

Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded
1873



Season
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

NEATH

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

Once again we welcome visitors from across the Black Bridge. The Welsh 'All Blacks'—Neath, come to Kingsholm to try their fortune against the Cherry and Whites. What a clash of giants this should be! Two fine sterling packs in opposition. Neath with their Internationals, Rees Stephens, Courtenay Meredith and Roy John are continuing the tradition of the fine forwards coming from The Gnoll.

Gloucester, a fine blend of youth and experience, with one of their finest and most mobile packs for many years.

Perhaps the game will go with the backs and a spectacular game will be the result.

At all events the Red and Whites have already defeated Neath at The Gnoll. To the moral advantage lies with Gloucester.

This will be the twelfth time that Neath have appeared at Kingsholm. They have won three of these encounters, the last occasion being in season 1954-55 by the narrow margin of 6-3. Last season we lost at Neath by the same score, but were successful at home, scoring 20 points to Neath's 5 points. The game to-day provides another chance to record our first double victory over our visitors, an honour not easily achieved.

Records to date :	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Agst.
NEATH	16	2	8	282	163
GLOUCESTER	11	5	12	228	222

Official Programme: Price Threepence

NEXT HOME GAME

GLoucester v. Northampton

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLoucester
Red and White

- Full Back
1 **S. INGRAM**
- Threequarters
2 **P. HAWKER** R.W.
3 **I. SHEEN** R.C.
4 **A. HOLDER** L.C.
5 **X.J. M. JENKIN** L.W.
- Half Backs
6 **X.D. W. JONES** O.H.
7 **M. BOOTH** S.H.
- Forwards
8 **X.B. J. LANE**
9 **X.C. THOMAS**
10 **J. HERBERT**
11 **R. LONG**
12 **X.B. J. GREEN**
13 **B. JONES**
14 ***V. H. LEADBETTER**
15 **X.D. IBBOTSON**
- * International x County

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. A. E. WOODWARD (North Midlands)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956		1957	
Sept. 8	Lydney H 15-8	Jan. 5	London Scottish ... H 3-3
15	Bucarest (Rumania) H 6-10	10	Army H 3-6
20	Moseley H 3-6	12	Leicester H 0-6
22	Exeter H 25-5	19	Wasps A 6-22
27	Cheltenham H 0-0	26	Cambridge University H 11-0
29	Bristol A 17-29	31	Royal Navy H 10-0
Oct. 6	Belford H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol H 21-3
13	Old Blues H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v S.African Univ. at Kingstholm)
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	9	Bath A 0-11
20	Newport A 8-6	16	Swansea A 0-0
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	Guy's 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
8	Bath H 27-6	13	Cardiff H
15	Coventry H 3-3	16	Stroud H
22	Stroud A 0-3	20	New Brighton H
26	O.M.T.S. H 0-1	22	Sale H
27	U.A.U. H C.	23	Lydney A
29	Neath A 3-0	27	Devonport Services ... A
		29	Teignmouth A
		30	Weston-super-Mare ... A

NEATH

- Full Back
1 **W. YOUNG**
- Threequarters
2 **C. ROBERTS** R.W.
3 **T. THOMAS** R.C.
4 **D. CROWLEY** L.C.
5 ***K. MADDOCKS** L.W.
- Half Backs
6 **J. WEAVER** O.H.
7 **D. B. REES** S.H.
- Forwards
8 ***C. MEREDITH**
9 **R. JENKINS**
10 **D. DEVEREAUX**
11 ***R. STEPHENS**
12 **J. SAMUEL**
13 **T. PALMER**
14 ***R. JOHN**
15 **E. WALTERS**
- * International

" THE SAINTS "

Next Saturday we have the pleasure of entertaining Northampton. They can draw upon an impressive list of players, including such stars as Lewis Cannell, Jeff Butterfield, Dicky Jeeps and Ron Jacobs. This

season the stronger and more famous the opposition, the better have Gloucester played, and this match should provide the opportunity for another spectacular display in the manner of the Bristol and Newport games.

REFLECTIONS . . .

In the warmth of our welcome to the Red and Whites to-day we can show our appreciation of the magnificent display they gave against Bristol. It must be many years since a Gloucester pack has shown such a mastery of the skills of mobile forward work. The traditional fire was there, the virility of Gloucester's pack was evident, plus a new found speed and attack on the ball. Certainly the forwards have never played better either individually or as a pack.

Congratulations to George Hastings on his fine display for England against Ireland, and we hope he has the same good game against France to-day.

UNITED XV.

The United XV brought their total of wins up to eleven last Saturday with a fine 26-0 defeat of Newport H.S.O.B., in which the young half backs from Fielding's Club, Allen and Collier, played a great part. Mike Craig also had a successful game at wing forward, demonstrating the art of correct backing up, and it was pleasing to see Peter Ford in action again after his long absence due to illness.

It is gratifying to record that our reputation at Kingsholm is being maintained; both Cambridge University and the Royal Navy have written to express their appreciation of the manner in which these games were played, and of the hospitality extended to them,

SOCIAL CLUB

The Club is open from 2-30 p.m. Cups of Tea and Snacks may be obtained in the Tea Room adjoining the Club Room.
