

30/3/57

# Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded  
1873



Season  
1956-57

## TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS **NEWPORT**

**Kick-off 3-15 p.m.**

We look forward with more than the usual eagerness to this afternoon's engagement with our great friends and rivals - Newport. They have been having a particularly good season but they fell to the Red and Whites earlier by 8pts. to 6. It is certain that they will be all out to avenge that defeat and with the home side keen to bring off the double at the "Usksiders" expense a stirring encounter may be anticipated. Let us hope that the weather at this moment is more favourable than of late, in which case some entertaining rugger should be witnessed.

The Red and Whites' chances of gaining the double over our famous visitors for the first time since 1933 appear favourable on looking at the records of the matches played here since the war. Of these we have won 5, drawn 1, and lost 4; we have won each of the last three encounters, by 8-3 in season 1953-54, 11-3 in season 1954-55 and 11-6 last year. This is the longest sequence of home wins against Newport since we have played at Kingsholm, and we hope it will be continued to-day.

		Won	Drawn	Lost	Points for	Against
Records:	Newport	23	3	8	335	170
	Gloucester	13	6	14	269	245

**Official Programme: Price Threepence**

**NEXT  
HOME  
GAMES**

April 6th **GLOUCESTER SCHOOLS v. BRISTOL SCHOOLS (15 Group)**  
April 13th **GLOUCESTER v. CARDIFF**

**Kick-off  
3-15  
p.m.**

**GLOUCESTER**  
Red and White

- Full Back  
1 **S. INGRAM**
- Threequarters  
2 **E. WAKEFIELD** R.W.  
3 **\*I. SHEEN (Capt.)** R.C.  
4 **A. HOLDER** L.C.  
5 **\*R. BLAIR** 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 **R. LONG**  
12 **\*B. J. GREEN**  
13 **B. JONES**  
14 **\*V. H. LEADBETTER**  
15 **M. CRAIG**

\* International x County

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

is

**Mr. C. D. LABORDE (London Society)**

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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 17-29	31	Royal Navy	... H 10-0
Oct. 6	Bedford	... H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol	... H 21-3
13	Old Blues (Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v S.African Univ. at Kingsholm)	...
20	Newport	... A 8-6	9	Bath	... A 0-11
27	Coventry (Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	A 11-9	16	Swansea	... A 0-0
Nov. 3	Leicester	... A 8-14	23	Neath	... H 3-3
10	Moseley	... A 3-12	Mar. 2	Northampton	... H 12-6
17	Aberavon	... H 9-9	9	R.A.F.	... H 6-8
24	Llanelli	... A 3-31	16	Guys Hospital	... H 17-0
Dec. 1	Oxford University	... A 8-14	23	Cardiff	... A 3-6
8	Bath	... H 27-6	30	Newport	... H
15	Coventry	... H 3-8	Apr. 6	Harlequins	... A
22	Stroud	... A 0-3	10	Cheltenham	... A
26	O.M.T.s	... H 0-1	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

**NEWPORT**

- Full Back  
1 **N. MORGAN**
- Threequarters  
2 **\*M. C. THOMAS (Capt.)**  
3 **\*H. MORGAN** R.C.  
4 **J. ROBLIN** L.C.  
5 **\*ROY BURNETT** L.W.
- Half Backs  
6 **R. CECIL** O.H.  
7 **C. EVANS** S.H.
- Forwards  
8 **D. GREENSLADE**  
9 **J. PHILLIPS**  
10 **M. HINNEM**  
11 **I. FORD**  
12 **S. DAVIDGE**  
14 **B. CRESSWELL**  
15 **J. HERRERA**  
16 **\*G. WHITSUN**

\* International

Next Saturday Gloucester visit Twickenham to play the Harlequins. It will be our second visit there since the war, the last occasion being in 1952-53 when we lost 11 pts.-13.

The "Quins" are enjoying an excellent season, and to date have scored more points than any other first class club, needing only six more to reach the 500 mark.



## REFLECTIONS

Last week's game at the Arms Park fell far short of expectations. In ideal conditions for open rugby neither side could settle down to play constructive football, probably because of the over-frequent stoppages for infringements and injuries. Apart from one try and a near miss on another occasion, Cardiff rarely showed the sparkling handling and running associated with their style of play. The Gloucester pack worked hard and often dominated the game when the ball went loose, but the opportunities thus provided for scoring were wasted, and the chance of adding further to the honours already gained in Wales this season, was lost.

## THE SPIRIT OF RUGGER

Many people may have wondered why the Gloucester Boys have not yet appeared at Kingsholm this season. Some have remembered that last season too the Gloucester Boys played all their games away.

The reason for their absence is that the Gloucester Boys have given up the dates offered to them by the Club, for the benefit of rugger in general all over the country. Last season England Trials and an International Match were played. Only last week the Gloucester Boys were due to play Bath Boys, but owing to the unfortunate weather conditions at Lydney two weeks before, the England Selectors wished to have a further Final Trial. Immediately the Gloucester and District School's R.U. offered their date and were whole-heartedly supported by the Club.

In the true spirit of rugby the Club also gave the Gloucester School's the whole of the money at the gate; a most welcome addition to the depleted finances which is greatly appreciated by the Schools.

Gloucester Boys are playing Bristol Boys on April 6th, they will do their best to thank the the Club in the way Club members will appreciate, by playing good rugger in the true spirit of rugby football.

## YOU CAN HELP—PLEASE DO

It is still a sad fact that far too many of these Programmes are left unsold every week. This Programme is published by the Trustees of the Gloucester Rugby Memorial Fund who are tackling a big task in maintaining the ground with several pitches at Tuffley Avenue. Their efforts are badly hampered from lack of funds and the only source of income now is from the profits from this Programme. Please encourage your friends to buy a programme.

## 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.