

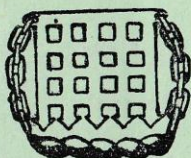
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KICK-OFF 7.30 P.M.

WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER

WE extend a warm welcome to Gloucester R.F.C., a team which always plays good rugby and indeed we find them very difficult to beat. We lost our last encounter at Gloucester after a very exciting game but we hope to reverse the result tonight. It is interesting to note that although we have had success against fellow Welsh clubs, this season has seen us lose to Gloucester, London Saracens and London Welsh, all English clubs. Let us hope tonight we can shatter this jinx.

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Left Wing

10 T. HOPSON
9 M. BOOTH

Outside Half
Inside Half

1 M. BURTON
2 T. KOCERHAN
3 I. FOWKE
4 R. LONG
5 D. PEGLER
6 J. HAINES
8 M. POTTER
7 R. SMITH (Capt.)

Forwards

EBBW VALE

B. EDWARDS 15
C. HILLMAN 14
N. EDWARDS 13
A. LEWIS 12
G. DAVIES 11

M. GRINDLE 10
G. CARTWRIGHT 9

G. MAIN 1
L. GREENSLADE 2
D. WILLIAMS 3
L. JONES 4
G. HOWLS 5
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CONGRATULATIONS . . .

We suspend the Player's Portrait this week so that we can offer our congratulations to DENZIL WILLIAMS on becoming the most capped prop forward in Welsh Rugby history. We cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of this honour than our Denzil. After being dropped by Wales after the England game last season many people including columnists on most of the national newspapers thought that it was the end of Denzil's career as an International.

Later that season Denzil entered hospital for an operation on his throat. He then showed his greatness by grim determination to once again take his rightful place in the Welsh team. He lost weight and trained harder than many people believed possible. And this year those same columnists who had written him off were hailing him as the "new look" Denzil Williams. We were delighted when he was selected for the first game against Scotland and there was no doubt that he would retain his place for the Ireland game, but not even his most loyal supporters thought that he would celebrate this unique occasion with a try that was worthy of a centre, he qualified this with the remark "that I went for the gap." Best of luck Denzil and we hope that you will be in the Welsh team for many seasons yet.



Best wishes for a good season from  Ebbw Vale