

8pts (1 goal 1 pen goal)

BLACKHEATH FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON 1949 - 50

BLACKHEATH v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1949.

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

PRICE TWOPENCE



Our last two matches at Cardiff Arms Park and at Twickenham added two further defeats to the Club's disappointing record this season. Against the Harlequins, the tale might well have been different if three reasonably easy penalties had been kicked. The football, on the whole, was quite good, although the forwards were unusually lethargic. Against Cardiff, the Club played good open football, but the brilliance of Bleddyn Williams, Matthews and Cleaver could not be prevailed against. It was, however, a game which was a spectacle to watch, owing to its open nature, and enjoyable for the players too. The eventual appearance of the arc-lights for Thursday evening training has filled a deep-felt want and we can justifiably hope to improve both our game and results from now onwards.

This afternoon we entertain the well-known Gloucester club at the Rectory Field and hope they will enjoy themselves here. We expect to see some typical bustling west-country forward play and our forwards will have to be on their mettle to hold their opponents' pack. Our scrum is reinforced by the welcome re-appearance of S. V. Perry who has been playing County football for Lancashire on the last three Saturdays. J. Stephens has returned to the front-row with W. Harrison. R. A. Bradley will continue to captain the side in the absence of E. C. C. Wynter whose rib injury has not yet recovered.

In the backs, the outsides remain as last week. M. Regan, unfortunately has returned to his home in Lancashire, and is unable to play for us any longer. Denis Parker, consequently, is being tried at stand-off-half. D. Swarbrick is moved to the centre and J. G. England is playing on the wing. At the time of writing, it appears hopeful that for the first time this season the team, as chosen at the beginning of the week will take the field, in spite of influenza, injuries and County matches which have dogged us with ill-luck for so many weeks. In this case we can have no excuse for not playing together today, so we hope that the game will provide good football, and an overdue win for the Club.

Our hopes for fielding the side chosen have not been realized. B. P. Edwards is unable to play owing to a knee injury; S. V. Perry has been moved to the second row in consequence, and A. Bethell returns to the back row.

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Rectory Field, Blackheath, Saturday, 26th November, 1949; Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

BLACKHEATH

1 ...	R. J. Jenkins	...	Full Back	...
2 ...	D. G. England	...	Right Wing	...
3 ...	E. Asquith	...	Left Centre	...
4 ...	†D. W. Swarbrick	...	Right Centre	...
5 ...	W. A. Gray	...	Left Wing	...
6 ...	D. C. Parker	...	Stand-off Half	...
7 ...	G. E. Hill	...	Scrum Half	...
8 ...	W. G. Harrison	...	} Forwards	...
9 ...	A. A. Craigen	...		...
10 ...	J. P. Stephens	...		...
11 ...	H. B. Neely	...		...
12 ...	P. B. C. Moore	...		...
14 ...	†S. V. Perry	...		...
15 ...	R. A. Bethell	...		...
16 ...	*R. A. Bradley	...	...

GLOUCESTER

1 ...	R. Western	...	...
2 ...	C. Crabtree	...	...
3 ...	R. Sutton	...	...
4 ...	W. Burrows	...	...
5 ...	M. Baker	...	...
6 ...	J. A. Teakle	...	...
7 ...	V. Davies	...	...
8 ...	T. Day	...	...
9 ...	C. Thomas	...	...
10 ...	R. Parry	...	...
11 ...	J. Watkins	...	...
12 ...	G. Hastings	...	...
14 ...	C. Dunn	...	...
15 ...	S. Smart	...	...
16 ...	*†A. G. Hudson	...	...

Referee—T. N. PEARCE (L.S.R.F.U.R.)

* Captain

† International