
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

MOSELEY

(KICK-OFF 3-15)

NEXT THURSDAY'S GAME :

CHELTENHAM (Kick-off 6-15)

AN ENCOURAGING OPENING

BOTH First XV and United began the new season in winning vein; the victory at Kingsholm at least demonstrated one point. The new Laws have not yet been thoroughly grasped by players and it must have been obvious that it can be dangerous to offend near one's own 25. Twice last Saturday we were penalised from convertible positions and the lesson of those two escapes should be valuable. It is too early yet to judge how the innovations will work generally, but faster open play is very confidently expected by all those knowledgeable about the Rugby game. Players and spectators alike must remember that referees are under strict instructions—particularly about the sending off of the persistent offender—in working the new Laws.

(Mr. Frank Blackwell's second contribution about changes will be found on the back page.)

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 **R. AMOS** 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 **J. VARNEY**
11 **H. WELLS**
12 **R. HODGE**
14 **P. FORD**
15 **G. WILLIAMS**
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

IS
Mr. N. WYATT, Bristol Society.

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1954	1955
Sept. 11 Lydney H 11-0	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 Guys 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 Redruth A
	26 Teignmouth A
	30 Exeter H

MOSELEY (RED AND BLACK)

- Full Back**
- 1 **J. D. YOUNG**
- Three-quarters**
- 2 **D. R. CURRY** L.W.
3 **D. M. GENDERS** L.C.
4 **R. GARDNER** R.C.
5 **A. M. HALL** R.W.
- Half Backs**
- 6 **A. M. EDGE** O.H.
7 **J. BUTT** S.H.
- Forwards**
- 8 **J. C. HACKER**
9 **N. A. H. CREESE**
10 **J. D. HUGHES**
11 **J. M. JONES**
12 **D. C. BURGESS**
14 **T. PARGETTER**
15 **D. E. DAVIES**
16 **J. E. BLACKSTAD**

To-Night

Trevor Howard, Alida Valli, Richard Basehart
STRANGER'S HAND (u)
Nigel Patrick, Valerie Hobson, Peggy Cummins
WHO GOES THERE (Technicolor) (u)

Next Week

Elizabeth Taylor, Dana Andrews, Peter Finch
ELEPHANT WALK (Technicolor) (u)
Edward Arnold, John Agar, Susan Morrow
MAN OF CONFLICT (u)

OPEN GAME ANTICIPATED.

FOR our second fixture we entertain that sporting side from the Midlands, Moseley. In the corresponding match a season back Gloucester were successful by 13 points to nil, and with a side somewhat depleted by a Combined Counties call (against the New Zealanders) Gloucester completed the double away by 3 points to nil. Moseley did not make a very auspicious start a week ago when they were rather overwhelmed by the Coventry side. The Visitors must not be underrated because of that—Moseley have a well deserved reputation for playing open attractive football and that is the type of game which always delights the spectators especially the Kingsholm ones.

The City has but one more game before the side faces the severe test of an away fixture at Bristol next Saturday and we all wish to see the XV a well-knit combination for that encounter. The Bristolians put up a grand display at Newport last Saturday, especially forward and we hope a good contingent of Gloucester supporters will be at the Memorial Ground to encourage our lads.

REMEMBER THE UNITED.

ALTHOUGH that wish for a goodly company of supporters at Bristol is a very good one, it is also to be hoped that those who cannot get to the other end of the County will be here at Kingsholm to give Gloucester United a warm welcome on their first home fixture (with Bristol United.) We have appealed in past seasons for better spectator support for the United; we do so again for two excellent and adequate reasons. The one is that in this reserve XV are being "blooded" the Premier XV players of the future and the second is that the United have, for seasons past, been putting up excellent rugby, often unappreciated by many who claim to be Gloucester "fans." The United have a very attractive fixture list and it should be a point of honour for all Rugby lovers to give them a cheer at Kingsholm in their endeavours to fit themselves for the first-class Rugby they all hope sooner or later to enjoy.

MORE ABOUT THE SCRUM.

THERE is the second article on the new Laws by Mr. Frank Blackwell, Hon. Secretary of the Gloucester and District Referees Society:—

Last time we touched on Scrummage Law as regards the players—now as to the half-back and the ball and when it may be hooked. **THIS IS THE MOST TRICKY PORTION OF THE NEW RE-WORDING AND THE FOLLOWING POINTS MUST BE OBSERVED.**

- (1)—The team not responsible for the stoppage of play must put the ball in.
- (2)—There must be no delay (no waiting for any man to find his place.)
- (3)—The Half-back shall stand one yard away.
- (4)—Put the ball in with both hands at a moderate speed. (If he will only do that the ball will very very rarely have to be put in again—and thus stop something which is so irritating to spectators.)
- (5)—Of course it must be put in straight and it must touch the ground immediately beyond the second nearer foot.
- (6)—The ball must not come out (a) at either end of the "tunnel," or between the first and second foot of either front man.

NOW WHEN CAN THE BALL BE HEELED ?

- (1)—The hooker must not raise his foot until the ball must have passed the first foot—then the first man can stop it coming out.
- (2)—In the case of the second and third foot—the ball has been touched by, or passed either fourth foot.
- (3)—In the case of the hooker's fourth foot—when the ball has left the half's hand—he can raise—but not advance—his foot.