



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v. ABERAVON

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1958.

Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

Official Programme

Price Threepence

**AT HOME
OR AWAY**

**USE
ENGLAND'S GLORY**

**THE MATCH
FOR YOU**

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 **I. Sheen** (c)

Threequarters

2 **P. Hawker**

R.W.

3 **A. Holder** (c)

R.C.

4 **J. Hart**

L.C.

5 **J. King**

L.W.

Halves

6 **D. Phelps** (c)

O.H.

7 **M. Booth** (c)

S.H.

Forwards

8 **G. Hastings** (t)

9 **C. Thomas** (c) (Capt.)

10 **A. Ricketts**

11 **B. J. Green** (c)

12 **D. A. Jones** (c)

13 **P. Ford** (c)

14 **J. Buckland**

15 **D. Ibbotson** (c)

(t) International. (c) County.

Referee :

Mr. H. Pateman (Coventry)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 13	Lydney	H	40	8	Jan. 3	London Scot.	H	
18	Milan (Italy)	H	23	3	10	Leicester	H	
20	Moseley	H	9	6	17	Wasps	A	
25	Cheltenham	H	9	5	24	Cambridge Univ	H	
27	Bristol	A	3	13	31	Army	H	
Oct. 1	Pontypool	A	3	14	Feb. 5	Royal Navy	H	
4	Bedford	H	13	3	7	Bristol	H	
11	Old Blues	H	9	6	14	Bath	A	
18	Newport	A	3	30	21	Swansea	A	
25	Coventry	A	0	3	28	Pontypool	H	
Nov. 1	Leicester	A	12	6	Mar. 7	Northampton	H	
8	Moseley	A	11	14	14	Royal Air Force	H	
15	Aberavon	H			21	Guy's Hospital	H	
22	Cardiff	H			28	New Brighton	H	
29	Oxford Univ.	A			30	Sale	H	
Dec. 6	Neath	H			31	Lydney	A	
13	Bath	H			April 4	Llanely	H	
20	Coventry	H			11	Cardiff	A	
26	O.M.T.	H			15	Cheltenham	A	
27	U.A.U.	H			18	Newport	H	
					23	Stroud	H	
					25	Devonport Serv.	A	
					27	Teignmouth	A	
					28	Taunton	A	

Result last season (away): Gloucester 3, Aberavon 11.

ABERAVON

Full Back

1 **Don Gardner**

Threequarters

2 **Ray Jones**

R.W.

3 **Roy Bish**

R.C.

4 **Ken Quick**

L.C.

5 **Gwyn Davies**

L.W.

Halves

6 **Cliff Ashton**

O.H.

7 **Ken Jones**

S.H.

Forwards

8 **Len Cunningham** (Capt.)

9 **Rees Lovelock**

10 **Phil Morgan**

11 **Bob Burns**

12 **Jim Evans**

13 **Roy Haines**

14 **Dennis Perry**

15 **Gilbert Howie**

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★ Well, here we are again and it certainly seems a long time since our first team have appeared before you. Quite a lot has happened since then. Firstly the County have exceeded all expectations and are again in the running for divisional honours. Good luck to them and our own men who will no doubt be selected for the vital match which rumour say will be played at Weston Super Mare on December 13th.

★ As far as our own team is concerned, we have a crop of home games in front of us. With the exception of the away match with Oxford University on the 29th November our team will be at Kingsholm until the 10th January.

We start off with Aberavon, a side with a splendid record this season having played 13 games, 9 of which have been won, with 2 draws and 2 losses. They have scored 194 points to 30 scored against them, but the extraordinary part of this record is they have only had their line crossed once during the present season and that on Saturday last. Obviously a formidable side and one which will require a lot of beating.

Now how has our side been getting along with partly reserve strength and four away matches. They have played four games, lost three, and won one, the latter when we were able to field our first team. The first game against Newport was, of course, a real shock and a side which can score thirty points against us must be pretty good. Our boys, however, were the first to admit they were well and truly beaten, so we must wait until April 18th when we try conclusions with them for the return game. Coventry was the next obstacle and we just lost in the closing minutes of the game by three points. This game was played with a number of reserves, due to County calls, and this might be termed an excellent result. The regular team then tried conclusions with Leicester and got home by 12-6. The next game with Moseley was played with a depleted side, also due to County calls, and here again we lost by a very small margin of 2 points. It will be seen, therefore, that two of the games could have been won if we had a goal kicker. Points lost in this manner are causing us a good deal of concern and we sincerely hope that a 'Boughton' or 'Willie Jones' will turn up before the season is much older.

★ Next Saturday we have a visit from our Cardiff friends. It is true this famous side is not having a very successful playing season, nevertheless they are still a great side and as usual we shall have to go all out to beat them. It will be advisable for our members to come early for this match in order to make certain of securing their seats.

★ **Important!** Supporters of the Club who wish to partake of tea and refreshments can now obtain same at the Social Club, where accommodation will now be provided in the large tea room and not in the licensed portion of the Club. Entry by the usual entrance and tea-room is in the first door to the RIGHT. Teas will be served immediately after the match.

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