

# Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded  
1873



Season  
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS  
**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY**

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Thursday, January 31st - Kick-off 3-0 p.m.  
**GLOUCESTER v. ROYAL NAVY**

To-day we welcome Cambridge University who will be making their third visit to Kingsholm. The first time was in season 1902-3 when Gloucester won 5-3 and their second appearance here was in 1952-3 when we were again successful by 11 pts. to 9. Last season however, the Red and Whites were overwhelmed at Cambridge by 37-3. This season the Light Blues have carried all before them, including the Dark Blues. Several of the side which triumphed then will be playing, but there will be some new faces, for Cambridge are already planning for next season's Varsity game. Our own local boy, A. J. Herbert, is no longer with them, but new and scintillating stars have filled the gaps. We can expect the very best from to-day's game. These young University men are all fit, keen and experts at the game. The ball, we may be sure, will be given plenty of air. May the best team win - but the game's the thing that matters.

Records to date:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Against
CAMBRIDGE UNIV.	11	1	4	251	104
GLOUCESTER	8	4	11	186	208

**Official Programme: Price Threepence**

**GLOUCESTER**  
Red and White

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY**

- Full Back  
**1 S. INGRAM**
- Threequarters  
**2 P. HAWKER** R.W.  
**3 I. SHEEN** R.C.  
**4 A. HOLDER** L.C.  
**5 xJ. M. JENKIN** L.W.
- Half Backs  
**6 xD. W. JONES** O.H.  
**7 M. BOOTH** S.H.
- Forwards  
**8 \*G. W. HASTINGS (Capt.)**  
**9 xC. THOMAS**  
**10 xB. J. LANE**  
**11 R. LONG**  
**12 R. A. CLARK**  
**13 B. JONES**  
**14 \*V. H. LEADBETTER**  
**15 xD. IBBOTSON**
- \* International x County

is  
**Mr. A. E. COTTERILL (North Midland)**

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956		1957	
Sept. 8	Lydney ... .. H 14-8	Jan. 5	London Scottish ... H 3-3
15	Bucarest (Rumania) ... H 6-10	10	Army ... .. H 3-6
20	Moseley ... .. H 3-6	12	Leicester ... .. H 0-6
22	Exeter ... .. H 28-5	19	Wasps ... .. A 6-22
27	Cheltenham ... .. H 16-0	26	Cambridge University H
29	Bristol ... .. A 17-29	31	Royal Navy ... .. H
Oct. 6	Bedford ... .. H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol ... .. H
13	Old Blues ... .. H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v S.African Univ. at Kingsholm)
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	9	Barh ... .. A
20	Newport ... .. A 8-6	16	Swansea ... .. A
27	Coventry ... .. A 11-8	23	Neath ... .. H
	(Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	Mar. 2	Northampton ... .. H
Nov. 3	Leicester ... .. A 8-14	9	R.A.F. ... .. H
10	Moseley ... .. A 3-12	16	Guys Hospital ... .. H
	(Glos. v Devon, Away)	23	Cardiff ... .. A
17	Aberavon ... .. H 9-9	30	Newport ... .. H
24	Llanelli ... .. A 3-31	Apr. 6	Harlequins ... .. A
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-11	10	Cheltenham ... .. A
8	Bath ... .. H 27-6	13	Cardiff ... .. H
15	Coventry ... .. H 3-3	16	Stroud ... .. H
22	Stroud ... .. A 0-3	20	New Brighton ... .. H
26	O.M.T.s ... .. H C.	22	Sale ... .. H
27	U.A.U. ... .. H C.	23	Lydney ... .. A
29	Neath ... .. A 3-0	27	Devonport Services ... A
		29	Teignmouth ... .. A
		30	Weston-super-Mare ... A

- Full Back  
**1 N. H. R. BROOMFIELD**
- Threequarters  
**2 P. J. WATSON**  
**3 †G. WINDSOR-LEWIS**  
**4 M. HARTLEY**  
**5 R. J. LEONARD**
- Half Backs  
**6 †J. HORROCKS TAYLOR**  
**7 S. R. SMITH**
- Forwards  
**8 †W. J. DOWNEY (Capt.)**  
**9 D. S. BOGIE**  
**10 J. G. VAUX**  
**11 C. K. PEACE**  
**12 †B. R. LOVEDAY**  
**13 C. J. McDOUGALL**  
**14 F. H. D. WALKER**  
**15 F. EMERY**
- † Old Blue

## REFLECTIONS . . .

The Cherry and Whites certainly appeared to have been swamped when they went up to Town to play the Wasps last Saturday. But in actual fact that is not the case, for until young Micky Booth had to go off in the second half, the honours were even. To lose a scrum-half is a hard penalty for any team, for if any position on the field can be called a specialised position that of scrum-half certainly is. We can only commiserate with the Cherry and Whites and with young Booth.

Next Thursday we shall see the Royal Navy team at Kingsholm for the first time - and in view of their past successes in the Inter-Service Championships we look forward to a game which promises to provide all the thrills we have come to expect from other Service guests.

## UNITED XV

Congratulations to the United on achieving their first double victory of the season last Saturday when they beat Hereford 18-5. During the game, which was notable for Roy Blair's contribution of 16 pts. towards the total, they passed the 200 pts. mark, thus succeeding in outstripping the 1st XV for the second time, having already beaten them to the 100 pts. target. Next Saturday they have the chance of a second double when they meet Bristol A at Bristol, having won the home fixture by 10 pts. to 8. Their record at the moment is Won 10, Drawn 1, Lost 5. Points for 204, against 111.

## "THE CLUB"

We should like to remind all our supporters of the facilities of the new Social Club Room, which has a good bar supplying all drinks at reasonable prices. In pleasant surroundings old friendships can be renewed and new friends found. The Club Room, which should be the hub of the rugger club, deserves better patronage. Perhaps you have not paid a visit, if not, we invite you most heartily to do so. Perhaps you have suggestions to make to increase its appeal - if so, please let the General Secretary have them.

The Club is open from 2-30 p.m. Cups of Tea and Snacks may be obtained in the Tea Room adjoining the Club Room.

## **SOUTH WESTERN CLUBS (Glos., Devon, Cornwall, Somerset) versus SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES at KINGSHOLM on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th.**

Stand Tickets are now available and may be obtained from Mr. A. Hudson, 58 Northgate Street. Applications should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

Tickets are: CENTRE 7/6, WINGS 5/-