

9/3/57

Gloucester Rugby Football Club

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1873



Season
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Royal Air Force to-day. The games with the boys in blue are always looked forward to with special pleasure. These airman are always extremely fit and they play the brand of rugby labeled spectacular. Their main task this afternoon will be to win the ball for their elusive backs to have a chance. With our Gloucester pack right on top of their form, the Air Force 'eight' will certainly have their work cut out.

This will be the 18th time that the two sides have met. Of the previous matches, Gloucester have won 13 and R.A.F. 4 (all since the war) and high scores have frequently resulted from these encounters. In the first match of the series, played in 1925-26, Gloucester won 21-3 and improved on this the following year by winning 28-11. The highest score of the series came in 1934-35 when we won 38-8, and our best performance since the war was in 1946-47 when the score was 27-8 in our favour. The R.A.F.'s best score against us was last year when they won 22-3.

The Band of the Royal Air Force Station, Innsworth, appears to-day by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Group Captain J. N. OGLE, A.F.C. A.F.M.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

NEXT HOME GAME

GLoucester v. GUY'S HOSPITAL

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLoucester Red and White

- Full Back
1 **S. INGRAM**
- Threequarters
2 **P. HAWKER** R.W.
3 ***I. SHEEN** R.C.
4 **A. HOLDER** L.C.
5 ***J. M. JENKIN** L.W.
- Half Backs
6 ***D. W. JONES** O.H.
7 **M. BOOTH** S.H.
- Forwards
8 ***G. W. HASTINGS**
9 ***C. THOMAS**
10 ***B. J. LANE**
11 ***B. J. GREEN**
12 **R. LONG**
13 ***P. FORD (Capt.)**
14 ***V. H. LEADBETTER**
15 **M. CRAIG**
- * International x County

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. K. HODDER (Warwickshire)

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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 0-6
22	Exeter H 28-5	19	Wasps A 6-22
27	Cheltenham ... H 0-0	26	Cambridge University H 11-0
29	Bristol A 17-20	31	Royal Navy H 10-0
Oct. 6	Bedford H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol H 21-3
13	Old Blues H 16-3 (Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	7	(S.W. Counties v S.African Univ. at Kingsholm)
20	Newport A 8-6 (Glos. v Devon, Away)	9	Bath A 0-11
27	Coventry A 11-9 (Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	16	Swansea A 0-0
Nov. 3	Leicester A 8-14	23	Neath H 3-3
10	Moseley A 3-12 (Glos. v Devon, Away)	Mar. 2	Northampton ... H 12-6
17	Aberavon H 9-9	9	R.A.F. H
24	Llanely A 3-31	16	Guys Hospital ... H
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-14	23	Cardiff A
8	Bath H 27-6	30	Newport H
15	Coventry H 3-3	Apr. 6	Harlequins A
22	Stroud A 0-3	10	Cheltenham A
26	O.M.T.s H C.	13	Cardiff H
27	U.A.U. H C.	16	Stroud H
29	Neath A 3-0	20	New Brighton ... H
		22	Sale H
		23	Lydney A
		27	Devonport Services ... A
		29	Teignmouth A
		30	Weston-super-Mare ... A

ROYAL AIR FORCE

- Full Back
L.A.C. D. RUTHERFORD
WARTON
- Threequarters
F/O. E. R. SANDSTROM R.W.
F/O. D. G. SIMMONDS R.C.
F/O. J. BLAKE L.C.
A/C. J. CHALLENGER L.W.
HAYDOCK
- Half Backs
A/C. A. DAVIES O.H.
L.A.C. L. KARSERAS S.H.
INNSWORTH
- Forwards
A/C. D. J. DODDS
MELKESHAM
CPL. H. PUGH
HEREFORD
F/LT. G. P. VAUGHAN (Capt.)
BRACKNELL
F/LT. G. P. YARRANTON
HIGH WYCOMBE
A/C. D. NEATE
LOGGING
CPL. R. DUFTY
NORTHOLT
F/O. J. B. FRIEBE
BRIDGNORTH
A/C. D. L. DAVIES
ST. ATHAN

Next Saturday we shall have as our guests, GUY'S HOSPITAL, whom we beat on their last visit here in season 1954-55 by 18-0. The game at Honor Oak Park last season was cancelled owing to frost.

There is a close personal link between the two Clubs in the person of our President, Dr. A. Alcock, who qualified and practiced at Guys.

REFLECTIONS

What a pleasure it is to reflect upon last week's game with Northampton. Rarely has a Gloucester pack played such a viril and mobile game. Thanks to them and to Cyril Thomas, in particular, the ball was denied to those impressive Northampton backs. Congratulations too, to David Jones who, with his hat-trick of drop goals, scored the winning points. The portents are good, it will take an exceptional side to defeat this Gloucester side, if they keep up this standard.

In a fortnights time our visitors to-day meet the Army in the deciding match of the 1957 Inter-Services Tournament. The Army have beaten the Royal Navy, and the Royal Navy defeated the Royal Air Force; by an amazing coincidence the winning points in this game came from a try scored by the full-back, Lt. Mainwaring, who had performed the identical feat in the corresponding game last year.

The local R.A.F. Station at Innsworth has supplied three players to this season's R.A.F. side; they are K. Richards and L. Karseras, both from the Cardiff club, and M. Smith, who has been playing for Cheltenham.

Among our guests to-day we extend a warm welcome to a former R.A.F. "Cap", Air Commodore R. W. L. GLENN, C.B.E., the Air Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Record Office Group. We hope his visit proves an enjoyable one.

Another item for those interested in coincidences:— the United XV by their 5-0 defeat of Cheltenham Athletic last Saturday brought their tally of points for the season to the same as the First XV - 243.

After last Saturday's game David Jones joins Mike Jenkin as joint second highest points-scorer this season with 30 points made up of four tries and six drop goals. Alan Holder remains top scorer with 49 points.

SOCIAL CLUB

The Club is open from 2-30 p.m. Cups of Tea and Snacks may be obtained in the Tea Room adjoining the Club Room after the game.