Gloucester Rugby Football Club



Season 1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

LONDON SCOTTISH

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Next Thursday, January 10th GLOUCESTER v. THE ARMY

The second half of the season opens traditionally with the game against London Scottish. There could be no more appropriate opponents to bring in the New Year and we welcome them with festive fervour.

These 'first-footers' can also handle the ball expertly. Behind a virile pack, strong straight-running three-quarters are ready to improve every chance. Their team to-day includes six men who have been honoured with selection for Scotland.

The Cherry and Whites will certainly have to pull out all the stops to turn these Scots 'Blue'.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

| GLOUCESTER Red and White | TO-DAY'S R is | EFEREE | LONDON SCOTTISH |
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| Full Back 1 S. INGRAM | Mr. D. PRITCHARD | (Welsh Union) | Full Back 1 D. I. GILLESPIE |
| Three-quarters 2 P. HAWKER R.W. 3 A. HOLDER R.C. 4 ×J. M. JENKIN L.C. 5 ×R. BLAIR L.W. Half Backs 6 ×I. SHEEN (Capt.) 0.H. 7 M. BOOTH S.H. Forwards 8 D. SOLOMON HECCAPT. 9 ×C. THOMAS I 10 ×B. J. LANE I 11 R. A. CLARK I 12 ×B. J. GREEN I 13 B. JONES I 14 *V. H. LEADBETTER I 15 *D. IBBOTSON × | Sept. 8 Lydney H 15-8 Ja 15 Bucarcat (Rumania) H 8-6 20 Mostley H 8-6 22 Exettr H 8-6 23 Bristol H 8-6 29 Bristol H 6-0 29 Bristol A 17-29 Oct. 6 Bedford H 6-3 (Glos, v Som, at Dristol) H 6-6 20 Corentry A 8-6 27 Corentry A 10-9 (Glos, v Corwall, Kingsh) M M Nov. 3 Leicester A 8-14 10 Moseley A 8-12 (Glos, v Corvant, Away) A 8-14 | T. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE. | Three-quarters 2 W. S. DALGLIESH R.W. 3 *D. W. C. SMITH R.C. 4 *DASLOANDSGESELC. 5 J. A. CRAIGE CHARGER AND Half Backs 6 *J. C. MARSHALL O.H. 7 R. MUNRO S.H. Forwards 8 J. M. NIELD (Capt.) 9 *R. K. G. MacEWEN 10 A. M. BAIN HARDEN 11 *H. M. INGLIS 12 *E. J. S. MICHIE 13 J. F. CAMERON 14 J. A. DAVIDSON 15 H. RODDAN |
| | Doris Singleton | WEEK also Tony Martin | Lou Costello B WITH ME HENRY (u) and Peggy Castle FIER SCOUT (u) |

REFLECTIONS.

The New Year is the time for taking stock. Victories over Newport, Coventry, and Neath illuminated the first half of the season. It could be that they point to even better things to come. The record shows that the second half of the season starts, as it were, from scratch. Of 19 games played 8 have been won and 8 lost, with 3 games drawn. Points for 174 against 171. In 1957 a credit balance can be expected.

Apart from the question of results it can certainly be stated that the quality of the rugger played has been of a higher standard than in the recent past. Our wish for the New Year is that the improvement will coutinue. On this optimistic note 'Reflections' wishes everybody a HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

A SABLE FABLE

Thursday, 7th February is a date which every rugger fan will already have marked in red in his new diary, for on that date the Clubs of the SOUTH-WESTERN COUNTIES tackle the SABLES (SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES) team here at Kingsholm. These massive young men on a whirlwind tour of the United Kingdom have so far only suffered one defeat. They should prove a great attraction.

Stand Tickets (Centre 7/6, Wings 5/-) are now available and may be obtained from A. Hudson, 58 Northgate Street. Applications should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

"THE CLUB"

We should like to remind all our supporters of the facilities of the new Social Club Room. In pleasant surroundings old friendships can be renewed and new friends found. The Club Room, which should be the hub of the rugger club, deserves better patronage. Perhaps you have not paid a visit, if not, we invite you most heartily to do so. Perhaps you have suggestions to make to increase its appeal - if so, please let the General Secretary have them.

Cups of Tea and Snacks may be obtained in the Tea Room adjoining the Club Room.

Les Middleditch

LES MIDDLEDITCH, whose untimely death occured last week, was a true rugger man in the finest meaning of the word. His service to the Club as a Committeeman was typically unselfish. His main interest lay in catering for his lads. The care he took and the warm friendly spirit he brought to the task were typical of the man.

We shall all miss him greatly and our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her sad bereavement.

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