
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

EXETER

(KICK-OFF 3-15 p.m.)

THE SEASON'S LAST GAME

WE have come to the last fixture on our 1954-55 card—that against Exeter. The Western side, like ourselves, have had a heavy season. This is their 41st match and while they have won more games than they have lost, the balance of points is not in their favour. On Tuesday they suffered a home defeat at the hands of Newport by 14 points to 3. Our own home victory over the Usksiders was one of the redeeming lights of our own patchy season and induces us to the belief we can end the season, as we began, with a win. Exeter however have the reputation of being dour fighters and we may expect a hard game to wind up the campaign.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

PRESENTING THE LATEST ATTRACTIONS on the
GIANT ALL-PURPOSE SCREEN
ALL CinemaScope Productions in FULL STEREOPHONIC SOUND

GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

EXETER (BLACK AND WHITE)

Full Back
1 B. SIBERY

Mr. M. HARRIS (Coventry)

Full Back
1 A. D. HUNT

Three-quarters
2 M. BAKER R.W.
3 B. FIELD L.C.
4 D. PERKS R.C.
5 R. BLAIR L.W.

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Three-quarters
5 E. G. HAWKINS R.W.
4 S. G. BROWN R.C.
3 R. G. GRACE L.C.
2 J. L. STARK L.W.

Half Backs
6 D. JONES O.H.
7 J. HOBBS S.H.

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Played 40 Won 18; Lost 19; Drawn 3; Points for 374; against 397

| 1954 | | 1955 | |
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| Sept. 11 | Lydney H 11-0 | Jan. 1 | London Scottish ... H 8-12 |
| 18 | Moseley H 32-5 | 6 | Army H Canc. |
| 23 | Cheltenham H 5-3 | 8 | Leicester H 11-9 |
| 25 | Bristol A 22-20 | 15 | Wasps A Canc. |
| 30 | Stroud H 11-8 | 22 | Dristol H 3-3 |
| Oct. 2 | Bedford H 6-6 | 29 | Neath A 6-28 |
| 9 | Richmond H 6-18 | Feb. 5 | Civil Service H 11-3 |
| | (Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol) | 12 | Bath A 21-0 |
| 16 | Newport A 6-16 | 19 | Swansea A Canc. |
| 23 | Coventry H 5-31 | 26 | Cardiff H Canc. |
| | (Glos. v. Devon, in Devon) | Mar. 5 | Northampton A 6-11 |
| 30 | Oxford University ... A 3-27 | 12 | R.A.F. H 19-8 |
| Nov. 6 | Leicester A 6-12 | 19 | Guys Hospital H 18-0 |
| 13 | Moseley A 11-21 | 26 | Newport H 11-3 |
| | (Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm) | 31 | Stroud A 13-3 |
| 20 | Aberavon H 9-16 | Apr. 2 | Harlequins H 10-5 |
| 27 | Cardiff A 8-9 | 4 | Swansea H 6-3 |
| Dec. 4 | Neath H 9-6 | 6 | Cheltenham A 11-3 |
| 11 | Bath H 11-3 | 9 | New Brighton H 11-6 |
| 18 | Coventry A 2-14 | 11 | Sale H 16-19 |
| 27 | O.M.T.'s H 13-19 | 12 | Lydney A 0-3 |
| 28 | U.A.U. H 3-11 | 16 | Ebbw Vale H 3-3 |
| | | 23 | Devonport Services ... A 10-6 |
| | | 25 | Redruth A 3-11 |
| | | 26 | Teignmouth A 11-14 |
| | | 30 | Exeter H |

Forwards
8 G. HASTINGS (Capt.)
9 C. THOMAS
10 R. PARRY
11 D. A. JONES
12 B. GREEN
14 P. FORD
15 R. HODGE
16 D. IBBOTSON

Half Backs
6 R. PIKE O.H.
7 J. F. FORD S.H.

Forwards
8 S. R. SHARP
9 I. LOOSEMOORE
10 P. W. SOPER
11 P. MAIR
12 A. S. E. LEE
13 J. HILTON
14 A. J. HURYED
15 B. H. J. TARR

To-Night

DANA ANDREWS DONNA REED
THREE HOURS TO KILL (a)
Judy HOLLIDAY Jack LEMMON Jack CARSON
PHFFT (a)

Next Week

CinemaScope with Full Stereophonic Sound
SPENCER TRACY ROBERT WAGNER JEAN PETERS RICHARD WIDMARK
BROKEN LANCE (Color DeLuxe) (u)
Emrys JONES Zena MARSHALL
DEADLY NIGHTSHADE (u)

HEARTENING FEATURES

LOOKING back over the season now closing, while it cannot be claimed that Gloucester have covered themselves with glory, there are one or two heartening features for the future. It must be admitted that many players have been tried and some of the younger ones have stood the test well. This fact alone gives us hopes that the 1955-56 record will be a vast improvement on the present one.

The biggest disappointment is that the United have not brought to the fore any "unknowns" and we must therefore hope that the local sides produce material to gain the experience to make the first class players of future years. One or two names come to mind but it would be unfair to mention them, for the players themselves must decide for themselves whether or not they wish to enter into the highest grade of rugby.

We know the material is there and all true rugby lovers will join in the aspiration that we shall see the "locals" next September sending forward men anxious to have a try out in the red and white jerseys.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

PERHAPS the highest achievement of the season was the personal one of the captain, George Hastings, in winning his place in the English side and keeping it for all four Internationals. It has been an outstanding campaign for George and we shall all wish him equal success in the future.

Our biggest disappointment has been the fact that it has not been possible to play a home fixture with Cardiff following the cancelled one at the end February. At one time there had been hopes of an out-of-season encounter, but the Rugby Football Union was adamant, and the strenuous efforts of the Committee to re-arrange the date came to nought.

OUR SCORERS

GLOUCESTER'S 374 points up to to-day's match have been scored by the following:—Michael Baker 103 points (85 from goals of various kinds): Roy Blair 41; Peter Ford 36; Lewis Morgan 25; Trevor Jones 21; David Jones 19; Dennis Ibbotson 18; Roy Sutton 15; I. Sheen 13; G. Hollingsworth 12. Cyril Thomas and Bob Hodge 9 each. Roy Parry, Peter Lewis, D. Perks and George Hastings 6 each. R. Amos, D. Hill, H. Terrington, H. Wells, J. Varney, G. Counsell, G. Williams, D. A. Jones, G. Lewis and H. Meek (of Bath) 3 each.

A REMINDER

NOW that 1954-55 is over, do not throw your Season Tickets away. You will want them to gain admittance (in the close season) to the Club's Annual Meeting when you have the important tasks of electing Officers and Committee and so on.