

20/9/86

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

MOSELEY

Kick-off 6-15 p.m.

SATURDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 22nd

EXETER

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

We greet to-day our friends and rivals from the Midlands, Moseley. This thriving Club, founded in the same year as our own, are always welcome at Kingsholm. We thank them for so readily co-operating in the re-arrangement of the date for this match, originally fixed for last Saturday.

In last year's encounters ground advantage swung the balance ; the Cherry and Whites won by 13 points to 6 points here, while Moseley won on their ground by 20 points to nil.

This year Moseley appear to have found a really fine team, and we may be sure that all their skill and energy will be exerted in the direction of the Cherry and White's goal line.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

REFLECTIONS

The visit of the Rumanian XV to Gloucester has provoked a deal of thought about this great game of rugby as it is played to-day, at Kingsholm. We are fortunate in that we have the opportunity of watching all the best teams in England and Wales. How do the Rumanians compare? ... Have they any new ideas to give us? ... So our thoughts run on.

Before examining those questions, however, an even more important feature of the game must be mentioned. Whatever else they did or did not show us, they did play this grand game in the true spirit of rugby football. This was the most important and heartening feature of their game.

Did they bring any new ideas to the game? Apart from their belief in being superbly fit - No! They brought no new ideas to the game, but they did develop an old tactic; one which has rather gone out of fashion generally. Their full-back was essentially an attacking player. In the few handling movements that they carried out the full-back came up to make an extra centre three-quarter. Had any of the three-quarters possessed penetration, or had they not lobbed their passes, this might have been a more dangerous tactic than it eventually turned out. Talking of the full-back - what a grand little player that Penciu was! Positioning, catching, kicking—all first-class. In manner, build, and play he was very reminiscent of our own full-back, Ieuan Sheen.

How do the Rumanians compare with the teams we see on Kingsholm? Whilst giving them full credit for their deserved victory, it is true to say that the result could easily have been reversed. Both tries came as a result of opportunism, not as a direct result of a carefully conceived attack from a set position.

Perhaps in this we can see the important lesson to be learned from their visit. Fitness, speed, and a quick eye for half a chance, combined with a speedy and determined defence.

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SEASON TICKETS

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