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# Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded  
1873



Season  
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

## COVENTRY

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

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Next Saturday, December 22nd

**GLOUCESTER UNITED v. STOURBRIDGE**

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We look forward with more than usual interest to the return match with Coventry, whom we welcome to Kingsholm to-day. After that great win at Coventry in October we have great hopes that our boys will achieve the first double over the visitors since the 1936-37 season, which would to some extent make up for the doubles secured by the Midlanders in 1954/55 and 1955/56. Coventry's 31-5 win here in 1954/55 was the biggest they have ever recorded against us. A look back over the years reveals that Gloucester won by 59-0 in 1903-04 at Kingsholm.

The respective records to date are

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Pts. Against
Coventry	10	2	6	207	145
Gloucester	7	2	7	168	165

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**Official Programme: Price Threepence**

# THE NEW HIPPODROME

Gloucester's Latest  
Luxury Cinema

For details of Attractions see foot of this programme.

## GLouceSTER

Red and White

- Full Back**  
1 S. INGRAM
- Three-quarters**  
2 A. HOLDER R.W.  
3 xI. SHEEN (Capt.) R.C.  
4 xJ. M. JENKIN L.C.  
5 xR. BLAIR L.W.
- Half Backs**  
6 xD. W. JONES O.H.  
7 M. BOOTH S.H.
- Forwards**  
8 D. SOLOMON  
9 xC. THOMAS  
10 xB. J. LANE  
11 \*V. H. LEADBETTER  
12 R. LONG  
13 M. CRAIG  
14 xB. GREEN  
15 xD. IBBOTSON
- \* International x County

## TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. A. K. GOLLEDGE (Bristol)

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

### FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956		1957	
Sept. 8	Lydney ... .. H 15-8	Jan. 5	London Scottish ... H
15	Bucarest (Rumania) ... H 6-10	10	Army ... .. H
20	Moseley ... .. H 3-6	12	Leicester ... .. H
22	Exeter ... .. H 28-5	19	Wasps ... .. A
27	Cheltenham ... .. H 6-0	26	Cambridge University H
29	Bristol ... .. A 17-26	31	Royal Navy ... .. H
Oct. 6	Bedford ... .. H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol ... .. H
13	Old Blues ... .. H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v. S.African Univ. at Kingsholm)
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	9	Bath ... .. A
20	Newport ... .. A 8-6	16	Swansea ... .. A
27	Coventry ... .. A 11-9	23	Neath ... .. H
	(Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	Mar. 2	Northampton ... .. H
Nov. 3	Leicester ... .. A 8-14	9	R.A.F. ... .. H
10	Moseley ... .. A 3-12	16	Guys Hospital ... .. H
	(Glos. v Devon, Away)	23	Cardiff ... .. A
17	Aberavon ... .. H 9-9	30	Newport ... .. H
24	Llanelli ... .. A 3-31	Apr. 6	Harlequins ... .. A
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-14	10	Cheltenham ... .. A
8	Bath ... .. H 27-6	13	Cardiff ... .. H
15	Coventry ... .. H	16	Stroud ... .. H
22	Stroud ... .. A	20	New Brighton ... .. H
26	O.M.T.s ... .. H	22	Sale ... .. H
27	U.A.U. ... .. H	23	Lydney ... .. A
29	Neath ... .. A	27	Devonport Services ... A
		29	Teignmouth ... .. A
		30	Weston-super-Mare ... A

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- Three-quarters**  
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3 B. P. BRIGHTON R.C.  
4 W. J. STEWART L.C.  
5 \*J. S. SWAN L.W.
- Half Backs**  
6 J. MOFFIT O.H.  
7 G. COLE S.H.
- Forwards**  
8 P. JUDD  
9 \*B. ROBINSON (Capt.)  
10 M. McLEAN  
11 D. ROBERTS  
12 W. T. MEAKIN  
13 R. J. BATSTONE  
14 J. GARDINER  
15 \*J. H. HENDERSON
- \* International

To-night

Dana Andrews, Joan Fontaine

**BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT** (a)

also Frankie Howerd, Ruby Murray, Dennis Price

**A TOUCH OF THE SUN** (u)

NEXT  
WEEK

Aldo Ray, Brian Keith, Anne Bancroft

**NIGHTFALL** (a)

also Gary Merrill, Kim Hunter, Ron Randall

**BURMUDA AFFAIR** (a)

## REFLECTIONS . . .

First a sincere pat on the back for everyone in the team, for the exhibition of vintage rucker against Bath last week. To single out individuals might be invidious, but none will begrudge a word of commendation to young Mick Booth for his scintillating display. Many will remember this lad appearing with three other Sir Thomas Rich's boys in the English Schools' Final Trial Match here in 1954. He played then like a mature player and has retained both his skill and temperament.

There is no doubt that the rugby played last week was of the type which will attract and hold the spectator, and we hope for many more demonstrations of the same kind from the "Cherry and Whites"!

## THE REFEREE

That much maligned official, the referee, is more used to kicks than to ha'pence. More often than not the crowd, who always know the rules, are not slow to display their knowledge by giving helpful advice to the referee, such as "Look behind you, ref!" "He's putting it in the second row" or even "Get some spec's ref!" But to our referee of last week, Mr. Cotterill of North Midlands, even our knowledgeable friends could give no advice. He handled the game with firmness and discretion and so contributed to an afternoon enjoyed by both spectators and players.

## THE PITCH

Many have remarked upon the excellent condition of the turf of the playing enclosure. That this has stood up so well in spite of the heavy wear it has to suffer, is due to the efforts of the groundsman, Mr. Jack Pockett and to his helper Mr. Paradise, who re-turfed a large section of the pitch in front of the stand. We duly acknowledge our indebtedness to them for putting in so much hard work with such evident success.