
Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded
1873



Season
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

BATH

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Next Saturday, December 15th
GLOUCESTER v. COVENTRY

It is with pleasure that we welcome Bath to Kingsholm. The games between our two Clubs are always contested in a fine spirit. The accent being on the contested, for neither side will give best to the other lightly. Yet it appears that Kingsholm is somewhat of a bogey ground to our visitors, for in the last thirty games they have played here, they have only won twice, the last occasion being in season 1945-46 when the score was 13-11 in their favour, and have held us to a draw twice.

The records of both Clubs are very similar so far this season, Bath having a slightly better balance in points for and against.

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Pts. Against
Bath	6	1	7	138	137
Gloucester	6	2	7	141	159

Official Programme: Price Threepence

THE NEW HIPPODROME

Gloucester's Latest
Luxury Cinema

For details of Attractions see foot of this programme.

GLOUCESTER 27
Red and White

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

BATH 6

is

Mr. A. E. COTTERILL (North Midlands)

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

- Full Back**
1 S. INGRAM
- Three-quarters**
2 A. HOLDER R.W.
3 xI. SHEEN R.E.
4 xJ. M. JENKIN L.C.
5 xR. BLAIR L.W.
- Half Backs**
6 xD. W. JONES O.H.
7 M. BOOTH S.H.
- Forwards**
8 x*G. W. HASTINGS, Capt.
9 xC. THOMAS
10 xB. J. LANE
11 R. LONG
12 R. A. CLARK
13 xD. IBBOTSON
14 *V. H. LEADBETTER
15 xB. GREEN
- * International x County

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956		1957	
Sept. 8	Lydney H 16-8	Jan. 5	London Scottish ... H
15	Bucarest (Rumania) H 6-10	10	Army H
20	Moseley H 3-6	12	Leicester H
22	Exeter H 28-5	19	Wasps A
27	Cheltenham H 0-0	26	Cambridge University H
29	Bristol A 17-29	31	Royal Navy H
Oct. 6	Belford H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol H
13	Old Blues H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v. S.African Univ. at Kingsholm)
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	9	Bath A
20	Newport A 8-6	16	Swansea A
27	Coventry A 11-9	23	Neath H
	(Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	Mar. 2	Northampton H
Nov. 3	Leicester A 8-14	9	R.A.F. H
10	Moseley A 3-12	16	Gyps Hospital H
	(Glos. v Devon, Away)	23	Cardiff A
17	Aberavon H 9-9	30	Newport H
24	Llanelli A 3-31	Apr. 6	Harlequins A
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-14	10	Cheltenham A
		13	Cardiff H
8	Bath H	16	Stroud H
15	Coventry H	20	New Brighton H
22	Stroud A	22	Sale H
26	O.M.T.s H	23	Lydney A
27	U.A.U. H	27	Devonport Services ... A
29	Neath A	29	Teignmouth A
		30	Weston-super-Mare ... A

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1 M. T. BOWEN
- Three-quarters**
2 xF. E. D. HARRISON R.W.
3 xT. STONE R.C.
4 xD. L. CURTIS L.C.
5 J. R. DOLMAN L.W.
- Half Backs**
6 xJ. H. T. THOMAS O.H.
7 G. H. DREWETT S.H.
- Forwards**
8 xT. S. C. WOOD
9 xT. H. SMITH
10 J. W. P. ROBERTS, Capt
11 F. J. BOOK
12 xF. J. THOMAS
14 I. SMART
15 xA. J. HANKINS
16 xB. J. PEASLEY
- x County

To-night

June Allyson, Jack Lemmon, Charles Bickford
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM IT (u)
CinemaScope. Technicolor.
also Howard Duff, Victor Jory
BLACK JACK KETCHUM, DESPERADO (a)

NEXT
WEEK

Dana Andrews, Joan Fontaine
BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT (a)
also Frankie Howerd, Ruby Murray, Dennis Price
A TOUCH OF THE SUN (u)

REFLECTIONS

Up and down goes the see-saw, but not I hope inducing sea sickness.
Up goes the sea-saw with a win at Newport, down losing to Leciester.
Up with a draw against Aberavon, down with a defeat at Llanelly.
Can there be an explanation for this up-and-down form of our team?

The Cherry and Whites are now passing through a transition stage. A stage in which everyone from selectors down to players are trying to distill the best team from a number of efficient combinations. There are now somewhere about a dozen forwards who are good enough and have sufficient experience for the first team; there are a number of effective backs good enough for the first team. As yet they have not clicked as a team. The selection committee have the arduous and thankless task of trying to find the right blend. All their experiments cannot be successful. Some say that they are not bold enough in their experiments. Nevertheless while the experiments continue, as they must, we supporters must loyally support them and the team. It is certain that we shall reap ample reward in the future, in the shape of one of the best all-round rugby sides in the country.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Savage of Leonard Stanley for the generous gift of records to replace some of the worn-out ones in our library. The improvement in tone, etc., will no doubt have been noticed in recent weeks.

ENGLISH TRIAL

It seems from all reports that the first English Trial at Bristol was not a success from the point of view of the spectators. No cohesion - little team work - centres starving the wings - are all phrases used in comments on the game. One wonders how fifteen men chosen from all over the country can be expected to play as a team in the course of one game.

There is little doubt however that our own George Hastings, whom many consider to be now playing better than ever before, impressed the selectors, for he is chosen for the Probables side in the second Trial. Congratulations George!

Congratulations too, to A. J. Herbert, the Cambridge captain on his selection for the second Trial. We all hope that this is his year for adding a Senior Cap to the two Schoolboy Caps he won while at Marling School.