GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
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GLOUCESTER v. LLANELLY
KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER
ON THURSDAY, 29th APRIL, 1961   KICK-OFF 3.30 p.m.

Official Programme - Price Threepence
Gloucester
RED AND WHITE
Full Back
1 R. Hillier (c)
Threequarters
2 J. King R.W.
3 A. Holder (c) R.C.
4 J. Taylor (c) L.C.
5 R. Timms (c) W.L.
Fifths
6 T. Hopson (c) O.R.
7 G. Mace E.R.
Forwards
8 A. Townsend (c) E.R.
9 K. Taylor (c) R.L.
10 J. Fowler (c)
11 A. Brian
12 B. Hudson
13 F. Ford (c) (Honours)
14 T. Davies
15 F. Smith

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Referee:
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

Jan. 7 London Scot. H H 18-8
14 Leicester A 3-21
21 Wasps A 6-10
28 Army H 14-9
28 Cambridge Uni. H H 1-3
Feb. 4 Bristol H H 6-13
11 Bath H H 13-0
18 Swansea H 6-10
25 Llanelli H 0-18
Mar. 4 Northampton H 14-11
11 R.A.F. H 3-10
18 Great Western H 14-6
25 Newport H 6-14
25 Bath A H 1-3
Apr. 1 New Brighton H 15-31
5 Sales H 5-11
13 R.A.F. H 9-0
13 Newport H 5-0
13 Cardiff H 9-14
20 Stade H 6-3
27 Plymouth Alb A 11-9
27 Plymouth Alb A 6-8
27 Tavistock A 0-3
27 Llanelli H H 0-3

Llanelli

Full Back
1 Graham Young
Threequarters
2 Ray Williams L.W.
3 Gareth Davies L.C.
4 Morley Walters (c) R.C.
5 Colin Elliott R.W.
Fifths
6 Cecil Roderick C.H.
7 D. O. Bace (c) E.R.
Forwards
8 Howard Davies
9 D. Mathias
10 Glyn Morgan
11 Hywel Jones
12 Keith Rowlands
13 A. N. Other
14 Brian Thomas
15 Cliff James

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NOTES

We have now come to the end of the Season and it certainly has not been one of our most successful ones. Gloucester’s performances have been in and out during the whole of the Season and finished up with two defeats at the hands and feet of Teignmouth and Taunton. The margins of these defeats were very small and considering the “lads” were on four reasonable excuses can be made on their behalf. Nevertheless these unfortunate losses have made it impossible to have won more games than losses for the whole of the Season. We must therefore begin making plans for the next Season and it does appear that priority must be given to the introduction of organised training. It is not suggested that our players do not report at the ground on Tuesdays and Thursdays but the training or the method of training leaves a lot to be desired.

It cannot be said that we have not the talent amongst our young players it is just a case of making most of their qualifications and if taken in hand they can prove themselves in time for next Season. If something is not done and done quickly then the prospects for the future are certainly not too rosy.

You must realise the gates during the Season have fallen very considerably but on the other hand the expenses incurred in running this side are very considerable and increasing each year. If therefore we can produce more entertaining rugby the gates will soon increase to reasonable proportions. We can even defeat the television bogey if we can produce the entertaining rugby which supporters and others require.

Anyway when the accounts for the club are produced at the Annual Meeting it is feared that we shall have cause for some anxiety, therefore it is essential that we immediately take action in order to produce the right type of rugby which will draw the crowds next Season.

Llanelli will be visiting us to-day with a very similar record to our own. Up to and including Saturday last they have played 47, Won 22, Drawn 5, Lost 20 and scored 356 points to 451. Our own record is for the same period Played 44 Won 18, Drawn 7, Lost 19, Points for 389 against 404.

Talking about the Annual Meeting it is suggested that a large number of supporters attend to give their views as to how the side can be improved and other matters appertaining to the general running of the club. Year after year only a sprinkling of members attend the Annual Meeting and it is hoped this year we shall have a very large number of supporters to give their helpful criticisms for the benefit of all concerned. If you feel that changes are required in the management of the club this is the time to say so.