

16/4/55

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

**TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS
EBBW VALE**

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

NEXT FIRST XV GAME:

Saturday, April 30th — **EXETER**
(Kick-off 3-15 p.m.)

Next Saturday — **UNITED v. CLEVE**

UNOFFICIAL WELSH CHAMPIONS

TO-DAY we greet a club, Ebbw Vale, which in season 1953-54 had a remarkable record. Based on all the games in which they took part, Ebbw Vale were the unofficial Welsh Champions, although on a basis confined to Welsh sides, Cardiff were the champions. Ebbw Vale lost but six games in 39 fixtures—an outstanding performance. This season their record has not been quite so brilliant, but nevertheless they are a very smart combination and can be depended on to go all out to avoid the fate of Newport and Swansea at Kingsholm in recent encounters! Still a third victory over a Welsh side would be heartening to the Gloucester XV, so we may confidently anticipate something really good in the way of rugger to-day.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

PRESENTING THE LATEST ATTRACTIONS on the
GIANT ALL-PURPOSE SCREEN
ALL CinemaScope Productions in FULL STEREOGRAPHIC SOUND

GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. W. HURFORD (Somerset County)

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THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1954			1955		
Sept. 11	Lydney	H 11-0	Jan. 1	London Scottish	H 8-12
18	Moseley	H 32-5	6	Army	H Cane
23	Cheltenham	H 5-3	8	Leicester	H 11-9
25	Bristol	A 22-20	15	Waspas	A Cane
30	Stroud	H 11-8	22	Bristol	H 3-3
Oct. 2	Redford	H 6-6	29	Neath	A 6-26
9	Richmond	H 6-18	Feb. 5	Civil Service	H 11-3
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)		12	Bath	A 21-0
16	Newport	A 0-16	19	Swansea	A Cane
23	Coventry	H 5-31	26	Cardiff	H Cane
	(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)		Mar. 5	Northampton	A 0-11
30	Oxford University	A 3-27	12	R.A.F.	H 19-8
Nov. 6	Leicester	A 6-12	19	Guy's Hospital	H 15-0
13	Moseley	A 11-21	26	Newport	H 11-3
	(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)		31	Stroud	A 13-3
20	Aberavon	H 3-10	Apr. 2	Harlequins	H 10-5
27	Cardiff	A 8-9	4	Swansea	H 6-3
Dec. 4	Neath	H 9-6	6	Cheltenham	A 11-3
11	Bath	H 11-3	9	New Brighton	H 11-6
18	Coventry	A 8-14	11	Sale	H 16-19
27	O.M.T.'s	H 13-19	12	Lydney	A 6-3
28	U.A.U.	H 3-14	16	Ebbw Vale	H
			23	Devonport Services	A
			25	Redruth	A
			26	Teignmouth	A
			30	Exeter	H

EBBW VALE (RED, GREEN AND WHITE)

Full Back

R. DAVIES

Three-quarters

J. PUGH

G. PHILLIPS

~~G. JONES~~

W. H. R. LONG

Half Backs

A. MORRIS

J. LAWRENCE

Forwards

L. GOLDRICK

~~A. JACKSON~~ Rhopkins

R. CAMERON

B. EDWARDS

E. FINNEY

H. MATTHES

T. BOURTON

W. MORGAN

To-Night

CinemaScope with Full Stereophonic Sound

ETHEL MERMAN DONALD O'CONNOR MARILYN MONROE DAN DAILEY JOHNNIE RAY MITZI GAYNOR

THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW

BUSINESS (Colour by de Luxe) (a)

Full Supporting Programme

Next Week

CinemaScope with Full Stereophonic Sound

GLENN FORD BARBARA STANWYCK ED. G. ROBINSON

ROUGH COMPANY (a)

also Robert FRANCIS Dianne FOSTER

BAMBOO PRISON (a)

WELL BALANCED SIDE

IT is, of course, from the Ebbw Vale side that Ieun Sheen, now giving such appreciated service in the Gloucester colours, comes. In one account of Ebbw Vale's 1953-54 season, Sheen is described as "a promising full-back" and so too, we have found. Ebbw Vale have some other notable players, among them Ben Edwards, the captain, who is a very fine forward.

Ebbw Vale are known too, to have an excellent pair of halves and some thrustful three-quarters, facts that are proved by their record.

READY FOR DEVON

TO-DAY'S is the last match but one in which our first XV will be seen in operation at Kingsholm. There were some who thought that after the Lydney game, we should have seen, at long and weary last, the debit of our wins and losses changed to a credit. Lydney had other views, however, and triumphed after what has been described as a "real blood battle." Good luck to the Forresters; they love their games with Gloucester and a win sets the seal on their season.

Our players are now looking forward to the Devon Tour, which has become a feature of our fixture list. In four days we have to play three games, with Devonport Services, Redruth and Teignmouth. The first-named have not had a particularly notable season, but we must not make the mistake of thinking these Western sides "easy meat." They play rugged football and the writer's Easter experience of them is that they keep going for the full 70 or 80 minutes, are always up with the ball and ready to seize quickly upon the mistakes of their opponents.

So in wishing our party the best of luck and a happy time in the West, we urge them to keep a wary eye on "the enemy."

A DATE TO KEEP

ALL rugger enthusiasts should make a note for next Thursday. On that evening (kick-off 6-15) will be played the Final of the North Gloucester Combination Senior Cup at Kingsholm.

The contestants this year are Gordon League and Spartans and the encounter should show us something of the standard of local rugger and the possibilities of some future players for Gloucester. We owe these sides and the others in the Combination a debt for keeping the amateur game going locally and it is up to all enthusiasts to support the Final.

THE SEASON'S POINT SCORERS

GLOUCESTER'S 348 points to date have been scored by the following: — Michael Baker 103 points, Roy Blair 41 points, Peter Ford 36 points, Trevor Jones 21 points, David Jones 19 points, Dennis Ibbotson 18 points, Roy Sutton 15 points, I. Sheen 13 points, G. Hollingsworth 12 points, Cyril Thomas 9 points, Lewis Morgan 7 points, Roy Parry, R. Hodge and G. Lewis 6 points, R. Amos, D. Hill, D. Perks, H. Terrington, George Hastings, H. Wells, J. Varney, G. Counsell, G. Williams, D. A. Jones, G. Lewis and H. Meek (of Bath) 3 points each.