



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1959.

Kick-off 3-0 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 A. Lewis

Threequarters

2 J. King R.W.

3 Dick Smith R.C.

4 F. Ewers L.C.

5 C. Wotton L.W.

Halves

6 C. Lynch O.H.

7 G. Mace S.H.

Forwards

8 M. Burford

9 C. Thomas (c) (Capt.)

10 A. Ricketts

11 V. Leadbetter (1)

12 B. Hudson

13 P. Ford (c)

14 J. Sainsbury

15 D. Ibbotson (c)

(1) International. (c) County.

Referee:

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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
26	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	3	3
26	O.M.T.	H	20	3
27	U.A.U.	H	3	14

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 3	London Scot.	H	3	0
10	Leicester	H	Canc.	
17	Wasps	A	Canc.	
24	Cambridge Un.	H		
31	Army	H		
Feb. 5	Royal Navy	H		
7	Bris ol.	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	Llanely	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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Result last season (away)
Gloucester 8 - Camb. Univ. 13

CAMBRIDGE UNIV.

Full Back

1 H. J. F. Scotland (1)

Old Blue

Threequarters

2 P. R. Mills R.W.

3 M. R. Wade R.W.

4 P. M. Searle L.C.

5 F. C. Inglis L.W.

Halves

6 G. H. Waddell (1) O.H.

7 S. R. Smith (1) S.H.

Old Blue (captain)

Forwards

8 D. R. J. Bird

9 M. T. Wetson

10 H. H. Thomas

11 V. S. J. Harding

12 D. G. Perry

13 D. A. MacSweeney (1)

14 K. R. F. Bearne

15 D. C. Mills

Old Blue (1) International

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★ To-day we give a very warm welcome to our visitors, Cambridge University. Those who had the pleasure of watching the very fine performance this side put up against Oxford University must have been thrilled by the very high standard of rugby served up on this occasion. This match was what might be termed a real thriller and in consequence we should have a treat in store this afternoon. Unfortunately we shall be short of some of our regular players who will be on duty at Cheltenham in the County game. This, of course, will give us the opportunity of seeing how our potential first team players will shape against such formidable opponents. It is, of course, very disappointing that the County Match should clash with our important fixture but in spite of every effort being made there was no alternative, bearing in mind that Wilts and Dorset insisted on the game being played on a Saturday.

Cambridge University's record to date is a very fine one. Matches played 17, won 12, lost 5. Points for 275 - against 105.

★ The cancellation of the game against Leicester which promised a feast of real rugby, raised once again the question of "Why could not the ground have been covered?" Well this question has been discussed so many times that it might be as well to point out that if it were possible to cover the ground, it would be most difficult to choose the exact time when to do so. Take for instance the recent terrible weather we have been experiencing. After the Coventry match the ground had been really and truly cut up, in parts almost resembling a ploughed field. Naturally, if one could have foreseen the very hard weather which was forthcoming, it would have been foolish to have laid straw on top of this quagmire, consequently when the frost did arrive the whole of this rough surface was frozen bone hard. If you, to-day, will take particular notice of the condition of the ground it is certain you will agree that the playing field is in fine fettle. Compare this with Cardiff Arms Park which was well covered before the International game and you will then be able to see which was the best policy to adopt.

★ The next two weeks will be a very strenuous period for our team. On Saturday we have the Army as our visitors, then a mid-week fixture with the Royal Navy - then comes the titanic struggle with our rivals from Bristol. We think you will agree that these are games which you should really enjoy and we look forward to very large attendances at each of these games.

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