

Gloucester Rugby Football Club

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Season
1956-57

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

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Saturday, January 19th - Gloucester United v. Hereford

We extend a hearty welcome to-day to our old friends and doughty opponents, Leicester - the 'Tigers'. The links between our clubs have been forged on the field and off. Francis Edwards, who played many games for Gloucester is on the Leicester Committee; and an old friend of ours, John Taylor, is a member of the club. Leicester are not having one of their best seasons but can provide formidable opposition. It must be remembered that after Gloucester had defeated Coventry and Newport on successive weeks away from home they fell to Leicester by 8 pts to 14. Nevertheless we can assure them that the Cherry and Whites are determined to reverse that verdict to-day.

So far this season Leicester have drawn with Bucharest, Cambridge University, Northampton and Bath, and have been defeated by Bristol, Cheltenham, Coventry, Harlequins and Newport, of the clubs on our fixture list. Although the 'Tigers' have gained only five victories at Kingsholm since the ground was opened in 1891, many of the games have produced thrilling finishes and high scoring by both sides, such as Gloucester's 18-16 win in 1948-49 and our victory at home last year by 22-11. Gloucester's best performance was in 1933-34 when they won 35-7 at Kingsholm; Leicester replied to this in the away fixture the next season by scoring 27 pts to nil.

Records to date	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Against
LEICESTER	6	5	13	179	264
GLOUCESTER	8	4	9	180	180

Official Programme: Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 S. INGRAM

Threequarters

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

O.H.

7 M. BOOTH

S.H.

Forwards

8 *G. W. HASTINGS (Capt.)

9 *C. THOMAS

10 *B. J. LANE

11 *B. J. GREEN

12 R. A. CLARK

13 B. JONES

14 *V. H. LEADBETTER

15 *D. IBBOTSON

* International x County

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. H. J. SIMKINS (Bath)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 3-3
15	Bucarest (Rumania)	... H 6-10	10	Army	... H 3-6
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 17-20	31	Royal Navy	... H
Oct. 6	Bedford	... H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol	... H
13	Old Blues	... H 10-3	7	(S.W. Counties v S. African Univ. at Kingsholm)	...
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)		9	Bath	... A
20	Newport	... A 8-6	16	Swansea	... A
27	Coventry	... A 11-0	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 19-9	30	Newport	... H
24	Llanelli	... A 3-31	Apr. 6	Harlequins	... A
Dec. 1	Oxford University	... A 8-14	10	Cheltenham	... A
8	Bath	... H 27-6	13	Cardiff	... H
15	Coventry	... H 3-3	20	New Brighton	... H
22	Stroud	... A 0-3	22	Salé	... H
26	O.M.T.s	... H C.	23	Lydney	... A
27	U.A.U.	... H C.	27	Devonport Services	... A
29	Neath	... A 3-0	29	Teignmouth	... A
			30	Weston-super-Mare	... A

LEICESTER

Full Back

O. B. T. C. SMALL

Threequarters

N. P. T. BAKER

R.W.

M. J. ELDERS

R.C.

L. J. HORN

L.C.

K. R. O. RAWSON

L.W.

Half Backs

J. M. FREER

O.H.

I. M. LUBBOCK

S.H.

Forwards

A. R. SKELTON

B. M. R. WALKER

C. F. CHAWNER

D. J. G. FORD

E. J. THOMPSON

F. P. KONIG

G. T. BLEASDALE (Capt.)

H. C. G. MARTIN

REFLECTIONS . . .

All thoughts are now on the International Matches. We, in Gloucester, have a personal interest in these games now that our own George Hastings has been honoured once again by selection for the England team. Many and sincere congratulations George! We are proud of you and wish you the very best of luck in the game against Wales. It seems that England must start with an advantage: the advantage of being a team which has suffered few changes in the three trial games. Yet how often has the favourite in International games come off second best. In this grand game of ours, the fact that you are not given much of a chance makes you play the better - so we shall keep our fingers crossed on January 19th.

Next Saturday Gloucester make their fourth visit to the Wasps' ground, the last occasion being in 1952-53 when we were beaten by 11 pts. to 3. This is the only defeat we have suffered in the eight encounters between the two clubs - last season we won at Kingsholm by 18 pts. to 3. Whilst the 1st XV is engaged in London the United will be entertaining Hereford, whom they have already beaten 11-6 away earlier this season. They will be eager to achieve the "double".

INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

We congratulate Mr. H. Waldron of Marling School on his appointment to referee the International Match between France and Italy on April 21st - a great honour, both to himself and the County Society of Referees.

"THE CLUB"

We should like to remind all our supporters of the facilities of the new Social Club Room, which has a good bar supplying all drinks at reasonable prices. In pleasant surroundings old friendships can be renewed and new friends found. The Club Room, which should be the hub of the rugby 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.

SOUTH WESTERN CLUBS (Glos., Devon, Cornwall, Somerset) versus SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

The arrival of the tourists in this country focuses interest in the game to be played at Kingsholm on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th. Stand Tickets are now available and may be obtained from Mr. A. Hudson, 58 Northgate Street. Applications should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

Tickets are: CENTRE 7/6, WINGS 5/-