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**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.**

SATURDAY, MAR. 15th, 1930

# OLD BLUES

v.

## GLOUCESTER

At Kingsholm Ground

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### OUR VISITORS.

Having finished their sequences of Welsh games at Kingsholm, the City to-day entertain a lighter but none the less attractive side in the "Old Blues," who are popular visitors where're they travel. Founded in 1871, the Club is in its 59th year of existence, having spacious premises situated at West Horsham, Sussex, which I understand accommodates over 800 boys, having a membership of well over 150 and a continual list of players to keep up the strength of the "Old Blues," thus enabling them to run 9 teams every Saturday. Now in the first flight of Old Boy's Clubs our visitors in addition to their games with Old Boys clubs, oppose practically all the leading clubs in England and Wales, a fact which speaks well for their hard working Hon. Secretary Mr. L. H. Moody. Of to-day's side W. Neilson (full back) has already played in the Scottish Trials, and A. C. Bennett (centre) is a Hampshire County player. Of the pack N. Payne has played for Surrey County. It is interesting to note that the "Old Blues" are the only first class club now playing the five eight game (the combination between the brothers Wales (outside halves) in past games at Kingsholm have been a treat to watch) but owing to this formation the visitors have lacked weight in the pack, but there is a great improvement this season in this department. The "Old Blues" have still to gain the first victory at Kingsholm, and with a much stronger side than when defeated by 28 points to 6 in the corresponding game last season, hope to put up a good game. But the team which can outplay Swansea, are bound to start favourites for to-day's game. We give the "Old Blues" a very cordial welcome, knowing that we are assured of plenty of open football and a good sporting game.

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### CITY NOTES.

The City team was greatly weakened by County calls last Saturday for their game with Bristol. It was a keen game, our forwards doing particularly well in the loose and the backs did better in defence than attack. Gloucester did well to run Bristol to 6 points, who were well served by Tom Brown their International full-back.

We welcome the return of G. Baker to our side to-day, his first game since his injury against Guy's Hospital.

On Saturday next, Northampton will appear at Kingsholm, and with the "Cobblers" playing so well and the City at full strength a splendid game should be witnessed.

To-day, the "Bristol Evening Times and Echo" are giving selections on the ground from a 'Phillips' Radio Van. It is hoped that they will be able to broadcast the half-time and final score of the England v. Scotland match at Twickenham. The Wagon Works band will also render selections and will take their usual collections. Please support the Band!

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England will take the field to-day with the knowledge that the International Championship is within her grasp. She may have to share with France, but a win over Scotland will make her secure at least joint holders. This game is considered the greatest fixture of the year, for it also concerns the Calcutta Cup. It will be a memorable day for Bristol should England win. They have supplied the President of the Rugby Union, the Captain of the team and also the Captain of the County Champions.

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 Right Centre: K. C. Oliver (18) *C.W.S. Averil*      Left Centre: A. C. Bennett (2)  
 Stand-off Halves: G. N. Hooper (19) & J. J. ~~Madison~~ (14)      Scrum Half: E. M. Undery (9)  
 Forwards: P. G. Wyatt (25)      P. S. Osborne (22)      N. K. Payne (15)      H. H. McCleery (23)  
    T. N. Pearce (16)      D. C. Roberts (11)      D. S. MacLagan (17)

Referee: Mr. J. H. HOLDER (Glo'ester R.U.)

**KICK-OFF 3-15 P.M.**

Forewards: L. E. Saxby, Capt. (8)      A. Carpenter (14)      Joe Davies (9)      J. Hemming (12)  
 E. Comley (11)      F. Wadley (10)      G. Crichton-Miller (16)      G. Foulkes (15)  
 Scrum Half: F. Price (6)      Stand-off Half: Don Meadows (7)  
 Left Centre: G. Baker (4)      Right Centre: M. A. McCannils (5)  
 Right Wing: Roy James (3)      Full Back: H. Boughton (1)      Left Wing: A. Hough (2)

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## COUNTY NOTES.

The final of the English County Championship was played at Blundell-sands on Saturday last and resulted in a very satisfactory win for Gloucestershire. From accounts it was apparent it was not like the first class previous game of 1921/2, but all agreed that the best side won, although the Lancastrians kept up their reputation of finishing the game strongly, for all their previous games had been won during the latter part of the game. The forwards bore the brunt of the battle and rose to the occasion in magnificent style. Everyone regretted that W. Bryant was recalled through the illness of his child, which has since died. This incident gave E. Comley his opportunity which he took full advantage of, by playing the game of his career, and indeed no one could have done better. The speed of Gwyn Davies was apparent when he scored his try in the second half, he raced down the touch line about 75 yards, following up a long kick of Harold Boughton, and secured the touch a few yards in front of Stewart, the Irish International full-back. The backs did not play so well as we have seen them, but their defence during the last twenty minutes of the game was good. Both teams dined together after the game, and the President of the Rugby Union (Mr. W. T. Pearce), R. F. Oakes and Admiral Royds gave interesting speeches, followed by the two Captains. On Sunday the Gloucestershire team and Officials journeyed to Southport. On the return journey, Mr. J. H. Tratt, our County President expressed his thanks and that of the Committee to the players on winning the Championship, and he also presented to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. A. Roberts) on behalf of the party a case of pipes in appreciation of the excellent arrangements he made for the visit to Lancashire. At the station several hundreds of enthusiasts gave the team a real Gloucester welcome.

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## JUNIOR RUGBY FOOTBALL

The game between the Gloucester Juniors and Gordon League Juniors on Saturday last, resulted in a win for the former by 6 points to 0. The game was splendidly contested and under the control of that hard working sportsman Capt. Blackwell some delightful passing movements were seen. To-day the Juniors oppose another Junior side in Widden Old Boys, afterwards a team will be selected to oppose the Juniors from Wycliffe College. Surely these boys who are under the age of 18 years, future City players, are well worth encouraging. The Supporters Club are carrying out a programme of games for these Juniors, which, with support hope to draft together teams from the Evening Schools and commence next season with a full list of games forming the Ex-Scholars League.

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**A Tackle.** If a player carrying the ball, be thrown or knocked over, but not tackled, he may never the less pass the ball or get up and continue his run, even though the ball has touched the ground. This of course speeds up the game, for should a scrummage be necessary after every player was held, then one can realise the continual stopping and slowing up.

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Tanner, the Cambridge University wing three-quarter who has been selected for England is an old Cheltonian.

## Gloucester Rugby Football Club, Season 1929-30.

1929	Month	Rslt	Points		1930	Month	Rslt	Points	
			For	Agst				For	Agst
12	September	W	18	6	4	January	L	0	16
14	Lydney; home	W	13	0	11	Cheltenham; away	L	0	3
21	Old Edwardians; home	W	18	3	18	St. Bart's Hospl; home	W	11	5
28	Bath; away	D	3	3	25	Guy's Hospital; away	W	14	0
30	(Mon) Torquay; away	L	4	9	February				
October					1	United Services; home	W	10	3
5	Bristol; home	L	5	7	8	Cardiff; home	D	3	3
12	Leicester; home	W	20	11	15	Llanelly; home	W	5	3
19	Cardiff; away	W	10	9	22	Newport; away	L	0	6
26	Moseley; home	L	8	9	March				
31	Oxford University; away	W	24	14	1	Swansea; home	W	15	3
November					8	Bristol; away	L	0	6
2	Swansea; away	L	3	9	15	Old Blues; home			
9	Old Edwardians; away	W	11	0	22	Northampton; home			
16	Cheltenham; home	D	3	3	29	Leicester; away			
23	Newport; home	W	8	6	April				
30	Guy's Hospital; home	W	19	3	5	Harlequins; home			
December					12	Devon Services; away			
7	United Services; away	W	10	8	14	(M) Camborne; away			
14	Devon Services; home	W	30	3	19	U.C.S. Old Boys; home			
21	Northampton; away	L	5	10	21	London Welsh; home			
21	International Trial				22	Lydney; away			
26	Old M Taylors; home	W	22	8					
27	Bath; home.	D	3	3					
28	Moseley; away	L	3	11					

### SCORERS TO DATE.

R. James ...	10 Tries	G. Crichton-Miller	3 Tries
M. A. McCanlis ...	9 Tries	A. Hough ...	3 Tries
G. Foulkes ...	6 Tries	L. E. Saxby ...	2 Tries
J. Davies ...	4 Tries	E. Comley ...	2 Tries
F. Price ...	4 Tries	S. Weaver ...	2 Tries
R. N. Loveridge ...	4 Tries	L. Meadows ...	2 Tries
L. Abbey ...	3 Tries	J. Hemming ...	1 Try
E. Stephens ...	3 Tries	G. Orpin ...	1 Try
D. Meadows ...	1 Try	L. Franklin ...	1 Try
R. Baker ...	1 Try	L. Russell ...	1 Try
H. Boughton ...	1 Try		

H. Boughton 31 Converted Goals and 8 Penalty Goal.  
 E. Stephens 2 Drop Goals. R. N. Loveridge 1 Drop Goal  
 W. Ash 1 Converted Goal Roy James 2 Converted Goals  
 Don Meadows 3 Drop Goals

**SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 22nd, 1930**

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KICK-OFF 3 15 p.m.

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