



SALE FOOTBALL CLUB
RUGBY UNION SEASON - 1969-70



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Sale

v

Gloucester

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1970

at BROOKLANDS

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

SALE v. GLOUCESTER

Saturday, April 18th, 1970

Today is the last Home fixture of the season (followed only by Broughton Park at Chorlton next week), and we welcome the Gloucester Club to Heywood Road. A hard fixture at the end of a hard season, but one that usually produces some exciting Rugby.



Of our results since the last programme, let us go back to a week last Wednesday when we played Wilmslow in the semi-final of the Cheshire Shield. The evening started off with a dry pitch (for a change), cold but dry weather, and a blistering pace, set by Sale. In the first ten minutes, Wilmslow seemed intent to throw the game away by giving away almost as many penalties, which unfortunately were missed by Toone. Wilmslow must have been anxious to avenge their defeat by us at Easter, but we opened the score with a try which again Toone failed to kick. Wilmslow countered with a goal and a penalty which together with a Sale penalty gave them a half-time lead of 8-6. In the second half we applied some real pressure and gradually proved superior and although Wilmslow scored a further try, we took our winning lead to 23 points with some very exciting play, including a drop goal from John Davies, playing at centre!

Last Sunday our friends, Old Salians reached the final by beating Old Wirralians, so it is an all Sale final after all! As this is our last programme this season, I will take this opportunity (before the final) of congratulating Old Salians in their Shield success and also in maintaining their unbeaten record this season, except for the very first game when they lost to us. Their chances in the Shield final must certainly not be underestimated.

Last Saturday saw us at home to Hull and East Riding. To win this match meant that we would be certain winners of the Sunday Telegraph Northern Pennant. Following the Yorkshire Club's win last week over Manchester by 23 points to 3, and our own most successful Annual Dinner the night before, the result was no foregone conclusion. Our handling and passing were particularly poor, and yet we ran out winners by 19 points to 6. Chris Toone converted two tries and also kicked one drop goal and one penalty. Tries were scored by Barton, Drake and Toone, and so the Telegraph Pennant for 1969-70 became ours.

With only two games to run, our tally this season is 35 played, 8 lost and 27 won, our best record since the 1947-48 season. To single out individual players would be unfair, as I think this has been above all a team triumph, so ably led by the Captain Alan Morrill and so well backed up by his Vice Captain David Levings, together with all the "A" team players who have played so well on the team when required to do so. Hearty congratulations are due to all, (not of

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Forwards:

A. NEWALL 1

J. LANSBURY 2

C. ASTILL 3

P. K. STAGG 4

L. ASPDEN 5

J. DAVIES 6

D. LEVINGS 8

B. BARTON 7

Gloucester

Full-back:

R. ETHERIDGE 1

Three-quarters:

R. CLEWES 2

J. BAYLISS 3

A. FIELDING 4

J. DIX 5

Halves:

E. STEPHENS 6

J. SPALDING 7

Forwards:

J. FOWKE 8

M. NICHOLS 9

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course, forgetting Freddy Griffiths, whose enthusiasm has brought the players to such fitness).

On a sad note it is with great regret that at the end of the season we lose Conrad Astell who moves to Nottingham, and also Eric Gilchrist who is getting married and goes to live in Billingham, from whence he has travelled from work, already all of this season to play for Sale. Great to have had both of you with us, and good luck for your futures.

One final note to a great season I feel I must mention, is the general cost of modern rugby which I feel sometimes goes unnoticed by many. Today our Club is amongst the best in the land, but unfortunately our pitch is not. Those of us who saw the state of the ground over Easter, may or may not be surprised to learn that our drains will have to be relaid this summer at a cost of £400. A further recommended dose of 400 tons of sand, to make the topsoil porous for a few more years, will bring the total cost of expenditure on the First Team pitch this summer to about £1000!

I think it is as well sometimes to remind ourselves that successful rugby costs more than the spirit, enthusiasm and hard work, which luckily we have in abundance at the present time.

As a last word for the season, a big thank you to all our supporters (it wouldn't mean much without you!) and please may we have a few volunteers for stand and gates next season?

Finally a word of thanks to our printers, The Richmond Press, especially "Ken", who have sometimes (due to lateness of copy), worked the impossible to get the programme to you.

See you next season.

J.M.B.

First Team Fixtures and Results Up-to-date

Date	Club	Ground	Result	Date	Club	Ground	Result
1969				1970			
Sept. 6	Harrogate	home	16 6w	Jan. 1	Manchester	away	26 3w
WED. 10	Manchester	home	3 19L	3	New Brighton	home	14 6w
13	Bradford	away	17 28L	10	Bedford	home	3 9L
20	Birkenhead Park	home	12 5w	17	Moseley	away	3 21L
27	Coventry	away	3 14L	24	Birkenhead Park	away	36 0w
Oct. 4	Moseley	home	8 29L	31	Edinburgh Wand'rs.	home	14 3w
11	Waterloo	home	8 0w	Feb. 7	Liverpool	home	6 0w
18	Hawick	away	19 13w	14	Rosslyn Park	away	Cancelled
25	M/cr. University	away	19 0w	21	Headingley	home	15 6w
Nov. 1	North of Ireland	home	26 14w	28	Fylde	away	12 6w
8	Fylde	home	8 11L	Mar. 7	Gosforth	home	24 9w
15	Notts.	away	11 3w	14	Halifax	home	40 3w
22	Liverpool	away	22 6w	21	Northampton	home	9 6w
29	Kendal	away	Cancelled	G.F. 27	Wasps	home	14 6w
Dec. 6	Halifax	away	11 3w	E.S. 28	Wilmslow	home	19 3w
13	Huddersfield	home	23 3w	E.M. 30	Glasgow Heriots F.P.	home	6 0w
20	Headingley	away	Cancelled	April 4	Bath	away	6 16L
B.D. 26	Kendal	home	11 3w	11	Hull and E. Riding	home	19 6w
27	Broughton Park	home	12 3w	18	Gloucester	home	
				25	Broughton Park	away	

Results to date: Played 30, Won 26, Drawn 0, Lost 8. Points: For 495, Against 263