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GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS NEW BRIGHTON

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

NEXT FIRST XV GAMES:

Easter Monday — **SALE.** Saturday — **EBBW VALE**

(Kick-off 3-15 p.m.)

THEIR FIRST VISIT

IT is not believed that our visitors to-day, the Cheshire side, New Brighton, have ever played at Kingsholm until to-day. So we give them a heartier welcome than usual as the first of our Easter visitors and we do not think our players will make the mistake of underrating them. As a club New Brighton is but two years junior to our own and for 80 years they have helped to keep the banner of the amateur game going in the North. So far as can be ascertained in these national newspaper-less days, they have had a moderate season with a balance of points slightly in their favour. Like ourselves, they have a stiff Easter programme with a visit to Cheltenham on Monday and at home to Hartlepool Rovers on Tuesday. So, welcome to Kingsholm, New Brighton and may you take away happy memories of a grand game and a sporting crowd.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

A FAMOUS PLAYER

THE last available figures for New Brighton's season were :—I layed 25, won 11, drawn 1, lost 13, points for 250, against 223. Since then they have played two other games, with what fortune we do not know. Last season this dark blue jerseyed team had a good season and among their victims was Sale (twice)—the side we greet on Monday.

One very famous player is associated with New Brighton—J. P. Quinn, the International, Barbarians and Lancashire player. Six of their men gained Cheshire caps last season and one a Northumberland one. The team is noted for its open attacking style of play, despite, it is said, being short of pace of the wings. If however, J. Boothman a former R.A.F. player comes with them, we may find they have a great scoring potential.

A BRILLIANT RUN

WHO would have believed, in those melancholy days in the first half of the season, when defeat after defeat was our portion, that we should so recover to achieve six wins in a row—and against teams of the calibre of the R.A.F., Guys, Newport, Harlequins and Swansea. Arising from these successes we shall all remember the pleasure the win over Swansea gave—our second against Welsh sides this season.

It was a disappointment to all of us not to see Vivian Davies at scrum-half for the "All Whites," but he was far from well when he arrived from Coventry and wisely decided not to play. Swansea, however much hampered they may have been by his defection, put a great deal of power and thrust into their game and the onlooker could not help wondering why their season's record has been so poor, comparatively speaking.

We predicted a titanic battle in this Swansea match and truly it was. It never reached high standards but the thrills were there all the same and the spectators loved every minute of it.

GOING UP !!

GLOUCESTER'S 310 points (up to and including the game with Swansea) were scored by the following:—Michael Baker 98 points; Roy Blair 41 points; Peter Ford 33 points; Trevor Jones 21 points; David Jones 19 points; Dennis Ibbotson 18 points; Roy Sutton 12 points; G. Hollingsworth 9 points; I. Sheen 8 points; Roy Parry and R. Hodge 6 points, R. Amos, D. Hill, D. Perks, H. Terrington, George Hastings, Cyril Thomas, H. Wells, J. Varney, G. Counsell, G. Williams, D. A. Jones, G. Lewis and H. Meek (of Bath) 3 points each.