

PONTYPOOL PARK

Pontypool Rugby Football Club

No. 1176

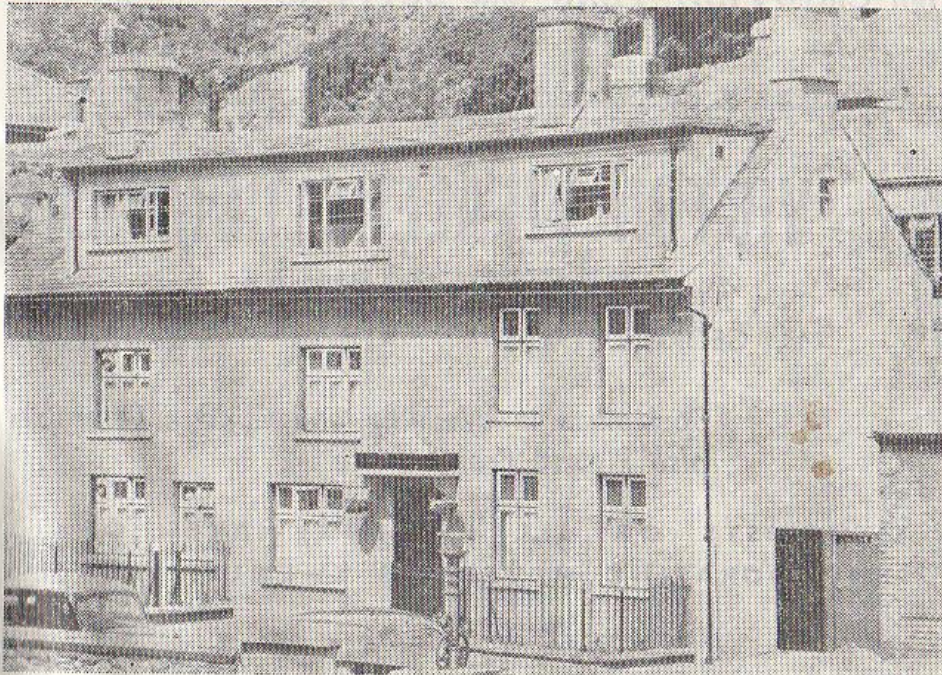
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

GLOUCESTER v. PONTYPOOL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1959

Kick-Off 5.45 p.m.

PROGRAMME 3d.



ELM HOUSE, THE CLUB'S HEADQUARTERS

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Pontypool

FULL BACK	
RAY CHENEY	1
THREEQUARTERS	
FENTON COLES, R.W.	2
PETER WILLIAMS, R.C.	3
HARRY VAUX, L.C.	4
GLYN JONES, L.W.	5
HALF BACKS	
BENNY JONES, O.H. (Capt.)	6
COLIN EVANS, I.H.	7
FORWARDS	
MARSDEN RUDGE	8
HAYDN PUGH	9
COLIN COBLEY	10
JOHN HUGHES	11
JOHN STANLEY	12
ALAN FORWARD	13
COLIN WILLIAMS	14
DEREK WAKEFIELD	15

Referee :
Mr. D. C. JOYSON,
Rogerstone



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PENARTH,
Saturday, 10th October.
Kick Off 3.30 p.m.

Gloucester

FULL BACK	
G. HALE	1
THREEQUARTERS	
R. SMITH, R.W.	2
A. HOLDER, R.C.	3
B. KEAR, L.C.	4
R. TIMMS, L.W.	5
HALF BACKS	
T. HOPSON, O.H.	6
M. BOOTH, I.H.	7
FORWARDS :	
R. FOWKE	8
C. THOMAS	9
A. TOWNSEND	10
B. GREEN	11
B. HUDSON	12
P. FORD (Captain)	13
D. SMITH	14
D. IBBOTSON	15

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Alarm and Despondency!

THE atmosphere in Pontypool Rugby circles since Saturday's riot of scoring could be described as one of "alarm" and has plunged many a supporter into a mood of "despondency."

Come off it! Let's act our age!

Near-panic has never been a Welsh trait and neither could we be branded with a liability to waves of the jitters. The truth of the matter is, that after last season's wonderful displays we are not psychologically prepared for a Wallop! We have come to *expect* a Pontypool side to produce a super-charged game EVERY game.

We should stop having melancholia and near-hysterics because we have a bad game or two. Just stop and think, we have been two star players short since the start of the season and on Saturday last we were without our Captain, Noel Tucker and his aide Benny Jones. Strip a side of four of its best players and then have one or two off form and what can you expect? The writing was on the wall when we came on the field and we were lucky that Maesteg were not capable of taking advantage of it.

So let's forget last Saturday and look forward to the rapidly approaching time when that well-oiled machine will be functioning again.

GLOUCESTER, our opponents today, gave me last season's special thrill. The game we played at Gloucester will be long remembered by all who were privileged to witness it, as the game that we hope to see at least once in a decade. It had everything . . . fine weather, the atmosphere of the "big occasion," sparkling football, copy-book tries, the lead changing hands 3 times, and to top it off on a grand evening at the Clubhouse. Thank you Gloucester, see if you can repeat the performance today

OUR NEW SCOREBOARD still remains, as yet, in its virginal state and our scorer is patiently, nay eagerly waiting to register a Pontypool score. Whichever side is first to launch it on its numerical career . . . let's give them a cheer which can be heard at the Town Hall.

Yours in Sport,

J. WYN JONES.

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