

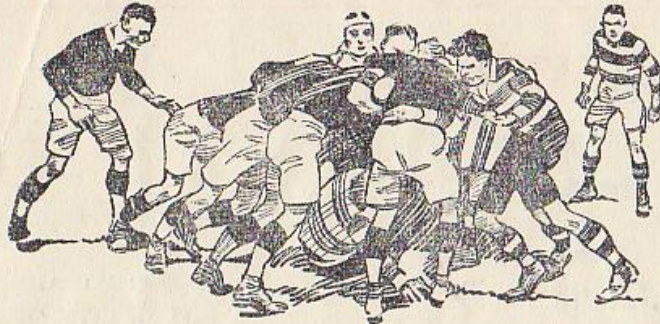
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## GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded  
1873



Season  
1957-58

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

# NEATH

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

It is always a great pleasure to welcome the Welsh 'All-Blacks' to Kingsholm. The appearance of those black jerseys with the Maltese Cross, seems to create an atmosphere tense with expectation. Their performances in recent games, including wins over Northampton by 27 points and against Aberavon at Port Talbot, would suggest that the renowned West Wales side is in great form, and we may expect a great effort on their part to continue their winning vein in the hope of registering a long overdue success at Kingsholm. The selected side is a powerful one, although it does not include that great leader, Rees Stephens.

The home side will appreciate what is expected of them today, and we have confidence in their ability to uphold the Kingsholm tradition.

<i>Records to date:</i>	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points for	Agst.
NEATH	20	4	16		
GLOUCESTER	21	2	15	331	306

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**GLOUCESTER** Red and White

- Full Back*  
1 **I. Sheen** (c)
- Threequarters*  
2 **R. Smith** R.W.  
3 **A. Hoilder** (o) R.C.  
4 **K. Ibbotson** L.C.  
5 **D. Haine** L.W.
- Half Backs*  
6 **D. Phelps** O.H.  
7 **M. Booth** (c) S.H.
- Forwards*  
8 **G. W. Hastings** (1)  
9 **C. Thomas** (c) (Capt.)  
10 **B. J. Lane** (c)  
11 **R. Long**  
12 **J. Sainsbury**  
13 **M. Craig**  
14 **V. H. Leadbetter** (1)  
15 **D. Ibbotson** (c)

(1) International (C) County.

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

**Mr. A. E. Woodward (Walsall)**

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FIRST XV.		FIXTURES	
Sept. 9	Waterloo ... H 11 3	Jan. 4	London Scots. A 9 6
14	Lydney ... H 3 0	11	Leicester ... A 11 0
19	Newport ... A 6 24	18	Wasps ... H 17 0
21	Moseley ... H 16 3	25	Army ... H Cancelled
25	Cheltenham A 3 5	Feb. 1	Bristol ... A 11 17
28	Bristol ... H 9 3	6	Royal Navy H 0 21
Oct. 5	Bedford ... A 9 9	8	Bath ... H 15 3
12	Old Blues ... H 22 0	15	Swansea ... H 0 3
19	Civil Service H 18 18	22	Devonport S. H 11 0
26	Coventry ... A 6 3	March 1	Northampton A 9 5
Nov. 2	Leicester ... H 12 8	8	R.A.F. ... H 10 6
9	Moseley ... A 11 17	15	Guy's Hospital A 3 14
16	Aberavon ... A 3 11	22	Newport ... H 6 8
20	Cambridge University A 8 13	29	Stroud ... A 8 3
23	Cardiff ... A 0 12	April 5	Headingley ... H 11 9
30	Oxford University H 6 8	7	Birkenhead Pk H 14 8
Dec. 7	Neath ... A 3 11	8	Lydney ... A 13 3
14	Bath ... A 9 6	12	Neath ... H
21	Coventry ... H 10 18	17	Cheltenham H
26	O.M.T.s ... H 12 9	19	Stroud ... H
27	U.A.U. ... H 3 19	26	Exeter ... A
28	Cardiff ... H 3 0	28	Torquay Ath. A
		29	Weston-S-Mare A

**NEATH**

- Full Back*  
1 **J. C. Hopkins**
- Threequarters*  
2 **C. Roberts** <sup>Lewis</sup> ~~McCowan~~ R.W.  
3 **T. Thomas** R.C.  
4 **D. Crowley** L.C.  
5 **G. Evans** L.W.
- Half Backs*  
6 **J. Weaver** O.H.  
7 **D. B. Rees** S.H.
- Forwards*  
8 **C. Meredith** (1)  
9 **R. Jenkins**  
10 **R. Waldron**  
11 **J. Samuel**  
12 **D. Roberts**  
13 **T. Thomas** <sup>Walters</sup> ~~Walters~~  
14 **R. John** (1) <sup>Wh</sup>  
15 **M. Morgan**

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## REFLECTIONS

The four wins in a row gained in recent games makes our record appear much more respectable and the team is to be congratulated on the form shown, particularly in the two home games against Headingley and Birkenhead Park. The wins in the away games at Stroud and Lydney were also not without merit.

## NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

North Gloucester Rugby Combination

**JUNIOR CUP FINAL.** Monday, April 14th. Kick-off 6.0.  
Coney Hill 'A' v. Painswick

Thurs., April 17th. Gloucester v. CHELTENHAM. Kick-off 5.45

Sat., April 19th. Gloucester v. STROUD. Kick-off 3.15

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The City of Gloucester Division of this Organisation takes its Annual Collection today. We anticipate that the response will be commensurate with the excellent work - entirely voluntary - put in by members of the Brigade.

## SCHOOLBOYS' RUGBY

Gloucester Boys are appearing on Kingsholm on Saturday, April 26th at 3.15 p.m. Their opponents are old rivals, Leicestershire. This game between the two strongholds of schoolboy rugby used to be an annual fixture, but it is now four years since this game was last played. Gloucester Boys are always worth watching. This year they have in Peter Bera (Crypt) a schoolboy International, while at centre-threequarter, John Bayliss (Hatherley S.M. School) has represented the National Association of Boys Clubs against the Boys Clubs of Wales.

## THE SOCIAL CLUB

As well as being open before and after the match, the Club Room is open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and we look forward to seeing more of our members on these occasions. Tea and Sandwiches may be obtained in the Club Room after the match.