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**SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 1938**

# **LLANELLY**

**v.**

## **GLOUCESTER**

**At Kingsholm Ground.**

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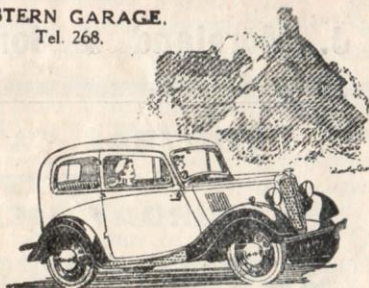
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**AFTER  
THE  
MATCH**

# THE HIPPODROME, Eastgate

PROGRAMME BELOW

## GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White

Full Back	*H. Boughton [1]
Left Wing	J. H. Bown [5]
Left Centre	C. J. Dibden [4]
Right Centre	E. V. Manning [3]
Right Wing	R. E. Burke [2]
Outside Half	Don Meadows [6]
Scrum Half	F. Gough [7]

Referee: Mr. B. L. TOLTON  
(Leicester)

Forwards—

T. Price [8]  
\*A. D. Carpenter [9]  
C. Harris [10]  
J. G. A'Bear, Capt. [11]  
R. Morris [12]  
W. Barrow [13]  
F. Mustoe [14]  
Rev. H. M. Hughes [15]

## LLANELLY

Colours—Scarlet

L. Thomas [1]	Full Back
E. L. Jones [5]	Right Wing
H. Fairhurst [4]	Right Centre
Glyn Jones [3]	Left Centre
*W. H. Clement [2]	Left Wing
D. L. Thomas [6]	Outside Half
I. Gower [7]	Scrum Half

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

\* Internationals



Forwards—

W. H. Williams, Capt. [8]  
C. Williams [9]  
E. Evans [10]  
L. G. Morgan [11]  
P. L. Moxey [12]  
B. J. Bowen [13]  
S. Williams [14]  
\*Ivor Jones [15]

To-night—Stanley Lupino in "OVER SHE GOES"





#### RUNNING COMMENTS

Gloucester, who were defeated earlier in the season at Kingsholm by a weak Newport side, followed up their recent away victory over Llanelli by a convincing win over a strong Newport side in the return game at Newport on Saturday last. Newport, who had last week secured a splendid win over Cross Keys (away) played practically the same team and before the game would not hear of the Cherry and Whites getting their revenge. Gloucester started with any amount of vim and enthusiasm, and appeared to be much quicker on the ball than the 'Usksiders' and on several occasions caught the Newport defence napping and had bad luck in not scoring. Credit is due to Bob Hook on each occasion he scored, his smart following-up was a feature of his play. On another occasion, he crossed with a try but the referee gave a knock-on over the line. The City forwards played magnificently and 'Bumps' Carpenter was superior in hooking over Travers (this season's Welsh hooker and considered the best in Wales) this went a long way towards Gloucester's victory and naturally affected the 'Usksiders' threequarters' attack. F. Gough and Don Meadows as a combination at half proved to be much superior to the Newport halves. The former was most unfortunate on several occasions to come under the ban of the referee, but his service to Don Meadows was splendid. The ex-City captain, to my mind, gave his best display of the season, his clever kicking and varying tactics continually having the Newport defence in trouble and this was where Gloucester were unfortunate in not scoring more points, either the bounce of the ball or a small infringement preventing a score on several occasions. Harold Boughton, who returned to the team, gave a splendid all-round display, his fine kicking being another feature of the game, his display was considered by everyone to be superior to Newport's International full-back. The number of penalties, in all 15 given against Gloucester, always gave the 'Usksiders' a chance to secure a win, and in fact the last kick of the game was a penalty kick by Newport which only just fell short. Once again Gloucester were full value for their victory and the team under the leadership of the captain, John A'Bear returned to the City singing that popular melody "Star of the Evening."

#### OUR VISITORS—"Sospan Fach"

To-day we welcome another of the leading Welsh clubs to Kingsholm in Llanelli, who are considered the oldest Welsh club playing rugby. Their records are wonderful and outstanding, and for several seasons they have been the recognized Welsh champions and it is a rare thing for any team to defeat them at home. Gloucester's victory at Strady Park three weeks ago is still fresh in our memory, and it is remarkable by the fact that the last English club to win there was the 'Cherry and Whites' on March 7th, 1936. Several wonderful players have represented the club, best known to present-day enthusiasts being Dai John, the International outside-half, who was considered the finest drop-kick in the game. Unfortunately, owing to injuries, Llanelli are considerably weakened in the backs and new recruits to the team are Glyn Jones (centre) from Pontyberem, and Hadyn Fairhurst (centre) from Tumble. W. H. Clement (left wing) is the well-known Welsh International who is included in the selected British Team to tour South Africa this summer. Considered one of the fastest wings playing football to-day, he is clever and dangerous when on the attack. D. J. Thomas (outside-half) is particularly quick and clever, and looked upon as a discovery by the 'Scarlets' and fully expected to get a Welsh 'Cap' in the near future. They have as usual a splendid pack, fast and clever in the open and following-up, with perhaps Ivor Jones, the well-known International, as the outstanding forward. I understand



#### OUR VISITORS - continued

he is playing as well as ever and his goal-kicking this season is still a feature. This pack of forwards is considered one of the best in Wales. To-day a great game should be witnessed, with the 'Cherry and Whites' anxious to secure the "double," and the 'Scarlets' equally anxious—to obtain their revenge. With the prospects of seeing plenty of clever and open football, we look forward to an enjoyable game and hope to see the best team win!

The following are the results of the past six games played at Kingsholm :

1931/32 Llanelly won 6 pts to 3	1934/35 Gloucester won 10 pts to 3
1932/33 Llanelly won 18 pts to 3	1935/36 Llanelly won 19 pts to 17
1933/34 Gloucester won 11 pts to 6	1936/37 Gloucester won 8 pts to 6

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#### CITY NOTES

Dr. Dick has now left the City, having received another appointment at Edinburgh. Popular with players and enthusiasts alike, he will be greatly missed. On leaving the City early this week, he expressed how much he had enjoyed his stay and the many pleasant games he had taken part in. We wish him every success and good luck.

Next Weekend the Gloucester players make their annual tour of Devon. The team will leave Gloucester on Friday Night, making their headquarters at the Royal Hotel, Plymouth. On Saturday they will oppose Devon Services, and on Monday they oppose Torquay. The City team will return to Gloucester late Monday night. A pleasant and enjoyable game to you all, 'Cherry and Whites'—and a successful one!

The enthusiasm in Wales over the Schoolboys is wonderful. To-day Wales have a great minor rugby feast in store, for they will oppose England in the Schoolboys' International game at Cardiff. I understand the Welsh Schoolboys Team is even better than last year's team. This does not promise too well for England, whose side includes two Gloucester boys. We well remember the splendid Welsh Team that defeated England at Kingsholm last season by 29 points. The future of Welsh rugger is assured.

To-day the Rugby Supporters' Club, who are fostering the Junior Movement in Gloucester, are taking a representative team to oppose the Bristol Combination on the Memorial Ground. A special invitation by the Bristol R.F.C. has been given to both teams to attend the Bristol v. Neath game prior to their own match, so as to impress on the public the value of the Junior Movement. L. J. Corbett, the old International three-quarter, and George Holford, the well-known International forward, will address a few remarks to these budding "Internationals" that should prove valuable, at the tea given to the two teams after the game. The Gloucester Junior Team will include several ex-schoolboy Internationals who are members of the newly-formed club, the Old Centralians' R.F.C., which is in its first year of existence. Composed mostly of old Central School boys at an average age of 17 to 18 years, they are shewing exceptional ability in speed and cleverness. They have, so far, played 23 games, winning 22, the other drawn, scoring 351 points against 67. This splendid record has been obtained chiefly through fast open football. The future prospects of the club is extremely hopeful and with every encouragement they should ultimately prove a valuable acquisition to the premier club.