

11/12/54

# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

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**TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS**

**BATH**

(KICK-OFF 2-45 p.m.)

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**NEXT WEEK'S GAME:**

Saturday: **UNITED v. COVENTRY EXTRA FIRST**  
(Kick-off 2-45 p.m.)

**NEXT HOME FIRST XV MATCHES:**

Monday, December 27th.

Tuesday, December 28th.

**O.M.T.**

**U.A.U.**

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## A DIFFERENT PICTURE

**F**OR the first time in this 1954-55 season we try conclusions with Bath the premier side of Somerset. Last season Gloucester completed "the double" over Bath, winning 9-6 away and 14-5 at home. This season however, Gloucester have for long been in "the doldrums" and we have not won a game since the end of September, with nine successive defeats! Rarely has the Club had such a run in its history before and there are many who feel that the luck has certainly not broken our way. To-day, however, Gloucester at long last, can field its full available strength and supporters hope that the depressing and monotonous run of defeats will end. It is the First XV's last home game before Christmas and a win would hearten all members. But whatever happens, to all of you we wish

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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**Official Programme: Price Threepence**

# GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

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

## GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

### TO-DAY'S REFEREE IS

## BATH (BLUE, WHITE and BLACK)

- Full Back
- 1 B. SIBERY
- Three-quarters
- 2 R. SUTTON R.W.
- 4 D. PERKS R.C.
- 3 M. BAKER L.C.
- 5 R. BLAIR L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 D. JONES O.H.
- 7 J. HOBBS S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 G. HASTINGS Capt.)
- 9 C. THOMAS
- 10 R. PARRY
- 11 H. WELLS
- 12 B. J. GREENE
- 14 P. FORD
- 15 R. HODGE
- 16 D. IBBOTSON

Mr. S. B. OLSEN, (Notts., Lincs. and Derby)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES			
Played 15		Won 5; Lost 9; Drawn 1; Points for 132; against 198	
1954		1955	
Sept. 11	Lydney ... ..	Jan. 1	London Scottish ... H
18	Moseley ... ..	6	Army ... ..
23	Cheltenham ... ..	8	Leicester ... ..
25	Bristol ... ..	15	Wasps ... ..
30	Stroud ... ..	22	Bristol ... ..
Oct. 2	Bedford ... ..	29	Neath ... ..
9	Richmond ... ..	Feb. 5	Civil Service ... H
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)	12	Bath ... ..
16	Newport ... ..	19	Swansea ... ..
23	Coventry ... ..	26	Cardiff ... ..
	(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)	Mar. 5	Northampton ... A
30	Oxford University ... A	12	R.A.F. ... ..
Nov. 6	Leicester ... ..	19	Guys Hospital ... H
13	Moseley ... ..	26	Newport ... ..
	(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)	31	Stroud ... ..
20	Aberavon ... ..	Apr. 2	Harlequins ... ..
27	Cardiff ... ..	6	Cheltenham ... ..
Dec. 4	Neath ... ..	9	New Brighton ... H
11	Bath ... ..	11	Salé ... ..
18	Coventry ... ..	12	Lydney ... ..
27	O.M.T.'s. ... ..	16	Ebbw Vale ... ..
28	U.A.U. ... ..	23	Devoport Services ... A
		25	Redruth ... ..
		26	Teignmouth ... ..
		30	Exeter ... ..

- Full Back
- 1 P. HARDY
- Three-quarters
- 2 D. CURTIS R.W.
- 3 R. D. COLLINS R.C.
- 4 A. H. GUEST L.C.
- 5 C. ADDENBROOK L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 C. J. WESTON O.H.
- 7 M. HANNA S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 E. H. BETHELL
- 9 B. J. LANE
- 10 J. W. P. ROBERTS (Capt)
- 11 F. J. THOMAS
- 12 J. J. HORTON
- 14 B. J. PEASKY
- 15 J. KENDALL CARPENTER
- 16 J. F. VAISSIERE

To-Night

GREGORY PECK  
WIN MIN THAN  
**THE PURPLE PLAIN** (Tech.) (u)  
also Eugeniusz Chylek, Sydney Tafler  
**JOHNNY ON THE RUN** (u)

Next Week

BOTH PROGRAMMES in CinemaScope with FULL STEREOGRAPHIC SOUND  
One Special Performance Daily Only at 12 Noon  
**THE FLIGHT OF THE WHITE HERON** (Eastmancolor) (u)  
**BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES** (Tech.) (u)  
Continuous from 2 p.m.  
**BENEATH THE TWELVE MILE REEF** (Tech.) (u)  
**THE EMPIRE GAMES** (Tech.) (u)

## BATH'S GOOD RECORD

**I**N hoping that our side will once again get into winning vein, we do not wish the men from Bath to think they are anything but welcome to the Kingsholm enclosure. Such a Gloucestershire-Somerset clash has always produced hard, rousing football and to-day's game is likely to run true to the pattern of the past. This has to be admitted—Bath's record this season is more impressive than ours. They have won seven of their 16 games and lost seven and they have scored 164 points to their opponents 136. They had one of their biggest reverses a week ago from a strong London Scottish side by 22 points to 6.

## ENGLISH TRIAL PROBLEMS

**I**F one may judge from the various reports of the England Trial at Falmouth last Saturday, the problem for the English Selectors is far from settled. This programme was written before the University match at Twickenham so that the composition of the sides for the next English Trial at Blundell-sands was unknown. There can be no doubt however, that the White's forwards at Falmouth were badly shaken by the injury to the Gloucestershire second row man R. D. Young, who was leading the pack. The Gloucester Captain, George Hastings, in his first trial game, got a commendation from D. R. Gent, and it is to be hoped he made a similar impression on the selectors, for the next trial must show more clearly what the probable England side will be.

## VALUE OF SCHOOL RUGBY

**T**HE University clash at Twickenham had one particular interest for rugby lovers in Gloucestershire, for the old Marling School boy, A. J. Herbert, was a wing forward for Cambridge. He is a product of school rugger, for, when at Marling, he played for the Gloucester and District XV (15 group) and went on via the County and a Trial game to be a Schoolboy International. That fact has given a great deal of satisfaction to the stalwarts who do so much hard work to promote rugby football in schools in Gloucester and District. That work is not always fully appreciated in certain quarters, but it should be, for it is to the lads they so sedulously encourage that we all have to look for the future of this grand game.

## SCORERS TO DATE

**G**LOUCESTER'S 132 points to date this season have been obtained by the following players: Michael Baker 32 points; R. Blair 22; T. Jones 21; Roy Sutton, David Jones, Peter Ford and Don Ibbotson 9 each; and George Hastings, Cyril Thomas, H. Terrington, R. Amos, D. Hill, G. Counsell and Glynn Williams 3 each.

## A REMINDER

**T**HERE is NO First XV fixture from now until December 27th. Then we shall have three home games in a week and five in a fortnight! There is however, the prospect of a fine game next Saturday, when the United entertain Coventry Extra First and we hope there will be a big crowd to cheer the sides on.