



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER v. BEDFORD**

**KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER**

**SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER, 1958.**

**Kick-off 3-18 p.m.**

**Official Programme - Price Threepence**

**AT HOME  
OR AWAY**

**USE  
ENGLAND'S GLORY**

**THE MATCH  
FOR YOU**

**GLOUCESTER**

Red and White

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

(I) International. (C) County.

Referee:

**Mr. G. Wilkes (Coventry)**

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**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Sept. 13	Lydney	....	H	40	8	Jan. 3	London Scot.	....	H
18	Milan (Italy)	....	H	23	3	10	Leicester	....	H
20	Moseley	....	H	9	6	17	Wasps	....	A
25	Cheltenham	....	H	9	5	24	Cambridge Univ	....	H
27	Bristol	....	A	3	13	31	Army	....	H
Oct. 1	Pontypool	....	A	3	14	Feb. 5	Royal Navy	....	H
4	Bedford	....	H			7	Bristol	....	H
11	Old Blues	....	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 (away): Gloucester 9, Bedford 9.

**BEDFORD**

- Full Back*  
1 **J. Smith**
- Threequarters*  
2 **B. Cain** R.W.  
3 **L. Drury** R.C.  
4 **D. Worker** L.C.  
5 **D. Heaton** (c) L.W.
- Halves*  
6 **K. Youds** O.H.  
7 **M. Laing** S.H.
- Forwards*  
8 **P. Voyce** (Capt.)  
9 **B. McCarthy**  
10 **L. Webb** (c)  
11 **T. R. Marshall** (O.B.)  
12 **R. A. Carter**  
13 **P. Avery**  
14 **P. Rowlands** (c)  
15 **D. Rogers** (c)

(C) County. (O.B.) Old Blue

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★ Welcome to our Bedford friends who play a really open game of rugby, but so far have not been very successful, having only one victory to their credit, against Notts. They are captained by Peter Voyce, age 22 and a nephew of our own 'Tom', he is the youngest skipper to captain Bedford. County players in the side are D. Heaton (Notts, Lincs & Derby), D. Rogers and P. Rowlands (East Midlands) L. Webb (captain of Hertfordshire last season). P. Rowlands is the R.A.F. back-row forward. T. R. Marshall (son of last season's President of the Rugby Football Union) is a former Cambridge Blue).

★ Congratulations to the County Selectors for being in the happy position of selecting the Championship side with only one Gloucester forward selected. It would appear that if the forwards selected are superior to our own men then the Championship is already won, but before getting too pronounced ideas let us study a few notes published by H. B. Toft in the Press after the great match between Gloucester and Bristol was over. He describes after referring to the two finest packs in the Country that the game was as magnificent as any in the long series between the two Clubs. His remarks re some of our own players are worth recording: Brian Green, tall and hard but lean enough to get aloft was easily the best line-out forward of the game and might easily qualify for the highest class where forwards sprint instead of cantering, if he can speed up in the open. D. Ibbotson's dashing ankle tackles were really brilliant, and a further reference to George Hastings 'who works as hard as always'. Now that is just a few extracts taken from this report and these will serve their purpose. Did the Selectors know that Peter Ford, who is playing as well as ever, has scored six tries already this season? We can only hope that the County Selectors have not erred in their judgment and they will have the pleasure of seeing the County team bring off a major surprise in Devon. Congratulations go to our players who have not been overlooked, viz. I. Sheen, D. Phelps, Mick Booth and George Hastings. We are very much of the opinion these players will not let the side down.

★ The 13 to 3 defeat by Bristol did not come as a great surprise although it was not until the latter stages of the game that Bristol showed their superiority. Nevertheless it was a great game and truly in keeping with this grand old game.

★ Having tasted the first bitterness of defeat after fourteen games played consecutively we journeyed to Pontypool on Wednesday and in spite of the weather conditions a really enjoyable game was played. In the first half the home team appeared to just have the edge of our men but in the second half there was really only one team in it and that was Gloucester. Our forwards were hammering at the Pontypool line throughout this half and as a matter of fact the latter only got past the half way line on four occasions. Two of these break-throughs however got a try and a dropped goal. The home team were certainly clever with their up and under kicks which were intelligently used to advantage. Just sufficiently far enough to enable them to hoodwink the defence and gain possession themselves when the players were going full pelt. Added to this the place kicking of the full back was excellent—One penalty goal and one conversion. Pontypool visit us for the return on February 28th. Our need for a place kicker was once again emphasised when it can be stated that five kicks with quite reasonable positions failed to reach their target.

★ Gloucestershire v. Somersetshire at Kingsholm. Saturday, October 25th. Kick-off 3 p.m. Reserved Stand tickets (Centre 6/- Wings 4/-) may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary A. Hudson, 58 Northgate Street. Applications by post must be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

★ International Matches at Twickenham. February 28th v. France. March 21st v. Scotland. Tickets (inclusive of booking fee) Stands 21/- Enclosure 5/6 Field 4/6. Application with remittance should be sent to the Hon. Secretary A. Hudson, 58 Northgate Street, not later than October 25th.

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