morris
Leicester 'A'	-	Mr. S. H. Davies

Referees.

R.A.F.	-	Mr. Parfitt
Newport	-	Mr. I. N. Pearce, Woodhall, or Priest
Harlequins	-	Ivor David
Cheltenham	-	G. Gouldsworthy

London Welsh -  
Bradford - Bristol Official  
Llanelly - " Dels. (Coventry)

A. W. Carpenter.

Mr. Voyce referred to the continued absence of Mr. Carpenter from Committee Meetings and Club's matches and said he thought the Committee should take some action in the matter. He proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Carpenter expressing the concern of the Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Balchin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Balchin expressed his concern that no member of the Committee had volunteered to take the flag at the United XV on Saturday. He suggested that an official should be appointed for each match.

Mr. Loveridge drew the Chairman's attention to the fact that remarks made by him at a recent Committee meeting had been discussed outside. In the ensuing discussion Mr. Millington [voiced] his concern that Committee matters which were more or less private should be made public.

The Chairman emphasized the happy condition of the Club and the good spirit prevailing among the players and appealed to members to exercise discretion in talking of matters discussed in Committee.

Meeting closed 9:10 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday Jan. 15th, 1952.

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

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

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

Mr. Loveridge reported that the owner of land had contacted him and he had gained the impression that the owner was anxious for a move to be made by the Club. It was agreed that Sub-Committee should meet the owner early next week.

Local Clubs.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the reports appearing in recent editions of Football Citizen were discussed at N. G. Combination Meeting at which a Citizen reporter was present. Although no action was taken regarding relations between Local Clubs and Gloucester Club the meeting deplored the publicity which had been given to the matter and thought it better if it were dropped.

Reference was made to the case of Hill of Spartans who had said that he had been warned by his Club that he would not be picked again by them if he played for the United XV. It was considered that this case should be mentioned at next N. G. Combination Meeting if after check with the Club Sec. it was found that position was as stated by Hill.

London Scottish.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had discussed with the London Scottish Sec. the question of this fixture when it coincided with the International game at Twickenham with a touring side. The poor gate, together with the inconvenience of playing the match in the morning prompted the suggestion that with the agreement of the London club, future matches on such occasions might be transferred to Gloucester. The Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to communicate with London Scottish on the matter.

The Hon. Treasurer gave details of the heavy expenses incurred in connection with this fixture. Mr. Millington said he considered the expense justified as it afforded an opportunity for the players who had done so well this season to see the South Africans.

French Tour 1953/54.

It was understood Mr. Voyce had been in contact with a French official and would furnish Hon. Fix. Sec. with details.

A. D. Carpenter.

Hon. Sec. reported letter sent as directed. No reply had yet been received.

Touch Judges.  
Wasps - Mr. J. Day  
Hereford -  
Bristol - Mr. R. H. James  
Bristol United. - Mr. F. Wadley

The Hon. Sec. reported receipt of a letter with cheque for £5 as donation to Memorial Fund from Mr. Williams, caterer at Jubilee Dinner. This had been suitably acknowledged. Action approved.

Hon. Sec. reported he had received from a lady rugby enthusiast a photo snap of the Gloucester v. Cardiff game last season with the suggestion that it might be used for programmes. He had replied thanking the lady for kind consideration but snap was hardly suitable. It was decided to arrange for a professional photographer to take a photo of the ground with the Cathedral etc., in the background.

Fixtures - Army Match.

The Hon. Treasurer drew attention to the poor financial result of the match on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. He referred to conversation with Col. Aslett who was in favour of a Saturday date. The Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to try to arrange a Saturday fixture as from 1954/55 and, if necessary, to drop United Services game.

The President referred to a recent conversation with Capt. Farmer of the Gloucester Regt., who told him of the great interest with which the Citizen Jubilee Supplement had been read out in Korea. Capt. Farmer had recently returned and was now stationed at Warminster. He promised to notify Club of any likely players.

Television.

The effect of Television of Representative games on Club matches was referred to by the Chairman, who suggested that this would not be so marked if it became the practice to televise again in the evening after the game. It was left to Mr. Voyce to take this matter up with the R.F.U. at a convenient opportunity.

Meeting closed 8:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

Present: A. Hudson, Vice-President and Hon. Sec., Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, R. H. James, F. Wadley, R. Morris, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, Vice-President, S. H. Davies, and J. G. A'Bear.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

Mr. Loveridge reported he had seen the owner who was still interested in selling and again asked for the Club to make an offer.

Local Clubs - Spartans' player.

There was nothing further to report; no meeting of N. G. C. Committee having been held since last meeting.

London Scottish.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported no reply received.

French Tour.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported Mr. Voyce would deal with this matter initially through French official he had contacted at Twickenham.

A. W. Carpenter.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter received from Mr. Carpenter expressing his regret not being able to attend Committee's meetings owing to his wife's illness, and tendering resignation. It was agreed to discuss the question of the vacancy at next meeting.

Touch Judges.

United Services	-	Mr. T. Day
Malvern	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
Bath	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Bath United	-	Mr. T. Burns

Bristol United.

The Hon. Sec. reported that owing to a misunderstanding the decision to cancel the United XV's game at Kingsholm had not been conveyed to Bristol, whose United XV had travelled to Gloucester. In circumstances it was decided to send letter of explanation and apology to Bristol Club to offer to defray cost of coach. Mr. Balchin proposed and Mr. Morris seconded that £10 be sent.

Supporter's Club.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had now received letter from Supporter's Club Sec. accepting the offer of accommodation under Stand.

Mr. Balchin mentioned the question of advertising of Motor Coach trips over Loud Speaker and notices on Club premises. He requested Supporter's Club be notified this was prohibited.

Meeting closed 8:40 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, February 12th, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, R. H. James, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

An apology was received from Mr. J. G. A'Bear.

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

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

There was nothing further to report.

Local Clubs.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter received from the Secretary of the Spartans' Club in which he stated there was no truth in the statement alleged to have been made re. R. Hill, and resenting the publicity given in bringing the matter before North Glos. Combination Committee. The letter made reference to the assistance rendered by the Spartans' in past seasons and expressed that Club's willingness to support the Gloucester Club. The Hon. Sec. was asked to make an appropriate reply.

London Scottish.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported no reply yet received.

French Tour.

There was nothing definite to report and the Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to endeavour to obtain information from the Hon. Sec. of the Swansea Club in the light of that Club's experience on their tour in France.

Vacancy on Committee.

The Committee exercised the authority given by the Rules of the Club and Mr. Middleditch was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A. D. Carpenter.

Bristol United.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received an acknowledgment of his letter to the Bristol Club who were bringing the matter before their Committee on Monday next.

Touch Judges.

Swansea	-	Mr. R. H. James
Newport H.S.O.B.'s	-	Mr. J. G. A'Bear
Cardiff	-	Mr. R. Morris
Cardiff Athletic	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge

Gloucester Old Boys.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received an application from Glos. Old Boys Club for permission to use Kingsholm ground for a match v. Gloucester Police, the proceeds to be given to Glos. Rugby Memorial Fund. In view of the number of matches round the date asked for, viz. April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Hon. Sec. was asked to discuss the matter with the Glos. Old Boys' Sec. with a view to another date and to suggest application be made by the Police.

Gordon League.

It was agreed that a grant of £10 be made to the Gordon League for the use of their ground for the United XV v. Malvern game and that a letter be sent expressing the Gloucester Clubs' appreciation for the way the players were treated after the game.

Memorial Service to late King.

It was agreed that Messrs. Hudson and Millington attend the Memorial Service to his late Majesty the King to be held at Cathedral on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Swansea and Cardiff Matches.

Agreed special arrangements be made for stewards at Swansea and Cardiff matches. Seats to be reserved for members up [to] 2:45 p.m. for Swansea game and 2:50 p.m. for Cardiff game for which kick-off was 3:15. Arrangements for seats inside rails to be made - weather permitting.

It was decided to observe a "One Minutes' Silence" immediately before commencement of Swansea match as a mark of respect to memory of his late Majesty, King George VI, to be followed by the National Anthem.

Programmes.

Mr. R. H. James put forward a suggestion from players that more notes on good individual and Club performances should appear in Club programmes. Chairman also suggested that United XV Record be given publicity. Mr. Taylor pointed out that this would require re-arrangement of the programme but would see what could be done.

Mr. Morris raised question of insufficient number of jerseys available on training nights. This had not been reported to Hon. Sec. who would give matter attention.

Meeting closed 9:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, February 26th, 1952.

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Middleditch on his return to the Committee.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

There was nothing to report.

Local Clubs.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter to Sec. of Spartans [sent] as directed. Matter now considered closed.

London Scottish.

No reply at present.

French Tour.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported no reply had been received from Swansea Sec.

Bristol United.

Hon. Sec. said he had seen the Hon. Sec. of Glos. Old Boys and discussed the question of another date for game with Police. A further meeting had been suggested after conferring with Police Sec.

Gordon League.

Hon. Sec. reported letter thanking Club for cheque.

Swansea and Cardiff Matches.

It was the opinion that the special arrangements for seating had proved satisfactory generally. There had been a few complaints from Wing Stand ticket holders who had been unable to obtain seats in the Stand.

The difficulties of holding seats in face of last minute rush were pointed out. Other matters such as car park congestion, school boys in stand, cycles at White Hart entrance were referred to. It was agreed that more Stewards were required in the Stand. It was decided to consider matter again at meeting before Newport game.

Programmes.

Owing to misunderstanding arrangements for photo for a fresh block had not been made. It was decided this should be done at first opportunity. Also agreed more programmes to be available for Newport match.

Touch Judges.

Northampton	-	Mr. A'Bear
Cleeve	-	Mr. Day
R.A.F.	-	Nr. Davies
Bristol Aero	-	Mr. Middleditch

Rugby F. U.

It was unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. Voyce as County Representative on Rugby Football Union Committee.

Rotol R. F. C. - R. Sutton

The Hon. Sec. reported application received from Sec. Rotol R. F. C. for permission to play R. Sutton next Saturday. Some surprise was expressed at this in view of fact that Sutton had agreed to play for United XV. It was decided Hon. Sec. interview player on the matter.

Badges - United XV.

It was agreed this question be placed on Agenda for next meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. Voyce it was unanimously agreed that the Committee's thanks and congratulations be conveyed to the players on their excellent performances this season.

It was also agreed that the thanks of the Committee were due to the Selection Committee for their handling of difficult selection problems.

Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

March 11<sup>th</sup>, '52.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

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. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, T. Day, R. H. James, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

Mr. Loveridge reported that he and the Hon. Sec. had inspected the land at Hempsted today and found it waterlogged. He suggested that as many members of Committee as possible should inspect the ground immediately to see its present condition before proceeding further with negotiations for purchase. After discussion it was agreed that efforts be made to secure the opinion of a surveyor, Mr. Morgan being mentioned, and to arrange if possible for him to meet members of the Committee on the spot on Thursday next.

London Scottish.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received an acknowledgement of his letter which the London Scottish Hon. Sec. would place before his Committee as early as possible.

French Tour.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. had received a letter from the Swansea Hon. Sec. with information and name of a possible contact in France. It was decided to defer further action pending outcome of correspondence between the R. Union and the French rugby authorities.

Old Boys v. Police.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had offered Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> for the proposed game but this had not proved a suitable date for the Police in view of duties.

Badges - United XV.

After discussion it was agreed to obtain a sample badge with shield only with lettering G.R.F.C. United XV.

Touch Judges.

Guy's Hospital	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Stratford-on-Avon	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Coventry	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Coventry Extra 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Mr. K. H. James

St. John's Ambulance.

Hon. Sec. reported application for collection at Newport match on 21st inst. In view of obvious difficulties with big crowd anticipated it was agreed to offer Harlequins game on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Cinderford Town Band.

It was agreed that offer to play at Newport match be not accepted.

Birkenhead Park R.F.C.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a circular letter from Birkenhead Park R.F.C. asking for support of their application to Rugby Football Union for extension of season in view of cancellation of matches owing to death of the King. Agreed no action.

Methodist Circuit Synod.

Application by Rev. Todd for the use of the Car Park in May on the occasion of the Methodist Circuit Synod was granted, subject to suitable arrangements and payment of fees to attendants.

National Savings Committee.

Application by Local Secretary to use Loud Speaker on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, was granted, subject to a time limit of 3 minutes.

Mr. Lamerton to be asked to put Loud Speaker, which failed last Saturday, in order.

Newport Match.

On the suggestion of Mr. Millington, it was agreed to have a meeting of players and officials with a view to discussion of tactics, etc.

Meeting closed 9:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. H. Hughes.

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1952

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1952.

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

Apologies from Messrs. R. Morris and R. H. James.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

Reports were made by the President and the Hon. Sec. as to the possibility of purchase of another piece of land of approx. 7 acres very suitable for the purpose required. After discussion it was agreed to endeavour, with the owners' consent, to obtain a valuation by a professional valuer.

London Scottish.

Nothing to report.

French Tour.

Mr. Voyce reported on a talk he had had with a French official from Lyons on the occasion of the Wasps Club Dinner. From the talk he gathered the Lyons Club would be glad to welcome a visit from the Gloucester Club. On suggestion of Mr. Millington it was agreed to discuss question further with Bordeaux officials at match on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bordeaux match.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported on correspondence leading up to arrangement of match on April 30<sup>th</sup> at invitation of Bristol Bordeaux Committee.

Mr. Burns was directed to offer £75 and to enquire as to social arrangements necessary after the game.

Badges - United XV.

Mr. Burns reported Messrs. Vance & Son had obtained a drawing from which he would obtain a specimen badge.

St. John's Ambulance Collection.

The Hon. Sec. reported that Supt. had agreed to suggestion that the collection be taken at the game with Harlequins.

Touch Judges.

Harlequins	-	S. H. Davies
Worcester	-	T. Day
Cheltenham	-	J. G. A'Bear
London Welsh	-	T. Day

Berry Hill	-	R. H. James
Bradford	-	J. G. A'Bear
Lydney	-	S. H. Davies
Llanelly	-	R. Morris
Drybrook	-	F. Wadley
N. G. Combination	-	L. H. Middleditch

#### Tour.

Mr. Loveridge proposed and Mr. Millington seconded that all officers of Club should be invited to make the trip. On proposition of Mr. Balchin it was also agreed that any member of Committee who desired to should join the party.

The Hon. Sec. reported that arrangements had been made to travel to Exeter on the Saturday morning and to stay at Plymouth on Saturday and Sunday nights, and at Penzance on Monday night. The homeward journey would be made after the Teignmouth game on Tuesday evening.

#### Bristol Club Dinner.

It was agreed that Mr. Balchin represent Club at Dinner on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was agreed that in accordance with previous practice permission for collection for Blind on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> could not be granted.

#### Photo 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

It was arranged that photo of 1<sup>st</sup> XV be taken next Saturday before Harlequins game.

#### Fixtures - Cambridge University.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported University Sec. had now offered Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> for a game at Cambridge. It was agreed to write Bath with a view to obtaining release of this date and to offer an evening game with him, or reverse venue of game arranged at Bath on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Groundsman Wages.

Mr. Balchin raised question of groundsman's wages which at present figure of £5 p.w. he considered rather low. Mr. Davies proposed and Mr. Millington seconded an increase of 10/- per week. This was unanimously agreed.

Next Meeting fixed for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting closed 9:40 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice-Presidents, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, S. F. Taylor, S. H. Davies, F. Wadley, T. Day, R. H. James, T. H. Millington, J. G. A'Bear.

In the absence of the Rev. H. M. Hughes the President was voted to the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

Mr. Voyce reported on present position of negotiations with Mr. Taynton and read draft of a letter he suggested should be sent to the owner, containing the Club's offer for purchase subject to the necessary safeguards as to boundaries etc. After discussion it was agreed that with certain suggested additions letter be sent.

French Tour.

In view of cancellation of Bordeaux match no opportunity had arisen to discuss matter with their officials as had been hoped. It was agreed to hold over further consideration pending settlement of difficulties between French S.W. clubs and parent body, but to continue enquiries.

Badges - United XV.

A specimen design which had been seen by some members had been returned to Messrs. Vance with the request that a sample badge be prepared. On the suggestion of Mr. Voyce it was agreed that badges be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

St. John's Ambulance.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from Supt. thanking Club for permission to make collection at Harlequins game. Owing to weather the financial result was not so good as previous year.

Tour.

In view of certain developments it had been found that there would not be room for all Committee members who desired to go, and Mr. Balchin, who had moved the original resolution, asked leave to have it rescinded. Mr. Millington who had seconded the resolution dissented and thought it should stand. The Chairman reported that at a meeting of the interested members on April 14<sup>th</sup>, it had been agreed that the number of Committee members to go should be reduced to three and a ballot had been taken. Messrs. Day, Middleditch and Davies were drawn. This action was approved.

Fixtures.

Mr. Balchin drew attention to 1952/53 Fixtures and to the unfavourable position with regard to home games during November and December. He also pointed out that the away game arranged with Cambridge University was at the expense of a home game with Bath on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. After considerable discussion it was agreed to again approach Bath with a view to

retention of the home fixture on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, and to offer an evening game at Bath in lieu of February 14<sup>th</sup>., with financial compensation for any loss arising from the change.

A re-arrangement of the Stroud and Cheltenham games in April was also suggested in order to secure a home game at a later date after April 6th.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had sent a letter of condolence to Llanelly Club asking them to convey sympathy of Club to player who had sustained broken leg in match at Kingsholm.

Stroud Dinner - 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Hon. Sec. reported invitation received. It was agreed Rev. Hughes be asked if he could go.

Referees' Society Dinner - 29<sup>th</sup> April.

It was agreed Chairman or Mr. A'Bear be asked to accept invitation.

Glos. Girl Guides.

On proposition Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Balchin use of ground was unanimously granted for a special private parade on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

County Committee.

Hon. Sec. reminded meeting that Club now entitled to elect 2 representatives. It was agreed to deal with this matter at next meeting.

Grants to Local Clubs, etc.

To be made at next meeting.

Next meeting arranged for May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed 10:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

13 May 1952



## RECORD-MAKERS WERE BEST-EVER FIFTEENS

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*Says rugby critic Brian Gilshenan*

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**AT COMPARATIVELY RARE INTERVALS IN THE HISTORY OF MOST RUGBY CLUBS THERE COMES AN UNFORGETTABLE SEASON WHICH PLAYERS CAN LOOK BACK ON, IN AFTER YEARS, AND FEEL A GREAT THRILL OF PRIDE WHEN THEY SAY: "I WAS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM THAT SEASON."**

**"For Gloucester, the glorious Kingsholm Diamond Jubilee Season, which has just ended, will undoubtedly rank as one of the greatest of such seasons... and the fifteen as one of the best all-round combinations in the history of the club.**

**SHATTERING THE OPPOSITION RIGHT AND LEFT THE CLUB CLOCKED UP AN ALL-TIME RECORD OF 30 WINS - A REALLY MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT.**

Gloucester's complete record is: Played 45, won 30, lost 11; points for 563, points against 316.

For much of the season Gloucester, when at full strength, were playing as attractive a game as any team in the country. They threw the ball about in grandest style, showed bags of thrust and gave numerous displays which delighted and thrilled their supporters.

### **Their finest hour**

It was unfortunate that injuries considerably disorganised the team in the later stages of the season for it was noticeable that after this, Gloucester, on a number of occasions, found themselves coming off second best as regards back play.

A notable achievement during the tour was the 19-3 win over Teignmouth, the unofficial Devonshire champions. It was Teignmouth's heaviest defeat for three years.

**BUT GLOUCESTER'S FINEST HOUR WAS WHEN THEY THRASHED CARDIFF 14-0 AT KINGSHOLM. IN DOING SO ATHEY LAID LOW THEIR MOST PERSISTENT POST-WAR**

“BOGEY” AND INFLICTED ON THE WELSH METROPOLITANS THEIR HEAVIEST DEFEAT FOR A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF YEARS.

Other highspots of the season were Gloucester’s fine recovery to beat Oxford University 24-21; their home victories over Leicester and Coventry by 16 points to 8 in each case, and their excellent home record against Welsh clubs in general. The 56-3 win over the Old Blues was the biggest margin of victory for four years.

Gloucester did not quite reach their best post-war figure of 588 set up in 1947-8, but the number of tries scored, 114, was considerably higher.

Gloucester’s other points were made up of 58 conversions, 28 penalty goals and 7 dropped goals.

### **Inspiring leader**

What is the secret of Gloucester’s amazing success this season ?

**Two important reasons are, of course, the splendid team spirit and the inspiring leadership of that grand forward and skipper, Jack Watkins.**

Other factors were Gloucester’s determination to try and play an open game at all costs and the building-up of a back division which, when at full strength, was able to exploit the splendid work of the pack in a way which few opposing teams could withstand.

THE BRILLIANT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HALF-BACKS DAVIES AND CARTMELL WAS AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE SEASON.

Cartmell - though not entirely free from the faults of trying to do too much on his own, showed that he has few equals when it comes to breaking open a tight defence by unorthodox methods and spectacularly clever running.

### **One of the best**

Howard Terrington quickly settled down as one of the best post-war centres Gloucester have had. It was he who gave the threequarter line that much-needed punch in the middle. The line was always at its best when he and Teakle were paired.

**Wing threequarter John Taylor - who seems a distinct possibility for future international honours - made a great impression in his first season for Gloucester.**

His determined and often unstoppable runs brought him a total of 15 tries, only one less than the number scored by Gloucester’s “veteran” wing threequarter Charlie Crabtree, who distinguished himself as the team’s leading try-getter.

Among threequarters who were called upon after injuries had disrupted the line, none did better than Baker, who is now running with much increased confidence and determination.

### **Traditions upheld**

Gloucester's pack worthily upheld the Club's great traditions. The forward who showed the most consistently good form was probably Bob Hodge. Gordon Hudson was another tower of strength, and claimed no fewer than 11 of the 46 points scored by forwards.

Peter Ford, who did particularly well on tour, is a young forward who deserves a special word of encouragement for his hard work and steady improvement.

Praise is also due to Cyril Thomas whose grand hooking was another important contribution.

### **Splendid deputy**

Finally, the full-backs, Bill Hook - who is to be congratulated on gaining international honours again this year - gave some good performances earlier in the season, but owing to leg trouble turned out in only a limited number of games.

**THE BRUNT OF THE WORK FELL, THEREFORE, ON GLOUCESTER'S YOUNG RESERVE FULL-BACK, TREVOR HALLS, WHO FILLED THE BREACH IN SPLENDID STYLE.**

Topping the list of scorers, Halls kicked a total of 129 points for Gloucester, made up of 13 penalty goals and 45 conversions.

### **Points scorers**

Other scorers:

W. Hook, 12 pen. goals, 1 drop goal, 11 conversions, 61 points.

C. Crabtree, 16 tries, (48);

J. Taylor, 15 tries (45);

G. Hudson, 1 pen. goal, 11 tries (36);

M. Baker, 2 pen. goals, 5 drop goals, 2 conversions, 2 tries (31);

V. Davies, 9 tries (27);

R. Hodge and P. Ford, 8 tries (24);

H. Wells and R. Beamish, 7 tries (21);

D. Ibbotson and W. Cartmell, 6 tries (18);

H. Terrington, 1 drop goal, 4 tries (15);

C. Thomas, 4 tries (12).

R. Blair (9); J. Teakle (6); J. Syme, G. Hastings, D. Gladwin, and A. Wadley (3).

## Appearances

In all, 37 players turned out for Gloucester, Bob Hodge and Henry Wells - who both played in 44 of the 45 games - headed the list.

Other principal appearances:

J. Watkins 43, C. Thomas 41, G. Hudson 37, G. Hastings 37, W. Cartmell 36, J. Taylor 35, P. Ford 32, T. Halls 31, V. Davies 29, C. Crabtree 27, D. Ibbotson 22, A. Wadley 21, R. Parry 21, R. Sutton 19, H. Terrington 19, R. Beamish 17, J. Teakle 17, W. Hook 14.

END OF EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM THE CITIZEN NEWSPAPER SATURDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>,  
1952

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1952.

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

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

Reported negotiations were proceeding. It was agreed matter be still left in hands of Sub-Committee.

French Tour.

Nothing to report.

Badges - United XV.

It was reported sample pattern not yet received.

Tour.

The President congratulated officials in charge on a very successful tour and Mr. Millington supported his remarks. It was agreed that the tour had been very successful and enjoyable socially as well as from a playing point of view. The G. Hastings incident was deplored. This was discussed at some length and result of the case down for hearing on 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Would be considered later.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that Bath had now agreed to come to Kingsholm on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> next while Cheltenham had also agreed to reverse fixtures in order to give us a home game on April 16<sup>th</sup>. With regard to Cambridge University efforts were to be made to secure a game at Gloucester in 1953/54.

Financial Report.

The Hon. Treasurer gave a provisional report which was considered most satisfactory by comparison with preceding year in spite of heavy increase in most items of expenditure.

It was agreed final report be considered at meeting of Finance Committee on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock.

Grants.

It was agreed grants to be made as follows:-

Memorial Fund	-	£200
Local Clubs	-	As last year
		and to continue grant of £10 to Gordon League Juniors
Hospital Welfare Fund	-	£10 10s. 0d.
St. John's Ambulance	-	£10 10s. 0d.

Gloucester Cripples - £ 5 5s. 0d.

Honoraria

W. Cole - £15

Baggage Man - £10

County Union Representatives.

A. Hudson, Hon. Sec., was unanimously elected to continue as one representative of the Club. Messrs. F. Wadley and S. H. Davies were nominated for the other place and in the Ballot Mr. Wadley was elected.

At Mr. Millington's request it was agreed that Gloucester Club propose the President and Vice-Presidents at County Meeting.

Annual General Meeting.

Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> agreed.

Players' Meeting.

Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Committee Meeting to follow for purpose of agreeing nomination of officers etc.

It was agreed that Hon. Treasurer should furnish information regarding Entertainment Tax for past 2 seasons required by the Rugby Football Union in connection with appeal to be made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Cheltenham Dinner - May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It was agreed Mr. S. H. Davies accept invitation extended to Gloucester Club.

R. F. Union Annual Meeting.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. was asked to attend meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July if possible.

British Police.

The Hon. Sec. reported application received from Asst. Chief Constable for use of Kingsholm on Thursday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1953 for match British Police v. R.A.F. It was agreed permission be granted subject to fee of £25.

Building Scheme.

It was reported by the President that a letter had been received from Mr. Ravenhill, Architect, intimating that renewed application was being made for the Building License. In conjunction with Wm. Jones, Builder, the estimated expenditure had been reduced to below £1000 by the elimination of the Ladies Lavatory.

Rotary Club.

On behalf of the Rotary Club Mr. Loveridge made application for loan of chairs for use for eating at a Flower Show. This was granted subject to compensation for any damage.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported Cheltenham had requested that one game in 1954/55 be played on Saturday in lieu of one of the evening games. It was decided that this could not be agreed.

A. Hudson - 50 Years with Club.

The President referred to the fact that the Hon. Sec. had completed 50 years with the Club as player and official and suggested that the occasion be marked by a presentation. It was decided to discuss this matter further at next meeting.

Meeting closed 9:25 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

27 May '52.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Sub-Committee held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, Vice-Pres., Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., R. N. Loveridge, T. H. Millington, and S. F. Taylor.

The Hon. Treasurer gave a detailed report of the items of receipts and expenditure for the 1951/52 [season] with a comparison with the figures of the previous season. The net profit was shown to be £360 which was considered satisfactory in view of the increased costs.

Mr. Millington proposed and Mr. Voyce seconded that the figures as presented be passed for submission to the Auditors. This was agreed.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, Vice-President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, R. H. James, R. Morris, F. Wadley, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. A. Hudson, S. H. Davies, and J. G. A'Bear.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

Reported negotiations proceeding satisfactorily.

Badges - United XV.

Sample badge not yet received.

Tour - Incident.

Commenting on hearing of case by County Union Committee, Mr. Millington said that Hastings had been warned not to question Referees' decisions and he and the Captain, Mr. J. Watkins, who was called before Committee were asked to discourage this practice. It was suggested that this should be mentioned at the Players' Meeting.

Finance.

The Chairman presented the report of the Finance Sub-Committee and spoke of the excellent manner in which the books had been kept by the Hon. Treasurer. On the proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Voyce the Accounts were formally adopted for production to the Auditors.

Grants.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that a number of cheques sent to Local Clubs had not been presented, and Mr. Middleditch was asked to speak to Secretaries concerned in this matter.

Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Burns reported that the Ball Room at the Cadena had been booked for Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Players' Meeting.

The Chairman reported that Mr. J. Watkins (Capt.) would be away on June 17<sup>th</sup>, and it was therefore agreed to bring forward date of meeting to Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, meeting of General Committee to follow. It was agreed that all players should be notified of the meeting by post by the Captains. Meeting to be advertised in Citizen for 3 nights with a reference in Football Edition.

Buildings Scheme.

It was reported that the Licence in modified form had been turned down. The question was raised as to whether the Club apply for a Licence to spend up to £500 as a business concern. It was agreed that the President seek the advice of the Club's Solicitor on this point.

A. Hudson.

The question as to the form presentation should take was again discussed. It was finally agreed that the original suggestion of a silver tankard suitably inscribed be carried out, to be ready if possible by the date of the Player's Meeting.

Mr. Balchin reported he had been asked to put before the Committee a suggestion that some recognition be made to the Players in view of the record achieved during the season. It was agreed that no decision could be taken.

Record Board.

The question of names of players to be recorded on Board for 1951/52 was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the rule limiting number to 17 in order of number of appearances be adhered to. It was agreed that the appearance in English Trial games by J. Watkins and R. Morris be recorded on Record Board for appropriate years.

Fixtures.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported request from Penzance to change date of game arranged for April 27<sup>th</sup> 1953 to Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>. This was considered to be impracticable and agreed Penzance be informed accordingly.

Insurance.

Mr. Voyce stated that the Insurance Co. now requested that a report by a qualified architect on the condition of the stands and terracing be made. Mr. Millington proposed and Mr. Middleditch seconded that report be obtained.

Ground - Spraying.

The action of the President in taking an opportunity to have ground sprayed with weed killer was confirmed. It was also agreed that another spraying be made before next season opened.

Ballot Papers - Annual General Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Day that number of attendances at Meetings by Committee members during season should be recorded on Ballot papers at next Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman referred to the purchase of the Mowing Machine. He said he had been asked by Mr. A'Bear to enquire why this had not been put out to tender. It was pointed out that the purchase of the machine from Lawn Mower Services had been passed in Committee at the meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, when Mr. A'Bear was present and no objection had been raised. On investigation following further discussion it was discovered that no minute regarding the matter had been recorded. It was agreed that the action of the Hon. Treas. In paying for the machine so that it could be included in the 1951/52 accounts be confirmed.

Meeting closed 9:35 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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Minutes of Meeting held at Kingsholm, Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock (President), Messrs. A. T. Voyce (V.P.), H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), R. N. Loveridge, T. H. Millington, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, R. H. James, T. Day, F. Wadley, S. F. Taylor.

An apology was received from Mr. A. Hudson (V.P. and Hon. Sec.) who was away from Gloucester.

The President first referred to the present of a silver tankard (inscribed) to Mr. Hudson to mark his 50 years association with the Club, explaining the Committee's decision to limit it to present players and officials. Approval was unanimously expressed and all present agreed to be associated with it.

The 29 players present were then welcomed by the Chairman who put forward the main business of the meeting and asked for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain.

W. Hook paid tribute to J. Watkins' services last season and proposed him for re-election. A. G. Hudson seconded.

R. Hodge was proposed by R. Sutton and seconded by H. Wells.

Messrs. Wadley, Day and James were appointed scrutineers and on the ballot R. Hodge was elected. The Chairman in making the announcement also paid tribute to J. Watkins and voiced the thanks of the Committee for his part in making the Diamond Jubilee Year at Kingsholm such a success. He then welcomed R. Hodge in his new captaincy. Mr. Hodge suitably replied and hoped he would be able to help keep up the success of last season.

I. Jones (proposer W. Burrows, seconder T. Halls) was re-elected Captain of the United XV after a ballot in which W. Burrows (proposer R. Stowers, seconder E. Turner) was the other nominee. Mr. Jones was not present. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee for his outstanding leadership and congratulated the United players on their fine record, and also referred to W. Burrows' good work as Vice-Captain.

On the proposition of W. Cartmell, seconded by T. Halls, G. Hastings was unanimously elected as Players' Representative.

The Chairman then referred to last years' meeting when many useful suggestions were put forward by players, and asked for any similar suggestions. H. Terrington (thanking the Committee for their consideration of last years' suggestions) suggested that in future Tours the amount of travelling might be curtailed.

D. Hill reminded the meeting of Mr. J. Jones' request last year that any privileges and arrangements should be extended to United players. While this was generally carried out, he thought that better shorts provided for exclusive use of individual players might be managed. The Chairman pointed out the difficulty, i.e. that of the changing composition of the team, but promised the request would have every consideration.

The President then added his congratulations to R. Hodge on his election. He spoke of his pleasure at being amongst such a gathering that evening, particularly after the great performance of the two XV's in the 60<sup>th</sup> year at Kingsholm. He urged players to bring their problems to the Committee through their Representative. He congratulated D. Humphries on the result of his knee operation and hoped he would soon be playing again.

Mr. Voyce spoke of the quality of play last season and asked players to continue this, and to keep up the high reputation of the Club. He urged them to play the game for the game's sake and to have the ambition and to play hard to get recognition in County and higher games.

Mr. Millington thanked particularly County players for supporting him in his 2 years as County President. He wished the teams every success next season and asked them to think always of the Club before themselves.

The Chairman spoke of the pleasure he had derived from his office during last season when the quality of play and team spirit was so high.

Before the players withdrew, V. Davies, who was removing to Swansea, spoke of his appreciation of three happy seasons with the club, but said that if it were possible he would like to continue his association with them.

The Committee went into Session at 8:00 p.m. to consider nominations for officers, etc. The following nominations were recommended:

President Dr. A. Alcock	Proposer A. T. Voyce	Secunder T. Millington
Vice Presidents Messrs. A. Hudson and A. T. Voyce.	S. H. Davies	R. N. Loveridge
Hon. Treasurer Mr. H. J. Balchin	T. Millington	R. N. Loveridge
Hon. Secretary Mr. A. Hudson	T. Millington	R. N. Loveridge
Hon. Fixture Secretary Mr. T. Burns	F. Wadley	L. H. Middleditch

#### Committee.

It was agreed that all existing Committee be nominated for re-election but Messrs. J. A'Bear and R. H. James stated that they felt that they would be unable conscientiously to carry out the duties next season. The remaining nine names would be put forward.

Next Meeting: Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, to scrutinise nominations for Committee.

The Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Ground on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President. Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson (Hon. Sec.), Vice Presidents, S. H. Davies, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, T. Day, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from the Chairman (Rev. H. M. Hughes), H. J. Balchin (Hon. Treas.), and T. Burns (Hon. Fixture Sec.).

In the absence of the Chairman, the President was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Memorial Fund.

This was proceeding satisfactorily and it was hoped that an announcement would be made shortly, possibly at the Annual Meeting.

Badges - United XV.

No further information.

Grants.

Mr. Middleditch undertook to endeavour to clear the matter.

Building Scheme.

The President reported that as a result of legal enquiries the Club was not a business concern. Further reference to the possible purchase of a hut which had been advertised, Mr. Loveridge proposed and Mr. Middleditch seconded and it was resolved that the President, Vice-Presidents, Mr. Millington and Mr. Balchin be appointed to inspect the hut to see if it was suitable.

Mr. A. Hudson.

The Hon. Sec. warmly thanked the Committee and players for the present made to commemorate his 50 years with the Club. He said that nothing had given him greater pleasure to receive and his statement was received with acclamation.

Record Board.

Arising out of the minute, it was reported that Mr. W. Hogg had asked if he were entitled to a badge and the Hon. Sec. was asked to enquire into this.

Insurance of Ground, etc.

The Hon. Sec. was instructed to see Mr. Ravenhill and obtain his report. Arising out of this minute the Hon. Sec. was asked to see Mr. Lamerton about the defective wiring in the baths.

Ballot Papers.

The attention of the Hon. Sec. was called to the Resolution regarding the placing of the number of Committee attendances on the sheets.

#### Other Matters.

Mr. Loveridge proposed and Mr. Davies seconded a vote of thanks to the President for the entertainment he provided to the Committee and Players after the Players' Meeting.

#### Nominations.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the following nominations (in addition to those of the existing Committee) had been received and were in order:-

Messrs. C. Norman Smith, G. J. Dance, J.P., J. Haines, F. W. James, and E. F. Martin.

The voting would be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and this would be advertised in the press.

#### Rules.

No notice of alterations to rules had been received.

#### Fencing.

Mr. Millington called attention to the bad state of repair of fencing behind the Main Stand, and suggested work be put in hand to remedy it. The Hon. Sec. was instructed to see Mr. Wm. Jones on the matter.

During discussion Mr. Loveridge asked if Mr. Voyce would make enquiries of the Rugby Union as to what sum could be spent in this manner, which Mr. Voyce promised to do.

#### Committee's Report for A.G.M.

The Hon. Sec. read the draft of the Chairman's Report. After discussion it was agreed that with a few suggested amendments the report should be printed as read.

Mr. Davies called attention to the dirty condition of the ground under the Main Stand, and the possible danger if the waste paper became ignited. It was agreed that the groundsman be instructed to clear it away.

Mr. Millington proposed and Mr. Loveridge seconded the thanks of the Committee to the Chairman. He spoke of the able manner in which the meetings had been governed. On the proposal being received with acclamation, the President acknowledged it and promised to notify Rev. H. M. Hughes.

The Meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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## RECORDS

of Gloucester R.F.C.

First XV.                      Season 1951/52

Played:	45
Won:	30
Drawn:	4
Lost:	11
Points for:	563
Points against:	313

## LIST OF APPEARANCES

R. Hodge	44
H. Wells	44
J. Watkins	43
C. Thomas	41
G. Hudson	37
G. Hastings	37
W. Cartnell	36
J. Taylor	35
P. Ford	32
T. Halls	31
V. Davies	29
C. Crabtree	27
D. Ibbotson	22
A. Wadley	21
R. Parry	21
R. Sutton	19
H. Terrington	19
R. Beamish	17
J. Teakle	16
W. Hook	14
M. Baker	13
D. Hill	12
D. Humphries	11
R. Blair	7
S. Troughton	7
J. Syme	5
B. Hudson	5
F. Daniels	5
E. Turner	4
B. Reade	4
B. Lane	4
R. Stowers	4
W. Brunfitt	3
J. Embling	2
W. Burrows	2
G. Cummings	1
D. Gladwin	1

## LIST OF SCORERS

Name:	T.	P.	C.	DG.	Points:
T.Halls		13	45		129
W. Hook		12	11	1	61
C. Crabtree	16				48
G. Taylor	15				45
G. Hudson	11	1			36
M. Baker	2	2	2	5	31
V. Davies	9				27
P. Ford	8				24
R. Hodge	8				24
H. Wells	7				21
R. Beamish	7				21
D. Ibbotson	6				18
W. Cartnell	6				18
H. Terrington	4			1	15
C. Thomas	4				12
R. Blaire	3				9
J. Teakle	2				6
R. Sutton	2				6
A. Wadley	1				3
D. Gladwin	1				3
G. Hastings	1				3
G. Syme	1				3
Totals	114	28	58	7	563

GRFC ANNUAL MEETING

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1951-52

**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

ANNUAL MEETING

CONNAUGHT ROOMS, EASTGATE STREET

On Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1952, :: At 7-30 p.m.

***Committee's Report for Season 1951-52.***

THE COMMITTEE, in presenting the Report and Balance Sheet for 1951-52, the Diamond Jubilee Season at Kingsholm, are happy to report a very successful Season, in which the Membership has been increased and the number of matches won by the 1<sup>st</sup> XV unequalled in the long history of the Club.

The first team record reads as follows: played 45, won 30, drawn 4, lost 11; points for 563, against 313. The high number of points recorded against the Club during the Season as the result of the Team's willingness to play open football - a policy amply justified by the results. The leadership of the Captains, both on and off the field, has contributed in very large measure to the success of the Club during this year.

Jack Watkins has a great record behind him and can look back with justifiable pride on his year of captaincy. Once again it is appropriate to emphasise the importance to the Club of the United side, as 37 players represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XV during the Season.

The United failed to achieve a record number of wins by one match, and we can be sure their Captain, Ivor Jones, will by his inspiring leadership and untiring efforts, achieve that record during the coming Season. May we appeal to Members to give the United the support worthy of their playing record.

We congratulate Bill Hook on representing his Country again during the last year and those players who have represented the County.

The Committee are sorry to report that many improvements which they had hoped to carry out with regard to the additional comfort and amenities of Members and Players have had to be postponed because of the inability of obtaining licenses for the work to be carried out.

The Committee have faced the problem of reservation of seats for Ticket Holders for important matches and their plans met with considerable success and the old problem seems to have been solved to the mutual satisfaction of members.

It is hoped the present charges of admission will remain for another season, and the Committee have confidence in the Members and Public that they will continue in their excellent support to make this possible.

The Committee wish to record their thanks to: The President, Dr. Arnold Alcock; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Hudson, who has now completed fifty years outstanding "service to the Club as Player and Administrator"; Mr. H. J. Balchin, the Hon. Treasurer, whose Balance Sheet is a fitting witness of his work for the Club; Mr. T. Burns, the Hon. Fixture Secretary, in a most difficult task.

The Committee also wish to thank the following organisations without whose interest and assistance Rugby Football could not carry on: The Referees Society; the Local Clubs; the Schools Unions; the St. John's Ambulance; the Supporters Club; and the Press.

Finally, we would like to thank all those who have supported this Club during the past year.

We look forward with confidence to next Season in the sure knowledge that the traditions of this Club to play open sporting football under the most ideal conditions will continue to be upheld.

## GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB. Season 1951-52

### REVENUE ACCOUNT

1950-1951	1951-1952	1950-1951	1951-1952		
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
			INCOME		
<p>336 8 7 Amusement Tax</p> <p>250 0 0 Ground Company - Annual Rent</p> <p>54 18 0 Income Tax - Schedule "A"</p> <p>2 2 0 Subscriptions to County and R.F.U.'s</p> <p>385 13 10 Local Rates</p> <p>896 16 8 Expenses - Away Matches</p> <p>319 4 1 " - Home Matches</p> <p>349 2 1 Printing, Advertising and Billposting</p> <p>39 7 6 Insurance of Players</p> <p>538 8 2 Refreshments, Canteen Expenses/Teas</p> <p>38 9 1 General Insurances</p> <p>39 6 3 Referees' Expenses</p> <p>197 13 6 Equipment, Footballs, etc.</p> <p>23 18 1 Postage and Telephones</p> <p>270 16 8 Wages to Groundsman</p> <p>34 15 4 Special Ground Expenses</p> <p>580 16 7 Repairs, Renewals and Improvements</p> <p>22 19 0 Photographs</p> <p>63 14 5 Police Charges</p> <p>540 0 0 Guarantees to Visiting Teams</p> <p>22 9 9 Chemist's Account</p> <p>205 1 0 Grants to Local Clubs</p> <p>69 14 5 Lighting and Fuel</p> <p>11 11 0 Audit Fee</p> <p>30 13 6 Sundry Expenses</p> <p>83 6 1 Club Ties and Blazer Badges</p> <p>864 12 9 Income Tax on Interest and Profits</p> <p>23 13 3 Corporation Duty</p> <p>- Architect's Fees</p> <p>17 17 0 Purchase of Club's Shield</p> <p>55 2 6 Laundry</p> <p>150 0 0 Memorial Fund</p> <p>Donations -</p> <p>5 5 0 Gloucester Cripples</p> <p>5 5 0 St. John's Ambulance</p> <p>10 10 0 Gloucester and District Hospitals Welfare Fund</p>	<p>350 0 4</p> <p>250 0 0</p> <p>57 19 0</p> <p>2 2 0</p> <p>427 13 10</p> <p>1,135 12 2</p> <p>429 4 2</p> <p>468 5 3</p> <p>42 0 6</p> <p>782 11 11</p> <p>37 1 8</p> <p>36 3 11</p> <p>230 19 3</p> <p>38 13 9</p> <p>275 16 10</p> <p>59 3 0</p> <p>645 2 10</p> <p>32 18 0</p> <p>49 11 5</p> <p>532 0 0</p> <p>37 3 6</p> <p>170 0 0</p> <p>95 2 2</p> <p>11 11 0</p> <p>13 14 7</p> <p>-</p> <p>600 8 3</p> <p>23 17 10</p> <p>50 0 0</p> <p>-</p> <p>71 0 6</p> <p>200 0 0</p> <p>£ s. d.</p> <p>5 5 0</p> <p>10 10 0</p> <p>10 10 0</p>	<p>233 2 0</p> <p>586 10 0</p> <p>101 17 0</p> <p>455 5 0</p> <p>152 0 0</p> <p>5 7 6</p> <p>5,113 4 6</p> <p>79 16 0</p> <p>45 0 0</p> <p>70 0 0</p> <p>253 16 9</p> <p>154 14 7</p> <p>47 4 0</p> <p>63 10 0</p> <p>148 10 0</p> <p>59 11 4</p> <p>40 16 9</p> <p>43 18 6</p> <p>-</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Subscriptions -</p> <p>79 Members at £3 3 0</p> <p>484 " " 1 10 0</p> <p>135 " " 1 1 0</p> <p>695 " " 15 0</p> <p>389 " " 10 0</p> <p>41 " " 2 6 (Players) 5 2 6</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gate Receipts -</p> <p>First Team Matches</p> <p>Second " "</p> <p>Grant from Teignmouth RFC</p> <p>" " Penzance RFC</p> <p>Hire of Ground -</p> <p>County Union</p> <p>English Trial Match</p> <p>Motor Car Park</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Investment Income -</p> <p>Defence Bond Interest</p> <p>Loan Interest</p> <p>Treasury Stock Interest</p> <p>Trustee and other Bank Interest</p> <p>Savings Bonds Interest</p> <p>Redemption Bonus</p>	<p>248 17 0</p> <p>726 0 0</p> <p>141 15 0</p> <p>521 5 0</p> <p>194 10 0</p> <p>5 2 6</p> <p>5,379 7 6</p> <p>72 10 6</p> <p>45 0 0</p> <p>70 0 0</p> <p>253 16 9</p> <p>-</p> <p>61 15 11</p> <p>148 10 0</p> <p>59 11 4</p> <p>59 19 8</p> <p>43 18 6</p> <p>2 0 0</p>	<p>£ s. d.</p> <p>£ s. d.</p> <p>1,837 9 6</p> <p>5,451 18 0</p> <p>115 0 0</p> <p>32 16 9</p> <p>38 14 6</p> <p>375 15 5</p>
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Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure			£ 7,851 4 2		

## BALANCE SHEET

### SURPLUS AND LIABILITIES

### ASSETS

£	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.			
	Income and Expenditure Account -				Grand Stand and Stands Account -									
					3,985				Balance as at Last Account			3,985	8	7
					3,300				Advance on Loan as at Last Account			3,300	0	0
									Investments (at cost) -					
17,899					3,067				Shares of £1 each in the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co. Ltd.			3,067	0	0
									3% Defence Bonds			-		
	Sundry Creditors and Provisions:-				200				2½% Defence Bonds			2,300	0	0
991					2,300				£2,382 14s. 5d. 2½%					
					2,003				Treasury Stock			2,002	16	6
									£1,464 6s. 2d. 3%					
					1,502				Savings Bond 1965/75			1,501	15	0
									Cash at Bankers -					
									Current Account			414	6	7
					147				Deposit Account			19	7	2
					20				Cash on Deposit -					
					2,366				Trustee Savings Bank			2,682	15	6
												11,988	10	9
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£ 18,890					£ 19,273	19	4	£ 18,890				£ 19,273	19	4
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I have examined the above Statement and compared the same with the Books, Vouchers, and Bank Books of the Club, and I certify the Balance Sheet and Accounts to be true and correct, and as shown by the books of the Club.

H. J. BALCHIN, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

WILLIAM V. EGGLETON,

*Chartered Accountant,*  
*Auditor*  
Russell Chambers, Gloucester.

## GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB - FIXTURES 1952-53

Hon. Secretary : A. Hudson, The Chestnuts, Kingsholm, Gloucester

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1952				1953			
Sept.	13	Lydney	H	Jan.	3	London Scottish	H
"	18	Stroud	A	"	8	Army	H
"	20	Exeter	H	"	10	Leicester	H
"	27	Bristol	A	"	17	Wasps	A
Oct	2	Cheltenham	A	"	24	Bristol	H
"	4	Bedford	H	"	31	Neath	A
"	11	Old Paulines	H	Feb	7	United Services	H
"		<i>(Glos. v. Devon, Away)</i>		"	14	Cambridge University	A
"	18	Cardiff	A	"	21	Swansea	A
"	25	Old Blues	H	"	28	Cardiff	H
		<i>(Glos. v. Somerset, Bristol)</i>		Mar.	7	Northampton	H
Nov	1	Leicester	A	"	14	R.A.F.	H
"	8	Llanelly	A	"	21	Guy's Hospital	H
"		<i>(Glos. v. Cornwall, Kingsholm)</i>		"	28	Newport	H
"	15	Newport	A	Apr.	2	Stroud	H
"	22	Clifton	H	"	4	London Welsh	H
"	29	Oxford University	A	"	6	Sale	H
				"	7	Lydney	A
Dec.	6	Neath	H	"	11	Blackheath	A
"	13	Bath	H	"	16	Cheltenham	H
"	20	Coventry	A	"	18	Harlequins	A
"	26	Old Merchant Taylors	H	"	23	Bath	A
"	27	Universities Athletic Union	H	"	25	Devonport Services	A
				"	27	Penzance & Newlyn	A
				"	28	Teignmouth	A

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Hon. Fixture Secretary : T. Burns, 27 Tuffley Avenue, Gloucester



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. Hudson, Vice President, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., L. H. Middleditch, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, F. Wadley, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, S. H. Davies, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies received from Messrs. A. T. Voyce, Vice-Pres., C. N. Smith, and R. Hodge.

The President from the Chair congratulated old members on retaining the confidence of members in their re-election, and welcomed the new member, Mr. F. W. James.

Memorial Ground.

He made reference to the Memorial Ground the contract for purchase of which had been signed on the morning of the A.G.M., and mentioned several items involving expenditure which would have to be met.

The Hon. Sec. suggested the retention of Mr. Ravenhill as Architect to supervise the erection of the fence and gates and to submit plans for changing quarters, etc. This was agreed.

Mr. Millington proposed a vote of thanks to the trustees and Mr. Loveridge for their efforts during the prolonged negotiations for the purchase of suitable ground. Mr. Balchin seconded and this was carried.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The President reminded members of the complaint re. the Loud Speaker made at the A.G.M. and suggested that Mr. Lamerton be asked to extend the system to the St. Mark Street side of the ground.

Badges - United XV.

A specimen badge was produced and this was considered very suitable.

Mr. Morris proposed and Mr. Loveridge seconded that the badge be adopted subject to confirmation that no objection would be raised from official quarters and that numbers required be ascertained by the Hon. Sec. and order placed accordingly.

Mr. Balchin reported Mr. Dance had made an offer of the gift to the Club of a plaque bearing the Club Badge. It was agreed to accept this with thanks to the donor.

Fencing.

The Hon. Sec. reported Mr. Jones' estimate for the erection of fence behind the Stand was approx. £105. It was agreed to accept this.

Barriers.

The Hon. Treasurer asked whether authority could be given for the extension of barriers at entrances to facilitate the control of crowds during rush periods. This was agreed.

### Election of Chairman.

On the proposition of Mr. S. H. Davies seconded by Mr. T. H. Millington the Rev. H. M. Hughes was unanimously elected as Chairman for 1952/53. The President congratulated Rev. Hughes on his re-election and paid tribute to the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties during 1951/52 season. In thanking the members for his re-election the Rev. Hughes said he was conscious of the privilege and honour and would continue to do his best for the Club.

### Sub-Committees.

The nominations were as follows:-

Selection	President Chairman Hon. Sec. Capt. R. N. Loveridge ) S. H. Davies ) F. Wadley )	elected by Ballot
Finance	R. N. Loveridge ) T. H. Millington ) S. F. Taylor )	with officers
Ground	F. W. James ) R. Morris ) T. Day ) T. H. Millington ) C. N. Smith ) L. H. Middleditch )	with officers
Emergency	F. W. James ) S. H. Davies ) C. N. Smith ) T. Day ) T. H. Millington )	with officers
Repr. North Glos. Combination	F. Wadley	
Canteen	L. H. Middleditch	
Programmes	S. F. Taylor	
Baggage Men		
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	W, Cole	
United XV	W. H. Keeble	

Insurance of Players.

As in previous years - agreed.

Mr. Morris reminded Committee of the suggestion made last season regarding insurance of the linesman and it was agreed that Hon. Sec. make inquiries.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received an application from Sec. of Schools over 15 Group for use of Ground on a Saturday in January or early February 1953. It was decided this could not be granted, but to offer a mid-week date.

J. A. Teakle.

Hon. Sec. reported letter from this player thanking Club for kindness extended to him during membership.

Referees.

Lydney	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol
Exeter	“ 20 <sup>th</sup>	do.

Training.

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

First Trial.

Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Final Trial.

Saturday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Playing Kit - United XV.

It was decided to leave this matter to the discretion of the Hon. Sec. in conjunction with United XV Capt., and Baggage Man.

On the suggestion of the Hon. Treasurer it was agreed that Supervision by Committee men at gates be exercised at all matches.

The next meeting was agreed to be convened towards end of August.

The Chairman reminded members of the necessity for caution in discussing Committee's matters outside.

Meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Signed [H. M. Hughes]

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1952

Meeting of Ground Sub-Committee, Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

The Hon. Sec. quoted figures he had obtained from a Contractor for the laying of concrete paths from the main Worcester Street entrance to the new Stand and to the Worcester Street Stand. It was agreed to accept the Contractor's figure of £171 17s. 6d. and that the work be put in hand as soon as possible.

It was also agreed that the Contractor be asked to strengthen the gate posts at the Worcester Street entrance by the addition of concrete supports.

Mr. Lamerton's figures for the amplification of the Loud Speaker system by the addition of 3 new amplifiers on the gymnasium side were considered. The price quoted which included all necessary wiring was £36 7s. 6d. It was agreed that this be accepted. The suggestion was made that Mr. Lamerton be asked to test the microphone on the morning of each home game and it was agreed that this be done.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

2 Sept. 1952

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept., 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, F. W. James, F. Wadley, R. Morris, T. Day, C. N. Smith, R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies, S. F. Taylor.

The Chairman cordially welcomed the new members of the Committee.

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

Matters Arising:-

Badges - United XV.

Mr. T. Burns was able to report that the Badges had arrived from the makers and would be delivered by Messrs. Dance as soon as the invoice had been received.

Canteen.

It was unanimously agreed to retain the services of Mr. Dalkin as Caterer and it was left to Mr. Middleditch to see him and make necessary arrangements.

Baggage Man - United XV.

It was agreed that Mr. George Hudson carry out duties pending Mr. Keeble's return.

Insurance of Players.

The Hon. Sec. reported details of rates for additional Insurance of Players and after consideration of these it was agreed that the premium payable by the Club be increased by 50% to cover an extension of the time schedule of the S. W. Group Scheme by two thirds.

Schools Over 15 Group.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received further letter asking for use of ground for International Trial game Glos. & Somerset v. Devon & Cornwall on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. In discussion the danger to the turf by the playing of two games in one afternoon at this time of year was pointed out. It was also considered that a 1:30 kick-off would be necessary to allow of United game following. It was finally decided that Hon. Sec. discuss the matter again with Schools Secretary to put Club's views.

County Police.

Application by County Police for use of Ground on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> v. Somerset Police was granted.

Widden Old Boys.

Application from Widden Old Boys Club for financial assistance in connection with expenditure incurred in erection of new changing quarters was deferred to next meeting when the Hon. Treasurer would be present.

Ground.

The minutes recorded of the Ground Sub-Committee Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August were read and the Sub-Committee's action in acceptance of tenders for concreting and extension of Loud Speaker system was confirmed.

It was also agreed to enquire of Mr. Lamerton as to the practicability of connecting the Committee Bar with the office by a private line.

A suggestion was made that Mr. Lamerton be asked to test the Loud Speaker system on Saturday mornings.

#### Y.M.C.A.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received an application for the use of Kingsholm ground on a date in October from Mr. F. C. Lloyd acting on behalf of Y.M.C.A. National Service Fund Gloucester Appeal 1952. One of the objects was stated to be a Military Tattoo.

In conversation with Mr. Lloyd the Hon. Sec. had asked for fuller details of the intended programme. These had not yet been received and it was decided to defer consideration of the application.

#### Prices of Admission - County Matches.

It was agreed for purpose of report to the County R.F.U. that prices of admission and Stand charges at Country matches for 1952/53 to remain as for last season.

Reference was made to the congestion in gymnasium and players' room and it was decided that the linesman appointed for the day should be on duty and with the assistance of one other Committee member to prevent entry of any unauthorised persons.

#### Committee Rota.

The draw for matches was follows:-

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XV

Stroud	Mr. F. W. James	Bristol	Mr. T. Day
Cheltenham	Mr. S. F. Taylor	Cardiff	Mr. R. Morris
Leicester	Rev. H. M. Hughes	Llanelly	Mr. R. Morris
Newport	Mr. F. W. James	Oxford U.	Mr. C. N. Smith
Coventry	Mr. S. H. Davies	Wasps	Mr. T. Middleton
Neath	Mr. T. Millington	Cambridge U.	Mr. S. F. Taylor
Swansea	Mr. R. N. Loveridge	Lydney	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
Harlequins	Mr. L. H. Middleditch	Bath	Mr. C. N. Smith
Tour	Mr. F. Wadley		

#### United XV

Bream	Mr. F. W. James
Drybrook	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
Worcester	Mr. F. Wadley

Cheptsow	Mr. Mr. S. H. Davies
Malvern	Mr. T. Day
Old Luctonians	Mr. C. N. Smith
Newport H.S.O.B.'s	Mr. T. Millington
Bristol Aero	Mr. C. N. Smith
Barry	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Cleeve	Mr. F. Wadley
Berry Hill	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
Bromsgrove	Mr. R. Morris
Hereford	Mr. T. Millington

Meeting closed 10:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

16 Sept. 1952

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

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. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, C. N. Smith, R. Morris, F. Wadley, F. W. James, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The President made sympathetic reference to the reason for the absence of the Hon. Sec. Mr. A. Hudson who he explained had suffered a nasty injury to his eye and had been admitted to hospital the previous day. It was the unanimous wish that a message of sympathy and good wishes for his speedy recovery be sent to Mr. Hudson.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Walker, Caterer, and it was resolved that a message of sympathy from the Club be sent to his partner Miss. Wells, and staff.

Badges - United XV.

It was reported these had now been delivered. List of players entitled to be prepared.

Canteen.

Mr. Middleditch reported that arrangements had been made for catering to be carried on as in previous season.

Widden Old Boys.

The request for financial assistance deferred from last meeting was considered. On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. Loveridge it was agreed to make a grant of £10 10s. 0d. A collection for the same Fund would also be made at the match arranged between North Glos. Combination team and United XV on Monday evening next.

Ground.

It was reported that the concrete paths to stands from main Worcester [Street] entrance were practically completed.

The President reported that Mr. Lamerton had attended at the ground last Saturday morning when he and the Hon. Sec. were present. Mr. Lamerton had stated that there would be no difficulty in fixing up a microphone to be operated from the office and putting in a private 'phone connecting the office with the Committee Box. It was decided to ask Mr. Lamerton to give an estimate for the two jobs.

Y.M.C.A.

It was reported that it was understood that Mr. Lloyd had intimated to the Hon. Sec. that it was now too late to make the necessary arrangements and that the matter be dropped.

Insurance - Ground.

The architects' report made at the request of the Insurance Company was read.



In the discussion which followed Mr. Voyce explained the Insurance Company's position in the matter. A proposition that the Supporters' Club be approached with a view to obtaining assistance from the members in carrying out some of the repairs mentioned in the report was not carried.

It was finally agreed on the proposition of the President that a copy of the report be furnished to Mr. Voyce and that the report be shown to Mr. Jones, Builder, for the purpose of an estimate of the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs to the wooden Stand. Mr. Jones to be asked if the work could be put in hand immediately. It was also decided that the Ground Committee meet on Tuesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>., to further consider the report. It was further decided that if the work of repairing the Stand could not be put in hand at once it should be put out of use.

#### Trust Deed - Memorial Fund.

The draft Deed was produced by the President and on proposition of Mr. Loveridge seconded by Mr. Millington it was unanimously agreed that this be signed by Dr. Alcock and Messrs. A. Hudson and A. T. Voyce as Trustees for the Gloucester Rugby Football Trust, (Memorial Fund).

#### Glos. Association of Boys' Clubs.

An application by the Hon. Sec. of this Association for financial assistance for the organisation was deferred.

#### R.A.F.

Letter from Hon. Sec. R.A.F. asking for particulars to be furnished in respect of any player from Club who was joining the R.A.F.

#### Touch Judges.

Stroud	-	Mr. F. W. James
Exeter	-	Mr. R. Morris
Bristol	-	Mr. T. Day
Bristol United	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
North Glos. C.	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch

The Chairman asked that permission be granted for Mr. Dawe, a cripple to occupy a corner seat in stand and for a lady cripple to have wheel chair inside rails. This was agreed.

It was agreed to engage "Ball Boys" as last season.

The Players' Representative, Mr. G. Hastings, reported that a complaint had been made by United XV about the motor coach to Drybrook on Saturday. Mr. Balchin explained that the order had been received too late to reserve the special bus. Mr. Hastings also referred again to the loss of money from players' pocket in dressing room. It was decided that the Chairman speak to the player concerned.

The President referred to the lack of transfer facilities from Dean's Walk end to other parts of ground and it was agreed that necessary arrangements be made.

Mr. Smith referred to the nuisance caused by small children running loose inside rails. It was agreed that this was a matter for police attention.

Meeting closed 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

30 Sept., 1952

Minutes of Ground Sub-Committee at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1952.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. R. N. Loveridge, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, L. H. Middleditch, T. Burns.

The Architect's report was discussed and his recommendations regarding the various items of repair work necessary were considered.

Mr. Burns reported on his interview with Mr. Jones, Building Contractor, whose rough estimate of the cost of repairing the wooden Stand was £140 - £180. The latter figure was provisional and covered cost of hard woods in event of licence for soft woods not being obtainable.

It was agreed that Mr. Jones be asked to give his estimates of the cost of necessary repairs to the wooden Stand (Item 7 in Architect's report) and for the erection of a barrier on the south end of Dean's Walk bank (pt. item (6) in report).

It was recommended that the following items of the report be done under head of maintenance:-

1. Hole in roof of Stand on St. Mark Street side (Item 5 in report).
2. Repair of floor boards in main Stand.
3. Partition in front of main Stand on west side.
4. Car Park gate posts.
5. 2 loads gravel to cover holes in Stand on Worcs. side.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, R. Morris, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. A. Hudson, Hon. Sec., and H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Badges - United XV.

List of players entitled to be prepared.

Memorial Fund.

The President reported Trustees had met Mr. Ravenhill and considered tenders received for boundary fence levelling and Tuffley Avenue gates. Figures of the lowest tenders to date were quoted.

Action taken to date was approved on proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Day.

Ground.

Minutes of the Ground Sub-Committee held on Tuesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>., were read, approved and signed.

Mr. Burns reported on interview with Mr. Jones, Contractor, regarding repairs required on the wooden Stand. The estimated cost would be £171 if licence to use soft woods was obtained. Alternately the cost would be £290 if hardwood had to be used.

The estimated cost of provision of a barrier at side of Dean's Walk bank was £95.

It was agreed to ask the Architect to endeavour to obtain licence to use soft wood the application to be supported by a letter setting forth the various reasons necessitating the work of repair to the wooden Stand.

Pending repair it was decided to post notices indicating that the Stand was unsafe and should not be used by spectators.

Messrs. Smith & Lamerton's estimate of £57 for extension of Loud Speaker system and the installation of 'phone between office and Stand was approved and it was agreed work be put in hand.

Touch Judges.

Cheltenham	-	Rev. H . M. Hughes
Bedford	-	Mr. T. Day
Worcester	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch

Old Paulines' - Mr. L. H .Middleditch  
Chepstow - Mr. S. H . Davies

Hon. Sec. read letter from Hon. Sec. of the North Glos. Rugby Combination thanking the Club for its co-operation and for the loan of the Ground for the match in aid of the Widden Old Boys' Building Fund.

Schools - 15 Group.

The Chairman reported he had seen Mr. Waldron with reference to the application for use of the Ground on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>., and explained the Club's position. It was decided to await any further report from the Hon. Sec.

County Fixtures - 1953/54.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received a letter from the Hon. Sec. of Glos. R.F.U. asking for co-operation in the efforts to obtain a suitable date for the game with Devon in 1953/54 in lieu of the original date of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Suggested new dates given were, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. After discussion it was decided to await the County's decision as to the venue of game with the touring teams and discuss matter again at next meeting.

Groundsman.

The recommendation of the Ground Sub-Committee was considered. It was agreed to defer the question for a month.

Deans Walk Transfers.

The President reported that the gate leading to back of Stand had been broken down. It was decided that the groundsman be instructed to effect repairs and to notify Hon. Treasurer with a view to providing an extra gateman.

W. B. Cartmell.

The Chairman said he had spoken to this player regarding the loss of money from the changing room. Agreed to take precautions against repetition.

Meeting closed 9:30 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

14 Oct. '52

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Messrs. H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., C. N. Smith, F. W. James, T. H. Millington, R. Morris, F. Wadley, T. Day, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies, R. Hodge (Capt.).

Apologies were received from Messrs. S. F. Taylor and R. N. Loveridge.

Mr. S. F. Taylor.

The President reported that he had visited Mr. S. F. Taylor who had suffered a sudden illness. He was pleased to say that Mr. Taylor was improving. It was the unanimous wish of the members that a letter of sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to Mr. Taylor.

It was agreed that Mr. F. Goodwin carry on with work in connection with programmes.

Mr. H. J. Balchin.

The Chairman expressed the Committee's sympathy to Mr. H. J. Balchin in the bereavement he had suffered by the death of his wife.

Memorial Fund.

Formal approval was given to the loan of £150 to the Memorial Fund on proposition of Mr. Millington, seconded by Mr. Voyce.

The President mentioned that the Duke of Edinburgh had stated that he was prepared to come to the opening of any new playing fields in the country and that His Royal Highness had expressed the view that every playing field should have a running track.

Ground.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had seen Mr. Ravenhill who was endeavouring to see the Local Building Inspector in the hope of dispensing with the necessity for obtaining a licence for soft wood for the repairs to the wooden open Stand.

Schools - 15 Group.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had had a further talk with Mr. Waldron and had suggested to him that the proposed game on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> be arranged for Taunton who had no fixture at home on that date. He had pointed out the saving in fares by such an arrangement. It was agreed that permission to use Kingsholm on that date could not be granted.

County Fixtures - 1953/54.

It was reported that the match with the New Zealand touring team side on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> would be played at Bristol. Disappointment was expressed at this decision in view of the preponderance of these games which took place at Bristol.

Further discussion took place with regard to the date of the Devon game originally fixed for Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, at Kingsholm.

It was finally decided that the Leicester Club be approached with a view to switching the venues of the 1953/54 games to allow of the County game being played at Kingsholm on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

Oct. 28 1952

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Mr. A. Hudson, Vice President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Messrs. H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, F. W. James, R. Morris, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, T. Day, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies.

Apologies from Messrs. A. T. Voyce, S. F. Taylor, and C. N. Smith.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

It was reported that we were now in official occupation of the Ground. The licence for necessary fences etc. however had not yet been received.

Ground.

The Hon. Sec. reported that it had not been possible to obtain soft wood but the licence for £290 covering repairs to the open Stand had been received. On the proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Balchin the Hon. Sec. was authorised to instruct the contractors to proceed with the work.

The Hon. Sec. also reported an appointment on the ground with the representative of a Bristol company who specialised in steel temporary constructions. The price quoted however was in the region of £400 and therefore agreed as out of the question.

Mr. Balchin raised the question as to disposal of the old timber and it was agreed that this should be retained for future use.

County Fixtures - 1953/54.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that he had been in correspondence with the Leicester Hon. Sec. with a view to switching the venues of the games with the Leicester club so that the County game on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> with Devon could be played at Kingsholm. The Leicester Secretary had agreed to place the request before his Committee. He had however raised the question of financial compensation. It was agreed that the Chairman who was taking the team to Leicester next week should take the opportunity to discuss the matters with the Leicester officials.

Touch Judges.

Leicester	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Leicester 'A'	-	Mr. T. Day

County Match v. Cornwall.

Mr. Balchin suggested opening of Car Park, and it was agreed to leave decision to Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer, the matter to be discussed with Police Authorities if thought necessary.

S. J. Gillett.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter had been received from Mr. S. J. Gillett who regretted that owing to removal from Gloucester he would have to relinquish membership of the Club.



#### B.B.C.

Letter from British Broadcasting Corporation asking for permission to broadcast the Gloucester v. Neath game on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at a fee [of] £10 10s. 0d. Agreed permission be given.

#### Programmes.

The question of alteration of programmes as regards size and scope was raised and it was decided to discuss the matter at next meeting.

It was decided to have programmes for the United XV match with Leicester 'A'.

#### Referees.

As the result of a request by the Secretary of the North Glos. Referee's Society who forwarded a copy of his Committee's resolution on the matter, it was decided to notify officials appointed for matches at Kingsholm of the time of Kick-off, etc.

#### Fixtures.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had not heard further from the Cambridge University since 15<sup>th</sup> August regarding a fixture at Gloucester for 1953/54. It was decided that a further letter be sent asking for venue of game on February 14<sup>th</sup> to be transferred.

#### Tour 1953/54.

Penzance Secretary had written to say usual date had been taken by Cardiff. It was agreed efforts be made to arrange guarantee match with Torquay Athletic for Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairman referred to the inadequate amount of space in the tea room. After discussion of his suggested plan to remove the partition from its present position it was agreed that Mr. Middleditch be asked to contact a carpenter known to him with a view to obtaining an estimate. The members present made an inspection of the partition after the meeting.

Meeting closed 9:30 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

11 / XI / 52

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Pres., H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., R. Morris, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, T. Day, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies.

Apology from Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman.

The President was unanimously voted to the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

It was reported that the Licence for fencing etc., had now been received.

The position regarding the allotment holders was explained. The Corporation had been asked to give the Tenants notice to terminate tenancies by Sept. It was agreed that any necessary further negotiations be left in hands of Trustees.

On the proposition of Mr. Loveridge seconded by Mr. Burns it was agreed that the Solicitor's bill of charges and fees be paid out of Club funds.

County Fixtures - 1953/54.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that he had not heard further from the Leicester Secretary regarding the switching of fixtures. Dr. Alcock, however, stated that he had taken the opportunity to discuss the matter with members of the Leicester Committee when he travelled with the team on the 1<sup>st</sup>. inst. He was confident that the Leicester Club would agree.

County Match v. Cornwall.

The Hon. Treasurer gave details of the gate which was considered satisfactory as also were the arrangements made for the match except for some congestion leading to 'C' Block.

B.B.C. Broadcast - Neath Match.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had written the B.B.C. who were however unable to increase the fee offered.

Fixtures.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that he had now received a reply from the Cambridge University Hon. Fix. Sec. with a provisional offer of dates as from Oct., 1954. These dates however were fixed with Newport and Bristol clubs.

After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should write the Cambridge Hon. Sec. to endeavour to get the Varsity team to come to Kingsholm on February 14<sup>th</sup> 1953, the gate to go [to] the Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Tour 1953/54.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported Torquay Athletic had accepted offer of game on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> and had suggested guarantee of £40. The Hon. Fix. Sec. was instructed to ask for £50.

#### Programmes.

The question as to what alterations could be made to improve the programmes was discussed. The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from a member suggesting various additions. It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. C. N. Smith that a Sub-Committee be appointed to deal with the matter. Messrs. C. N. Smith, F. W. James and T. Day were appointed as the Sub-Committee.

#### Tea Room.

Mr. Middleditch proposed the carpenter's estimate of approx. £55 for the suggested alterations. This was considered reasonable. The Hon. Sec. said he had taken an opportunity to discuss this matter with Mr. Ravenhill, the architect, who had suggested a somewhat larger scheme which would eliminate the whole of the passage way and involve a relatively higher cost.

In the discussion of the schemes several members expressed the view that if it was agreed that the alterations should be made the work should be done in the close season. It was finally agreed that the question be referred to the Ground Sub-Committee, a special meeting of that Committee to be called for Tuesday next at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the matter and make recommendations to the General Committee.

#### Touch Judges.

Newport	-	Mr. F. W. James
Newport United	-	Mr. T. Day
Clifton	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
Old Luctonians	-	Mr. C. N. Smith

#### Poppy Day - Mayor's Appeal.

It was agreed to donate £5 5s. 0d. as last year to the Mayor's Appeal.

Decided to have 750 programmes for the Newport United match.

Meeting closed 9:55 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

25 / XI / 52

Ground Sub-Committee, Tuesday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, T. Burns, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, R. Morris, T. Day, L. H. Middleditch.

The two schemes discussed at the last general meeting were fully considered.

It was finally agreed to recommend that the smaller scheme for which Mr. Parris, Carpenter, had given an approx. estimate of £55 should be recommended to the general committee to be carried out, but that a further tender to be obtained from W. Jones, Contractor.

[Signed] A. Alcock

25 / XI / 52

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President (Voted to Chair). Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies, T. Day, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, F. Wadley, R. Morris, T. H. Millington, R. N. Loveridge.

Apologies from Rev. H. M. Hughes, and S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Fund.

It was reported that the Solicitor's bill of charges etc. involved in the transfer had been paid, a reduction of £20 having been secured. On proposition of Mr. Millington, seconded by Mr. Morris a vote of thanks was accorded to the President for his efforts in this matter.

County Fixtures - 1953/54.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported receipt of a further letter from Leicester Hon. Sec. who wrote that his Committee would be discussing the matter of the switching of fixtures in a fortnight's time.

Fixtures - Cambridge University.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had now received a definite offer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in January in alternate seasons commencing in 1954 with a game at Cambridge in October. It was decided to defer further discussion of this offer pending a reply to the Chairman's letter re. change of venue on February 14<sup>th</sup> next.

Tour 1953/54.

Hon. Fix. Sec. was directed to agree Torquay Athletic guarantee offer of £45 or 75% of net gate.

Programmes.

The President congratulated the Sub-Committee on the new features and lay-out of programmes. It was agreed to continue the printing of programmes for United XV game with Worcester.

Tea Room.

The Minutes of the Ground Sub-Committee meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> were read, and the Hon. Sec. reported that Mr. Wm. Jones' verbal tender was approx. £100.

Considerable discussion on the Sub-Committee's recommendation followed, objection to the alterations involved being expressed for various reasons. It was pointed out by Mr. Loveridge that the tenders did not cover the additional lighting and heating necessary. The President drew attention to the inconvenience which would be caused by the alteration to the entrance to the Players' Room both to the players and in the emergency use of the stretcher. Several members expressed the view that the alterations should be deferred until the close season.

Mr. Balchin said he was not in favour of the alterations recommended by the Sub-Committee and suggested that the Committee should concentrate on the larger scheme proposed under the New Stand when circumstances permitted. In support of this he quoted details of the season's finances to date which were somewhat unfavourable.

Finally on proposition of Mr. Balchin seconded by Mr. James it was decided by a majority vote that the Sub-Committee recommendation be not carried out.

#### Schools.

The Hon. Sec. reported application by Schools Hon. Sec. for use of ground in March 1954. It was agreed permission be given for Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>., prior to United XV game with Cardiff College. Kick-off to be 2:30 p.m.

#### Schools - Over-15 Group.

Application for use of ground for game Glos. v. Monmouth was granted for Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1953.

#### Clifton.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from Clifton Club thanking Club for game and hospitality on 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., and expressing the hope of renewed fixtures for future seasons.

#### Vivian Davies.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from this player tendering his resignation in view of difficulties experienced in travelling, etc. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation for services to Club be sent to Mr. Davies.

#### Touch Judges.

Oxford University	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Worcester	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Neath	-	Mr. S. H. Davies

Meeting closed 10:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

16 Dec. 1952

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1952.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, F. Wadley, C. N. Smith, F. W. James, L. H. Middleditch, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, S. H. Davies.

Apology from Mr. S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

County Fixtures - 1953/54.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that the Leicester club had now agreed to the switching of fixtures subject to a financial adjustment on the basis of the average gate at Leicester over the last 5 years which was stated to be £141. If the gate falls below this figure the Gloucester Club to make up the deficiency. It was agreed to accept these terms subject to any exceptional circumstances, e.g. cancellation of match. Also agreed that Leicester Club be informed of Committee's appreciation of their co-operation in this matter.

Fixtures - Cambridge University.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had now received a letter from the Cambridge University Hon. Fix. Sec. confirming his Hon. Sec.'s intimation to Rev. Hughes that the Varsity team would come to Gloucester on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the University's proposal as to fixtures in 1954/55 et. seq. it was considered that to move Bristol and Newport off their fixed dates would not be practicable. To keep the matter open it was agreed the Hon. Fix. Sec. write offering to visit Cambridge in 1953/54 on any week-day except Saturday, which might be convenient to the University Club.

After discussion of the matter it was decided that members should be admitted as usual on production of season tickets and that a special collection for the Cathedral Restoration Fund be made on the ground.

Neath.

The Hon. Sec. referred to the fact that the Neath Hon. Sec. in telephone conversation over the cancelled match on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>., had stated that the Neath Club would be prepared to come to Gloucester on any other date which might be convenient. Owing to the heavy programme it was considered that the only practicable date would be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This being in the close season it was agreed to raise the matter with the County Committee with a view to obtaining their support for an application to the Rugby Football Union for an extension of the season. In the meantime the Neath Club to be asked if that date convenient.

North Glos. Rugby Combination.

The following dates arranged by the Hon. Sec. at the Combination Committee meeting were confirmed.

Junior Cup Final	-	Easter Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Senior " "	-	Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> .

Sale R.F.C.

A request from the Sale Club for an increase in their Guarantee for Easter Monday game was deferred until next meeting.

British Police v R.A.F.

The Hon. Sec. reported application for permission to print tickets for sale before the game on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. This was agreed, the Police officials to be asked by the Hon. Treasurer to conform to usual Club prices in fixing prices of admission to the match.

Kick-off Times.

Coventry Extra 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	2:30
O.M.T.'s	-	2:30
U.A.U.	-	2:30
London Scottish	-	2:45
Army	-	2:45
Leicester	-	2:45
Bristol	-	3:00

National Children's Home and Orphanage Society.

The Chairman reported letter received requesting permission to make a collection on Kingsholm. It was decided after discussion that, in accordance with decisions in previous similar applications, permission could not be given.

Dr. Alcock, in presenting the Club with a cartoon by "Teek" on the Gloucester v Leicester game, March 1922, suggested that efforts might be made to improve the appearance of the Committee Room. Mr. F. W. James volunteered to undertake this work.

The question of covering the ground against frost was discussed. The difficulty of getting labour at short notice was pointed out. Committee members were asked to closely watch weather conditions with a view to action if necessary.

Next meeting Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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