
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

CARDIFF

(Kick-off 6-0 p.m.)

Last Match of the season, April 28th

DEVONPORT SERVICES

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

Let us make our welcome to Cardiff even more heartfelt and sincere this evening. But for the fine sporting spirit of this great club in agreeing to this re-arranged date, in spite of having to complete nearly 50 games this season, there would have been no chance of seeing some of the 'rugger' stars of the world. Cardiff have produced some of the real 'greats' of rugby, yet their real greatness lies in the wonderful spirit of the team. In the true spirit of sportmanship it is the Cardiff team which counts with all their members. So it is possible for players in the Athletic team to be playing for Wales, yet willingly accepting the position of not being able to get into their club's first team. We thank you Cardiff for coming; we expect a grand game; and long may you continue your grand record of giving so much to this great game.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

IN THE FRONT ROW:

GLOUCESTER

Red and White
Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 *M. BAKER

R.W.

3 K. IBBOTSON

R.C.

4 A. HOLDER

I.C.

5 *R. BLAIR

I.W.

Half Backs

6 D. PERKS

O.H.

7 *B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 *R. PARRY

9 *C. THOMAS

10 J. HERBERT

11 D. A. JONES

12 B. HUDSON

13 *P. FORD (Capt.)

14 *B. GREENE

15 *D. IBBOTSON

*County.

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. R. J. TODD, Southampton.

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

CARDIFF

Full Back

1 A. PRIDAY

Three-quarters

2 †G. ROWLANDS

R.W.

3 H. NICHOLLS

R.C.

4 †G. WELLS

L.C.

5 †LYNN DAVIES

L.W.

Half Backs

6 C. HEWITT

O.H.

7 L. WILLIAMS

S.H.

Forwards

8 C. HOWES

9 †G. BECKINGHAM

10 J. B. EVANS

11 M. COLLINS (Capt.)

12 B. J. DODDS

13 E. LEWIS

14 P. GOODFELLOW

15 E. THOMAS

† International

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

| 1955 | | 1956 | |
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| Sept. 10 | Lydney H 16-6 | Jan. 7 | London Scottish ... A 3-9 |
| 13 | Dublin Wanderers ... H 12-3 | 14 | Leicester A 5-9 |
| 17 | Mosley H 13-6 | 21 | Wasps H 18-3 |
| 21 | Cheltenham A 0-3 | 28 | Army H 3-19 |
| 24 | Bristol H 6-14 | | |
| 29 | Stroud A 8-3 | Feb. 4 | Cardiff H Canc. |
| Oct. 1 | Bedford A 3-5 | 11 | Bath A Canc. |
| 8 | Old Blues H 6-14 (Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol) | 18 | Swansea H 0-0 |
| 15 | Newport H 11-6 | 25 | Guys Hospital ... A Canc. |
| 22 | Coventry A 9-28 | Mar. 8 | Northampton ... A 6-19 |
| 29 | Oxford University ... H 6-11 (Glos. v. Somerset, Away) | 10 | R.A.F. H 3-22 |
| Nov. 5 | Leicester H 22-11 | 17 | Cardiff A 10-17 |
| 12 | Mosley A 0-20 (Glos. v. Cornwall, Away) | 24 | Newport A 3-15 |
| 16 | Cambridge University A 3-37 | 31 | Bradford H 8-8 |
| 19 | Aberavon A 6-6 | Apr. 2 | Birkenhead Park ... H 14-3 |
| 26 | Llanelli H 3-6 | 3 | Lydney A 8-0 |
| Dec. 3 | Neath A 3-6 | 7 | Harlequins H 6-8 |
| 10 | Bath H 11-0 | 12 | Cheltenham H 3-3 |
| 17 | Coventry H 0-3 | 14 | Bristol A 0-11 |
| 24 | Stroud H 40-5 | 21 | Exeter A |
| 26 | O.M.T.'s H 23-0 | 23 | Penzance and Newlyn A |
| 27 | U.A.U. H 23-0 | 24 | Teignmouth A |
| 31 | Neath H 20-5 | 28 | Devonport Services ... H |

"ENGLAND'S GLORY" MATCHES

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The St. John Ambulance Brigade (City of Gloucester Div.) whose members so freely and willingly give of their time to be in attendance at every match, wish to thank spectators and all concerned for the magnificent response to their collection on this ground on the 7th April. A record sum of £35 was collected, a tribute to a service which we all hold in high regard.

REFLECTIONS

It takes two teams to make a game, and if one side is determined to put up the shutters, nothing the other side can do will make the game anything other than a rather drab affair. Last Thursday our lads really tried to open up and keep the game alive. Cheltenham, it seemed, had determined to close the game up and rarely did the ball get past the outside-half. There were, however, some compensations for the really astute follower. The hooking duel between Cyril Thomas and A. D. Carpenter provided and will provide a subject for discussion for many a summer evening. Cyril undoubtedly established his supremacy - but was Carpenter swinging? A most opposite remark overheard on Thursday evening was that the Cheltenham right prop was hooking a darned sight better than Carpenter whenever Brian Read put the ball in.

There will also be a great deal of discussion about outside-halves - but enough of this controversy. The game ended in a draw, but few will deny that a moral victory was gained by the Cherry and Whites.

ON TOUR

On Saturday, when we shall be seeing the Schools' Over 15 International between England and Wales here at Kingsholm, the Club will be commencing its annual tour of the South-West. We wish the team every success and lots of good rugby. On April 28th they will be appearing here at Kingsholm against Devonport Sevens for the last match of the season.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a collection of gents' right hand gloves, one pair of ladies' gloves and a bicycle pump. The rightful owners of these may retrieve them at the Secretary's Office.