

# Gloucester Rugby Football Club

Founded  
1873



Season  
1956-57

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

## NEW BRIGHTON

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

We extend a very warm welcome to our visitors to-day, New Brighton, on their second appearance at Kingsholm. The first time they played here was in 1954-55 season, when we won an interesting match by 11pts. to 6. They have a reputation in the North for playing open rugby, and we look forward this afternoon to seeing both sets of threequarters in frequent action, and a game played in real holiday mood.

Our visitors finish their short tour by playing Cheltenham on Monday, we hope they enjoy their week-end here and with our neighbours.

Records to date :	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Agst.
NEW BRIGHTON	19	4	9	284	211
GLOUCESTER	17	6	15	317	278

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Price Threepence

**NEXT HOME GAME**

**EASTER MONDAY : GLOUCESTER v. SALE**

**Kick-off 3-15 p.m.**

**GLOUCESTER**  
Red and White

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

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**  
is

**Mr. T. LEWIS (Somerset Society)**

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

**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 28-5	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)
20	Newport ... .. A 8-6	9	Bath ... .. A 0-11
27	Coventry ... .. A 11-9	16	Swansea ... .. A 0-0
	(Glos. v Cornwall, Kingsh.)	23	Neath ... .. H 3-3
Nov. 3	Leicester ... .. A 8-14	Mar. 2	Northampton ... H 12-6
10	Moseley ... .. A 3-12	9	R.A.F. ... .. H 6-8
	(Glos. v Devon, Away)	16	Guys Hospital ... H 17-0
17	Aberavon ... .. H 9-9	23	Cardiff ... .. A 3-6
24	Llanelli ... .. A 3-31	30	Newport ... .. H 12-6
Dec. 1	Oxford University ... A 8-14	Apr. 6	Harlequins ... .. A 19-16
8	Bath ... .. H 27-6	10	Cheltenham ... .. A 11-0
15	Coventry ... .. H 3-3	13	Cardiff ... .. H 0-11
22	Stroud ... .. A 0-3	16	Stroud ... .. H 6-0
26	O.M.T.s ... .. H 0-1	20	New Brighton ... H
26	G.A.U. ... .. H 0-1	22	Sale ... .. H
29	Neath ... .. A 3-0	23	Lydney ... .. A
		27	Devonport Services H
		28	Teignmouth ... .. A
		30	Weston-super-Mare A

**NEW BRIGHTON**

- Full Back  
1 **R. M. REID**
- Threequarters  
5 **F. E. D. HARRISON** R.W.  
(Cheshire)  
4 **J. T. BILLINGTON** R.O.
- Half Backs  
3 **R. MUSTARD** L.C.  
2 **K. A. YOUDS** L.W.  
(Cheshire)
- Forwards  
6 **B. B. WRIGHT** O.H.  
(Lancs.)  
7 **J. R. HAYDEN** S.H.
- 8 **J. R. LANDER**  
(Army and Cheshire)  
9 **A. I. HART**  
10 **W. K. RIDGE**  
11 **R. H. OWEN**  
12 **R. R. ROBSON**  
13 **A. RIPLEY (Capt.)**  
14 **D. THORPE**  
15 **C. R. FIDDIMAN**

On Monday we meet the second of the two teams from the North who are on tour in this area. Sale are old friends and opponents of ours, having appeared here in alternate seasons since 1932-33.

### REFLECTIONS

Although reduced to 13 men, Gloucester held off Stroud's bid for their first ever double over them. The game itself was very disappointing, enlivened only by Sheen's valiant efforts to bring some degree of the arts of Rugby into the play, which for the most part was far too keenly contested at close quarters. Credit is due to the forwards, who even when reduced to six, never allowed Stroud to dominate them, and towards the close gave Wakefield a chance to demonstrate his hard running which was rewarded with a fine try.

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### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

This afternoon St. John Ambulance Brigade, City of Gloucester Division, will be making their annual collection. The Club are grateful to them for the first-aid services they provide voluntarily on the ground each week, and we hope their collection will meet with generous response.

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It was pleasing to see that a Gloucester boy, M. Pickard of the Crypt School, scored a try for England in the Schools' International Match at Cardiff last week, which Wales won 12-3.

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The Red and Whites leading try scorers to date are R. Blair - 8; B. Lane - 7; D. W. Jones - 6; P. Hawker and A. Holder - 5 each; M. Jenkin - 4. Alan Holder is top points scorer with 62, followed by David Jones with 39.

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### 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