

GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY

3<sup>d.</sup>

FOOTBALL  
CLUB

OFFICIAL

PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, OCT. 31st, 1953.

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

OXFORD UNIVERSITY



#### OUR PLAYERS

No. 6: ROYSTON PARRY (forward) is another Gloucester man, and was born on May 22nd, 1925. He learned his rugger at Linden Road School—a shining example of the value of the work the Schools' Union does. He graduated to the United side from Fielding & Platt's XV and after six games with the second string, found a permanent place in the Gloucester XV because of his high state of physical fitness which keeps him going all out for 80 minutes when required. Weight 13 stone 7 lbs.



Next Week at Kingsholm :

GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. DEVON. Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

November's home matches :

1st XV.	Nov. 21st	—	BLACKHEATH
	Nov. 28th	—	CARDIFF
United	Nov. 14th	—	CHELTENHAM UNITED

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GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME**

**GLOUCESTER**  
(RED and WHITE)

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

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

is  
**Mr. A. D. CROSTER (CARDIFF)**

**OXFORD U.**  
(DARK BLUE)

- Full Back  
1 **\*D. A. B. ROBINSON**
- Three-quarters  
2 **R. O. D. NORRIS** L.W.  
3 **J. C. BAGALEY** L.C.  
4 **R. R. WINN** R.C.  
5 **\*D. J. SKIPPER** R.W.
- Half Backs  
6 **M. J. K. SMITH** O.H.  
7 **L. A. MacLACHLAN** S.H.
- Forwards  
8 **J. J. STEELE**  
9 **M. R. RENDLE**  
10 **L. B. BRYER**  
11 **J. W. WATSON**  
12 **\*D. E. WOOD**  
13 **\*E. A. J. FERGUSON**  
14 **\*A. W. BOYCE**  
15 **\*A. W. RAMSEY**  
\* Old Blues

**FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54**

1953		1954	
Sept. 5		Jan. 2	London Scottish ... A
" 12	Lydney ... .. H 24-0	" 7	Army ... .. H
" 17	Stroud ... .. A 15-0	" 9	Leicester ... .. H
" 19	Moseley ... .. H 13-0	" 16	Wasps ... .. H
" 23	Cheltenham ... .. A 11-9	" 23	Bristol ... .. A
" 26	Bristol ... .. H 11-3	" 30	Neath ... .. H
Oct. 3	Bedford ... .. A 13-6	Feb. 6	United Services ... A
" 10	Old Blues ... .. H 11-6	" 13	Bath ... .. H
" 17	Newport ... .. H 8-3	" 20	Swansea ... .. H
" 24	Coventry ... .. A 6-9	" 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	Guy's 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	" 20	Lydney ... .. A
" 19	Coventry ... .. H	" 24	Exeter ... .. A
" 26	O.M.T.s ... .. H	" 26	Torquay Athletic ... A
" 28	U.A.U. ... .. H	" 27	Teignmouth ... .. A
		May 1	Devonport Services ... H

**To-Night** Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Elizabeth Scott  
**SCARED STIFF** (u)  
John Payne, Coleen Gray  
**THE VANQUISHED** (u)

**Next Week** Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Mari Blanchard (u)  
**ABBOTT & COSTELLO GO TO MARS**  
Audie Murphy, Susan Cabot  
**GUNSMOKE** (Technicolor) (u)

### TO-DAY'S ATTRACTIVE FIXTURE.

**O**UR annual fixture with Oxford University is one of the most enjoyable on the whole card for the season, so that the Dark Blues are assured of a hearty ovation to-day. The University side, in the course of building up for the match with Cambridge University, gained its second win in four games last Saturday. At the same time our own side, sadly depleted by County calls, was defeated for the first time in nine matches. With the City at full strength again, we expect to-day to see some grand open Rugby, and if we know the University's standards, none of us is going to be disappointed.

### THE COUNTY'S VITAL GAME.

**G**LOUCESTERSHIRE was generally judged to be a trifle unlucky not to have won against Cornwall a week ago. The County selectors have shown their confidence in the XV to select the same men for the vital clash at Kingsholm next Saturday against Devon. We shall have the gratification of seeing our fine back row forwards, Ford, Hodge and Ibbotson in action together for the County, and we all hope they will produce again that form which earned the description of "devastating" against Cornwall. City supporters are equally certain that John Taylor and George Hastings will also be towers of strength for the County. The ticket arrangements for this game have been advertised in the Press. If you are applying for your tickets to Mr. Hudson through the post, do not forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the reply.

### LOOKING AHEAD.

**I**T is unfortunate that the next highlight on the City programme—the clash with Cardiff falls on another County match date on November 28th. We must, however, remember what happened at Coventry when our weakened side put up such an excellent show. And on Kingsholm they can do as well, or better, especially with the solid support of spectators. The customary arrangements will operate. Seats in A and C stands will be reserved for ticket holders until 20 minutes before the kick-off; there will be reserved ring-side seats at 3/-.

### SUPPORT THE BOYS.

**M**R. Stanley E. Langston, Hon. Secretary of the English Schools' Rugby Football Union ("15 Group") sends me more details about the Jubilee Celebration Match with Wales at Twickenham on April 17th, 1954. All Stand Seats (numbered and reserved) are 5/-, and Ring-side 3/6. Ground admission is 2/- for Adults and 1/- for Schoolchildren. A Special Train will run direct from Gloucester to Twickenham; fares, Adults 15/-, Schoolchildren 7/6. All clubs and sports organisations are asked to make applications for tickets for seats required; with remittance to Mr. W. Blackford, Hatherley Secondary School, Gloucester, as soon as possible.

### TICKETS FOR TWICKENHAM.

**I**F you have applied to the Secretary for tickets for all the International Matches at Twickenham, it is probable that you will expect to receive them at one time. **YOU WILL NOT.** The R.U. authorities deal with each match separately; tickets, therefore, although applied for in one letter, will be despatched separately before each game at Twickenham.