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History of Gloucester RFC - Alan Evans

WHEN 'MAE HEN WLAD FY NHADAU' WAS SUNG AT KINGSHOLM

It seems appropriate on this first weekend of the Heineken Cup, when the rugby folk of Europe are both united in their commitment and divided in their understandable ambitions for the months ahead, that the first tranche of fixtures has come up with a game like Llanelli v Gloucester. Services' International Match The Men of the West against..... well, the Men of the West.

Okay, West Wales against West of England. There'll be the odd contradiction, of course: the fraternal Easterby's, and the Friendly Islanders Finau and Katalau in Scarlet and two of 'our own', Byron and Kingsley and we're always on first name terms with our

own - in Cherry and White. Throw in Ian Jones, Junior Paramore and umpteen exiled Frenchmen and we have a truly international occasion.

But come half past eight or thereabouts this evening the result on the scoreboard will come down to one thing - Llanelli v Gloucester, with the sub-plot of Wales v

England. That will never change, and thank the Lord for that.

And Gloucester has a much wider link with cross-border rivalry than two clubs in proud opposition. When Europe was in much more serious conflict sixty years ago the home of

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century and before - Llanelli had first played in Gloucester in 1887 - and even in the 1930s crowds would flock in to see internationals at schoolboy level and then, at the end of the decade, the early war matches in aid of the

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matches in Cardiff in March 1940. Not surprisingly, the return game at Kingsholm a month later was equally popular. Gloucester's Francis Edwards partnered Jack Heaton in the centre opposite the Matthews-Wooller duo and the Welsh pack included two Scarlets, the tough-asnails steelworker Stan Williams and, in the second row, the Rev H.C. Bowen. Apart from the crisis year of 1941, the two countries continued to lock horns at Kingsholm throughout the war. By 1945 Wales were more

the Red Cross

successful, benefiting from a solid pack that included another Scarlet Emrys Evans alongside Bunner Travers of Newport and Cardiff's Stanley Bowes in the front row and the legendary Bleddyn Williams in midfield. Not the least of the

many merits of wartime rugby was its dispensation to allow league players back into the union fold. So the rugby fans of the West Country could admire, even amidst

Gloucester Rugby Club was the scene of the real McCoy: England v Wales, with Cranmer, Guest, Kemp and Ellis in white and Matthews and Wooller, Tanner and Manfield, in the red of Wales.

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The Kingsholm ground had hosted intense Anglo-Welsh club matches throughout the last

Red Cross and, by 1945, the Services internationals. 'Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' was sung at Kingsholm....

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In many respects, Gloucester was the centre of English representative rugby throughout World War II. As many as 40,000 spectators had seen England beat Wales in the first of

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(Cardiff RFC)



England's

comprehensive 9-24 defeat in the closing weeks of the war in 1945, the unique skills of league greats such as Gus Risman and Alan Edwards in the Welsh threequarter line.

The end of the war saw England v Wales become Gloucester v Cardiff and, by 1948, Gloucester v Llanelli. Throughout that period the Cherry and Whites were inspired by Willie Jones, another wartime cap who had gone from his native Carmarthen, via Llanelli and Neath, to a grateful Gloucester for whom he once dropped 17 goals in a

season and where he was to run a popular pub for many years. The archetypal Welsh playmaker - and not a bad county cricketer for Glamorgan either - he was to trouble many Welsh club sides with his huge touchfinders and darting breaks.

Having soundly trounced the Scarlets 23-8 at Kingsholm in December 1948. Gloucester made their first post-war visit to Stradey the following April and lost 9-nil. After that the decades would come and go with the Scarlet fortress intact. This evening, Europe's friendly rivalry will have the



perfect launch pad to the magnificent Heineken Cup - and whichever Men of the West win at least half of us will be happy. Alan Evans applauds the rich heritage of Anglo-Welsh rivalry at Gloucester



Gloucester Squad 2000-2001

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About Gloucester RFC

Ground: Kingsholm, Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3AX Stadium Capacity: 10,800 (1,200 seated) Web Site: www.gloucesterrugbyclub.com

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Season 2000-2001

23 Sep 2000 NEC Harlequins 27 - 23 Kingsholm 17 Sep 2000 London Wasps 23 - 43 Loftus Rd

From the Bench - with Gareth Jenkins



It starts with a tough encounter against Gloucester tonight. Everybody here at Stradey Park makes no secret of the fact that we want to perform and play to our potential in Europe. It was a great achievement to reach the Heineken Cup semi-final last year and this year we want to go one further.

Losing to Northampton in the way we did was a bitter pill to swallow at the time, but one I feel will hold us in good stead this season. We learnt so much from that semi final experience. I believe it has given us more self belief this year - that yes, we can match the best in Europe.

European rugby is without doubt the highest level of rugby in the northern hemisphere, and we have got to be realistic about the quality of our opponents we are facing in our group matches.

Winning your home games is vital. This is the accepted formula for Europe, so we have to perform here at Stradey. Both Colomieres and Gloucester, like ourselves, have formidable home records and from my visit to Gloucester it is quite evident why.

The infamous "Shed," what I consider to be the equivalent of our old Tanner Bank, was packed to the rafters with red and white shirted Gloucester supporters who were passionately shouting and willing their team to win. We are a Another European adventure is upon us and I can't wait for the battle to commence

match for Gloucester on the field but I believe we have one secret weapon up our sleeve - you the Stradey Park supporters. As I said, the support for Gloucester against Harlequins was passionate and I feel it

an extra yard on your pace, drives you on to one further effort when the going gets tough, and I'm sure can be the only difference between winning and losing. You the Scarlets faithful can play your part in taking us



ultimately won them the match. The crowd didn't give up on the side even though they were behind for most of the match. That loyalty was rewarded in the last five minutes when Gloucester sneaked it. There is no better

feeling in the world for any sportsman, woman, or coach, than to hear a stadium full of passionate supporters willing you on to win. It puts through Europe again this year - like you did last season. The players and myself don't question your loyalty. It has been evident already this season, not only here at Stradey but on our travels as well

In Europe, more so than in the domestic league, a team can find themselves trailing by 20 points and still win. That is the time when you need your passionate and genuine

Llanelli RFC Call Line

their true colours. The secret of success is to harness the emotion and passion, add the singleminded desire to win and some self-belief and it will all come together for you on the day. We need to exhibit the characteristics displayed by clubs like Ulster two years ago and Munster last year. After our performance against Pontypridd last week I feel we are in good shape for tonight's challenge. We are still a long way from the form that suggests we can win the European Cup but we are improving game by game. We all have a part to play in the club's success and I look forward to seeing - and hearing -you play your part tonight. Let's make fortress Stradey a place that our place that our European opponents don't relish visiting. That intimidation and psychological disadvantage is worth a good few points start.

supporters to show

I hope you enjoy tonight's game and also tomorrow's day off buoyant by a Llanelli victory. As for me, I will be flying out to Rome for the Roma versus Colomieres match first thing in the morning and then flying straight back home again tomorrow night - Arrivaderci !!!

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