
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

DEVONPORT SERVICES

(Kick-off 3-15 p.m.)

To wind up this season we welcome to-day, Devonport Services. While mainly consisting of servicemen, mostly naval, from all over the country. Devonport Services are a side steeped in the tradition of West Country rugger. They possess a virile pack which serves as the spear-head of their attack, and which is supported by a more than adequate back division. We expect a stirring struggle and if the standard of play approaches that displayed on the last visit of the Services team in April 1954, when Glastonbury was such a scintillating figure, we shall indeed enjoy the game which rings down the curtain on another rugger season.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

IN THE FRONT ROW :

GLOUCESTER

Red and White
Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 P. LEWIS

R.W.

3 M. BAKER

R.C.

4 A. HOLDER

L.C.

5 R. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 D. PERKS

O.A.

7 B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 D. A. JONES

12 R. LONG

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 B. GREENE

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. K. HODDER, Coventry.

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

DEVONPORT SERVICES

Full Back

Writer A. CORNER, R.N.

Three-quarters

Lieut. D. HANCOCK, S.L.I. R.W.

Marine B. JONES, R.M. R.C.

M(E) R. WILLIAMS, R.M. L.C.

Capt R. UNCLES, R.A.M.C. L.W.

Half Backs

Lieut. M. MIDDLETON, R.N. O.H.

H.S. & Y. I. NICHOLLE, R.N. S.H.

Forwards

Cook(O) R. MORGAN, R.N.

Shpt. G. BOYNES, R.N.

M(E) A. GETHING, R.N.

Capt. K. SHAPLAND, S.L.I.

Pte. F. BOOK, S.L.I.

Marine P. SMITH, R.M.

M(E) R. WALDRON, R.N.

P.O. F. PROSSER (Capt.)

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1955

Sept. 10 Lydney ... H 16-0

13 Dublin Wanderers ... H 12-3

17 Mossley ... H 13-0

21 Cheltenham ... A 0-3

24 Bristol ... H 0-12

29 Stroud ... A 8-3

Oct. 1 Beccles ... A 3-0

8 Old Blues ... H 6-14
(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)

15 Newport ... H 11-0

23 Coventry ... A 9-22
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)

29 Oxford University ... H 6-11

Nov. 5 Leicester ... H 22-11

12 Moseley ... A 0-20
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)

16 Cambridge University ... A 3-37

19 Aberavon ... A 6-0

26 Llanelly ... H 3-6

Dec. 3 Neath ... A 3-6

10 Bath ... H 11-0

17 Coventry ... H 0-3

24 Stroud ... H 40-5

36 O.M.T.'s ... H 22-0

27 U.A.U. ... H 22-0

31 Neath ... H 20-5

1956

Jan. 7 London Scottish ... A 3-9

14 Leicester ... A 5-9

21 Wasps ... H 18-3

28 Army ... H 3-15

Feb. 4 Cardiff ... H Canc.

11 Bath ... A Canc.

18 Swansea ... H 0-0

25 Guys Hospital ... A Canc.

Mar. 3 Northampton ... A 6-19

10 R.A.F. ... H 3-2

17 Cardiff ... A 10-17

24 Newport ... A 3-13

31 Bradford ... H 8-8

Apr. 2 Birkenhead Park ... H 14-3

3 Lydney ... A 8-0

7 Harlequins ... H 6-8

12 Cheltenham ... H 3-3

14 Bristol ... A 0-11

21 Exeter ... A 16-6

23 Penzance and Newlyn ... A 9-14

24 Teignmouth ... A 3-3

28 Devonport Services ... H

“ENGLAND'S GLORY” MATCHES

REFLECTIONS

This season, a season of unfulfilled promise, has yet given to us all many exciting and thrilling games. Newport, who have only lost five games this season, with six Internationals in their team were well beaten here at Kingsholm. In the Christmas games our lads scored more than a hundred points. These are the brightest of the many memories which will keep the spirit of Rugby burning in in our hearts until next September and the beginning of a new season. A season which we have every right to look forward to with confidence. Many young players have been tried and found to be of the right material. Particularly is this so of the pack, where careful selection has enabled many worthy young forwards to gain invaluable experience. There are still problems to be solved behind the scrum, but, here again given a little time and a little more experience the answers may be close at hand.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY PLAYERS DANCE

Will be held in the Cadena Ballroom on Monday, April 30th. Dancing 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to Leslie Hopkins' Sextet. Tickets 5/- each.

"SEVEN-A-SIDE"

The Finals in this interesting and exciting game will be played on Monday 30th instant Kick-Off 6.30 p.m. A collection will be made at the gate (White Hart entrance) for the Memorial Ground Trust Fund which it is hoped will meet with a generous response.

REMINDER

Now that the season 1955-56 is over do not throw your Season Tickets away. You will need them to gain admittance (in the close season) to the Club's Annual General Meeting, when you have the important tasks of electing Officers and Committee and so on.

WELL DONE THE BOYS

The Over 15 Schoolboy's International Match last Saturday will live in the memory of all who saw it. Here indeed was ruggar of the highest order. Forwards worked intelligently for the ball; three-quarters used their hands and legs to take it forward at top speed. Few were the dull moments of this game.

If the future of rugby in England is in the hands of these lads, as indeed it is, the future for rugby in England is bright.