

GUY'S HOSPITAL Rugby Football Club

FOUNDED 1843

Season 1951-1952
108th Season



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Official Programme — Price Threepence

GUY'S HOSPITAL v GLOUCESTER

Saturday, March 15th 1952

Kick-off 3 p.m.

CLUB NEWS

There is good news concerning two of our injured players. C. W. Pook has had the plaster removed from his leg and hopes to be in training in a very short time, while S. C. C. Scott has also recovered sufficiently to have a try out in one of the junior sides. Our cup efforts were ended by St. Thomas's to whom we lost by 9 points to 3, all the scoring coming from penalty goals. The "A" XV have reached the final of the junior inter-hospitals cup and although we are hoping that they will retain the cup they will miss the services of key players who were called upon to play for the 1st XV owing to injuries.

JOTTINGS FROM HISTORY

At this time of the hospitals season the cup creates tremendous interest and keen rivalry. Since it was instituted in 1875 Guy's have appeared in 37 finals, winning 27. Their chief rivals for many years were London who appeared in 23 finals, winning only 6, and of the 15 finals played between the two hospitals Guy's won on 12 occasions. St. Mary's came into the picture in 1934 and have won the cup 10 times from 15 final appearances, but St. Thomas's have done remarkably well to win 12 of their 18 finals, their greatest period being from 1888 to 1897 when they had an unbeaten run of 9 successive wins. St. Bart's have been most unfortunate in reaching 17 finals and winning only 5. They met Guy's on 6 occasions and lost every time. King's College Hospital lost all three of their finals, and with University College Hospital, Westminster and Charing Cross are the only hospitals never to win the cup. St. George's had a good spell in the early days and were Guy's opponents in the first final of 1875 which Guy's won, but St. George's have not been prominent since, they won 3 finals out of 7. Middlesex won the cup in 1887 and this is their only victory from 3 finals. The glamour of the cup persists and although a favourite appears every year the glorious uncertainty continues and the honours are fairly distributed as proved since 1946, with St. Mary's, 3 wins from 4 finals, Guy's 1 win from 3 finals, Thomas's 1 win from 1 final, and London, who lost both their final games.

OUR VISITORS

We extend a very warm welcome to Gloucester, one of the outstanding clubs in the country, who were founded in 1873. They have a most impressive record this season, having won 27, lost 8 and drawn 4. The number of points scored indicates that their backs possess an abundance of attacking power. They are captained by J. Watkins, and with him in the pack is G. Hudson, an international and a name well known in Gloucester rucker, and international W. G. Hook is full-back. We trust they will enjoy their visit to Honor Oak Park where they are always popular guests.

ADMISSION TO GROUND

1/- (Exempt from Tax)

COVERED STAND

1/- Extra (Including Tax)

CLUBS' UNION MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE SHOWN ON ADMISSION TO GROUND

Guy's Hospital v Gloucester

HONOR OAK PARK, SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, 1952—Kick-off 3 p.m.

Guy's

Colours: BLUE & GOLD



Gloucester

Colours: RED & WHITE

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| 1 | W. J. Howells | Full Back | 1 | W. G. Hook* | |
| 2 | E. O. James | Right Wing | 2 | J. Taylor | |
| 3 | T. Smith | Right Centre | 3 | M. Baker | |
| 4 | J. W. Osborn | Left Centre | 4 | R. Sutton | |
| 5 | G. D. Thomas | Left Wing | 5 | R. Blair | |
| 6 | L. Balfour-Lynn | Stand-off Half | 6 | W. B. Cartmell | |
| 7 | G. D. S. Rankin | Scrum Half | 7 | V. Davies | |
| 8 | J. W. KIRKBRIDE (Capt.) | Forwards | 8 | G. Hastings | |
| 9 | N. A. Labuschagne | | Front Row | 9 | C. Thomas |
| 10 | D. K. Fairweather | | | 10 | A. Wadley |
| 11 | J. C. Burt | Second Row | 11 | J. Watkins (Capt.) | |
| 12 | C. T. M. Wilson | | 12 | H. G. Wells | |
| 13 | D. P. Honey | Back Row | 14 | P. Ford | |
| 14 | H. C. Meredith | | 15 | R. Hodge | |
| 15 | B. J. Cremin | | 16 | G. Hudson* | |

Referee: W. A. WOODALL

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