

Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded
1873



Season
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

CARDIFF

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

We extend a hearty welcome to our visitors, CARDIFF, to-day. This great sporting side from the capital of Wales are always particularly welcome to Kingsholm. This match is always regarded as one of the highlights of the season. Cardiff have been having a grand season - with only eight defeats they are the most successful Welsh club, and appear to be on the way back to that pinnacle from which they slipped a season or so ago. In the struggle for victory let neither side forget, however, that the chief aim is good ruggar. Everyone hopes that the ball will be given plenty of air and that the best side will win.

To-day's game will be the 53rd encounter between the two clubs at Kingsholm. Cardiff have won 28, Gloucester 16, and 8 have been drawn. Our biggest win was 15-0 in 1910-11, and the next best was 14-0 in 1951-2. Our highest score was 17-10 in 1930-31. Cardiff had the better of us on the last two appearances here, winning 11-3 last season and 19-3 in 1953-54.

Records :	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points for	Against
CARDIFF	30	2	8	512	253
GLOUCESTER	16	6	14	311	267

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Price Threepence

NEXT HOME GAMES

Tuesday, April 16th
Saturday, April 20th

GLOUCESTER v. STROUD
GLOUCESTER v. NEW BRIGHTON

K.O. 6-30
K.O. 3-15

GLOUCESTER
Red and White

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

TO-DAY'S REFEREE
is

Mr. L. A. BOUNDY (London Society)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1956		1957	
Sept. 8	Lydney H 15-8	Jan. 5	London, Scottish ... H 9-3
15	Bucarest (Rumania) ... H 6-10	10	Army H 3-6
20	Moseley H 3-0	12	Leicester H 0-6
22	Exeter H 28-5	19	Wasps A 6-22
27	Cheltenham H 0-0	26	Cambridge University H 11-0
29	Bristol A 17-29	31	Royal Navy H 10-0
Oct. 6	Bedford H 6-3	Feb. 2	Bristol H 21-3
13	Old Blues H 16-3	7	(S.W. Counties v S. African Univ. at Kingsholm)
	(Glos. v Som., at Bristol)	9	Bath A 0-11
20	Newport A 8-6	16	Swansea A 0-0
27	Coventry A 11-9	23	Neath H 3-3
	(Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	Mar. 2	Northampton H 12-6
Nov. 3	Leicester A 8-14	9	R.A.F. H 6-8
10	Moseley A 3-12	16	Guys Hospital H 17-0
	(Glos. v Devon, Away)	23	Cardiff A 3-6
17	Aberavon H 9-9	30	Newport H 12-6
24	Llanely A 3-31	Apr. 6	Harlequins A 19-16
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-14	10	Cheltenham A 11-0
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 0-1	22	Salé H
27	U.A.U. H C.	23	Lydney A
29	Neath A 3-0	27	Devonport Services ... H
		29	Teignmouth A
		30	Weston-super-Mare ... A

CARDIFF

- Full Back
1 **A. PRIDAY**
- Threequarters
2 ***GLYN JOHN** R.W.
3 **COLIN HEWITT** R.C.
4 **P. NYHAM** L.C.
5 **H. NICHOLLS** L.W.
- Half Backs
6 ***C. MORGAN** O.H.
7 ***L. WILLIAMS** S.H.
- Forwards
8 **H. JACOBS**
9 ***G. BECKINGHAM**
10 **J. D. EVANS**
11 **R. EVANS**
12 **M. COLLINS**
13 **F. THOMAS**
14 **P. GOODFELLOW**
15 ***J. D. NELSON**
* International

Next Tuesday evening our opponents will be our close neighbours, Stroud. The Red and Whites will be keen to avenge their defeat earlier in the season.

Easter week-end sees our traditional matches against touring sides; this year they are New Brighton and Sale, both of whom have reputations for bright, open play,

LOOKING BACK

From the days of Gwyn Nicholls, R. T. Gabe and Percy Bush, through the era of Wilf Wooller and Cliff Jones, down to Bleddyn Williams, Billy Cleaver, Dr. Jack Matthews and Cliff Morgan, the name of Cardiff has always stood for open back play, and rightly so, for they are credited with having first introduced the four threequarter system. The Red and Whites, however, may well have had some influence in this. When the two sides met for the first time on the old Spa ground in 1882, Gloucester introduced a new line-up behind the scrum and played three half-backs, who, to quote an old report of the game, "gave an object lesson in the arts of handling", and won by 1 goal, 6 tries to nil.

This 'lesson' was returned with a vengeance at Cardiff in 1945-46 when our visitors achieved the distinction of being the only club side to score ten tries in a match against us, thus equalling the record of the 1905-06 All Blacks touring team.

Our best sequence of home results against Cardiff was during the years 1910 to 1926. Of eleven matches played, we won seven and drew the other four.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION

An attractive fixture in aid of the Memorial Ground Fund and other charities has been arranged for the evening of Tuesday, 30th April. The Gordon League, a finalist in the Combination Cup, will meet the R.A.F. Innsworth, a finalist in the R.A.F. Inter-Station Cup.

SCHOOLS' RUGBY

In a fortnight's time Gloucester Boys are playing Newport Boys at Kingsholm, an added attraction before the First Team play Devonport Services. This should prove an exciting and attractive "curtain raiser". The Boys are kicking-off at 2-15 and the 1st XV at 3-15 p.m.

YOU CAN HELP—PLEASE DO

Next Saturday, members of the St John Ambulance Brigade, City of Gloucester Division will make their Annual Collection on the ground. We trust all supporters will give freely, and so enable this splendid Organisation to carry on with its voluntary work.

SOCIAL CLUB

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 after the game