

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY



FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12th, 1953. Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER
versus
LYDNEY



OUR PLAYERS

No. 1: JOHN EDWARD TAYLOR (wing-threequarter) is a native of Hampshire and was born on October 14th, 1926. Educated at Lydney Grammar School and at Bristol University; is a physicist working in Gloucester. Learned his football at Lydney G.S.; improved it at the University, with Lydney and in the Services; perfected it during his two seasons in the Red and White jersey. This is his third and we all wish him a successful term as captain. Past distinctions: captain of University XV and U.A.U. sides; Gloucestershire cap.



NEXT WEEK

MOSELEY (at Kingsholm). Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

Remaining matches for September:

1st XV.	Sept. 17th	STROUD (away)
	Sept. 23rd	CHELTENHAM (away)
	Sept. 26th	BRISTOL (home)
United	Sept. 19th	DRYBROOK (away)
	Sept. 26th	BRISTOL UNITED (away)

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GLOUCESTER
(RED and WHITE)

TODAY'S REFEREE

LYDNEY
(BLACK and WHITE)

- Full Back
- 1 T. HALLS**
- Three-quarters
- 2 J. TAYLOR (Capt.)** R.W.
3 H. TERRINGTON R.C.
4 A. BAIMBRIDGE L.C.
5 E. TURNER L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 L. MORGAN** O.H.
7 J. HOBBS S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 G. HASTINGS**
9 M. BURFORD
10 R. PARRY
11 H. WELLS
12 J. GWILLIAM
14 P. FORD
15 R. HODGE
16 D. IBBOTSON

is
MR. E. L. THOMPSON (BRISTOL)

- Full Back
- 1 B. WESTON**
- Three-quarters
- 2 J. FRY (Capt.)** R.W.
3 D. HUGHES R.C.
4 A. COOPER L.C.
5 M. FLETCHER L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 B. KEAR** O.H.
7 R. PORTER S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 J. NEWLOVE**
9 G. CARPENTER
10 J. WATKINS
11 S. BETTERTON
12 K. PENN
13 C. PRICE
14 N. MILES
15 R. CHARLES

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

1953		1954	
Sept. 5		Jan. 2	London Scottish ... A
" 12	Lydney H	" 7	Army H
" 17	Stroud A	" 9	Leicester H
" 19	Moseley H	" 16	Wasps H
" 23	Cheltenham A	" 23	Bristol A
" 26	Bristol H	" 30	Neath H
Oct. 3	Bedford A	Feb. 6	United Services ... A
" 10	Old Blues H	" 13	Bath H
" 17	Newport H	" 20	Swansea H
" 24	Coventry A	" 27	Cardiff A
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	Mar. 6	Llanelli H
" 31	Oxford U. H	" 13	R.A.F. H
Nov. 7	Leicester A	" 20	Guys Hospital ... A
	(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)	" 27	Newport A
" 14	Moseley A	Apr. 3	Northampton ... H
	(New Zealand, at Bristol)	" 8	Cheltenham H
" 21	Blackheath H	" 10	Harlequins H
" 28	Cardiff H	" 15	Stroud H
	(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	" 17	Birkenhead Park ... H
Dec. 5	Neath A	" 19	Bradford H
" 12	Bath A	" 24	Exeter A
" 19	Coventry H	" 25	Torquay Athletic ... A
" 26	O.M.T.s H	" 27	Teignmouth A
" 28	U.A.U. H	May 1	Devonport Services ... H



James Stewart, Joanne Dru
THUNDER BAY (Technicolor) (u)
Patric Doonan, Sandra Dorne
WHEEL OF FATE (a)



Dinah Sheridan, John Gregson, Kay Kendall
GENEVIEVE (Technicolor) (u)
Dennis Price, Peggy Evans
MURDER AT 3 A.M. (u)

THE NEW SEASON

WELCOMER to all spectators, supporters and visitors alike, on this our start of the new season. And a hearty welcome, too, to Lydney, that doughty side so valiantly keeping the Rugby Flag flying in the Forest of Dean. Their XV has provided Gloucester with a series of shocks in the past season or so; may today's game give us good open play. Lydney, we learn, have a fine pack and the side learned some lessons a week ago from Nim Hall's XV. So we can look forward to a great struggle and may it be indicative of the feast of Rugger we expect for the rest of the season.

THE MEMORIAL GROUND

THE work on the land purchased adjoining Tuffley Avenue, Gloucester for the purpose of the Memorial Ground makes good progress. The difficult task of levelling, especially tree removal, is almost finished, and hopes run high of starting games there in the 1954-55 season - that is, next year. But "the Kitty" is low. The collection at last week's practice match totalled a welcome £12 10s., but much more money is wanted. The profit from these programmes goes to the Fund; please buy one regularly every week. Don't just borrow your neighbour's. We believe the Memorial Ground, when functioning, will give a great fillip to rugby in Gloucester. The measure of its success depends upon the financial support of the many rather than the few.

THE YOUNG IDEA

THIS is a notable year in the history of Schoolboy Rugby, for it brings the half-century mark both for the English Schools' R.U. and the Gloucester Schools' R.U. The former is commemorating the event with a Twickenham game (for the first time) and a banquet. Plans are being formulated for the Gloucester Boys' Union to have a celebration too. It is hoped in a later programme to recall the salient points of progress among the Gloucester Schools.

A LOSS TO RUGBY

THE Club has suffered a great loss by the death of that fine sportsman Mr. S. F. Taylor. For some time past he produced this programme and in other ways rendered valued services to rugby in general and the Club in particular by his work as a committeeman. We shall all miss him very much.

DISCUSSION POINT

I SUGGEST that all clubs and captains train their forwards in what I may call old-fashioned forward play, with a leader who will keep close to his pack, and visably, vocally and violently lead his men by his example, with footwork, tackling, shoving in the scrums, quick heeling, clean line-out work and combined rushes, as their main objects. We have had some brilliant 'loose' forwards and they have saved and won many matches but perhaps there have been too many of them.—D. R. Gent in the "Sunday Times."