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World War I

Gloucester Rugby Timeline

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First World War

Virtually all of Gloucester's playing membership joined the 5th Gloucestershire Regiment. Eighteen were to die, many were seriously injured. Three of those who returned went on to play for England and become Club Captains - S. Smart, Tommy Voyce and George "Biddy" Holford.

Beginnings of the Shed

Fred Wadley

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World War II

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In 1939-1940, the first season of the 1939-45 war, England played Wales at Cardiff on March 9 in an unofficial International in aid of the Red Cross. England won 18-9 and a return match was arranged and played at Kingsholm on April 13. England won again by 17 points to 3 in front of 20,000 spectators. A minute's silence was held before the match in memory of Prince Obolensky, who had played for England in the first game and had been killed two weeks later. Francis Edwards of Gloucester played at centre for England in both games.

From 1941-42 to 1944-45 Services Internationals between England and Wales took place each year at Swansea and Kingsholm. The Kingsholm matches were played in March or April and proved very popular and well-attended. Gordon Hudson of Gloucester was selected to play for England in the back row in all four Kingsholm internationals. He played in three, but in 1943-44, he had to withdraw with a broken thumb and his

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place was taken by Lt P N Walker, an Oxford blue and Barbarian who was also attributed as a Gloucester player. Lt Walker was reported as killed in action on January 4, 1945.

In 1945-46, the two unofficial "Victory" Internationals between England and Wales, which were played in January and February, reverted to Cardiff and Twickenham.

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