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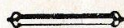
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

COVENTRY

(Kick-off 2-45 p.m.)



Saturday Next—Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

STROUD

Coventry, our visitors to-day, are undoubtedly the most successful first-class club in Britain to-day. They have only lost two games this season and their 'points for' tally is over the 300 mark already. This season, as last, they have played the open game in a most determined and effective manner. It is certain that in spite of the fact that P. Jackson, their 'flyer' wing three-quarter, is playing in the England Trial, they will do so to-day. Gloucester will be coming out with the intention of turning the tables on Coventry, who were victorious in their last encounter earlier in the season.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 P. LEWIS

R.W.

3 J. WILLS

R.C.

4 M. BAKER

L.C.

5 R. A. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. HOLDER

O.H.

7 B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 J. HERBERT

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 D. A. JONES

12 B. GREENE *R. CLARKE*

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 R. HODGE

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. V. PARFITT, Newport.

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THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1955	Sept. 10	Lydney	...	H 16-6	1956	Jan. 7	London Scottish	...	A
	13	Dublin Wandeters	...	H 12-3		14	Leicester	...	A
	17	Moseley	...	H 13-6		21	Wasps	...	H
	21	Cheltenham	...	A 0-3		28	Army	...	H
	24	Bristol	...	H 6-14		Feb. 4	Cardiff	...	H
	29	Stroud	...	A 8-3		11	Bath	...	A
	Oct. 1	Bedford	...	A 3-5		18	Swansea	...	H
	8	Old Blues	...	H 6-14		25	Guys Hospital	...	A
		(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)				Mar. 3	Northampton	...	A
	15	Newport	...	H 11-6		10	R.A.F.	...	H
	22	Coventry	...	A 9-24		17	Cardiff	...	A
		(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)				24	Newport	...	A
	29	Oxford University	...	H 6-11		31	Bradford	...	H
	Nov. 3	Leicester	...	H 22-11		Apr. 2	Birkenhead Park	...	H
	12	Moseley	...	A 0-20		3	Lydney	...	A
		(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)				7	Harlequins	...	H
	16	Cambridge University	...	A 3-37		12	Cheltenham	...	H
	19	Aberavon	...	A 6-6		14	Bristol	...	A
	26	Llanelli	...	H 3-6		21	Exeter	...	A
	Dec. 3	Neath	...	A 3-6		25	Penzance and Newlyn	...	A
	10	Bath	...	H 11-0		24	Teignmouth	...	A
	17	Coventry	...	H		28	Devonport Services	...	H
	24	Stroud	...	H					
	26	O.M.T's.	...	H					
	27	U.A.U.	...	H					
	31	Neath	...	H					

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Half Backs

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O.H.

G. COLE

S.H.

Forwards

M. McLEAN

E. ROBINSON

P. JUDD

P. O'DONNELL

W. T. MEAKIN

R. F. BATSTONE

M. HUTT

J. H. HENDERSON

REFLECTIONS

On the greatly improved display against Bath, one can say that the signs of such a recovery have been evident for some while. Bath came to Kingsholm with the better record, on paper, and departed, defeated. The Red and Whites brought the ball to hand and made great efforts to make ground with it in possession. A further improvement along the same lines will be welcomed on all sides and there is no reason why Coventry should not be humbled.

IN PASSING

How few players to-day are able to pass a ball effectively and accurately. It surely is a remarkable fact that whenever the ball is passed with skill a murmur of appreciation may be heard around the ground. A pointer to the rarity of the occasion.

As an attacking tactic, the correctly given pass is in a class of its own, one which can often open up the gap.

Too often the ball is handed over with an air of "You can have it, I don't want it," instead of with the power and grace it requires. The pass given with the stride away from the direction of the ball and the swinging body movement to give accuracy, can deceive the most vigilant defender. A pass made in that manner will always straighten the line and in doing so, give the wings room to move in. Certainly it will cut out a lot of the kicking ahead which very often only gives the ball to the other side.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH TICKETS

The allocation to clubs has now been made by the Rugby Football Union and members will no doubt have gathered from the Press some little idea as to how the allotment is made. The number of Stand Tickets allotted to us as to other big clubs is hopelessly inadequate to meet the applications made and we apologise for the disappointment which will be felt by members in the restriction in the allocation of tickets which must of necessity be made. Sympathy should be extended to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Hudson in the unenviable task of distribution which will be made shortly after Xmas. No further applications can of course can be entertained.

SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH

Gloucester and District Schools' Rugby Union (15 Group)

Gloucestershire v. City and County of Bristol at Kingsholm on Thursday, December 29th, 1955. Kick-off 2-30 p.m.