

29/10/55

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(Kick-off 3-0 p.m.)



Saturday Next—Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

LEICESTER

Oxford University, whom we welcome to-day, are busily engaged in team building for the 'Varsity Match. Defeated in their first game against Richmond, they have since accounted for Leicester and United Services, Portsmouth. Their strength, at the moment, lies in their effective and workman-like pack, as it is evident that the backs have not yet settled down to become that effective attacking force we have seen so many times in past seasons. That great player Paul Johnston upon whom they relied so surely and effectively to penetrate opposing defences has of course gone and no one to fill his role has yet appeared. There is however no lack of talent, D. Brace at scrum-half will obviously be the mainspring of many an attack. M. J. K. Smith may be another to watch, but the backs, on the whole, have still to show their paces. Last season Oxford won at Iffley Road, by 27 points to 3. we can assure them that our Gloucester team, in front of their own supporters, will do their utmost to prevent a 'double.'

Official Programme: Price Threepence

This Space To Let

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 R. SMART

Three-quarters

2 R. SUTTON

R.W.

3 D. PERKS

R.C.

4 I. SHEEN

L.C.

5 R. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. HOLDER

O.H.

7 B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 ~~D. A. JONES~~ T. VARNLEY

12 B. GREEN

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 R. HODGE

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. D. G. WALTERS, Welsh Union.

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1955

Sept. 10 Lydney ... H 16-6
13 Dublin Wanderers ... H 12-3
17 Moseley ... H 13-6
21 Cheltenham ... A 6-3
24 Bristol ... H 6-14
29 Stroud ... A 8-3
Oct. 1 Bedford ... A 3-5
8 Old Blues ... H 6-14
(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)
15 Newport ... H 11-6
22 Coventry ... A 9-28
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)
29 Oxford University ... H

Nov.

3 Leicester ... H
12 Moseley ... A
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)
16 Cambridge University ... A
19 Aberavon ... H
26 Llanelli ... H

Dec.

3 Neath ... A
10 Bath ... H
17 Coventry ... H
24 Stroud ... H
30 O.M.T's ... H
27 U.A.U. ... H
31 Neath ... H

1956

Jan. 7 London Scottish ... A
14 Leicester ... A
21 Wasps ... H
28 Army ... H
Feb. 4 Cardiff ... H
11 Bath ... A
18 Swansea ... H
25 Guys Hospital ... A
Mar. 3 Northampton ... A

10 R.A.F. ... H
17 Cardiff ... A
24 Newport ... A
31 Bradford ... H
Apr. 2 Birkenhead Park ... H
3 Lydney ... A
7 Harlequins ... H
12 Cheltenham ... H
14 Bristol ... A
21 Exeter ... A
23 Penzance and Newlyn ... A
28 Teignmouth ... A
Devonport Services ... H

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Full Back

1 J. A. PRODGER

Worcester

Three-quarters

5 M. A. FORBES

R.W.

4 *T. J. FALLON

St. Edmunds Hall

3 I. R. REELER

R.C.

2 J. A. EVANS

L.C.

Worcester

Half Backs

6 *M. J. K. SMITH

O.H.

7 D. O. BRACE

St. Edmunds Hall

University

S.H.

Forwards

8 J. P. RIGBY

Lincoln

9 *R. C. P. ALLAWAY (Capt.)

University

10 H. R. M. CURRY

Trinity

11 K. NORTH

Magdalen

12 *J. D. CURRIE

Wadham

13 *J. S. ABBOTT

Trinity

14 *P. G. D. ROBBINS

St. Edmunds Hall

15 *R. A. PLUMBRIDGE

Trinity

* Old Blues

This Space To Let

INTRODUCING

DAVID JONES, the other second row or locking forward, ideally matched in height and weight with Brian Green, David stands 6 ft. 3 ins. in height and weighs, as he says, in the region of 14 stone 10 lbs. East Dean Grammar School, which David attended, has now taken up the handling code, but was in his day a soccer school and so he had no chance of learning Rugby there. His introduction to Rugby came while he was on National Service with the 2nd Tactical Air Force in Germany. Since then his rise has been rapid. In three years he has graduated from local Rugby to representing the British Police on their West Country Tour. The intervening stages being Gloucester United, playing for Gloucestershire Police, and being picked for a County Trial. There is no doubt that David can look forward to a bright future in the Rugby World.

REFLECTIONS

On the men of Gloucester who dimmed the bright lights of Newport. Twelve of that Gloucester team, worthy winners on the day, are products of our local schools and right well did they uphold the tradition of Schools' Rugger in Gloucester and District. It was indeed a team victory with every member of the team doing more than his share—evidence of the wonderful spirit of the Club. No one would wish to single out any member of the team on the occasion of such a game, yet just one line on behalf of Roy Sutton whose calm and polished display must have given heart to his younger and less experienced team-mates behind the scrum.

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS SEASON 1955-56

ENGLAND v. WALES, 21st January, 1956 at Twickenham.

ENGLAND v. IRELAND, 11th February, 1956 at Twickenham.

This is the last opportunity to remind Club members that applications must reach the Hon. Secretary with remittance by Monday the 31st inst., or may be handed in at Secretary's Office after the match. Cheques should be made payable to Mr. A. Hudson.

Every effort will be made to obtain the tickets required by applicants, but it is stressed that there is no guarantee that sufficient tickets will be supplied by the Rugby Football Union, who have asked ALL applicants to state whether Field Tickets as far as are available will be accepted in lieu of any tickets which cannot be supplied.

The price of Tickets including the Club's booking fee of 6d. per ticket to cover postages, etc., is—

Stands 15/6 each. Enclosures 4/- each. Field 3/- each.