



GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
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GLOUCESTER v. NEWPORT

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

ON SATURDAY, 25th MARCH, 1961

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Gloucester
RED AND WHITE

Full Back

1 R. Hillier (C)

Threequarters

2 R. Smith

3 A. Holder (C) (1PEN)

4 P. Hole

5 R. Timms (C)

Halves

6 T. Hopson

7 G. Mace

Forwards

8 A. Townsend (C)

9 R. Chamberlayne

10 J. Fowke (C)

11 R. Long

12 A. Brinn

13 P. Ford (C) (1TRY)
(Captain)

14 H. Simmonds

15 D. Smith

Referee :

A. E. Cotterell (North Midlands)

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Newport

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1 B. Edwards

Threequarters

2 R. Wills

3 W. Hazell

4 A. J. Jones (I)

5 Peter Rees (I) (1TRY)
(Captain)

Halves

6 G. Davies

7 J. Morris

Forwards

8 D. Greenslade

9 G. Bevan

10 I. McJennett

11 I. Ford (I)

12 R. Webb (1TRY)

13 B. Cresswell (I) (1TRY)

14 G. Davidge (I)

15 G. Whitson (I)
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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 5	Waterloo	H	26-12
7	Cardiff	A	0-14
10	Lydney	H	14-14
15	Stroud	A	8-0
17	Moseley	H	10-5
22	Cheltenham	H	3-3
24	Bristol	A	13-16
28	Pontypool	A	Can.
Oct. 1	Bedford	H	11-6
8	Neath	H	6-0
15	Newport	A	14-15
22	Coventry	A	3-12
29	Oxford Univ.	A	6-11
Nov. 5	Leicester	H	11-8
12	Moseley	A	6-6
19	Aberavon	H	3-13
26	Old Blues	H	0-0
Dec. 3	Plymouth Albion	H	8-6
(Neath Fixture Cancelled)			
10	Bath	A	Can.
17	Coventry	H	15-17
24	Pontypool	H	11-19
26	O.M.T.	H	9-6
27	U.A.U.	H	5-8
31	Newbridge	H	8-3

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 7	London Scot.	H	8-8
14	Leicester	A	3-21
21	Wasps	A	6-10
26	Army	H	16-9
28	Cambridge Un.	H	3-3
Feb. 4	Bristol	H	6-13
11	Bath	H	17-8
18	Swansea	A	6-10
25	Aberavon	A	0-18
Mar. 4	Northampton	H	14-11
11	R.A.F.	H	8-6
18	Guys Hospital	H	14-6
25	Newport	H	6-14
Apr. 1	New Brighton	H	
3	Sale	H	
4	Lydney	A	
8	Devonport S.	H	
12	Cheltenham	A	
15	Cardiff	H	
20	Stroud	H	
22	Plymouth Alb.	A	
24	Teignmouth "A"	A	
25	Taunton	A	
29	Llanelly	H	



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NOTES

WE now come to what might be the match of the Season, v. Newport, and there can be no possible doubt of the overwhelming superiority of this fine side since we have been playing them. Over a period of 70 years we have only on one occasion performed the double over them and this during the Season 1932/3.

Since the Season 1891/2, the number of games played is 108, of which only 23 have been won, 9 drawn, and 76 lost. Points scored 531, against 1,204. It will be seen therefore that our boys will have to produce something out of the hat to defeat this side who are bringing no less than 6 internationals, including the whole of the back row of the Welsh team.

We must not forget however the game which was played at Newport on October 15th of this Season, when we nearly took the ground record of Newport only losing by one point after a brilliant exhibition of Rugby which earned them an ovation when they were leaving the field from the home supporters. We can confidently look forward to a victory today.

As usual, our gate suffered badly due to the television of the Scotland and England match at Twickenham, and the Rugby Union will eventually have to take heed of the appeals which are being made by most of the senior clubs in the Country. Today there is the Grand National being televised and here again our gate must suffer. The Committee did actually consider altering the time of kick-off, but it is problematic whether this would be the solution. A number of clubs have already tried the experiment of playing on Saturday mornings when there is a competitive programme on television in the afternoon, but it is doubtful whether it would appeal to Rugby followers in Gloucester and district. So serious however is the financial position that something will soon have to be done in the near future.

Now for an important announcement. To mark the occasion of the appointment of Mr. Tom Voyce as President of the Rugby Union, an International team selected by Mr Steele Bodger will play Gloucester on Tuesday, April 18th, in the evening. This will give everyone an opportunity of seeing a full International side in action. It will also give the Selectors an opportunity of watching our own side especially the half backs and make a comparison with the reigning Internationals. So please make a special note of the date, there will be no special charges, but of course it will be an all pay match. So once again please book this date viz Tuesday, April 18th. Kick-off will probably be 6.15 p.m. but watch for future announcements.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st v. NEW BRIGHTON

MONDAY, APRIL 3rd v. SALE

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.