



Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded 1873

GLOUCESTER

versus

LYDNEY

**KINGSHOLM
GLOUCESTER**

WE commence the season with a visit by our old friends from Lydney. It is anticipated that this will be the usual 'local derby'. Ted Parfitt, the well-known former County player and selector, has taken over the Chairmanship of the Club from Mr. T. E. B. Jones, and both the latter and Tom Biddle have been made life members for valuable services rendered.

Their Captain for this season is Owen James and the players have been in hard training since July. Many young players have made application to join the Club and the Lydney officials give every encouragement to boys to join on leaving school.

Stan Betterton, who is very well known to our supporters, has given up playing first-class football and is now devoting his energies to the encouragement and training of the second string, Lydney Old Boys XV.

It is interesting to record that our own International, George Hastings, together with Rae Thomas (well known referee and lecturer at Caerleon College) has recently given talks and practical demonstrations on the new Laws. The average number taking advantage of these services being 50 players and officials.

**OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME
for
SATURDAY
SEPT. 13th, 1958
Price - Threepence**

KICK-OFF - 3-15 p.m.

No 845

**AT HOME
OR AWAY**

USE
ENGLAND'S GLORY

**THE MATCH
FOR YOU**

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

- Full Back*
- 1 **I. Sheen** (c)
- Threequarters*
- 2 **R. Smith** R.W.
3 **A. Holder** (c) R.C.
4 **J. Hart** ~~S. HANDECKER~~ L.C.
5 **P. Hawker** L.W.
- Halves*
- 6 **D. Phelps** O.H.
7 **M. Booth** (c) S.H.
- Forwards*
- 8 **G. Hastings** (t)
9 **C. Thomas** (c) (Capt.)
10 **M. Burford**
11 **B. J. Green** (c)
12 **D. A. Jones** (c)
13 **P. Ford** (c)
14 **V. H. Leadbetter** (t)
15 **D. Ibbotson** (c)

(t) International. (c) County.

Referee :

Mr. W. C. F. Jenkins (West Bromwich)

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

FIRST XV PICTURES

Sept. 13	Lydney	...	H	Jan. 3	London Scot.	...	H
18	Milan (Italy)	...	H	10	Leicester	...	H
20	Moseley	...	H	17	Wasps	...	A
25	Cheltenham	...	H	24	Cambridge Univ	...	H
27	Bristol	...	A	31	Army	...	H
Oct. 1	Pontypool	...	A	Feb. 5	Royal Navy	...	H
4	Bedford	...	H	7	Bristol	...	H
11	Old Bines	...	H	14	Bath	...	A
18	Newport	...	A	21	Swansea	...	A
25	Coventry	...	A	28	Pontypool	...	H
Nov. 1	Leicester	...	A	Mar. 7	Northampton	...	H
8	Moseley	...	A	14	Royal Air Force	...	H
15	Aberavon	...	H	21	Guy's Hospital	...	H
22	Cardiff	...	H	28	New Brighton	...	H
29	Oxford Univ.	...	A	30	Sale	...	H
Dec. 6	Neath	...	H	31	Lydney	...	A
13	Bath	...	H	April 4	Llanelli	...	H
20	Coventry	...	H	11	Cardiff	...	A
26	O.M.T.	...	H	15	Cheltenham	...	A
27	U.A.U.	...	H	18	Newport	...	H
				23	Stroud	...	H
				25	Devonport Serv.	...	A
				27	Teignmouth	...	A
				28	Taunton	...	A

Result last season : Gloucester 3, Lydney nil.

LYDNEY

- Full Back*
- 1 **M. Birt**
- Threequarters*
- 2 **O. James** (Capt.) R.W.
3 **J. Morris** R.C.
4 **B. Kear** L.C.
5 **M. Williams** L.W.
- Halves*
- 6 **G. Trenchard** O.H.
7 **J. Edmunds** S.H.
- Forwards*
- 8 **C. Evans** ~~G. LONG~~
9 **A. Ward**
10 **E. Warren**
11 **T. Haskett**
12 **T. Jones** M.
13 **J. Hampton**
14 **B. Dovey**
15 **E. Biddle**

FOR ALL PROPERTY WHETHER
BUYING OR SELLING - consult
MERRETT, HALLS & CO.
Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents
86 WESTGATE STREET. Tel. 22647

To complete your day . . .
THE STEAK BAR
at
THE NEW INN
Open until 11 p.m.

Telephone 21091
MITCHELLS
for
RADIO - T.V. - REFRIGERATORS
52-54 Northgate St., Gloucester

Telephone 21084
W. H. HAMPTON, LTD.
DISPENSING CHEMISTS
Suppliers of Knee Caps, Elastic Anklets, Belts, Liniments and all Medical Supplies for Sportsmen
47 NORTHGATE ST., Gloucester

★ Well, here we are again, and all the Officers, Committee and Players extend a very warm welcome to you all, and wish you a very enjoyable season. Since we last met at Kingsholm we have unfortunately lost the services of Tom Burns as General Secretary. Tom has been a very loyal servant of the Club but had to relinquish on account of ill-health. However, we shall have the pleasure of seeing him on many occasions in the future and we know you will wish him every possible recovery to his normal self.

★ On a sad note, it is with regret that we record the death of our old friend, L. E. Saxby. 'Sax' as he was known to us all, joined the Club in 1926, and had the distinction of being elected Captain for the following years: 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30 and 1931-32. Truly a remarkable record, but one which can be easily understood when you realise what a great sportsman he was. 'Sax' played for England in 1932 against South Africa and Wales.

★ You will probably be asking what kind of a team we are going to have this year. Well it is unwise to prophecy but it can be stated that if the enthusiasm shown during the training period is any criterion then we should be in for a very good season, and in case you may have forgotten, our team has not been beaten during the past 10 games, the last defeat being against Newport on March 22nd when they went under by 8 points to 6.

★ The new Rules come into force this season and in order to enable you to follow the game more closely, we are enclosing a copy of the summary of the major changes appertaining thereto. Remember a little knowledge is dangerous and the referee might come in for some unfair comments if the new Rules are not fully understood.

★ What a fine start for this season with the knowledge that we are having a visit from the famous Milan (Italy) side on Thursday next. Have you got your Ticket yet? Remember all tickets in the Stands are numbered and reserved and can be obtained from the Offices on the ground before or after this match. Supporters who also wish to purchase Ground Tickets can also do so, and avoid having to queue at the gates for the kick-off, which is at 6-15 p.m. It is well to record that the Milan team and officials will be received by His Worship the Mayor and the City High Sheriff on Friday morning, Sept. 19th at Guildhall.

★ Do you have difficulty in obtaining Light Refreshments after the match is over? If so, we suggest that you come over to the Social Club where you can obtain light refreshments at reasonable charges. Just give this a trial, you will not be disappointed.

★ Season Tickets - These are on sale at Hudson's Sports Shop, Northgate Street and at the Ground. The prices of these tickets are so very reasonable that it is difficult to understand why our supporters do not take advantage of the saving effected by the purchase of these tickets.

★ Bad luck for Ken Ibbotson to sustain a fracture of the bones of his hand in the practice game on Thursday, September 4th. We wish you a very speedy recovery Ken!

★ The introduction of a new form of trial game held on Saturday last undoubtedly proved a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those taking part.