

23/9/54

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

CHELTENHAM

(KICK-OFF 6 p.m.)

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAME:

GLOUCESTER UNITED v. BRISTOL UNITED

(Kick-off 3.15)

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES:

Monday: UNITED v. NORTH GLOS. COMB. (6 p.m.)

Thursday: FIRST XV v. STROUD (5-45)

Saturday: FIRST XV v. BEDFORD

GETTING INTO FULL SWING



HE new season is gathering impetus. The County Rugby Union has held a trial and the game with the British Police can be regarded as a testing out for the stern games in the County Championship which begin on October 9th at Bristol when Cornwall will be Gloucestershire's opponents. It is too early yet to give the plan for obtaining tickets locally for this match or the one at Kingsholm against Somerset on November 13th. **The earliest possible notification of the necessary procedure will be given in this programme.** Similarly, too, there is yet no news about tickets for Internationals at Twickenham; but details will be given here as soon as they are received.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

A REAL TRIAL OF STRENGTH

OUR ancient rivals, Cheltenham, are to-day expected to provide our XV with the first real trial of strength of the present season. There can be no gainsaying the fact that the Garden Town side has been very much on the upgrade during recent years and their record this season, so far, shows them a XV very much to be reckoned with. They certainly were beaten on Saturday by 26 points to 14, but it was by a Llanelly team inspired by the return of Ray Williams, their International player, at centre, and we all know the "Scarlets" take a lot of holding, especially at Stradey Park, and Cheltenham gained high praise for a storming, courageous rally towards the end which earned them eight points.

So it will be appreciated that the Gloucester XV is not taking to-night's encounter lightly. Supporters, however, have the knowledge that our side is settling down nicely and the last game against Mosely showed the capabilities and the potentialities of the team both in attack and defence.

THE UNITED AT HOME

MAY we again remind supporters that Gloucester United make their first Kingsholm appearance on Saturday when Bristol United will be their opponents. To date the United have been "exploring" the Forest of Dean! As a reward they have notched 47 points against 12 - and this is the result of open, attractive football. So come and give them a welcoming hand on Saturday - they deserve it, and it will encourage them to greater heights.

On Monday (6 p.m. kick-off) the United have their annual encounter with the North Gloucestershire Combination XV, which should show us the cream of young local talent in action. We hope to see a big gate, especially as **A COLLECTION FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL GROUND WILL BE TAKEN**. Please help as generously as you can, for money is required for the ground's equipment.

"DON'TS" FOR HOOKERS

PRESSURE on available space brought Mr. Frank Blackwell's explanation of the new laws relating to the scrum to an abrupt end in the last programme. Here is his further explanation of what the hooker cannot do:—

HE MUST NOT RAISE BOTH FEET AT ONCE OR SWING ON HIS OUTSIDE MEN, AND HE MUST NOT TWIST OR LOWER HIS BODY SO AS TO GET NEARER THE BALL.

The back-row men must remain firmly bound and not move outwards so that the opposing half has to move out to get round them - this is obstruction.

Pity the poor Referee who has to watch all these points and also keep an eye on the backs who attempt to come up in front. He wants four pairs of eyes, and even then will miss something!

(To be continued).

FIRST XV SCORERS

Scorers to date are:—M. Baker 20 pts.; R. Blair 8 pts.; D. Ibbotson 6 pts. R. Sutton 3 pts.; P. Ford 3 pts.; R. Amos 3 pts.