FOR the first time this year we welcome visitors from across the Severn. Newport, second in the Welsh Club Championship last year, are among the strongest of the Welsh clubs. Always a big attraction at Kingsholm, they have a well balanced team, strong and active forward, and like the bees their jerseys so much remind one of, they have a sting in their tail. Although one or two of their last year’s backs may not now be available they still muster a powerful lot in the back division including Ken Jones, Roy Burnett and Malcolm Thomas. Yet this Newport side has been beaten on their last two appearances at Kingsholm. In 1953-54 Gloucester triumphed by 8 points to 3 and last year by 11 points to 3. Always capable of rising to the occasion, our boys have everything to gain to-day, and nothing to lose. Let us hope for the quick heel and intelligent use of the ball.
INTRODUCING

BRIAN GREEN, second row or lock-forward as the Rugby Union would wish us to name that position. Twenty-two years of age, 6' 3" in height, and weighing 14 st. 7 lbs. this hard-working forward is a local product. He was Captain of the 1st XV at the Crypt School, played for the Gloucester Boys, and in the over 15 Group for Gloucestershire, and was reserve for the Final English Schoolboys' Trial Match. After leaving school, he continued his rugby career with the Old Cryptians.

Now in his third year at Bristol University, Brian is aiming to become a Veterinary Surgeon.

Selected to play for the County against Somerset next week, Brian is one of the brightest prospects discovered by the Club and he should go far.

WELCOME RETURN

TO Roy Blair, Peter Ford and George Hastings, congratulations on your show in the County Game last week. For the fine recovery of the team we know that much of the credit must go to County captain—George Hastings. More than one report singled his performance out for special mention. We hope that all three impressed the England Selectors who were present. And congratulations George on being once again honoured with the captaincy; to Peter Ford and Roy Blair for retaining their places; and to Brian Green on his selection, for the Somerset game.

REFLECTIONS

ON that fine game last week. To the Old Blues must go every credit for making the game so 'Delightful' an exhibition of the handling game. While admitting that the result was most disappointing to home supporters it was encouraging to note the form of Allan Holder on his debut. With more experience of this class of football, he should prove an invaluable addition to the strength of the back division.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

IT should be noted that the Kick-off for this attractive match is at 3.0 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS — SEASON 1955-56

ENGLAND v. WALES, 21st January, 1956 at Twickenham.
ENGLAND v. IRELAND, 11th February, 1956 at Twickenham.

Applications for Tickets from Club Members must reach the Hon. Secretary with remittance by Saturday, 29th October, 1955, cheques should be made payable to Mr. A. Hudson. The price of Tickets including the Club's booking fee of 6d. per ticket to cover postages, etc., is

Stands 15/6 each. Enclosures 4/- each. Field 3/- each.