

19/3/55

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS
GUY'S HOSPITAL

(KICK-OFF 3-15 p.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S GAME :

Saturday — NEWPORT

A GREAT SPORTING SIDE

TO-DAY we greet Guy's Hospital for the annual encounter. A year ago, with ground advantage, the Hospital side gained a narrow victory by 11 points to 8. This year they are having a moderately good season and are going well in the Hospitals Cup, winning the semi-final match a week ago against St. Mary's by 6 points to 3. Their season's figures give them 12 wins, 3 draws and 15 defeats, with 185 points for and 241 against. One thing there is of which we may be sure—their desire to play open rugger. That is what always makes the games with the leading Metropolitan sides so enjoyable and accordingly we anticipate an afternoon of real pleasure with a great sporting side as the opposition.

STOP PRESS :—Since this was written Guy's lost to London in the Hospitals' Cup Final 9 points to 3.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

OUR lads' 19—8 win last week over the Royal Air Force was undoubtedly one of the brightest spots in a mediocre season, especially as it was gained after losing the services of the hooker, Mervyn Burford, who, we all hope will not be too long out of the game with his injured head. The old "devil" and team spirit of the City's XV were once again on view and the only fly in the ointment was an occasional weakness in tackling, especially at critical moments. For all that, the display was a most heartening and reassuring one. It is felt that the side has come to the end of that depressing bad patch where nothing would go right. So we hope to see today's game a repetition of a week ago, for it is the kind of tonic our spectators badly need.

ONE FIXTURE REARRANGED

THE Swansea Club has very sportingly agreed to play the cancelled fixture of February 16th at Kingsholm as an evening match on Monday, April 4th. Their gesture is very much welcomed and it is to be hoped there will be a large attendance to show the Welsh side that we appreciate their sportsmanship.

Unfortunately there is nothing definite to report in the way of a substitute for the cancelled game with Cardiff and their congested end-of-the-season programme may have a great effect on their decision.

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ALL of which serves to bring us to the point of mentioning next week's visitors—Newport. We recall they gave us a 16—0 drubbing at Rodney Road earlier on and since then the Usksiders have had the very great satisfaction of beating Cardiff. So next week's game should be a great attraction indeed.

Once again seats for Season Ticket Holders will be reserved in A and C Stands until 20 minutes before the kick-off. Further if you are asked by means of the public address system to sit a little more closely together, please do so, for it is necessary to ensure that the stand is filled to capacity, if possible. There will also be the usual arrangement of ring-side seats.

YOU CAN HELP—PLEASE DO

IT is still a sad fact that far too many of these Programmes are left unsold every week. That means a dead loss to the Young Rugger Players of Gloucester. This Programme is published by the Trustees of the Gloucester Rugby Memorial Fund who are tackling a big task in providing and equipping a ground with several pitches at Tuffley Avenue so that it can be available for young players. Their efforts are badly hampered for lack of funds and the only source of income now is from the profits from this programme. Please do your best to encourage others to buy a programme rather than let them borrow yours! If that is done, there will be none left unsold and a satisfactory sum will go each week into the coffers of the Memorial Fund for the benefit, ultimately, of the younger generation.

SCORERS TO DATE

OUR 252 pts. to date have been scored by—Michael Baker 79 points; Roy Blair 31 points; Peter Ford 24 points; Trevor Jones 21 points; David Jones 17 points; Dennis Ibbotson 15 points; Roy Sutton 12 points; I. Sheen 8 points; G. Hollingsworth 6 points; and following 3 points each, R. Amos, D. Hill, H. Terrington, D. Perks, G. Hastings, C. Thomas, G. Counsell, G. Williams, Roy Parry, Henry Wells, A. Lewis, D. A. Jones, and H. Meek (a Bath man)