



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**  
FOUNDED 1873  
PRESIDENT: ARNOLD ALCOCK, ESQ., M.B., B.S.

# **GLOUCESTER v. ROYAL NAVY**

**KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER**

**THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 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 I. Sheen (c)

*Threequarters*

2 C. Wotton R.W.

3 K. Ibbotson R.C.

4 Dick Smith L.C.

5 J. King L.W.

*Halves*

6 A. Holder (c) O.H.

7 M. Booth (c) S.H.

*Forwards*

8 G. Hastings (t)

9 C. Thomas (c) (Capt.)

10 A. Ricketts

11 B. Green (c)

12 B. Hudson

13 P. Ford (c)

14 A. Davies

15 D. Ibbotson (c)

(I) International. (C) County.

Referee:

Mr. F. L. Wolfe (Bath)

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

**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
16	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



Result last season  
Gloucester 0 - Royal Navy 31

**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Jan. 3	London Scot.	H	3	0
10	Leicester	H	Cano.	
17	Wasps	A	Cano.	
24	CambridgeUn.	H	3	22
31	Army	H	0	3

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	Llanelli	H		
11	Cardiff	A		
15	Cheltenham	A		
18	Newport	H		
23	Stroud	H		
25	Dev'port Serv.	A		
27	Teignmouth	A		
28	Taunton	A		

**ROYAL NAVY**

*Full Back*

16 Lieut. H. Mainwaring  
R.N.A.S. Lissiesmouth

*Threequarters*

11 Lieut. J. Hunter R.W.  
H.M.S. "Redpole"

12 Inst. Lt. J. T. Hodgson  
H.M.S. "St. Vincent"

14 Lieut. M. A. Peary  
H.M.S. "Thunderer"

15 O.A. J. D. Casey L.W.  
H.M.S. "Royal Arthur"

*Halves*

10 T/2/Lt. R. A. Sharp O.H.  
I.T.C.S. R.M. Lynnhurst

9 P.O. N. Bickford S.H.  
R.N. School P.T.

*Forwards*

1 Lieut. P. Badcock  
H.M.S. "Decoy"

2 Inst. Lt. G. P. Thomas  
H.M.S. "Dryad"

3 Sub. Lt. T. C. Jones  
H.M.S. "Thunderer"

4 N.S.U.Y. J. Marchant  
H.M.S. "Haligh"

5 Lt. Cdr. J. Fiddian-Green  
H.M.S. "Excellent"

6 P.O. F. A. Prosser  
R.N. Barracks, Devonport

8 Sub. Lt. D. G. Wixon  
H.M.S. "Thunderer"

7 Lieut. R. Titcher  
H.M.S. "Verona"

FOR ALL PROPERTY WHETHER  
BUYING OR SELLING - consult  
**MERRETT, HALLS & CO.**  
Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents  
86 WESTGATE STREET. Tel. 22647

To complete your day . . .  
**THE STEAK BAR**  
at  
**THE NEW INN**  
Open until 11 p.m.

Telephone 21091  
**MITCHELLS**  
for  
RADIO - T.V. - REFRIGERATORS  
52-54 Northgate St., Gloucester

Telephone 21084  
**W. H. HAMPTON, LTD.**  
DISPENSING CHEMISTS  
Suppliers of Knee Caps, Elastic Anklelets, Belts,  
Liniments and all Medical Supplies for  
Sportsmen.  
47 NORTHGATE ST., Gloucester



We welcome today the Royal Navy who will be playing their final game before trying conclusions with the Royal Air Force at Twickenham. The Navy had a rather severe drubbing against Newport under floodlights recently, but this may have been partly due to playing under unfamiliar conditions. Furthermore, they were a forward short for the greater part of the game and as a consequence were unable to cope with a very fine set of forwards representing the Newport team. We can, however, look forward to a first class open game and in keeping with the two recent games which we have had against Cambridge University and the Army. The latter game was lost solely by misfortune and no doubt our players are still smarting under the what-might-have-been very bad misses. Still, there you are, the game against the Army was somewhat comparable with the University which was considered one of the finest exhibitions seen at Kingsholm for many a day.

---

Today we welcome many spectators who, by virtue of their occupation in life, are unable to witness a first class rugby match and it may be wise therefore to give you full details of some of the new laws governing the game which probably have been brought into effect since you were at Kingsholm.

One of the most important is the law appertaining to the Knock-on which is somewhat confusing until you get thoroughly used to it.

**KNOCK-ON.** A knock-on occurs when the ball is propelled by the hand or arm of a player in the direction of his opponent's dead ball line or when the ball after striking the hand or arm of a player travels in the said direction. Provided that a movement of the ball in the player's grasp which is in the nature of a steadying or re-adjustment of the ball within his possession without loss of control is not a knock-on.

**REBOUND.** A rebound occurs when the ball after striking any part of a player except his hand, arm, or leg from the knee to the toe inclusive, travels in the direction of his opponent's dead ball line. A rebound is not a knock-on.

**LAW 25** relates to the place-kicking for goal, which now reads—After a try has been scored the scoring team shall have the right to take a place-kick at goal on a line parallel to the touch lines through the place where the try was obtained but need not take the kick. The kicker may place the ball.

- (a) All the kicker's team must be behind the ball when kicked.
- (b) The opposing team must be behind the goal line until the kicker begins his run or offers to kick when they may charge or jump with a view to touching the ball.
- (c) The kick must be taken without undue delay.

---

Published by the  
Trustees of the Gloucester Rugby Memorial Fund.

---

Ford & Branch, Ltd., Gloucester

**Nº**

**731**