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**SATURDAY, February 18th, 1928**

# OLD BLUES

v.

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### OUR VISITORS.

To-day we give a cordial welcome to our visitors the "Old Blues" who are popular visitors where ere they travel and they invariably play a hard keen game. In the early days there was some slight confusion as who they were, they are the old boys of The Religious Royal and Ancient Foundation of Christ's Hospital, commonly known as the Bluecoats. The club is more than 50 years old and duly celebrated its Jubilee at the appropriate time. It was founded in 1871. They have spacious premises situated at West Horsham (Sussex), which accomodates over 800 boys having a membership of 175 and a constant stream of players to keep up the strength of the 'Old Blues' who are now in the first flight of old boys clubs, and have an excellent fixture list. The strength of the 'Old Blues' numerically is shown by the fact that they run nine teams every Saturday. For many seasons the club has been Captained by G. T. Cockerill a fine forward. Of late years only a certain proportion of Christ's Hospital boys go up to the Universities as students and in consequence their list of blues is not a long one. H. W. Franklin the old full-back, double blue and International Trial is a product of the 'Old Blues.' Of to-day's team W. Neilson (full-back) has played in the Scottish Trials and this season represented Middlesex in all their games. A. C. Bennett (right centre) has played for Hampshire, W. H. Mills and G. Cooper are Surrey and Kent players respectively, who usually assist the Barbarians on their tours. Of the halves S. H. Wales has assisted Middlesex. It is interesting to note that our visitors are the only leading English club to play the five eighth game. The forwards who are ably lead by C. J. Hodgson a player of the skirmishing type, fast and clever in the open, who has assisted (Kent) and played in the Trials, are a sound pack, which also includes J. N. Young (Kent) and N. K. Payne (Surrey) and of the remainder R. E. Peters, S. J. Cooke and H. McClerry make their first appearance at Kingsholm to-day. R. C. Hare (Vice Captain) H. E. R. Wales and G. H. Collins (who has assisted Gloucester) are all on the crooked list. The Old Blues have obtained several splendid performances this season, defeating Cambourne 31-5, Old Merchant Taylors 3-0, drawing with Bristol 3-3 and putting up close games with Guys Hospital 3 pts. to 4, Plymouth Albion 8 pts to 9, Coventry 3 pts to 8 and Leicester 11 pts. to 18. To-day we look forward to the usual sporty game, plenty of open football and the best team to win. In the corresponding game at Kingsholm last season Gloucester obtained victory by 14 pts. to 7.

### NOTES.

Tetley, the brilliant Yorkshire wing, who played in this season's Trials, will shortly take up a business appointment in Glo'shire.

The final of the County Championship between Yorkshire and Cornwall will be played on Saturday, March 10th

R. M. Byers the Old Oxonian who assisted Gloucester in season 1925/26 on several occasions is in the selected Irish team to oppose Scotland on Saturday next.

On Saturday next Gloucester journey to Newport to oppose the Usksiders. The G.W.R. are running the usual excursion, for detail see Advert. in Programme.

Gloucester II entertain Newport II at Kingsholm on Saturday next. With both sides evenly matched a good game should be witnessed.



**FOR THE BEST SHOW—SEE BELOW.**

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R. E. Peters (20) J. J. Cooke (21) H. H. McClerry

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**3-0 P.M.**

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## NORTH GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL COMBINATION

### Cup Competition—1st Round.

In spite of unfavourable weather and water-logged grounds all matches in the above Competition were played last Saturday ; with one exception, definite results were produced in all games except one. In the Senior Division, West End, the Cup Holders were not engaged, having drawn a bye, but in the other matches the right to enter the next round was secured in convincing manner by Widden Old Boys against Stroud A by 32 points to 3, and St. Gregory's against Naunton Park by 25 points to nil. The meeting of the Wagon Works and Gordon League produced a very even game, extra time being necessary to enable the Works to win by 5 points to nil. The Semi-Final on Saturday next, February 25th should be a very close affair in each match, Widden Old Boys meeting the Wagon Works and West End meeting St. Gregory's the first-named having choice of ground in each case. In the Junior Division, the undefeated Spartans team entertained Lister's Works (Dursley), a fast and exciting game resulting in a draw of one try each, extra time failed to decide the winner and a replay will be necessary. Gordon League A secured a good victory over West End A by 16 points to 3 ; Wagon Works A were at home to the "All Blues," the latter winning by 13 points to 5. With the Oxleaze under water, Widden Old Boys A who opposed Stroud Nomads (were indebted to Gordon League for the loan of their ground at Hempsted) secured victory by two tries to 1 penalty goal. Barnwood emerged from their first Cup match with a narrow victory of one try to nil at the expense of St. Gregory's A. The remaining match between Hatherley Works and Atlas Works at Saintsbridge Recreation Ground was postponed. Both teams were in readiness, but the ground was in a shocking condition and declared unfit for play. The following teams qualify for next round :—

Widden Old Boys A v Spartans or Listers.

Hatherley Works v Atlas Works.

Barnwood v All Blues.

Gordon League A, a bye.

The first-named team have choice of Ground.

### NOTES.

Gloucester gave another good display last Saturday, the open play being much appreciated by the spectators. We hope Capt. Saxby and his happy band of men will maintain this form. G. Foulkes who received an injury last week, hopes to be fit for the game on Saturday next.

"Suck" Spiers who was the Plymouth linesman last week, played for Gloucester about 30 years ago. He went to Devonport and played for the Devon Albion for several seasons. He was a brilliant wing forward and represented Devon, also the South in Trial games.

Among our most promising young players, and we have a good few, is the City right wing, A. Hough. Since Christmas he has shown considerable improvement and has already caught the eye of the County Selectors, for he was included in the team to oppose Glamorgan. The City wing previously assisted the Old Boys.

There are five Gloucester boys in the selected West team to oppose the East in the Final Schools' International Trial game at Nuneaton to-day.



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Saturday, Feb. 25th	Birmingham (S.Hill) West Bromwich West Brom v Bristol Cy Wolverhampton (L.L.)	11-45 am	4 4 4	0 0 6	12-0 m'nt 11-45 pm 11-35 pm
Saturday, Feb. 25th	Newport (Newport v Glo'ster) Cardiff (Cardiff v Man. Utd)	9-15, 10-45 am or 1-0 pm	5 7	7 1	5-10, 6-7, 7-20 or 11-7 pm 4-35, 5-45, 7-0 or 10-45 pm
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Owing to the conditions at Cardiff Arms Park, the Glamorgan v. Gloucestershire match could not take place. This was unfortunate, as the Selectors were giving a try out to several young players, no less than nine of the selected side were making their first appearance in a County side. Fortunately there will be another opportunity of trying these young aspirants on March 14th, Gloucestershire will oppose Monmouthshire at Newport, and probably another date will be fixed for the Glamorgan match.

All players playing three County Matches in one season, or in two matches and accept an invitation to play in the third match which is abandoned shall be provided with a County Cap. By this, J. Stephens will be the possessor of a County Cap at the early age of 18 years.

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Gloucester ...	—	9 4	10 2	10 34	12 30	12 40	1 20	1 53	2 50	3 33	3 55	5 20	5 43	
Stonehouse ...	8 11	—	10 20	10 55	—	12 55	—	2 14	—	3 50	4 19	—	6 6	
Dursley ...	7 40	—	10 5	—	—	12 50	—	2 0	—	—	4 14	—	5 47	
Cam ...	7 45	—	10 10	—	—	12 55	—	2 5	—	—	4 19	—	5 52	
Coaley ...	8 26	—	10 34	—	—	1 5	—	2 25	—	—	4 25	—	6 18	
Berkeley Rd. ...	8 37	—	10 40	11 5	—	1 10	—	2 32	—	4 0	4 30	—	6 25	
Charfield ...	8 48	—	10 50	—	—	1 20	—	2 43	—	—	4 40	—	6 37	
Wickwar ...	8 55	—	11 0	—	—	1 25	—	2 49	—	—	4 45	—	6 44	
Yate ...	9 8	—	11 10	—	—	1 35	—	2 59	—	—	4 55	—	6 54	
Mangotsfield ...	9 20	9 47	11 23	11 30	—	1 45	—	3 10	—	4 30	5 4	6 5	7 8	
Fish Ponds ...	9 31	—	11 29	—	—	1 50	—	3 18	—	—	—	—	7 18	
Bristol (T.M.)...	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
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## RETURN ARRANGEMENTS

	Dep	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Bristol (Temple Meads)	Dep	1 18	6 10	6 37	7 20	7 48	10 55
Fish Ponds ...	...	1 30	6 21	—	—	8 0	11 5
Mangotsfield ...	...	1 35	6 25	6 58	7 40	8 8	11 10
Yate ...	...	1 47	6 40	—	—	8 23	11 20
Wickwar ...	...	1 56	6 49	7 12	—	—	11 30
Charfield ...	...	2 1	6 54	7 17	—	8 34	11 35
Berkeley Road ...	...	2 10	7 3	7 23	—	—	11 45
Coaley ...	...	2 15	7 9	7 35	—	—	11 50
Cam ...	...	2 5	—	7 50	—	—	12 0 night
Dursley ...	...	2 0	—	7 54	—	—	12 5
Stonhouse ...	...	2 25	7 16	7 45	—	—	11 55 pm
Gloucester ...	Arr	2 43	7 30	8 0	8 21	8 50	12 10 night

## SCORERS TO DATE.

Roy James ...	11 Tries	R. C. Thompson ...	2 Tries
A. Hough ...	9 Tries	Joe Davies ...	2 Tries
J. Stephens ...	7 Tries	A. T. Voyce ...	1 Try
E. Comley ...	6 Tries	Don Meadows ...	1 Try
L. Abbey ...	6 Tries	E. East ...	1 Try
T. Wadley ...	6 Tries	A. M. David ...	1 Try
J. Hemming ...	5 Tries	Stan Short ...	1 Try
R. N. Loveridge ...	4 Tries	A. E. Lewis ...	1 Try
R. Milliner ...	4 Tries	E. Stephens ...	1 Try
L. E. Saxby ...	4 Tries	G. Foulkes ...	1 Try

H. Boughton 18 Converted Goals and 3 Penalty Goals

J. Stephens 4 Converted Goals and 2 Penalty Goals and 1 Drop Goal.

Roy James 2 Converted Goals and 1 Drop Goal.

L. E. Saxby 1 Converted Goal and 1 Penalty Goal.

E. Comley, 1 Converted Goal.

Points for 295.

Points against 178

Played 29. Won 18. Lost 9. Drawn 2.

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