
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

LYDNEY

(KICK-OFF 3-15)

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAME :

MOSELEY (Kick-off 3-15)

OUR 81st SEASON.

WELCOME TO ALL RUGBY LOVERS as we begin our 81st season with the game which has now become traditional — with the very gallant team from Lydney. Everyone will join in wishing George Hastings the best of luck in his responsible job as captain; he takes over his many duties after two of the most outstanding seasons in the Club's long history. Knowing George Hastings, we are certain that that fact will inspire him to make every effort so to lead his side that the XV will add to the already high reputation the Gloucester R.F.C. has.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

COMPLETE YOUR DAY'S PLEASURE by Visiting GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

GLOUCESTER

(RED and WHITE)

Full Back

1 W. SMITH

Three-quarters

2 E. TURNER

R.W.

3 R. SUTTON

R.C.

4 M. BAKER

L.C.

5 R. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 D. JONES

O.H.

7 J. HOBBS

S.H.

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS (Capt.)

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 J. VARNEY

HOSEIER

12 H. WELLS

14 P. FORD

15 R. HODGE

16 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. O. D. GARDNER, Bristol Society.

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1954	1955
Sept. 11 Lydney H	Jan. 1 London Scottish ... H
18 Moseley H	6 Army H
23 Cheltenham H	8 Leicester H
25 Bristol A	15 Wasps A
30 Stroud H	22 Bristol H
Oct. 2 Bedford H	29 Neath A
9 Richmond H	Feb. 5 Civil Service H
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)	12 Bath A
16 Newport A	19 Swansea A
23 Coventry H	26 Cardiff H
(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)	Mar. 5 Northampton A
30 Oxford University ... A	12 R.A.F. H
Nov. 6 Leicester A	19 Gyps Hospital H
13 Moseley A	26 Newport H
(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)	31 Stroud A
20 Aberavon H	Apr. 2 Harlequins A
27 Cardiff A	6 Cheltenham A
Dec. 4 Neath H	9 New Brighton H
11 Bath H	11 Sale H
18 Coventry A	12 Lydney A
27 O.M.T.'s H	16 Ebbw Vale H
28 U.A.U. H	23 Devonport Services ... A
	25 Retnath A
	26 Teignmouth A
	30 Exeter H

LYDNEY

(BLACK AND WHITE)

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1 B. WESTON

Three-quarters

2 J. FRY

R.W.

3 O. JAMES

R.C.

4 D. WEBLEY

L.C.

5 A. JONES

L.W.

Half Backs

6 B. KEAR

O.H.

7 D. VOYCE

S.H.

Forwards

8 J. NEWLOVE

9 G. CARPENTER

10 H. WATKINS

11 S. BETTERTON

12 L. HARPER

13 T. BIDDLE

14 K. PENN

15 T. JONES

To-Night

Ronald Shiner, Laya Raki, Harry Fowler

UP TO HIS NECK

(u)

Marjorie Main, Chil Wills

RI-CO-CHE-T ROMANCE

(u)

Next Week

Trevor Howard, Alida Valli, Richard Basehart

STRANGER'S HAND

(u)

Nigel Patrick, Valerie Hobson, Peggy Cummins

WHO GOES THERE (Technicolor)

(u)

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT.

IT HAS BEEN WHISPERED that there were some pessimists who, during the "close season," were profits of gloom when considering the outlook for 1954-55. How heartened they must have been, as we all were by the splendid turnout during the trials of aspirants for the honour of wearing the Red and White jerseys in the months ahead. There were at least 50 players who have been training and who have been given a try-out before to-day's game. Certain problems doubtless remain to find an ideal cohesive side and to-day's trial of strength with Lydney—always real triers at Kingsholm—should give selectors and spectators alike some useful information.

ENCOURAGE THEM.

JUST A WORD to our very good friends who come to Kingsholm to watch first class rugby. This season sees new rules at work; also teams striving to play to these fresh laws. We are trying to build up a team that has but one purpose—to play attractive open rugby. Give them your full support, be guarded in your criticisms. Remember always that the men on the field are all amateurs engaged in a game for the pure love of it. Give them every encouragement rather than disparagement; and please make every effort yourself to understand the new laws. To that end, Mr. Frank Blackwell, the Hon. Secretary of the Gloucester and District Referees' Society has kindly consented to contribute a series of short explanations of the new laws. He also has agreed to answer all points which may arise in actual play; so if you have any queries, send them to the Club at Kingsholm. A reply will be given in this programme as speedily as possible. Mr. Blackwell's first contribution follows:—

THE SCRUMMAGE.

GLOUCESTER'S PATRONS—especially those stalwarts "under the clock"—have always been noted for their knowledge of the game—but perhaps a few words on the new laws may not be out of place at the opening of the season.

Perhaps the "line out" and the "scrummage" have received most attention by the International Board so lets look at the scrums.

First of all it can only take place "in the field of play" so that when a scrum gets pushed over the goal line, it ceases to be a scrum and hence a forward can put his hand on the ball and claim a try.

It is now illegal for a forward to swing both feet from the ground, thus causing the scrum to collapse. A player must NOT return the ball back into the scrum, either by hand or foot. He must not fall or wheel and reach forward with a foot to gain possession.

It is illegal to delay the formation of a scrum. A scrum can be formed by one (or more) players gathering round the ball, but no more than three in the front row now.

The men must bind securely and continuously whilst the ball is in the scrum. The middle man can have his arms over or under his outsides but they must be tight. The men must not form down, and then rush against their opponents. [To be continued]

ODDS AND ENDS.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Taylor, the City's last season's captain, on scoring the first try for his new club, Leicester, in this, their 75th season. **BILL SMITH**, now in his final year at St. Luke's College, Exeter, hopes to find a teaching appointment in the Gloster area in time for the 1955-56 season.

LEWIS MORGAN, who showed such excellent promise at stand-off half last season, thinks he will be back in the game in a month's time. He wants to be sure his back will stand up to the strain.