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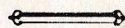
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

NEATH

(Kick-off 2-30 p.m.)



Saturday, Jan. 7th—Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

UNITED v. STOURBRIDGE

The Welsh "All-Blacks" are very welcome visitors to-day. Their visit, we hope, will prove a fitting climax to a long series of thoroughly enjoyable home games in which we have seen all the arts of this grand game displayed. Neath have not been having a particularly successful season, but, as always, they have been playing skilled and thoughtful rugger. Their main power lies forward in a well-drilled and virile pack. A pack which has produced such famous Internationals as Courtenay Meredith, Rees Stephens, Roy John and many others. Earlier this month Neath were able to clinch matters in the closing minutes of an evenly contested game. They will certainly be going all out for the double, but in view of the vastly improved showing of our lads in the past few weeks, we remain quietly confident.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 P. LEWIS

R.W.

3 R. SUTTON

R.C.

4 J. WILLS

L.C.

5 R. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. HOLDER

O.H.

7 B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 R. PARRY

9 C. THOMAS

10 J. HERBERT

11 B. GREENE

12 D. A. JONES

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 R. HODGE

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. B. L. EWIN, Notts.

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1955	1956
Sept. 10 Lydney ... H 16-6	Jan. 7 London Scottish ... A
13 Dublin Wanderers ... H 12-3	14 Leicester ... A
17 Mossley ... H 13-6	21 Wasps ... H
21 Cheltenham ... A 9-3	28 Army ... H
24 Bristol ... H 6-14	
29 Stroud ... A 8-3	
Oct. 1 Bedford ... A 3-5	Feb. 4 Cardiff ... H
8 Old Blues ... H 6-14	11 Bath ... A
(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)	18 Swansea ... H
15 Newport ... H 11-6	25 Guys Hospital ... A
22 Coventry ... A 9-28	Mar. 3 Northampton ... A
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	10 R.A.F. ... H
29 Oxford University ... H 6-11	17 Cardiff ... A
Nov. 5 Leicester ... H 22-11	24 Newport ... A
12 Mossley ... A 0-20	31 Bradford ... H
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	
16 Cambridge University A 3-37	Apr. 2 Birkenhead Park ... H
19 Aberavon ... A 6-6	3 Lydney ... A
26 Llanelli ... H 3-6	7 Hartlequins ... H
Dec. 3 Neath ... A 3-6	12 Cheltenham ... H
10 Bath ... H 11-0	14 Bristol ... A
17 Coventry ... H 0-3	21 Exeter ... A
24 Stroud ... H 40-5	23 Penzance and Newlyn A
26 O.M.T's. ... H 22-0	24 Teignmouth ... A
27 U.A.U. ... H 22-0	28 Devonport Services ... H
31 Neath ... H	

NEATH

Full Back

1 M. ROGERS ^{EVANS}

Three-quarters

2 J. HUINS

3 B. PHILLIPS

4 G. HOPKINS

5 R. THOMAS

Half Backs

6 J. WEAVER

7 B. DAVIES

Forwards

8 H. DAVIES

9 R. JENKINS

10 R. ISAACS

11 C. MEREDITH (Capt.)

12 D. WILLIAMS

13 C. D. WILLIAMS

14 R. STEPHENS

15 B. JENKINS

INTRODUCING

IEUAN SHEEN, 26 year old full-back. Ieuan hails from Tredegar, but has now taken a teaching post at Chipping Sodbury. While at school he played for Monmouthshire Schoolboys and since then has turned out for Cardiff University, Abertillery and Ebbw Vale. He joined the Gloucester Club almost exactly a year ago.

Ieuan has been rather unlucky in respect of representative games, for although selected on four occasions to play for his county (three times for Monmouthshire, once for Gloucestershire against the British Police), he has each time, been unable to turn out, either because of injury or because he could not be released from his school. We wish him better luck in the future, for there must be many an honour in store for this enterprising, attacking full-back.

REFLECTIONS

On this traditional day of reflecting on past memories, which time has often coloured with rosy tints, 'Reflections' wishes only to bring to mind the memories of a week. Memories of some really grand rugby under trying conditions. In the past week we have seen some vintage rugby. The ball has been handled, has been carried, and has been used with skill and enterprise. For this feast we have all enjoyed we must give credit to those who provided it. Our congratulations we extend to captain Peter Ford, to the forwards and the backs of this grand, young team. As well as to them, to the selectors whose policy has borne such fruit. May we hope that in the New Year even more success will attend our lads, for they certainly deserve it, for sticking to that age-old premise 'that if you keep the ball on the move, the break-through is bound to come.'

GREETINGS

To all our many friends, and loyal supporters both here at Kingsholm and elsewhere, where ever they may be, we wish a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year and good rugby for the rest of the season.

NOW OUT OF THE "RED"

Points—For 222 Against 191

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