



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1873

PRESIDENT: ARNOLD ALCOCK, ESQ., M.B., B.S.

GLOUCESTER v. COVENTRY

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1958.

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Official Programme — Price Threepence

**AT HOME
OR AWAY**

USE
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**THE MATCH
FOR YOU**

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 **A. Lewis**

Threequarters

2 **R. C. Smith** R.W.

3 **D. Smith** R.C.

4 **D. Phelps** (C) L.C.

5 **P. Hawker** L.W.

Halves

6 **A. Holder** (C) O.H.

7 **M. Booth** (C) S.H.

Forwards

8 **A. Ricketts**

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

10 **M. Burford**

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

12 **J. Sainsbury**

13 **D. Ibbotson** (C)

14 **V. Leadbetter** (I)

15 **P. Ford** (C)

(I) International. (C) County.

Referee:

Mr. G. Walters (Swansea)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 13	Lydney	H	40	8
18	Milan (Italy)	H	23	3
20	Moseley	H	9	6
25	Cheltenham	H	9	5
27	Bristol	A	3	13
Oct. 1	Pontypool	A	3	14
4	Bedford	H	13	3
11	Old Blues	H	9	6
18	Newport	A	3	30
25	Coventry	A	0	3
Nov. 1	Leicester	A	12	6
8	Moseley	A	11	14
15	Aberavon	H	8	15
22	Cardiff	H	5	11
29	Oxford Univ.	A	8	16
Dec. 6	Neath	H	10	8
13	Bath	H	8	8
20	Coventry	H		
26	O.M.T.	H		
27	U.A.U.	H		

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 3	London Scot.	H		
10	Leicester	H		
17	Wasps	A		
24	Cambridge Un.	H		
31	Army	H		
Feb. 5	Royal Navy	H		
7	Bristol	H		
14	Bath	A		
21	Swansea	A		
28	Pontypool	H		
Mar. 7	Northampton	H		
14	R.A.F.	H		
21	Guy's Hospital	H		
28	New Brighton	H		
30	Sale	H		
31	Lydney	A		
April 4	Llanelly	H		
11	Cardiff	A		
15	Cheltenham	A		
18	Newport	H		
23	Stroud	H		
25	Dev'port Serv.	A		
27	Teignmouth	A		
28	Taunton	A		

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COVENTRY

Full Back

1 **D. Cook**

Threequarters

2 **J. Huins** R.W.

3 **G. R. Harvey** R.C.

4 **W. J. Stewart** L.C.

5 **J. R. Melville** L.W.

Halves

6 **R. Webb** O.H.

7 **G. H. Cole** S.H.

Forwards

8 **P. E. Judd** (Capt.)

9 **H. O. Godwin**

10 **M. R. McLean**

11 **G. B. Grace**

12 **D. Robert**

13 **R. F. Batstone**

14 **J. F. Gardiner**

15 **L. R. Evans**

Result last season: Gloucester 10, Coventry 18.

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★ The President, Officers, Committee and Players wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year and sincerely hope that the weather will be sufficiently kind to enable us to thoroughly enjoy the holiday games.

★ From time to time we hear discussions as to the relative records of our Club and the playing strength pre-war as against post-war games. It may be of interest therefore to give you full details of these games to enable you to draw your own conclusions.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points for	Points against
1929-30	41	23	12	6	427	275
1930-31	38	17	16	5	330	293
1931-32	38	19	16	3	291	259
1932-33	37	24	10	3	423	257
1933-34	39	29	8	2	556	205
1934-35	39	25	14	0	560	315
1935-36	37	23	9	5	402	233
1936-37	36	20	14	2	342	275
1937-38	36	29	6	1	413	228
1938-39	38	19	14	5	325	296
	379	228	119	32	4069	2536
Average		60.1%	31.4%	8.5%	10.7	6.9 per game
1948-49	43	23	15	5	430	288
1949-50	43	19	17	7	295	277
1950-51	45	23	16	6	373	248
1951-52	45	30	11	4	563	313
1952-53	42	23	15	4	416	317
1953-54	42	31	10	1	430	280
1954-55	41	19	19	3	391	402
1955-56	43	16	23	4	373	380
1956-57	44	21	17	6	380	326
1957-58	44	26	15	3	383	333
	432	231	158	43	4034	3164
Average		53.5%	36.5%	10%	9.1	7.3 per game

It may be of interest to mention the fact that amongst the players who represented the Club between 1929 and 1939 the following are still actively taking part in the administration of the Club. Rev. H. M. Hughes-Chairman, R. Upham-Hon. Treasurer, Committeemen R. Morris, E. Day, T. Day, J. A' Bear, A. G. Hudson.

We sincerely hope that the above will enable you to get some enjoyment during the Christmas break by studying these records.

★ To-day we have a visit from Coventry who have a very fine record to date. They have played 18 games, won 13, drawn 2, lost 3. At Coventry earlier in the season, owing to County calls we were unable to send a full side, nevertheless we only lost by three points scored late in the game. This match should be a battle of the giants especially as regards the forwards. The two packs being considered the finest in the Country. We can therefore look forward with confidence to a rousing game.

★ May we remind you of the Holiday games which commence at 2.30 p.m. On Boxing Day we have the Annual visit of the Old Merchant Taylors, and on Saturday the Universities Athletic Union team. Two most attractive games which you should not miss, so why not make up your mind together with your friends to come to Kingsholm as part of your Christmas celebrations.

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