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A TRIBUTE TO GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
by Roy James ("Evening Post," Swansea).

Gloucester Rugby Football Club can rightly be called one of the great clubs in Rugby Union Football, it is respected not only in English rugby where it has won most of the major honours, but also in Welsh rugby where praise is not won easily—it has to be striven for by the deeds done on the rugby field. The immortality gained by Gloucester in its long and distinguished history gives it a prominent place in the annals of Anglo-Welsh rugby.

The Gloucester Rugby Club was founded in 1873, and it played its early rugby on the Spa ground, and like many other major clubs shared its ground with county cricket—Gloucestershire played there during the days of the legendary W. G. Grace "the father of English cricket."

It moved to its present ground in 1891, the famous Kingsholm which has witnessed many great matches during the past ninety years, none more significant than the England—Wales international played there on January 6th, 1900—the first international played this century—it ended in a Welsh victory by 13-3 with tries by wing Billy Trew (Swansea) making his debut and forward Dick Hellings (Llwynypia); it heralded the dawn of the first "Golden Era" which saw Wales win the Triple Crown six times in twelve years.

The West Country like the Welsh Valleys has been the cradle of gifted forwards and when great names like Mike Burton, who so often was the "scourge" of the Welsh front rows, flanker Mike Rafter without doubt one of the best post-war wing forwards to wear an England shirt, whose all-round play which never got the recognition it deserved despite winning 14 caps, the last as a replacement against Wales in Cardiff in 1980 and the late immortal A. T. (Tom) Voyce, the so-called father of modern wing-forwards—he was a British Lion to South Africa in 1924 and is the club's most capped international player with 27 caps—he became a President of the R.F.U. and was given the O.B.E. for his services to rugby football. Uttered on the same breath then it is easy to see why Gloucester R.F.C. are world renowned for their forward play.

Their international roll of honour is not confined to the pack—they can boast some famous names such as full-back Don Rutherford, a classic player in the "sixties" who won 14 caps between 1960-67, Peter Butler, a prolific goal kicker and so many times a "hero" in the club's famous victories—he should have won far more than his two caps in 1975-76. Like any famous Welsh club their honours board would not be complete without famous half-backs and Gloucester are no exception. The names of D. R. (Dai) Gent who won five caps between 1906-10 latterly to become world famous rugby scribe and in recent years Peter Kingston wore the white shirt of England with distinction on five occasions (1975-79)—more if he had a fair chance from the English selectors!

The contribution made by Gloucester to British rugby in the past couple of seasons has been considerable, they were the first winners of the R.F.U. Knockout Competition in 1972 when they defeated Moseley by 17-6, repeated the feat in 1978 when they pipped Leicester 6-3 and last year had the unique distinction of sharing the trophy with old rivals Moseley, the score being 12-12 after extra time.

Their best season was last year when they headed both the Anglo-Welsh Merit Table and English Merit Table amassing an impressive 1,048 points and with players of the calibre of England internationals Phil Blakeway at prop, hooker Steve Mills, under 23 caps wing Richard Mogg, Steve Boyle, a try scoring lock and a dynamic back-row duo in John Gadd and Mike Teague, both senior internationals of the future to call upon Gloucester seem assured of a place in the forefront of club rugby.

In 1878 there was a unique occasion at Gloucester when they took part in a Floodlight match, there were four electric lights in use but one failed leaving a crowd of three thousand in the dark. Things have improved somewhat since then—the present Gloucester side will certainly "light up" the first rugby match between our two clubs. May it be the first of many such games. Gloucester has had strong connections with Welsh rugby over many years, former Wales captain and No. 8 John Gwilliam wore the Gloucester shirt after the war and in recent years the Club President Canon Mervyn Hughes has kept the Welsh "flag flying. CROESO I FAESTEG CAERLOYW!



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THE TEAMS:

GLOUCESTER			MAESTEG	
15	P. Ford	<i>Full Back</i>	Gwyn Evans 15
14	R. Mogg	<i>Right Wing</i>	Colin Donovan 14
13	C. Dyke	.....	<i>Right Centre</i>	John Apsee 13
12	S. Parlow	.....	<i>Left Centre</i>	Ian Hopkins 12
11	M. Price	.....	<i>Left Wing</i>	Phil Martell 11
10	L. Jones	.....	<i>Outside Half</i>	Ian Hall 10
9	S. Bater (Capt.)	.....	<i>Inside Half</i>	Huw Llewellyn 9
1	R. Phillips	.....	<i>Prop</i>	David Edwards 1
2	K. White	.....	<i>Hooker</i>	Wayne Hall 2
3	R. Pascall	.....	<i>Prop</i>	Peter Francis 3
4	N. Payne	.....	<i>Lock</i>	Richard Evans 4
5	A. Turton	.....	<i>Lock</i>	Mike Griffiths 5
6	P. Paul	.....	<i>Flanker</i>	David Arthur (Capt.) 6
8	J. Herman	.....	<i>No. 8</i>	John Thomas 8
7	N. Longstaff	.....	<i>Flanker</i>	Robbie Llewellyn 7

Replacements—
Alan Lane, Robert Barlow

Referee: Mr. Winston Jones, Gwaun-cae-Gurwen

NOTES

We are particularly pleased to welcome to Maesteg for their first ever visit, the renowned Joint "John Player Cup" holders GLOUCESTER for what we most sincerely hope will be the forerunner of many an encounter in the future. Their record of last season speaks for itself, losing only three matches out of forty-eight. In doing so they notched up a record 1,045 points, scoring 154 tries. Some notable Gloucester players include **Phil Blakeway**, who has won eleven English caps, **Paul Ford**, **Mike Teague**, **John Gadd**, **Richard Mogg** and today's captain and scrum-half **Steve Bater** who is a current English Under 23 cap. They achieved a good win over Bristol last Saturday by 16 points to 9 and should prove difficult opposition this evening.

Maesteg continued their winning sequence by beating Abertillery 12-6 last Saturday even though it must be said that the performance and standard of rugby was well below par. It will require a much improved performance to get a result this evening. **Ian Hopkins** and **John Apsee** reached milestones last Saturday—Ian played his 200th match while John reached his half century. They again make-up the centre partnership tonight while **Ian Hall** who reached 50 points for the season against the Wolfhounds, returns along with **Huw Llewellyn** at half-back. On the wing **Phil Martell** makes a welcome return in his first game of the season. **Richard Evans** comes into the second-row while the back-row sees the return of **John Thomas** and **David Arthur** who again captains the side in the absence of **Phil Phillips**.

Supporters Club—The Supporters Club Cabin at the Nanty end of the ground is open during the game for refreshments. **Mrs. G. V. Sprigg** will be available to receive subscriptions—Adults 50p, Children and O.A.P. 30p. Coaches will be available for the Pontypool match on Saturday, 2nd October, leaving the car park at 1 p.m. and returning one hour after the match. Prices as follows:—Adult Members £2.00, O.A.P. and Child Members £1.50, Adult Non Members £2.50, O.A.P. and Child Non Members £1.80. Members are requested to produce their membership cards when travelling.

Centenary—Souvenir Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Ties, Badges, etc. will be on sale at the Clubhouse tonight. A reprint of our book "100 years not out" will be available shortly, priced at £8.00. Only 100 copies will be available. Those interested should contact **Mr. Lyn Smith**—Vice-Chairman Maesteg R.F.C. Following the Maoris match on October 27th, a "Welcome to the Maori's Dance" is to be held at the 7777 Country Club. Tickets priced at £1.00 are available from the Centenary Committee.

200 Club—Messrs. **Wyn Morgan** and **Em. Davies** will be available to receive subscriptions and to welcome new members.

Rugby Membership—**Mr. Ken Baitup** (Membership Secretary) will be pleased to receive membership fees from our supporters and indeed any new members who wish to join.

Ladies Section—There will be an "Autumn Dance" at the Clubhouse on **Saturday, 9th October**. Tickets priced at £1.00 each to include Disco and Buffet available from Committee.

QUIZ CORNER

Answers to Questions in last Programme—

9—1937.
10—27.

Tonight's Questions (Answers will appear in our next Programme)—

11—During last season's Australian tour of the British Isles, one player broke a leg in training and never appeared in one match. Name him?
12—Who was top try scorer on this tour?

Tuesday, 5th October
NEATH Kick-off 7 p.m.