

31/3/56

# **GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**(Founded in 1873)**

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**TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS  
BRADFORD**

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

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**EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 2nd.**

**BIRKENHEAD PARK**

**Kick-off 3-15 p.m.**

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We extend a most hearty welcome to our biennial visitors, BRADFORD to-day. Senior in age by 7 years to our Gloucester Club, Bradford play rugby in the grand tradition. Last year they had a most successful season, only losing 7 games and scoring 495 points. It seems that this season they may achieve even greater success for their record reads :—played 26 games, won 22, lost 4, points for 399, against 156. The kind of record from which it must be deduced that they certainly believe in throwing the ball about. We at Kingsholm pride ourselves on our non-partisan appreciation of good football, may we have a good deal to applaud to-day.

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**Official Programme : Price Threepence**

# IN THE FRONT ROW :

## GLOUCESTER

Red and White  
Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 P. LEWIS

R.W.

3 D. PERKS

R.C.

4 J. WILLS

L.C.

5 \*M. BAKER

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

12 R. LONG

13 \*P. FORD (Capt.)

14 \*R. HODGE

15 \*D. IBBOTSON

†International. \*County.

## TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. J. R. SEARLE, East Midlands Society.

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 6-11

Nov. 5 Leicester ... H 22-11  
12 Moseley ... A 0-20  
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)  
16 Cambridge University ... A 3-37  
19 Aberavon ... A 6-6  
26 Llanelly ... H 3-6

Dec. 3 Neath ... A 3-6  
10 Bath ... H 11-0  
17 Coventry ... H 4-3  
24 Stroud ... H 40-5  
26 O.M.T.'s ... H 22-0  
27 U.A.U. ... H 22-0  
31 Neath ... H 20-5

1956

Jan. 7 London Scottish ... A 3-9  
14 Leicester ... A 6-9  
21 Wasps ... H 18-5  
28 Army ... H 3-19

Feb. 4 Cardiff ... H Canc.  
11 Bath ... A Canc.  
18 Swansea ... H 0-6  
25 Guys Hospital ... A Canc.

Mar. 3 Northampton ... A 6-19  
10 R.A.F. ... H 3-22  
17 Cardiff ... A 10-17  
24 Newport ... A 3-15

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  
24 Teignmouth ... A  
28 Devonport Services ... H

## BRADFORD

Full Back

1 A. HARTLEY

Three-quarters

2 \*H. DAVIES

R.W.

3 J. FEATHER

R.C.

4 \*D. HOWARD (Capt.)

L.C.

5 \*M. HOLLIDAY

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. M. KING

O.H.

7 R. TURNER

S.H.

Forwards

8 \*F. WHITCOMBE

9 \*T. RAMSDEN

10 P. RHODES

11 \*P. HODGSON

12 B. THOMPSON

13 M. BAYES

14 \*G. FATHERS

15 \*C. HEIGHTON

\* County

# "ENGLAND'S GLORY" MATCHES



## **CARDIFF RETURN**

Thanks to the initiative of our Committee, and to the sporting spirit of the Cardiff Club, the Welsh 'Metropolitans' will, after all, be seen on Kingsholm this season—on April 19th. Cardiff have a fairly full fixture list, playing an average of six games a month, and their action in fitting in this extra game is to be highly commended.

To show our appreciation let us fill Kingsholm to the bursting point—then they will know that we of Gloucester, put a high value upon the 'spirit of the game.'

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## **REFLECTIONS . . . .**

After two journeys across the Severn, 'reflections' wishes to dwell upon two points. First upon the grand display put up by the Cherry and Whites against Cardiff. This was a game so nearly won against the mighty Welsh Club at almost full strength. Only the closing minutes of the game did Cardiff manage to pierce our defence and snatch victory. Secondly upon the fine team spirit of Newport. A team spirit which overcame not only the disadvantage of having seven reserves in the place of players on International duty, but also the psychological disadvantage of playing a team which had won in the previous encounter. These disadvantages Newport overcame, to our cost and all credit to them. Yet when one thinks of those Newport reserves among whom were Roy Burnett and the young scrum-half Scrivens, one wonders . . . . Scrivens is the boy who so impressed as a Schoolboy International three years ago.

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## **SOCIAL CLUB**

The New Room will be opened immediately after to-day's game. Entry is by way of the door leading to the players' dressing room.

Membership is open to season ticket holders only on payment of a nominal fee of 1/- covering the remainder of the 1955-56 season.