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SATURDAY, OCT. 8th, 1938

# CARDIFF

v.

# GLOUCESTER

At Kingsholm Ground.

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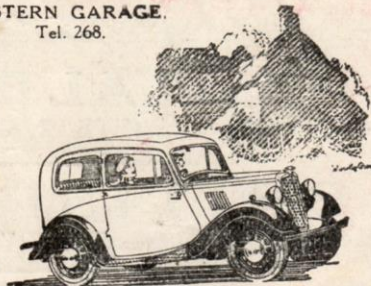
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AFTER  
THE  
MATCH

# THE HIPPODROME, Eastgate

PROGRAMME BELOW

## GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White

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

Referee: G. H. F. SANDERSON  
(London)

Forwards—

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

## CARDIFF

Colours—Cambridge Blue & Black

Alban Davies [A]	Full Back
S. Lewis [B]	Right Wing
H. O. Edwards [C]	Right Centre
*W. Wooller, Capt. [D]	Left Centre
*A. Bassett [E]	Left Wing
W. R. Davies [F]	Outside Half
W. G. Morgan [G]	Scrum Half

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

\* Internationals



Forwards—

W. E. N. Davis [H]  
J. Regan [I]  
R. Bale [J]  
G. Williams [N]  
L. G. Thomas [K]  
L. Spence [L]  
\*E. Watkins [O]  
S. Davis [M] E. Jones [P]

To-Night — Walter Huston "OF HUMAN HEARTS"

### RUNNING COMMENTS

The game against Bedford at Kingsholm on Saturday last, although an enjoyable and exciting one, was to most of us disappointing, especially when one considers that Gloucester had three parts of the game, continually attacking the East Midlanders line, they ought to have won well instead of being in arrears at the close. Fully realising the Cherry and Whites had to make drastic changes in the backs, owing to the Rev. Phillips and W. Hook being unable to play, the three-quarters as an attacking line were again most disappointing. Having the ball from the scrums on practically every occasion, one wonders how they failed to score from any of the combined movements which they indulged in. In an interview with the Bedford captain J. G. Cook the International wing forward after the game, he said he never remembered being beaten so badly in the set scrums and in fact they gave up entirely in the second half from trying to get the ball from this direction and concentrated on the back row of forwards breaking up quickly and getting across to assist their backs in defence. So one must give credit to the East Midlanders for keeping their line intact. Don Meadows was the best back in the game, his clever kicking and opening up the game was easily the feature. The powerful Bedford three-quarters had no chance of showing what a strong attacking line they are, so rarely did they have the ball, in fact during the latter part of the game, one wished they had their share, so as to show their ability. Rarely have I seen Gloucester's pack play better and to them I offer my hearty congratulations on their fine play. One must give Bedford credit on their fine victory in taking full advantage of the Cherry and Whites' mistakes, for each of their scores including their dropped goal came from these lapses. I understand each of the games they have won they have finished strongly, as they did on Saturday. Although they had defeated Leicester (away) by 16 points and Richmond by 26 points to 6, they considered their victory over Gloucester was easily their best. To the East Midlanders we offer our hearty wishes on their splendid victory, for only a few English clubs succeed at Kingsholm.

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### OUR VISITORS

To-day we welcome Cardiff as the recognised Champions of Wales to Kingsholm. The visit of the famous Welsh Metropolitans is always looked forward to with interest and eagerness as we are usually assured of one of the best games of the season, with plenty of high class ruggar and a delight to watch. Records are always most interesting to recall and it may surprise many to know that in season 1882/83 when Gloucester first opposed Cardiff, the Cherry and Whites were successful by 1 goal and 7 tries to nil. In the past Cardiff have produced many great players, outstanding being E. Gwyn Nichols and Percy Bush, perhaps two of the greatest players that ever represented Wales, the former a centre three-quarter playing continually for his Country from 1896 to 1906, a record few can equal. It may interest our readers to know that when ruggar was at its zenith in Wales and the enthusiasm was much more ardent than it is to-day, the whole of the seven Cardiff backs played for Wales during one season. During the past three or four seasons Welsh ruggar has deteriorated, due probably to the fact that many prominent players retired at the same time, but thanks once again to the support given in the encouragement of the Juniors, it is fast coming back to its own again. The Cardiff team is without doubt the best club side in the four Counties and with their Internationals are formidable opponents. It is unfortunate for Cardiff

#### OUR VISITORS - continued

and Wales that the brilliant outside half and last season's Welsh captain Cliff Jones, has not only left the club, but practically given up the game. To-day's side includes two new comers to last season's team Alban Davies (full back) who took part in the final Welsh Trial last season and W. R. Davies (outside half) who recently joined the club on obtaining a position in the City. The three-quarters which are considered the strongest line in Wales include Wilfred Wooller the well-known Welsh International at centre, who is this season's captain and a brilliant drop kick, which the Cherry and Whites no doubt will remember on his two drop goals in the corresponding game last season. H. O. Edwards the other centre was reserve for Wales against both Scotland and Ireland last season and many considered him unlucky not to get a cap. A. Bassett who is one of the fastest wings playing rugger to-day has played for Wales on several occasions. W. G. Morgan (scrum half) although not very big is clever and was reserve for Wales last season. The pack which is a powerful one will be ably led by W. E. Davis who was also reserve for Wales last season and includes E. Watkins one of the best forwards in the four Countries, who has already received eight Welsh caps. With the Cherry and Whites' forwards now in great form and the knowledge of several wonderful games in the past we look forward to another delightful and close game.

#### CITY NOTES

The Rev. H. M. Hughes, who appears in the Gloucester pack to-day for the first time this season, is the old Oxford Blue who has played for London Welsh and Cardiff. Two seasons ago he was on the reserve for Wales as a back-row forward.

Harold Boughton, the old International and City Vice-Captain, returns to the side to-day after an injury he received against Moseley.

Our United oppose Cardiff Athletic at Cardiff Arms Park to-day. The side includes several new recruits and young players who should put up a good show. Unfortunately on each occasion the United have played away, they have had to depend on a weakened team, but to-day they hope to be at full strength.

The Gloucestershire Rugby Selectors have selected an interesting side to meet North Midlands in a friendly match at Cheltenham on Wednesday next, October 12th, kick-off 3 30 p.m. Experiments are being made in an endeavour to build up a strong side for the Championship matches. Three former City players have been selected in the backs: Graham Parker, the old Cryptian, full-back; Francis Edwards, who is playing splendidly for Birkenhead Park, and that popular player, J. C. Brooks, the former City captain who is now playing for Kendal. Only T. Price and R. Morris of the City pack have been included. The game should prove an attraction as the North Midlands' side will include Peter Cranmer and several of the Moseley team. On the previous occasion they met North Midlands won well. Gloucestershire commence their County Championship games on Saturday, October 22nd against Cornwall at Redruth.

An appeal has been made by the President of the Rugby Union, in a circular issued, asking all players and officials to try and make the game as clean and fair as possible. Two of the chief difficulties are, putting the ball fairly in the scrummage and front row forwards deliberately raising and advancing their feet too soon, before the ball has actually left the half backs hands. It appears at times that referees are not strict enough, rather than make themselves unpopular, they put up with a lot of things, that are only too apparent to the crowd if not to the players.