

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY

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FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, FEB. 13th, 1954 Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

BATH



OUR PLAYERS

NO. 14. ARTHUR GORDON HUDSON (forward) born Nov. 29th, 1916 in Gloucester. Played very little football at school and was really "blooded" with the Old Cryptians. He played for the United a couple of seasons before coming into the First XV in season 1938-39. Then came service with the R.A.F. and eleven appearances for England in unofficial games. He also played in representative football in the first season after of the War when again no caps were given. He twice played for the Barbarians (1946-47). Has been captain of Gloucester in three seasons and made 36 appearances for Gloucestershire, twice as captain. And he can still play with the best of 'em!



Next Week at Kingsholm: Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

GLOUCESTER v. SWANSEA

FEBRUARY'S HOME MATCH

United

February 27th—CARDIFF ATHLETIC

COMPLETE YOUR DAY'S PLEASURE by Visiting GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

- Full Back
- 1 T. JONES
- Three-quarters
- 2 J. TAYLOR (Capt.) R.W.
3 M. BAKER R.C.
4 R. SUTTON L.C.
5 E. TURNER L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 W. CARTMELL O.H.
7 J. HOBBS 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. H. DELO, Warwickshire.

BATH (BLUE, WHITE and BLACK)

- Full Back
- 1 P. D. SULLIVAN
- Three-quarters
- 2 R. T. BASSETT R.W.
3 C. T. WESTON R.C.
4 M. TERRY L. HIGGINS L.C.
5 C. ADDENBROOKE L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 R. D. COLLINS
7 M. HANNA
- Forwards
- 8 T. H. SMITH
9 B. V. LANE
10 J. W. ROBERTS (Capt.)
11 F. J. THOMAS
12 E. C. HOPTON
14 A. O. LEWIS VAISSIERE
15 D. G. NAYLOR
16 B. T. BEASLEY

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

Played 23, Won 18, Drawn 1, Lost 4. Points for 241, Against 135

1953		1954	
Sept. 5	.. 12 Lydney H 24-0	Jan. 2 London Scottish A 10-0	.. 7 Army H Can.
.. 17 Stroud A 13-0	.. 9 Leicester H 19-0	.. 16 Wasps H 14-8	.. 23 Bristol A 3-3
.. 19 Moseley H 13-0	.. 13 Cheltenham A 11-9	.. 30 Neath H Can.	.. 6 United Services A Can.
.. 23 Cheltenham A 11-9	.. 26 Bristol H 11-3	.. 13 Bath H	.. 20 Swansea H
.. 26 Bristol A 13-6	Oct. 3 Bedford A 13-6	.. 27 Cardiff A	.. 27 Llanelly H
.. 10 Old Blues H 11-6	.. 17 Newport H 8-3	.. 13 R.A.F. H	.. 20 Guys Hospital A
.. 17 Newport H 8-3	.. 24 Coventry A 6-9	.. 27 Newport A	Apr. 3 Northampton H
.. 24 Coventry A 6-9	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	.. 8 Cheltenham H	.. 10 Harlequins H
.. 31 Oxford U. H 9-8	Nov. 7 Leicester A 8-13	.. 15 Stroud H	.. 17 Birkenhead Park H
(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)	.. 14 Moseley A 3-0	.. 19 Bradford H	.. 20 Lydney A
.. 21 Blackheath H 13-5	(New Zealand, at Bristol)	.. 24 Exeter A	.. 26 Torquay Athletic A
.. 28 Cardiff H 9-19	.. 21 Blackheath H 13-5	.. 27 Teignmouth A	May 1 Devonport Services H
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	Dec. 5 Neath A 3-20		
.. 12 Bath A 9-6	.. 19 Coventry H 14-3		
.. 26 O.M.T.s H 10-6	.. 28 U.A.U. H 12-8		

To-Night

Van Heflin, Julia Adams, Abbe Lane (Technicolor)
WINGS OF THE HAWK (u)
Donald O'Connor, Yvette Dugay
FRANCIS COVERS THE BIG TOWN (u)

Next Week

Stanley Holloway, Peggy Cummins, Kay Kendall
MEET MR. LUCIFER (u)
Rock Hudson, Piper Laurie
GOLDEN BLADE (Technicolor) (u)

BATH ARE VERY WELCOME

BATH, formed in 1865, is the oldest Rugby Club in the West Country and such a Club always give a display worthy of its traditions. We recall that the "Red and Whites" secured a narrow win by 9 points to 6 on the Bath ground early in December and the Somerset side will therefore be all out to restore the balance.

Unfortunately the calls of the English side mean that they must be without that great player, John MacG. Kendall-Carpenter, but even that handicap will not deter J. W. P. Roberts, who is again the captain, from leading a keen XV on to Kingsholm very hopeful of lowering Gloucester's colours, for let it be said, any team which can win here is a very good one. After all, Gloucester have lost but once on Kingsholm this season and the total of our defeats is but four.

Those are all good reasons why we shall welcome Bath heartily to-day: There is another - For a fortnight now no play has been possible on Kingsholm because of snow and frost, and every enthusiast will be glad to witness a stirring game, as so many of those in the past with Bath have proved.

QUARTER-FINAL PROBLEMS

THE postponement of the County Championship Quarter-final between Gloucestershire and Hertfordshire because of the weather conditions last Saturday, has brought problems in its train. The only Saturday when the Gloucester 1st XV is not playing at home for several weeks now is February 27th but that is the very day we visit Cardiff, and there are obvious objections to that date for a County fixture.

At the moment of writing nothing definite has been fixed, but it is hoped that the match with Hertfordshire will be played at Kingsholm on Thursday, February 25th.

If that is the date and venue agreed upon, those of you who had bought tickets for February 6th will find them valid for February 25th. If however, the venue is changed, those who already hold tickets will have to watch for advertisements telling them the procedure to adopt.

Those who desire to obtain Stand Tickets for the new date can do so in advance from Mr. A. Hudson, Northgate Street, Gloucester once the arrangements have been finally settled. Do not forget in sending your Remittance for the Stand Tickets you require to enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope.

DETERMINED OPPONENTS

THE County have selected a strong side and with it we are all hoping for a Gloucestershire victory, but it must not be taken that Hertfordshire will permit the County to have a simple win. It is only their second season in the championship and their displays have been marked by vigour and resolution.

Gloucestershire have won the Championship on nine occasions and have been in the Semi-Final fourteen times. Although the County reached the Final in 1947, they were beaten at Kingsholm 14 points to 3 by Lancashire. The last occasion on which Gloucestershire won the Championship's Crown was in 1937 when North Midlands were beaten 5 points to nil in the Final at Bristol.