

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB

SEASON 1969 - 1970



**CARDIFF
ARMS PARK**

CARDIFF v. GLOUCESTER



WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1969

KICK OFF 6.15 P.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Gloucester

E. STEPHENS 1.
R. CLEWES 2.
T. PALMER 3.
D. BROOKS 4.
J. DIX 5.
T. HOPSON 6.
M. BOOTH 7.
M. BURTON 8.
M. NICHOLLS 9.
R. COWLING 10.
J. JARRETT 11.
N. JACKSON 12.
G. WHITE 13.
M. POTTER 14.
R. SMITH (Capt.) 15.

Referee: D. M. LLOYD (Nantyyffyllon)



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Thirty years ago today marked the entry of Britain into World War II. Perhaps it is carrying the analogy too far to suggest that the start of a Rugby Season is tantamount to a declaration of War particularly when we have Gloucester as our guests from over the Border. Our guests coming from the pastoral peace of the rolling acres of Severnside and the Cotswolds seem far removed from the inter-tribal conflict that will rage up and down the valleys of South Wales for the next eight months.

However, having heaved and sweated and sworn in Flanders-like mud, deep in the trench-like gloom of many scrums at Kingsholm and the Arms Park, trying to hold the heavy battalions of the Gloucester pack long enough to give our light cavalry an opportunity to penetrate or at least skirmish, or even to bring the Howitzers within range of a direct shot at goal.

Having indulged in hand to hand combat with the men of Gloucester having been harrassed by their back row, and outflanked by their $\frac{3}{4}$ s, having been scarred by the shrapnel of exploding boots, having been mowed-down in tackles as effective as a Maxim gun, having been as glad to hear the whistle for no-side as any Tommy was to hear the bells of peace I can state that playing Gloucester, particularly at Kingsholm is its own particular form of warfare and their style of play bears more than a passing resemblance to that of their cousins this side of the Severn. I must hasten to add that at the cessation of hostilities any reparations demanded by the victors inevitably takes the form of a jug of ale shared willingly with the losers in that spirit of bonhomie that is completely incomprehensible to anyone who has not played Rugby football. Gloucester take their game seriously and play it hard, but there is no more generous and friendly side after the game.

Season 1965-66 saw two 3 pt. draws between Cardiff and Gloucester. Then followed a remarkable run of 4 successive wins to Cardiff during which they ran up 37 pts, 25 pts., 27 pts. and 21 pts. This series of wins was stopped last season when Gloucester reversed the trend, to beat us well, during the bad spell last September by 15 pts. - 6. This was the solitary encounter of 1968-9 at home and today's match is the only one listed for this Season. I am sure it will live up to the reputation of the previous encounters down the years.