
Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded
1873



17/11/56
Season
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

ABERAVON

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Next Saturday, November 24th

GLOUCESTER UNITED v. CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

To Aberavon, our first visitors from the Principality this season, we extend an especial welcome. From this well-trained, lively and fit young side we expect to see the spectacle of rugger at its best. Two seasons ago in beating the Cherry and Whites, Aberavon provided one of the best displays of the season. They throw the ball about freely, threes and forwards combining in a series of handling movements which were delightful to watch.

Last season at the Port Talbot Athletic Ground, Gloucester forced a draw. Our hopes are high to-day for an even more welcome result. This is the fifth visit of Aberavon to Kingsholm and Gloucester have yet to win.

Aberavon's record to date Won 11, Drawn 0, Lost 2.
Gloucester's record to date Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 5.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

THE NEW HIPPODROME

For details of Attractions see foot of this programme.

Gloucester's Latest
Luxury Cinema

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. R. J. DEAN (Warwickshire)

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

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956				1957			
Sept. 8	Lydney	...	H 15-8	Jan. 5	London Scottish	...	H
15	Bucarest (Rumania)	...	H 6-10	10	Army	...	H
20	Moseley	...	H 3-6	12	Leicester	...	H
22	Exeter	...	H 28-5	19	Wasps	...	A
27	Cheltenham	...	H 0-0	26	Cambridge University	...	H
29	Bristol	...	A 17-29	31	Royal Navy	...	H
Oct. 6	Bedford	...	H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol	...	H
13	Old Blues	...	H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v. S.African Univ. at Kingsholm)	...	A
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	...		9	Bath	...	A
20	Newport	...	A 8-6	16	Swansea	...	A
27	Coventry	...	A 11-9	23	Neath	...	H
	(Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	...		Mar. 2	Northampton	...	H
Nov. 3	Leicester	...	A 8-14	9	R.A.F.	...	H
10	Moseley	...	A 3-12	16	Guys Hospital	...	H
	(Glos. v Devon, Away)	...		23	Cardiff	...	A
17	Aberavon	...	H	30	Newport	...	H
24	Llanelli	...	A	Apr. 6	Harlequins	...	A
Dec. 1	Oxford University	...	A	10	Cheltenham	...	A
8	Bath	...	H	13	Cardiff	...	H
15	Coventry	...	H	16	Stroud	...	H
22	Stroud	...	A	20	New Brighton	...	H
26	O.M.T.s	...	H	22	Salisbury	...	H
27	U.A.U.	...	H	23	Lydney	...	A
29	Neath	...	A	27	Devonport Services	...	A
		...		29	Teignmouth	...	A
		...		30	Weston-super-Mare	...	A

ABERAVON

Full Back

1 ROSS RICHARDS

Three-quarters

2 KEN THOMAS L.W.
3 BILLY PASCOE L.C.
4 KEITH JONES R.C.
5 RAY JONES R.W.

Half Backs

6 CLIFF ASHTON Capt O.H.
7 TONY O'CONNER S.H.

Forwards

8 HUGH THOMAS
9 KEN JAMES
10 IEUAN THOMAS
11 VIV CURTISS
12 NORMAN CURTISS
13 RORY O'CONNOR
14 ROY HAINES
15 PETER JONES

Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 A. HOLDER R.W.
3 K. IBBOTSON R.C.
4 J. M. JENKIN L.C.
5 R. BLAIR L.W.

Half Backs

6 D. W. JONES O.H.
7 B. READE S.H.

Forwards

8 *G. W. HASTINGS
9 C. THOMAS
10 B. J. LANE
11 D. A. JONES
12 *V. H. LEADBETTER
13 M. CRAIG
14 B. J. GREEN
15 D. IBBOTSON

* International † County

To-night

William Holden, Deborah Kerr, Thelma Ritter

THE PROUD AND PROFANE (a)

Man in combat with the most dangerous animals

ZANZABUKU Filmed in Truecolor (u)

NEXT
WEEK

Cornel Wilde, Donna Reed, Leo Genn

BEYOND MOMBASA (u)

also Lee J. Cobb, Patricia Medina, Edward Arnold

MAIMI EXPOSE (a)

REFLECTIONS

Out of four away games in succession, the Cherry and Whites have collected two notable scalps. The mighty Newport side was well and truly humbled at Rodney Parade for the first time since 1937-38, and Coventry, a side of no mean repute, were beaten for the first time since 1936-37 and this when half of our first team were on County duty. Our congratulations are due to the team for their two outstanding results. Appropriate appreciation will no doubt be given as the team comes on the field for to-day's game.

The two defeats do not require a great deal of explanation. Leicester always difficult to beat at home put up an inspired game, while Moseley, one of the most successful teams of the season, must now be accepted as a team of first class calibre.

PETER FORD

Sympathy will be felt by all in the enforced absence of the team's captain and our best wishes are extended to him in the hope for a speedy resumption of his inspiring leadership.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to D. A. (David) Jones on gaining deserved County recognition at last.

It is unfortunate that with so many of our own team playing for the County, the County has had to bid farewell so soon to Championship honours. The fault cannot be laid at the door of the Gloucester men in the team, as all who saw the Cornwall match will agree.

Gloucestershire failed against Devon and Somerset. In both those games the open side wing forward was an ex-Gloucester Schools' Player. For Somerset, M. Jordan (Taunton) who gained an English School's Over 15 Cap from Cheltenham Grammar School, played open side wing forward, and F. Prosser of Hatherley Secondary Modern School, Gloucester, performed the same duty.

Perhaps therein lies a moral.

UNITED XV

The United gained their first double victory this season when they beat Bristol Aero last Saturday by 14 points to 11 points. M. Booth, the young Spartan's scrum half, made a very favourable impression on his first appearance for the team, and P. Hawker made some strong bursts in the centre. Once again Michael Baker's goal kicking, with a conversion and two penalties, was the deciding factor in the team's victory.

The United's record to date is Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 2, Points for 136, Against 55.

CLUB RECORDS

The Secretary would be pleased to hear from anyone who could supply a detailed list of results for season 1898-1899.