
Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded
1873



Season
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

BRISTOL

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

The visit of Bristol to-day has been awaited with great pleasure and keen anticipation. We, at Kingsholm, recognise the power and strength of this, the most successful English club this season. Bristol have achieved many notable victories this season, including Cardiff. We can assure them of no easy passage to-day - the Cherry and Whites have a few notable scalps under their belts and are hopeful of adding that of Bristol to their number.

To-day's match will be the 22nd encounter between the teams since the war. Of these games Gloucester have won ten and drawn five and have achieved the double twice, in seasons 1947-48 and 1951-52. Our 22 - 20 win at Bristol in 1954-55 was the highest scoring game in the series until our 29-17 defeat earlier this season. In this same period Bristol have defeated us on six occasions, including a double victory last season, which was only their third win at Kingsholm since season 1929 - 30.

Records to date :	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Agst.
BRISTOL	19	0	4	352	172
GLOUCESTER	10	4	11	207	208

Official Programme : Price Threepence

NEXT HOME GAME
SOUTH WESTERN CLUBS v. SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES
 Thursday, February 7th. Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Saturday, February 9th - Two Games
Glos. & District Boys v. Bath Boys : Gloucester Utd. v. Bath Utd.
 Kick-off 2-15 p.m. Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER
 Red and White

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

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. C. A. LABORDE (London Society)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956		1957	
Sept. 8	Lydney H 15-8	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 28-4	19	Wasps A 6-22
27	Cheltenham H 0-0	26	Cambridge University H 11-0
29	Bristol A 17-25	31	Royal Navy H 10-0
Oct. 6	Bedford H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol H
13	Old Blues H 16-3 (Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	7	(S.W. Counties v S. African Univ. at Kingsholm)
20	Newport A 8-6	9	Bath A
27	Coventry A 11-9 (Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	16	Swansea A
Nov. 3	Leicester A 8-14	23	Neath H
10	Moseley A 3-12 (Glos. v Devon, Away)	Mar. 2	Northampton H
17	Aberavon H 9-9	9	R.A.F. H
24	Llanelli A 3-31	16	Guy's Hospital H
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-14	23	Cardiff A
8	Bath H 27-6	30	Newport H
15	Coventry H 3-3	Apr. 6	Harlequins A
22	Stroud A 0-3	10	Cheltenham A
26	O.M.T.s H 0	13	Cardiff H
27	U.A.U. H 0	16	Stroud H
29	Neath A 3-0	20	New Brighton H
		22	Sale H
		23	Lydney A
		27	Devonport Services ... A
		29	Teignmouth A
		30	Westoe-super-Mare ... A

BRISTOL

- Full Back
A *R. CHALLIS
- Threequarters
B R. DASH R.W.
C *D. GRIFFITHS R.C.
D *J. BLAKE L.C.
E *B. J. BROAD L.W.
- Half Backs
F R. PHIBBEN O.H.
G *G. LOVELL S.H.
- Forwards
H *J. TROTT
I *J. THORNE
J *F. J. WILLIAMS
K *R. C. HAWKES (Capt.)
L *A. E. MacDONALD
M C. M. HOLLISTER
N *A. R. SHEPPARD
O *T. E. BASE
 x County

REFLECTIONS . . .

The manner of the win over Cambridge University last week will have put new vigour into those supporters whose enthusiasm may have been flagging. Man of the match was Dennis Ibbotson, tackling in deadly fashion and breaking up attack after attack. An effective and dashing return by David Jones - thoroughly enjoying the long pass from the scrum - carved openings in the opposition's defence. This was indeed a return by the whole team to the kind of football which will restore the balance of points in the record book and bring a sparkle to the eye of every local rugger man.

SCHOOLS' RUGBY

Gloucester and District Boys play their first match at Kingsholm this season on Saturday next. The Boys have done well this season, gaining resounding victories over Oxford and Lydney. Ten of the Gloucester Boys were selected for the County Boys, who were also undefeated, gaining victories over Bristol and Somerset. The game next week against Bath should provide plenty of skill and interest.

Following this game the United play Bath United - so why not compare the development of the boys from School to Club?

" 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/-