



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1873

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GLOUCESTER v. STROUD

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1959.

Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

Official Programme - Price Threepence

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GLOUCESTER

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Full Back

1 **A. Holder** (c) *INDEPENDENT*

Threequarters

2 **R. Smith** *WARRIORS*

3 **W. Patterson** R.C.

4 **G. Wells** L.C.

5 **R. Timms** L.W.

Halves

6 **D. Phelps** (c) *HOUSES*

7 **G. Mace** S.H.

Forwards

8 **G. Hastings** (t)

9 **M. Burford** *CRICKETS*

10 **A. Ricketts**

11 **B. Green** (c)

12 **B. Hudson**

13 **P. Ford** (c)

14 **A. Davis**

15 **Dick Smith**

(t) International. (c) County.

Referee:

Mr. A. K. Colledge (Bristol)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 13 Lydney ... H 40 8
18 Milan (Italy) H 23 3
20 Moseley ... H 9 6
25 Cheltenham H 9 5
27 Bristol ... A 3 13

Oct. 1 Pontypool ... A 3 14
4 Bedford ... H 13 3
11 Old Blues ... H 9 6
18 Newport ... A 3 30
25 Coventry ... A 0 3

Nov. 1 Leicester ... A 12 6
8 Moseley ... A 11 14
15 Aberavon ... H 8 15
22 Cardiff ... H 5 11
29 Oxford Univ. A 8 16

Dec. 6 Neath ... H 10 8
13 Bath ... H 8 8
20 Coventry ... H 3 3
26 O.M.T. ... H 20 3
27 U.A.U. ... H 3 14

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Result last season
Gloucester 12—Stroud 0

STROUD

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1 **G. Hale**

Threequarters

2 **J. Alford** R.W.

3 **G. Phillips** R.C.

4 **R. Allison** L.C.

5 **J. Kewell** L.W.

Halves

6 **R. Clutterbuck** O.H.

7 **J. Hicks** S.H.

Forwards

8 **R. Fowke** (c)

9 **J. Fowke** (c)

10 **G. Rowlings**

11 **P. J. Marriott** (Capt)

12 **D. Peglar**

13 **R. Collier**

14 **C. Smart**

15 **T. P. Skill**

(c) County

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 3 London Scot. H 3 0
10 Leicester ... H Canc.
17 Wasps ... A Canc.
24 Cambridge Un. H 3 22
31 Army ... H 0 3

Feb. 5 Royal Navy H 12 20
7 Bristol ... H 6 19
14 Bath ... A 3 3
21 Swansea ... A 3 25
28 Pontypool ... H 14 21

Mar. 7 Northampton H 3 33
14 R.A.F. ... H 16 19
21 Guy's Hospital H 14 11
28 New Brighton H 21 11
30 Sale ... H 12 16
31 Lydney ... A 3 0

April 4 Llanelly ... H 3 3
11 Cardiff ... A 3 8
15 Cheltenham A 6 0
18 Newport ... H 0 8
23 Stroud ... H
25 Dev'port Serv. A
27 Teignmouth A
28 Taunton ... A

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We welcome to-day our neighbours from Stroud, who unfortunately, like ourselves, have not had a very successful season, and their playing record is very similar to ourselves. Nevertheless we should see a very good game with, we hope, the ball getting plenty of air. The records of the two sides are as follows: Stroud—played 35, won 13, drawn 5, lost 17, points for 253, against 327. Gloucester—played 38, won 14, drawn 4, lost 20, points for 337, against 422.

This is our last home match and it brings to a close a most disappointing season, and probably the worst in the history of the Club. No need however to be despondent, there are several reasons why we have had such a bad season, one of which is the fact that our side has been completely disorganised on several occasions through the calls of the County, and once again we may ask—"Why are not these games played during midweek?" That of course is a matter of policy and at the moment we must leave it at that. No doubt there will be strong criticisms from our members and supporters later but we hope that these will be constructive.

As a wind up for the season we have interesting games in midweek. Firstly the R.A.F. Final between Innsworth and St. Athan. This game will be played at Kingsholm on Wednesday, April 29th, kick-off 3-30 p.m. Present Internationals will take part in this game and it would appear that the St. Athan's side is pretty hot. If you wish to enjoy a real thriller you should come to Kingsholm on the above date. The residential Band of the Royal Air Force will play selections before the game, in addition the Royal Air Force St. Athans' Boy Entrant Band will be in attendance.

On Monday, April 27th, we have the Semi-Finals and the Finals of the Seven-a-Side Tournament. Those who have not seen this type of game should make a point of visiting Kingsholm. You will be surprised at the excitement these games afford. Games start at 6-30 p.m.

The United game against Dursley is cancelled and this will enable the boys match to take place at 3-30 p.m. instead of 2-30 as advertised. Come and give the coming generation a good welcome. The Coventry Boys should give the Gloucester Boys a run for their money.

In conclusion, if it is your desire to form a Supporters' Club the time to do this is NOW!